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\$30,000 IN MONEY AND BONDS TAKEN

Robbers Make Six Persons Prisoners; Effect Own Release.

Strawn, Tex., Dec. 21.—Forcing bank officials and customers into the vault, three unmasked robbers late this afternoon robbed the First National Bank of this city of approximately \$30,000 in cash and liberty bonds.

After looting the bank of practically everything that looked like money the robbers escaped in a five-passenger automobile. The last seen of the car it was headed toward Fort Worth.

Three bank officials and an equal number of customers locked in the vault took the combination off the door to effect their release. The robbery did not become known until they had freed themselves, some fifteen minutes after being locked in.

As soon as the officials got out of the vault President W. B. Stuart notified the local telephone operator, who spread the news, and within a few minutes half a dozen or more automobiles started a chase for the fleeing robbers.

From the best reports available, the three robbers had an accomplice who waited in the automobile, which was parked on the north side of the bank. President Stuart, who obtained good descriptions of the three men, stated they were all of middle age, well dressed and all wore overcoats.

In addition to President Stuart, officials of the bank present at the time of the hold-up were W. L. Stephen, vice president, and Joe Stuart, cashier.

Christmas Business.

Due to the heavy Christmas travel, as well as the enormous express and postal movement the I.-G. N. train No. 25, south-bound, ran in two sections Monday morning. The second section ran about 8 hours late.



A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Fire Consumes Home.

The home of Capt. N. H. Phillips, in northeast Crockett, known as the M. J. Kelley home, was destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The fire was believed to have caught in the roof. The fire department made a determined effort to halt the fire, but the blaze was too well advanced to allow extinguishment. The property is reported to have been partially insured. The household goods and furnishings were a complete loss. Captain and Mrs. Phillips have the sympathy of our people in the loss of their home.

SUIT IS BASED ON NON-DELIVERY OF TELEGRAM TO WIFE

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Mulford today joined in a suit against the Western Union Telegraph Company to collect \$1,801, of which \$1,800 represents exemplary damages, because of the defendant's failure to deliver a birthday message from Mr. Mulford to his wife. The message was filed at Waxahachie on July 20, 1925. It is charged in the petition that upon the arrival of Mr. Mulford at his home a few days afterward he found his wife "cool, dejected, thoughtful and brooding, contrary to her usual sunny, cheerful, friendly and affectionate nature and disposition," and that she had "dark suspicions, and doubts had crept into her mind as to whether the failure to receive such a message was due to neglect and lack of thoughtfulness on the part of her husband, which in turn indicated to her a waning affection on his part, all of which caused her deep mental anguish."

Bridge Party.

An event of Tuesday was the bridge whereby Mrs. J. S. Wooters honored her daughters, Mrs. Smith B. Wooters and Mrs. John H. Wooters, and her niece, Miss Jeanette Craddock.

The nine tables of guests were greeted in rooms made attractive by the typical decorations of the week; a wealth of poinsettia, holly boughs and wreaths being used to express the Christmas theme. Place cards, score pads, nut baskets, miniature Santa center pieces and other tokens of holiday season completed the appointments.

For success in the games in the later hours of the afternoon an exquisite boudoir pillow was awarded for high score and hand decorated shade pulls for low appropriate gifts were given the honorees.

Misses Mary Catherine Ozier, Julia Elizabeth Satterwhite and Mary Eleanor Shivers assisted the charming hostess in serving delicious salad course.

Guest.

U. S. FROWNS ON PLANE AND TAXI FARES FOR BUCKS

Washington, Dec. 22.—Excessive modernism in choice of means of transportation by his Indian wards is frowned upon by Uncle Sam.

Bills of an airplane company and taxi company for taking two young braves from Kansas City to the Osage reservation in Oklahoma, a distance of about 200 miles, have been disallowed by the commissioner for Indian affairs.

The two youthful warriors were sent to Kansas City by the superintendent of the Osage agency for medical treatment. They went by rail in charge of a custodian. The fare was \$8.02 for each.

Four days later they returned, one in an airplane, the other in a taxicab. The airplane fare was \$150 and the taxi bill \$114, including a loan to the Indian and two hours of riding about after reaching the reservation.

Conner Creek News.

Editor Courier:

Day by day we have come to and gone from school until now Christmas has come. Are we sad? Well, no, but quite happy over the prospects for one of the merriest Christmas times in our lives, and we wish for you and your many readers the same.

Miss Byrdie Lee Payne has come to her home from Groveton, where she teaches, to spend the holidays.

Miss Mary Lee Bounds is home from S. H. S. T. C. for Christmas.

Bro. J. L. Kee filled his regular appointment here this week-end.

A good many of the citizens of this community went to Crockett Saturday. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Anderson, Mr. G. Q. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Anderson, Mr. John Bounds and Mr. D. H. Blackmon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Tatom and Misses Edith and Johnnie Ainsworth spent the week-end at Arbor.

Mr. J. C. Smith made a busi-

ness trip to Lufkin Wednesday. Mr. Porter Payne went to Groveton Friday.

Mrs. Tom Rogers and children of Lufkin were in this community Saturday.

The school was dismissed early Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mr. Henry Kelley, which took place at Mt. Vernon cemetery. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the bereaved, some of whom live in our midst. Sol.

Wedding Attendants.

The following Crockett people attended the marriage of Judge Leroy L. Moore and Miss Pauline Durst at Houston Tuesday evening, December 15: Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hail and sons, Ewen and Jack; Louis Durst, B. F. Thomas and Mrs. A. M. Decuir.

TOT KILLED WHEN TRAIN HITS AUTO

Accidents Brings Death Toll to Three Within Two Days.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 21.—Audrey Roseita Hunt, 2 years old, died at a hospital here today after the family automobile had been crushed at a grade crossing by a Southern Pacific Railroad passenger train. Her father, William Hunt, 33 years old, of La Porte, is unconscious at a local infirmary and is not expected to live. Hunt's wife, mother of the girl, sustained a broken right arm and numerous bruises, and their son, Roy, 9 years old, was cut and lacerated about the head. His condition was said not to be serious.

The family had been to Houston on a Christmas shopping tour. According to Roy, none of the family saw the approaching engine.

The train was bound for Galveston and had left the Grand Central station but a few minutes before the accident. Conductor R. W. Sullivan said it was traveling about twelve miles an hour, that the automobile approached from the fireman's side of the engine and drove directly into the path of the locomotive.

The accident brought Houston's death toll at grade crossings to three within two days and the injured to six. Sunday night Mrs. O. M. Farr of Houston and her 2-year-old daughter were killed in a similar accident in another part of the city. Her husband, daughter and V. G. Gerbig, driver of the automobile, were slightly injured.

Football Game.

Sport fans of the city are planning a foot ball game for Christmas day between the Crockett High team and a team composed of college students and others who were members of former high school teams. This would be a revival of a custom of a number of years. Admission fees would go to the high school athletic fund.

Passing an excuse off as a reason is very seldom successful.

Make This Cake for Sunday



Easy to Make
Easy to Bake

RECIPE

- 1 cup of sugar
- 1 1/2 cups AMERICAN MAID FLOUR
- 1 cup scalded milk
- 4 teaspoons baking powder
- Whites of two eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- A pinch of salt

Sift flour, sugar and baking powder together. Slowly fold in beaten whites of eggs. Add vanilla, bake in slow oven 15 or 20 minutes.



Add a sack of

American Maid Flour

to your grocery order today



In the belief that the joy of human relationship constitutes a great and perhaps the greatest satisfaction in business, I approach the Christmas season with a deep appreciation of how fortunate I have been in the loyalty of my friends.

It is with sincere gratitude that I extend to you, as one of my friends, my cordial Christmas greetings with best wishes for your health, happiness and prosperity in the New Year.

C. H. CALLAWAY

SNOW IS INDICTED IN THREE KILLINGS

BILLS CHARGE MURDER OF STEPSON, WIFE AND HER MOTHER.

Stephenville, Erath Co., Texas, Dec. 17.—Three indictments charging F. M. Snow, Erath county farmer and wood-cutter, with murder in connection with the slaying of his stepson, Bernie Connally; his wife, Mrs. Maggie Snow, and her mother, Mrs. S. A. Olds, at the Snow home, nine miles southeast of Stephenville, on Nov. 27, were returned Tuesday by a grand jury in the Twenty-Ninth District Court. The indictments charge that Snow killed Connally, who was 19 years old, "by shooting him with a gun and pistol and chopping his head with an ax," and slew the women "by shooting them with a gun and pistol and burning their bodies."

Certified copies of the indictment were taken to Fort Worth Tuesday afternoon to be served on Snow, who has been confined in the Tarrant county jail since his arrest here last Friday.

After the indictments had been returned, Judge J. B. Keith, who presides in the Twenty-Ninth District Court, announced that

he will set the date for the trial later this week. The trial probably will begin about Jan. 20, Judge Keith said. He announced Monday when the grand jury began investigating charges against Snow that the case would not be tried until the January term of court, because of the indignation which has been aroused in this section over the triple killing.

Judge Keith also announced Tuesday that when he sets the date for the trial later this week, he will appoint counsel to defend Snow, if the latter has not engaged an attorney by that time and also will order a special venire from which to select a jury. Snow, who is a tenant farmer of limited means, is not expected to engage an attorney.

Some historians dispute the claim that La Salle's settlement was the first white colony established in the state. Many Spaniards seeking the fabled cities of gold which tradition located in Western Texas or New Mexico, had passed through El Paso Del Norte. Ysleta, just below El Paso, was founded at about the time La Salle was driven ashore on the Texas coast. As a result of Spanish alarm over La Salle's expedition, the Spanish adventurer De Leon founded a colony on the Neches river, a few miles from Crockett, in 1690.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

TEXAS COTTON CROP UNDER LAST YEAR

The department of commerce, through the bureau of the census, has made public the report of cotton ginned in Texas by counties prior to December 1. The report shows a total of 3,663,145 bales ginned prior to December 1, as compared with 4,424,966 bales prior to December 1, 1924, or 761,821 bales less this year than last.

We are giving the ginning of a number of Texas counties, both large and small crops. The small crops were produced in the drouth belt. These figures will doubtless be interesting to those readers of the Courier, who are familiar with the cotton crop annually produced in Texas. Among the counties listed are the following:

- Anderson, 23,311.
- Angelina, 11,990.
- Bastrop, 5,696.
- Bell, 13,501.
- Bexar, 3,251.
- Brazos, 7,895.
- Cameron, 44,925.
- Cass, 43,829.
- Cherokee, 28,587.
- Childress, 24,399.
- Collin, 88,688.
- Comal, 356.
- Cottle, 18,733.
- Dallas, 60,350.
- Donley, 16,902.
- Ellis, 75,989.
- El Paso, 37,324.
- Falls, 20,156.
- Guadalupe, 508.
- Hall, 40,240.
- Harrison, 37,144.
- Haskell, 43,603.
- Henderson, 25,391.
- Hidalgo, 56,118.
- Houston, 34,809.
- Hunt, 73,364.
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- Jones, 64,413.
- Kaufman, 67,163.
- Knox, 34,129.
- Lamar, 70,016.
- Leon, 16,123.
- Lubbock, 19,765.
- McLennan, 31,783.
- Madison, 9,515.
- Nacogdoches, 27,612.
- Navarro, 72,132.
- Nueces, 36,575.
- Panola, 33,216.
- Red River, 51,520.
- Rusk, 52,409.
- Smith, 51,584.
- Taylor, 49,573.
- Tom Green, 13,159.
- Travis, 2,849.
- Trinity, 8,038.
- Van Zandt, 44,749.
- Webb, 891.
- Wilbarger, 40,089.
- Williamson, 14,161.

Hollywood has been short on murder mysteries so has revived an old one.

SALE NOW ON

And Will Continue Until Dec. 24th

We wish to make a worth-while Christmas Gift to our many friends and customers and we know no better way to show our appreciation for your patronage for the past year than to give you a drastic discount on your purchases from now until Christmas. We are forgetting our profit and marking all goods so you will realize a real Christmas present in every purchase.

On Thursday, December 24th, We Will
Sell 1000 Pounds Sugar at

5c a Pound

(5 Pounds to a Customer)

Instead of 6c as Erroneously Advertised

West Main Dry Goods Co.

Next to M. Younas

Crockett, Texas



At this Christmas time we wish to thank our many good friends and patrons who have helped us toward success and who are responsible for the splendid business we have enjoyed. Our sincere wish is that we may continue to serve you in the future and justify your friendship.

B. F. Chamberlain

The Remedy Store

THE BETTER COTTON MOVEMENT.

There now seems to be growing a greater interest all over Texas in the production of better cotton. In many counties of the state the growers have selected a uniform variety of the better cotton to grow; and the advantage of that is obvious to any man.

This year the cotton market is glutted with short-staple, inferior cotton; and the price of the staple has been very materially reduced as a result of this inferior cotton. In some East Texas counties, and over a large area of this East Texas country, the buyers of cotton are backing off, and are telling the cotton growers that they do not want their short-staple product. Of course the long drouth was a contributing cause, because it helped to produce an inferior short-staple cotton. And while the price has ranged around 20 cents for good cotton many growers have had to accept less than 15, and they are grumbling about it, and saying that it is discrimination. And of course it is—discrimination in favor of the better cotton, because the buyers do not want the inferior kind.

The cotton spinners of the world want the best cotton, and there is practically no market for inferior cotton. And that is the whole explanation.

More cotton on fewer acres is

a goal worth striving for; but it is far better to make it better cotton while we are at it.

And because year by year there is less market for the short-staple cotton, there is the more reason why Anderson county should get into the movement to pro-

duce high-grade cotton, and thus establish for herself a certain and sure market at the higher prices.—Anderson County Herald.

Some men are too lazy to have good luck.



Today, as in the days of old, when the mistletoe hung in the castle hall and the holly branch shone on the old oak wall, the generous spirit of Christmas fills the hearts of old and young.

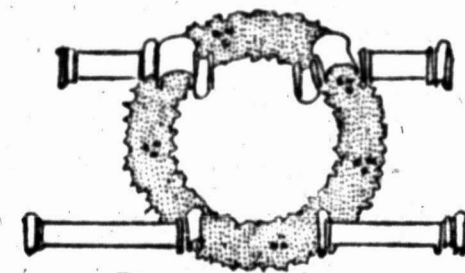
It is with much appreciation and gladness that we extend to all our friends the cordial greetings of the season and wish for you all, each and every one, the merriest of Christmases.

B. R. Purcell

The Home of One-Day Service



BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS.



Merry Christmas

Will be yours if you serve ice cream as dessert with that turkey.

We extend to our many friends and customers our hearty good wishes for the Holiday Season and may the New Year bring abundance of happiness and prosperity.

Edmiston Creamery, Inc.

CROCKETT, TEXAS



With the joyous spirit of Yuletide comes the pleasure of extending to our host of friends—both old and new

THE SINCERE TIDINGS OF THE SEASON

We feel that it is impossible to adequately express our sincere appreciation for your patronage, which has been so liberal and satisfactory that we can truly call this one of our greatest years.

May the holidays be one of joyous pleasure and the herald of a new year filled with abundant pleasures and contentments for you each and all is the sincere wish of

McCLAIN'S BARBER SHOP

MODERN GIRL HELD AS CRIME FACTOR

Vamps' Love for Costly Finery Is Temptation to the Sheiks, Observer Claims.

New York, Dec. 18.—Women are largely responsible for New York's crime wave, according to Mrs. Mary Hamilton, in charge of city police women, who Friday made public the result of a six months' vice survey.

"The modern girl, in her greed for jewelry, good clothes and finery, will force a good young man from the right road to the crooked pathway so that his girl's desires may be fulfilled," she said.

"The young girls of today have no moral code; they are natural gold diggers and in many cases their mothers unintentionally aid them in their crime.

"Conditions in the high schools are almost unbearable, and at the local colleges it seems that degeneracy has taken a firm root. The petting parties are breeders of disease and crime.

"I believe that many a good girl is tempted by jostling in public conveyances and is ready to be picked up by a young man who can buy her supper, silk stockings and lingerie."

From Ephesus School.

Editor Courier:

Farmers of the community have taken advantage of the pretty weather lately to finish picking the scattering cotton that remained from this year's crop. Many have already begun preparations for next year's crop by cleaning up their land and terracing hillsides. The farmers of this section are very much in need of a good crop next year to overcome the short crops of this year.

Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. were rather poorly attended Sunday night because of the bad weather.

There is quite a bit of moving about in the community. Mr. Ira Murdock is leaving, having bought a place near Grapeland on the Palestine road. We regret very much to lose this family from our community, but wish them prosperity and happiness in their new home. Mr. Murdock sold his place to Mr. G. T. Harrison, who already lives in the community. Elder Deckart Anderson sold his place recently to Mr. Meredith Graham.

Miss Velma Chandler spent the week-end with homefolks in the New Prospect community.

Mr. and Mrs. Gail Gallant spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Gail Luce.

Mrs. W. G. Luce spent the week-end with relatives in Crockett.

The local boys' basket ball team defeated the Latexo boys on the former's court Friday by a score of 5 to 3. The same teams met on Friday before on the Latexo court, the latter team winning by a score of 10 to 4.

There is to be a Christmas program at the school house next Friday night, December 18, to which the public is cordially invited. Our Thanksgiving program was a success and well attended.

In getting equal rights with men American women are losing their special privileges. Many a working woman who returns from her labor at night and finds herself standing up in the street car while men sit wonders whether her present equal rights are worth as much to her as the courtesies she once received. Even a woman cannot eat her cake and still have it. As she approaches closer to the status of equal opportunity the American woman is discovering that her new position carries with it unexpected liabilities.

This is the time of the year when provident people are glad they didn't miss any payments in the Christmas Savings Club.

This is the time of year when the young man wishes he hadn't called often enough to be regarded as a "steady."

An expert is a good workman who has left his home town.

IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR GOOD WILL WE EXTEND TO YOU THE

Season's Greetings

This life is nothing more nor less Than little acts of kindness; A god word here, a service there To lift from mankind some great care. So let us daily thoughtfully Pursue our way rejoicingly; For I'll help you and you'll help me, And this a happy world will be. Begin it now and carry on So when the year is past and gone In meditation you can smile For living's really been worth while.

WE WISH YOU ONE AND ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Magnolia Petroleum Co.

J. D. CLARKE, Agent

AGRICULTURAL CENSUS OF CHEROKEE COUNTY.

In The Tyler Journal of November 20 was published an extended review of the agricultural conditions and tendencies in Smith county as revealed by comparisons of the regular 10-year census of 1920 with the special farm census of the Federal government taken in the earlier part of 1925. A few days after that issue of the Journal appeared, Messrs. J. B. Rickman, secretary of Jacksonville chamber of commerce and G. L. Knapp, county agent of Cherokee county, called upon the Journal editor and asked that a similar review of agricultural condition and tendencies in Cherokee county be made. That publication promised the gentlemen that their request would have attention and last week published a review of the agricultural conditions and tendencies for Cherokee county. It is deemed unnecessary to make extended comments upon the facts deducible from the returns of the two censuses. Such comments as may be made will be for the purpose of emphasizing particular features of the general agricultural tendencies.

In Cherokee county the number of farms operated decreased in the 5-year period by 39; that the decrease in number of white farmers in the county was 65; that colored farmers increased in number by 26. This makes the net decrease in number of Cherokee county for the

5-year period 39. This is an exceedingly small decrease in comparison with other counties in this part of East Texas.

As in other counties the census returns of which we have reviewed, it will be seen that the decrease in farm ownership is closely related to the increase in tenancy. This condition which seems, without an exception, to prevail in almost all of the counties of Texas and in all of the East Texas counties (so far as the census returns have been examined) is a condition which may well challenge our attention—may well challenge the best thought of everybody. Home ownership—and not tenancy—is the one primary condition for the highest welfare and the greatest happiness of any people. But it is apparent from the censuses for the past forty years that home ownership in Texas is becoming more and more difficult, and that tenancy is increasing by leaps and bounds. Is this due to our agricultural practices, or to our economic system and methods? Or shall we excuse it by saying that it is the ultimate end of the great majority of the human race to become mere tenants—then serfs—and then, somewhere down the line of their future development, slaves?

Buys Interest in Restaurant.

Earl Bryan has purchased the interest of J. G. Monk in the Mecca Cafe, formerly owned by Monk & West. Mr. Bryan and Mr. West will continue the business in the present location.

SHABBY COTTON.

Nubbin cotton can be grown at many places throughout the world, and a great deal of it is grown outside the United States. If the United States should now go into nubbin cotton on a great scale, the result will be that in this country of high wages we must compete with other countries whose wage level is something like 20c a day. One of the big advantages which American cotton has had in the markets of the world has been its superiority. The length and strength of its fiber have appealed to manufacturers whose machines were set to the production of the better grade of goods. If American cotton growers proceed to plant and raise cotton of like quality with that of India and China, then our cotton must compete in the world market with Hindu and Chinese cotton.

our labor compete with Oriental labor. Half-and-half cotton ranks with runty cattle and frizzly chickens. It is inferior stuff. More of it per acre may be grown, in pounds weight, but that is a poor offset to its inferior value. Already so much short, weak-fibered cotton has been put in the market there is only an indifferent demand and a low price for it. Heredity in cotton is as potent as heredity in human beings. Nubbin corn and knotty apples command small respect. Likewise linter cotton. The oil mills make enough linters. Let no farmer try to produce linter cotton cheaper than the oil mills do.—Dallas News.

The department of agriculture bulletin on "Home Tanning" may be of some value because it's a lost art.

It is estimated that fifty million people will stumble over toys on the floor this Christmas.

An Indiana man reports seeing a spider win a duel with a mouse. Too much Christmas.

If we weren't afraid of seeming poor we might all get rich.

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

A little experience often upsets a lot of theory. A woman spent a great deal of her leisure time campaigning against capital punishment. She never let an opportunity pass to sign a petition appealing to a governor for the commutation of the sentence of a murderer. She became a great admirer of a noted lawyer, famous because he defended two notorious murderers, and when this lawyer visited her city she arranged for an introduction in order that she might compliment him. A few days after she had met this lawyer, and was still under the spell of his personality, her son, a young man of twenty-two,

just out of college, was held up, beaten and robbed by a couple of thugs.

Instantly her views toward capital punishment changed. She favored hanging, quartering and boiling in oil for the assailants.

Crockett Train Schedule.

South Bound.
No. 25, Thru Passenger 1:37am
No. 23, Local Passenger 9:40am
No. 21, Sunshine Special 2:03pm North Bound.
No. 28, Thru Passenger 4:00am
No. 24, Local Passenger 1:30pm
No. 22, Sunshine Special 4:06pm Effective June 7, 1925

No man ever had his own way unless he made it.

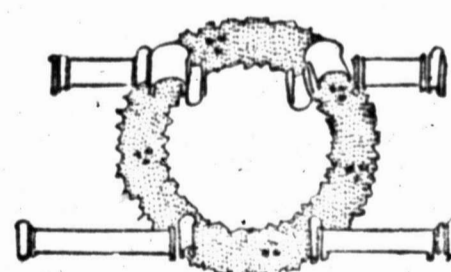


The season is at hand when I gladly welcome the opportunity to extend to you the warmest holiday greetings and to express my appreciation of that intangible and invaluable asset, good will, that you have so kindly bestowed on me during the past year and which I fully reciprocate.

I just want to wish you a good old Merry Christmas and to extend a hearty wish that the New Year will bring to you all the prosperity and happiness that you can wish for yourself.

W. E. ROBERTSON

Crockett Battery and Service Station



Merry Christmas

At this holiday season we think of our customers as our friends. We like to think that in a broad sense our customers are our partners—that our success is but the reflection of theirs.

And so at this time we extend to you—not as a customer alone, but as a friend—the best of wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. L. Arledge



With sincere Christmas greeting accept also our cordial wish for abundant prosperity and contentment as your lot. Also our thanks for the favors received from you during the past year.

CITY SHAVING PARLOR
R. C. DEATON, Proprietor

**COURIER EDITOR
MAKES CORRECTION**

In last weeks' issue of the Courier the West Main Dry Goods Company used a page of space in which it advertised numerous bargains for the holiday trade. Among these the West Main Dry Goods Company offered or intended to offer 1000 pounds of sugar at 5 cents a pound, five pounds to the customer. The printer in setting the advertisement got the wrong figure and the sugar was thus quoted at 6 cents a pound when the advertiser had intended that the quotation should be 5 cents a pound. The error went unnoticed until after the Courier had been mailed to its subscribers. The attention of the public is called to the correction. The West Main Dry Goods Company is standing by its offer to sell 1000 pounds of sugar at 5 cents a pound, five pounds to a customer, and the offer is good for Thursday, December 24. The printer evidently thought this sugar was too good to be sold at 5 cents a pound and thus raised the price to 6 cents by using the wrong type figure. It should be needless for the Courier to say that it deeply regrets the error as does also the West Main Dry Goods Company. You will find upon investigation that this store has many other bargains in keeping with the sugar bargain.

Houston Wedding.

A wedding of especial interest to their many friends throughout the state occurred in Houston last Tuesday evening at Trinity Episcopal church, the contracting parties being Judge L. L. Moore of Crockett and Miss Pauline Durst of Houston.

Preceding the ceremony, which occurred promptly at seven-thirty, Mrs. Roy Wilson, a cousin of the bride, who most ably presided at the organ, gave a very pleasing number from Nevin; this was followed by a vocal duet, "At Dawning," by Mrs. J. P. Hail, soprano, and Mrs. A. M. Decuir, contralto. As the strains from the ever-beautiful Lohengrin wedding march sounded, the bride, looking very lovely in a modish blue ensemble suit, with hat in harmony and carrying pink roses, appeared with her father, Mr. Horatio Durst, by whom she was given in marriage.

Preceding her was her maid of honor, Miss Mildred Howard, a cousin of the bride, who was charming in a beige silk frock; her hat and the roses she carried in perfect harmony; then came four ushers, nephews of the bride and groom, Messrs. George Westerfield, Harvin C. Moore of Houston, Jack Hail and Louis Durst of Crockett, members of Rice and A. & M. student body.

Approaching the altar the bride was met by the groom with his best man, Mr. B. F. Thomas, superintendent of the Crockett public schools. The impressive ceremony of the Episcopal church was read by Rev. Claude Willard Sprouse before an altar artistically decorated with cut flowers, ferns and cathedral candles. Mendelssohn's wedding march served as the recessional. A reception was given the bridal party, many relatives and friends at the pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Girand, an aunt of the bride, in Montrose. In the drawing room cut flowers were favored; and the soft glow from the electric candles made one feel especially welcome on a night that was so stormy and disagreeable. The richest results in decorative effects were obtained in the dining-room. Upon the polished surface of the table was a cluny center, on which rested the bride's cake, a triumph of culinary art, contributed by a close friend of the bride. Beautiful, white blossoms, fashioned from a tube, embossed the entire surface. Two silver candelabra, holding tall green tapers, were on one end of the table with a lovely arrangement of white tulle and silver ribbon between them and opposite these a pot plant of valley lilies. A green and white ice, with individual cakes embossed with valley lilies, was served.

The bride and groom left at

**Merry
Christmas!**

TO YOU

**Highway Filling
Station**

FRANK LEAVERTON, Proprietor
PHONE 108

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS. SENTIMENT IN BUSINESS.

The Christmas season awakens in us, in common with every other human being in Christendom, the realization that whatever our personal animosities or our petty quarrels, there is this sublime occasion devoted to peace and good will on earth.

It brings us to the consciousness that life is something more than selfish pursuit of happiness—that the happiness of others is in reality our first concern. It elevates us to a higher level. It typifies not alone peace and good will, but carries the essence of unselfishness and pure love, the most common expression of which is the giving of gifts.

When the influence of Christmas is so effective that its spirit shall guide the affairs of every day, the Utopian age, of which every mortal dreams, will have arrived.

We have this day and we do not mar its ideal, its fruit will produce other days of the kind. In the making of a newspaper, we have an opportunity to view the conflicting forces of humanity. We see the good and the bad, the selfish and the unselfish. We believe that good is more active than bad.

If we have been able to promote the right, it has been due in large measure to the co-operation of our patrons. We sincerely hope that the support we have received will continue and grow. For all received, we are heartily thankful and in return in the spirit of Christmas, we extend our heartiest greetings and good wishes.

Regardless of what may be said to the contrary, sentiment is a big factor in business. Friendship, for example, makes more satisfactory sales, quality and values being equal, than all the cleverness and high-powered sales talks in the world.

You like to trade at a certain store—not because its counters are arranged in an attractive way, but because the folks who serve you are friendly and helpful.

Just that very thing—friendly service—is the power that draws people together in communities like this, where everybody can enjoy the main benefits of neighborly co-operation.

Friendly service and an effort to retain it is the reason why you will find it decidedly to your advantage to trade with Courier advertisers—to buy where your friend will see that you are well satisfied.

There is no need to go to larger trading centers to supply your wants. Our merchants have the goods, the quality, the variety and they give big values.

Why condemn the girls because they can't cook? Their brothers can't use the buck saw, either.

A dispatch says music soothes German cows. Certainly not an American jazz orchestra.

Christmas story: "The family has had dad's swell present charged."

If silence were golden, the poor houses would all be overcrowded.



The Crockett State Bank

Together with its officers and personnel extends the compliments of the season with the wish that yours may be a Christmas of happiness and contentment and a New Year which will bring to you a satisfying measure of prosperity.

nine o'clock on their honeymoon trip for New Orleans. They will be at home in Crockett after the twenty-second.

Judge and Mrs. Moore were the recipients of many handsome gifts. The bride favored her attendants with lovely antique bracelets; the groom selecting cuff-buttons for the ushers and a handsome leather bill fold for his best man.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Hail, Ewen and Jack Hail, Louis Durst, Mrs. A. M. Decuir and Prof. B. F. Thomas of Crockett and Mrs. M. D. Scales of New York, who will be pleasantly remembered as Miss Muggie Durst by Crockett friends.

The country press is a power for good. It loses that power to the extent that it sacrifices editorial prestige. When it becomes merely a purveyor of news and advertisements, and without opinions, it loses influence and authority. With no personality behind it, readers are not inclined to regard it seriously. They do not know whether to believe its stories or not, and not knowing, wind up by not believing. The same applies to its advertisements. The publication which commands belief and respect for its news and editorials, also commands a quite large degree of belief and respect for the advertisements it carries.

Basketball Results.

Sam Houston had a busy, and productive week of basketball. Tuesday A. & M. was beaten 31 to 13, but the Aggies won 21 to 18 Wednesday. Rice was beaten Friday and Saturday 19 to 17 and 27 to 13 respectively.

Other results include: Southeastern (Durant, Okla.) Teachers 68, Austin College 13. T. C. U. 31, Dallas Y. M. H. A. 27. St. Edwards 21, Texas 20.

Christmas is dashing towards us at the rate of sixty seconds a minute.

People who give in generally give out, too.

Another Tie Game.

Waco was eliminated from the state high school football championship race last Wednesday by Beaumont, Bull Johnson's team winning a muddy game by a score of 8 to 7, a very unusual score.

Cisco came from behind to tie Forest Avenue at Dallas Saturday, 13-13. This game much further complicates the high school race.

The Prince of Wales is home from a jaunt to South America. That boy must ride on passes.

Any boy who flunks in arithmetic can tell how many days it is until Christmas vacation.



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

Your kind co-operation has contributed materially to our success and we appreciate it most cordially. Please accept our best wishes for a joyous holiday season and a bright and prosperous New Year.

C. L. Manning & Company



THE new way to serve Roast Beef. No cooking, no trouble, no waste. Delicious flavor, excellent quality, economical. Prepared only from choice fat cattle. All white employees. Ultra sanitary conditions. Serve it for dinner today.

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OLD COLONIAL DANCE WAS DIFFICULT AS IS CHARLESTON TODAY

Philadelphia "Assembly" Dating From 1748 Survives Terpsichorean Changes.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 19.—If old Philadelphia ballrooms could reveal the patterns which generations of dancers have tapped upon their floors, what a story there would be in the behavior of human feet since sheiks of Colonial days tripped a measure with their ladies!

Visitors to the Sesquicentennial International Exposition, beginning on June 1, 1926, may still writhe in the throes of the Charleston, but this is hardly more intricate for one couple to perform than the square dance was for a group in the days when chaperones knew their home-spun.

Early Philadelphia dancing took the form of "assemblies," which date from 1748. This social tradition is in vogue to the present day. The social lights of that day made up the list of "subscribers" to the assemblies just as modern functions are

financed by patrons and patronesses.

The rules for the first assembly were issued with great care. Number one had it that the dance must "begin precisely at six in the Evening, and not by any Means to exceed twelve the same Night." Many latter-day debs make it a point "not by any Means" to appear at the ball before twelve.

A manager, usually the most distinguished officer of the army, presided at an assembly, presenting to the gentlemen and ladies folded billets containing numbers. Thus a kind of Fate operated to select partners for early American belles. All the dances were previously arranged, many of them bearing names with political significance: "The Success of the Campaign;" "The Defeat of Burgoyne;" "Clinton's Retreat."

"Dancing is an emblem of gaiety and love," remarked a Frenchman of the times, "but here it seems rather an emblem of legislation and marriage." It was one of legislation in that figures of the dance were stipulated, they bore names, and every proceeding was provided for, calculated and submitted to regulation. It was one of marriage because it furnished each lady with a partner with whom she danced the entire evening without being allowed to take another!

Dancing was not countenanced

JUST A WORD WITH OUR SUBSCRIBERS

The bad weather of last week failed to keep the Courier's list of subscriptions and renewals from growing. Our subscribers are making themselves a present of another year of good reading, and are choosing the proper medium, the Courier. This week's list contains twenty-one names, or four more than last week's list.

Christmas is right here, and Christmas is about all we can think about. The Courier editor says that he hopes Santa Claus fills his sock to the brim with renewals and subscriptions. Maybe Santa Claus will, you can't ever tell.

This good list, which is very much appreciated, gives us a real boost in the Christmas spirit, and—happy, merry Christmas, readers!

Among those calling to renew or subscribe, or sending in their renewals and subscriptions, since last issue are the following:

- R. B. Ashe, Crockett.
- John Pelham, Lamesa.
- Bryan Williams, Galveston.
- W. V. Berry, Crockett.
- R. R. Nunn, Houston.
- Dr. W. W. Latham, Crockett.
- C. H. Barbee, Lovelady.
- Mrs. Joe Adams, Crockett.
- Mrs. C. C. Comer, Carthage.
- R. O. Brown, Creek Rt. 1.
- B. E. Lockey, Palestine.
- Ney Sheridan, Sweetwater.
- Tom M. Smith, Trinity.
- Jno. I. Moore, Crockett.
- Judge F. A. Williams, Galveston.
- R. G. Dun & Co., Houston.
- Hyman Harrison, Los Angeles, Calif.
- C. D. Gentry, Grapeland Rt. 2.
- A. M. Decuir, Crockett.
- Mrs. L. E. Needham, Cushing.
- Miss Alice Brewer, Granite, Okla.

by the Friends in spite of the fact that this form of expression has been used to display religious fervor, as when King David danced before the Ark of the Covenant.

There was not much dancing during the period of the Revolution, but at the conclusion of hostilities this "methodical amusement" came into favor again, and the assembly was revived.

Could it have been the assembly patrons whom an advertiser in 1810 had in mind when he thus described his "Patent Anatomical Dancing Shoes."

"Corns, twisted heels and lacerated insteps shall no more agonize human nature, no more shall the aged witness the aid of a crutch, the middle aged shall walk certain sure and easy step,

the young shall step as an hart, and never know their accumulated horrors, this shall deserve more of our country than all the celebrated corn plaster physicians . . ."

Notice in Bankruptcy.

In the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Texas.

In the matter of A. C. Butler, bankrupt. In bankruptcy.

To the creditors of said bankrupt of Latexo, in the county of Houston and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 15th day of December, A. D. 1925, the said A. C. Butler was duly adjudged a bankrupt; and that the first meeting of creditors will be held at Tyler, Texas, at the Federal Building, on Tuesday, December 29th, A. D. 1925, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Texarkana, Texas, December 16th, 1925.

Sam H. Smelser, It. Referee in Bankruptcy.

Licensed to Marry.

Marriage licenses were issued during last week at the office of County Clerk W. D. Collins to the following couples:

- Leroy L. Moore and Pauline Durst.
- Ed Garrison and Mrs. Carrie Jones (col.).
- Henry Thomas Burt and Mrs. Rosa Bell Huntsman.
- C. M. Marshall and Nancy L. Hamilton.
- Herbert De Spain and Evelyn Whitaker.
- Jeff McCarter and Elvira Walls.
- Elbert Oates and Miss Ruth Bernard.
- J. E. Dorsett and Terrie Ola Moseley.

People who are always getting the worst of it are those who are never looking for the best of it.

Our Thoughts Go to Our Friends and Patrons at Christmas Time

And We Find Pleasure and Satisfaction In the Framing of This Message, Wishing You and Those You Love the

Compliments of the Season

May the Santa Claus of Good Cheer smile on you and your household more generously this year than ever before and as we pass from the Yuletide season into the dawn of a new year may you see before you the open road of happiness, peace of mind and heart, contentment and prosperity. Because you have meant so much to us we send this sincere message to friends and patrons everywhere.

D. C. Kennedy & Co.



MAY YOUR CHRISTMAS BE
A JOYOUS OCCASION
AND
MAY THE NEW YEAR BRING TO YOU
ITS FULLEST MEASURE OF
PROSPERITY

John F. Baker
Drugs and Jewelry

Golden Hours of Bliss

May this Holiday season be one of unusual satisfaction, with not a shadow to cross its golden hours. And may your cup be filled to overflowing with rich gifts of love, friendship and merited success in 1926.

A Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year

Caprielian Brothers
Caprielian Brothers & Co.



From the grocery store that serves you with a Christmas smile of good cheer each and every day throughout the year—and where you will always find the spirit of fairness and good will predominant.

DOUGLASS & THAMES
Groceries and Feed



May you find in your Christmas Happiness a reflection of our efforts to serve you during the past year. For your happiness is our happiness—your work is our work—your success, ours.

May we continue with you in this Brotherhood of Service.

Vogue Millinery

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COURIER EXTENDS GREETINGS.

For the thirty-sixth time the Crockett Courier extends to its readers the greetings of the Christmas season. The Courier sincerely hopes that this Christmas will be marked by the heralded spirit of "peace on earth and good will toward men." May your happiness be unmarred on this day and on each succeeding day. The Courier not only wishes you happiness on this day, but wishes you happiness 52 times each year. It has been in your

service 36 years and has therefore wished its readers happiness about 1972 times. In the same spirit, we again wish you happiness.

Some Postscripts.

No matter how catty a woman gets, she's still afraid of a mouse.

All of us can hope for the best even though the best is not in us.

Misery doesn't always love company when it comes for a long visit.

Some men can't see the poison liquor warnings until they go blind.

Modern speed is everybody trying to keep ahead of everybody else.

France and the Rifians couldn't be any madder if they were married.

If things are not coming your way, perhaps you are going backwards.

We need more people who say what they mean and mean what they say.

Work kills few people. It's the "betweentimes" that do the damage.

The best way to appreciate the home town is to leave it once in a while.

FLORIDA TRAFFIC BADLY CONGESTED

Succession of Embargoes Force Shippers to Seek Means of Moving Goods.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—A succession of embargoes forcing shippers to advance their means of moving merchandise in and out of the state from freight to express and then to mail, has caused one of the most serious traffic congestions here ever suffered in the United States, traffic experts declare.

When the Florida boom first started, the railroads began to feel the pressure and soon an embargo was laid down, owing to the freight inbound. This forced the shippers to resort to the more expensive, though usually faster express service. But last week the express companies finding themselves swamped were forced themselves to lay down an embargo.

The people then turned their attention to the method provided by Uncle Sam through the parcel post. This has resulted in an unparalleled jam here which is very paralyzing to the postal system in the state. Mails in and

HARLEM CONVICTS MAKE ESCAPE; FIVE RAMSEY MEN TAKEN

Houston, Texas, Dec. 23.—Two prisoners, Jay Smith and Ray Morrison, broke from their guards and escaped in the undergrowth near the Harlem state farm Tuesday morning, according to advices received by Houston police.


Smith and Morrison were serving terms of six and 24 years respectively for robbery. Both are young men, according to Captain McAdams, in charge of the farm.

Bloodhounds and a posse headed by Captain McAdams were on the trail a few minutes after the escape had been reported, but at a late hour Tuesday nothing had been seen of the men.

Five of the 15 convicts who escaped from the Ramsey farm Sunday night had been recaptured late Tuesday. One was captured Monday and four others early Tuesday morning.

The remaining 10 were believed to be surrounded in a dense section of the Brazos river bottoms and their capture was expected momentarily, according to advices from the farm.

Those recaptured offered no



IT IS WITH
SINCERE APPRECIATION OF PAST
COURTESIES AND WITH ALL
GOOD WISHES
FOR YOU AND YOURS
MAY YOU ENJOY
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

MIKE YOUNAS

resistance to the posse. They were recaptured only a few miles from the farm.

The convicts recaptured Tuesday were John Baxley, I. L. Garrison, Jack Kelley, Leonard Whaley and C. H. Bybee, serving terms of eight, two, seven, five and two years respectively.

Some married men have children and others have only one boss.

Most of us can accomplish an awful lot when we have to.

Tell him that you saw his ad in the Courier.

ATTA, BOY!



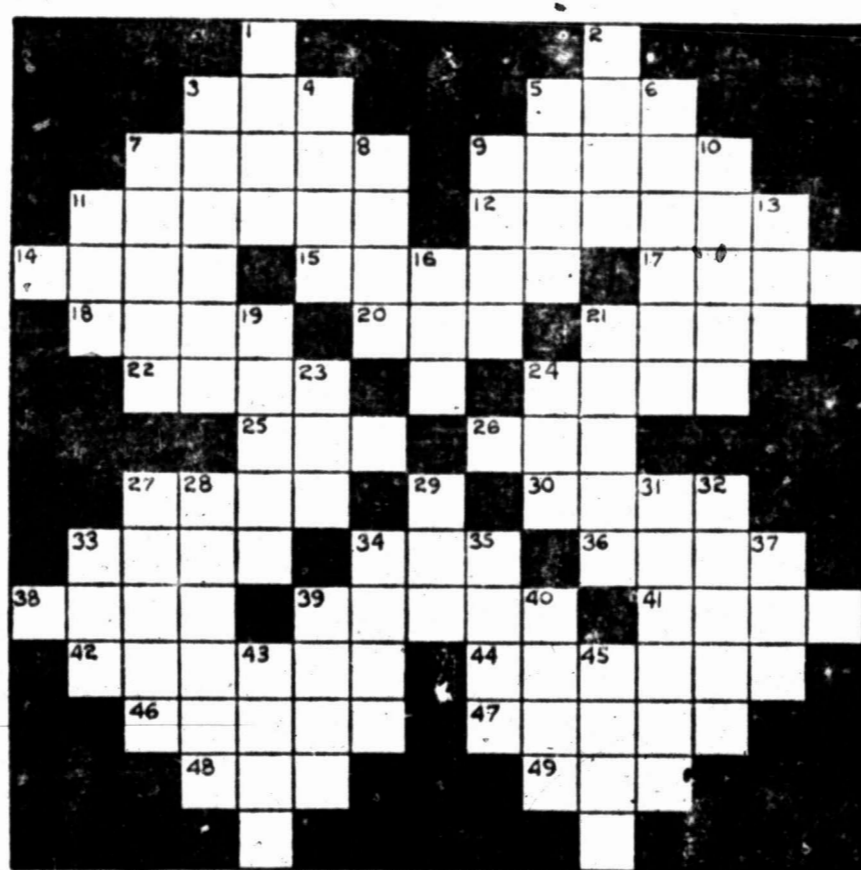
out of Jacksonville are running two to six and eight hours late and the end is not yet in sight. A similar delay is being experienced in mails destined for the lower portion of the state and which necessarily must be cleared through Jacksonville.

An embargo on the Atlantic coast line which will virtually paralyze traffic along the west coast was predicted by Mr. Hoskins, who said it would be laid down within a few hours.

Solution of Puzzle No. 59.

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CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 60



Horizontal.

- 3—One of a tribe of Algonquin Indians
- 6—Not (French)
- 7—Narrow strip of leather used for sharpening
- 9—Liquid
- 11—Part of a coat
- 12—Daring (English from French)
- 14—Opening in a room
- 15—What you do to 14 horizontal
- 17—To (poetic)
- 18—Dutch settler in Africa
- 20—2,000 pounds
- 21—First name of a movie vampire
- 23—Indigent
- 24—Enthusiasts (slang)
- 25—Wrong doing
- 26—Fruit stone
- 27—Conceited fellow who gives himself airs of wisdom
- 28—Fustian
- 32—Husks of wheat
- 34—Human
- 36—Wash
- 38—Before long
- 39—What balloons are filled with (pl.)
- 41—Guide
- 42—Chunk of gold
- 43—Consecrate with oil
- 45—Stride
- 47—Instrument for holding or gripping something
- 48—Poorly lighted
- 49—Boy's name

Vertical.

- 1—Caution
- 2—Swata
- 3—Combining form meaning hard
- 4—Skirted tunic
- 5—Couple
- 6—Spangle or obsolete gold coin of Italy
- 7—Sailing vessel
- 8—Confined
- 9—Bird
- 10—Persons of small stature
- 11—Cry, weep
- 12—Greek letter
- 13—Boy's plaything
- 14—Used on violin bows
- 16—Pertaining to one's birthday
- 18—Vehicle
- 22—Fruit
- 27—Haughty
- 28—Rambled
- 29—Possesses
- 31—Blunder
- 32—Levels
- 33—Great Buddhist festival of Japan
- 34—Pieces of material to wipe shoes
- 35—Tidy
- 37—Devour
- 38—Seed
- 40—Stuck-up person
- 42—Stride
- 45—Belonging to a person

Solution will appear in next issue.



TO THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE THIS BUSINESS WHAT IT IS TODAY

To you we owe our success. To you we acknowledge our obligations—to you we send this Christmas Message and, in the true spirit of the season, extend Christmas Greetings and good wishes for the New Year.

We expect to give you even better service in 1926 than ever before and sincerely trust we may have the opportunity to prove this to you.

Herrin Hardware Company



MAY THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS
ABIDE WITH YOU
EACH AND EVERY DAY
OF THE YEAR!
SUCH IS OUR WISH FOR ALL
OUR PATRONS
WHO HAVE BEEN SO KIND
TO US

Depot Filling Station

Compliments of the Season

Mirth to you, cheer to you,
Gladness be near to you,
Friends very dear to you,
On Christmas day.

Joy to you, peace to you,
Love never cease to you,
Riches increase to you,
Ever and aye.

That Your Christmas may be full of joy and gladness is our wish for you.

Crockett Cotton Oil Mill
CROCKETT, TEXAS



To Our Friends:

Again comes Christmas. Centuries old and yet it lives within the Hearts of Mankind and brings with it each year the Spirit of Peace on Earth and Good Will towards men.

And so I wish for You, the Merriest Christmas You have ever had, and a New Year filled with Health, Happiness and Prosperity.

McCONNELL DRY GOODS CO.

John W. McConnell

Manager.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Miss Inez Bandy is visiting in Palestine.

Robert Guinn returned home from Cincinnati, Ohio, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Ragsdale of Beaumont are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry and family during the holidays.

C. M. Neel will make a Christmas visit to his parents at Elkhart.

Misses Lorena and Mary Jess Brown are at home from school at Huntsville.

Miss Earle Castleburg, teaching at Nacogdoches, is at home for the holidays.

Frank Foster of Houston is spending the holidays with his parents in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Yerger of Clarksdale, Miss., are visiting relatives in Crockett.

Miss Rosamond Williams of Galveston is visiting in the home of Mrs. C. N. Corry.

Prof. Daniel Russell of Baylor university, Waco, is visiting his mother near Crockett.

Mrs. C. H. Hanson and little daughter of Italy are visiting relatives and friends here.

There will be fifty-three Fridays in 1926, if no law is passed against it in the meantime.

Miss Grace Denny, teaching in the Dallas city schools, is at home for a Christmas visit.

Johnson Lundy Arledge returned Tuesday morning from Texas University at Austin.

Mrs. F. P. Chandler and son of Houston are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry.

The law protects us in what we are entitled to, but stops short of going out and getting it for us.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul B. Stokes are spending the holidays with Mrs. Stokes' parents in Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Lemay and children of Athens are visiting their parents during the holidays.

Frank Wooters of Galveston Medical college is spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Wooters.

More Mules.

I will have in another load of good work mules the latter part of this week. All guaranteed as represented. C. N. Goolsbee.

For Rent.

Up-stairs apartment consisting of two bed rooms, dining room, hall, kitchen and bathroom, all conveniences, on paved street. If interested call John W. McConnell, Phone 146.

Negro Jailed.

Deputy Sheriff W. H. Musick arrested Frank Worthington, negro, Monday morning on a charge of attempt to rape. He was placed in the county jail.

For Sale.

Two houses and lots in Bruner Addition—also one building lot and, also, a building lot near my residence. Also for rent a house near my residence.

S. F. Tenney.

Died in California.

The Courier has just learned of the death of Mr. J. T. Salisbury, which occurred at his home in California December 10. Mr. Salisbury was a citizen of Crockett for a number of years and had many friends who will regret his death. Two sons are yet residents of Texas, one in Dallas and the other in Fort Worth. Mr. Salisbury came to Houston county from Pennsylvania.

Being bent on work never makes you bent as quickly as being bent on pleasure.

PRICE OF TURKEYS CONTINUES TO SOAR

Galveston, Dec. 22.—Prices on turkeys continue to rise sharply, and the bird that brings Christmas cheer is now commanding a price of from 45c to 48c a pound, with a further increase imminent.

Cranberries, too, have added in price and are bringing 20c a pound.

A rather extraordinary shipment in the form of a solid carload of California celery arrived yesterday, which is quoted from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per dozen. This is as large a shipment as has ever been received of this commodity.

After a marked decrease in price some weeks ago, the price on California oranges has been advanced. A carload was received yesterday, and the oranges are selling rapidly from \$5.50 to \$6 a case. These oranges are of extra good quality and are commanding a ready sale.

Christmas trees are also going

fast, and while a shortage is not expected, it is possible that some people will be disappointed, and all are advised to do their shopping early by the dealers. Additional shipments of holly wreaths from Delaware arrived yesterday.

Among the shipments expected today is a carload of California potatoes.

Perspiring at a dance and over the kitchen stove are entirely different things.

There are two sides to every question, your side and the wrong side.

Much that passes for philosophy is no more than a good digestion.

Wise and Otherwise.

If the shoe pinches, buy a larger size.

He who damns his town damns himself.

No knowledge of grammar is required to tell the truth.

The worm may turn, but more often he wiggles out of a bad hole.

The next thing to do is build a cage for the dove of peace in Europe.

Fire losses gain, we read. In other words, gain is loss and loss is gain.

To All Our Patrons

New and Old Alike

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTY WISHES FOR A

Very Merry Christmas

GOOD CHEER TO YOU ON THIS DAY OF ALL

DAYS AND MAY SUCCESS BE YOUR

PORTION IN EVERY EFFORT OF

THE NEW YEAR

Texas Power & Light Company

CROCKETT, TEXAS

To Our Friends and Patrons

With the greatest of pleasure we wish you many happy returns of the season. May your Christmas holidays be brimful of pleasures, even beyond your fondest anticipations.

And as the New Year peeps over the horizon, may it hold for you your full share of happiness and prosperity.

Woodson's Shoe Store



At the season of Peace on Earth Good Will to Men, we wish for you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

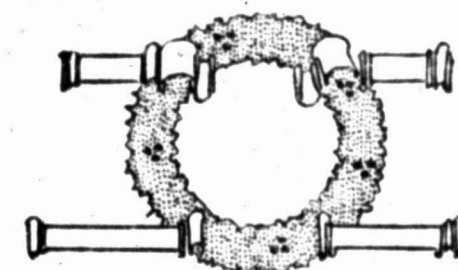
Crockett Grocery & Baking Co.
The Right Place

Good Will

The good will of our patrons is one of our most valued assets. The spirit of the season brings us to know appreciation of old associates and the value of new friends.

May your Christmas be a happy one and success crown your efforts of the New Year.

Traylor's Cash Store



Merry Christmas

WITH
KINDEST THOUGHTS
AND GOOD WISHES
FOR A
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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

This is the season of the year when our hearts and minds naturally turn to those who are near and dear to us, with an affection that apparently is greater than at any other period of the year.

It is a time when our love and sympathy for little children are enlarged; when we feel like we want to do something for every person, great or small, young or old; when our natural impulses are to bestow a gift on everyone and bring good cheer and happiness to the whole world.

This is the Christmas spirit at work in our hearts. It is the

subconscious love of the Master of men, manifested in our wish to give to our friends and associates some token as an expression of our esteem and affection.

Love is indeed a most wonderful and powerful force. It binds us to home, to duty, and to the principles of truth and righteousness. It is the bond that holds society together.

Love is an innate part of every human being and it manifests itself in many ways. In some it is smothered; in others developed into a fine flower that finds expression in their daily lives.

It exists always, but never is so fully expressed as at the happy Christmas season. Then we call it the Christmas spirit, which is a synonym for kind words, good deeds and wholesome thoughts.

We complain that the Christmas spirit is manifested only a short time in the year; that it should always be uppermost in our lives. It is ever present but the opportunity to show its presence comes but once a year—then every human being with a spark of love left rekindles the fires of affection for all held dear, and the Christmas spirit is again at work making hearts light and cheerful.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

We have a habit of wishing our friends a "merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Why this particular phrase should be used instead of "happy Christmas and merry New Year," can not be explained. For Christmas is both a merry and a happy time, and one could not wish one's friends anything less than a merry as well as a happy New Year.

The significance of the thing is that we should even make such a wish at this season of the year.

If Christmas were not a time for being happy and merry and for having in our minds and hearts charity, tolerance, geniality and a brotherly feeling for our friends, we would scarcely be wishing them a "merry Christmas and a happy New Year."

But Christmas is a time for being happy. It has been ever since the teacher of the doctrine of faith, hope and love came among men to direct them into new paths of living.

It is easily the finest, the most enjoyable day of the year because of the great ideal that inspires it and because it is not alone a time for being happy, but for making others happy. It brings out the finest of human emotions—the desire to do good deeds.

The good qualities that are in evidence at Christmas seem to be in the very air we breathe. The vast majority of people are inspired with noble purposes to carry good cheer to others. Some limit their impulses to spread good cheer, to the family circle. Others endeavor to make friends happy, too, and a large

A Merry, Merry Christmas to All



Christmas and New Year is a time for men to forget what is coming to them and remember what is coming to others, and it is in this spirit that we wish to make public acknowledgment of what is coming to you. The truth is, that whatever was coming to us in the shape of prosperity this year has come, and the purpose of this announcement is not to solicit favors, but to register thanks.

The citizens of this town and surrounding country have been very good to this store. They have responded to its advertisements. They have endorsed its policy and methods. And they have examined and approved and bought its merchandise. They have given us volume in return for values, sales in return for service, business in return for benefits received.

Thus they have done more than wish us a merry Christmas and a happy New Year—they have assured it with the priceless gift of public confidence.

Arnold Brothers

The Store With a Conscience

Soon Felt Improvement

"The first time I took Cardui I was in an awful bad way," says Mrs. Ora Carlisle, R. F. D. 5, Troup, Texas. "I went fishing one day. A heavy storm came up and I got soaking wet in the rain. I was afflicted with awful smothering spells. I could not get my breath. My mother had some

CARDUI For Female Troubles

in the house that she was taking, so she immediately began giving it to me. In a few days I got all right. "Last fall I got run-down in health. I was weak and puny and I began to suffer. I would get so I could hardly walk. Having taken Cardui before, I sent to the store for a bottle of it. Almost from the first dose I could feel an improvement.

"Cardui has helped me a lot and I am glad to recommend it. I don't feel like the same woman I was last fall. My appetite is good now, and I'm sure it's Cardui that's made it pick up."

All Druggists



The holiday season affords us an opportunity to express again the pleasure we derive from our business relations with you and to thank you for your valued patronage. We wish for you and yours

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Hooks Brothers
Groceries and Feed

and growing class is moved to help the unfortunate and the needy, that they also may feel the inspiration that comes from realizing the real purpose of Christmas.

The reason for these manifestations of brotherly love that embrace all mankind is that people are constrained to follow the example of Him whose birthday we celebrate. They seek to emulate in a feeble way the teachings of the lowly Nazarene, and thus the deepest chords of human sympathy are touched; hearts are made mellow; thoughts grow tender.

Humanity is struggling for a goal unknown. Perhaps it is the happy time when the spirit of Christmas, instead of being confined to a day or a season, will spread throughout the year.

DO IT NOW.

But a few more days remain for Christmas shopping, and it is high time for all those who have not already begun, to start before all of the choice gifts have been purchased by early shoppers.

The merchants of Crockett have made extensive preparations to serve the people of this trading area during the Christmas season. They have been rewarded by good patronage, but there are still many people who have not yet done their Christmas buying. To them this word of warning is addressed. Those who wait until Christ-

mas eve may be disappointed. They probably have pictured in their mind just what they want to buy. If they put it off, the blame cannot be shared with anyone.

Business men began early to persuade people to buy early. They gave every one an opportunity to attend to this matter at the customer's leisure, but that time has passed.

The hour has come when a decision must be reached. The Christmas shopping can't be postponed any longer. Every hour now is precious. Take advantage of the chance to save time, that the advertisements give you, and do it now!

How Doctors Treat Colds and the Flu

To break up a cold overnight or to cut short an attack of grippe, influenza, sore throat or tonsillitis, physicians and druggists are now recommending Calotabs, the purified and refined calomel compound tablet that gives you the effects of calomel and salts combined, without the unpleasant effects of either.

One or two Calotabs at bed-time with a swallow of water,—that's all. No salts, no nausea nor the slightest interference with your eating, work or pleasure. Next morning your cold has vanished, your system is thoroughly purified and you are feeling fine with a hearty appetite for breakfast. Eat what you please,—no danger.

Get a family package, containing full directions, only 35 cents. At any drug store. (adv)

More famous last words: "Go ahead and buy it, but it's more than we can afford to give for Christmas."

Some people will drink bad liquor at Christmas and think they are celebrating the holiday in proper fashion.

Dear Santa: "Please bring us a new automobile for Christmas, as Daddy forgot to stop at the railroad crossing." Any Boy.

They say poets are born, not made. There ought to be a law against making them, if it were possible.



May the joy of Christmas abide with you each and every day of the year.

Such is our wish for all of our patrons who have been so kind to us.

Mecca Cafe

IT IS WITH MUCH PLEASURE AND SINCERE GRATITUDE THAT WE EXTEND TO YOU



WITH KINDEST THOUGHTS AND GOOD WISHES FOR A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

Thompson's



CHRISTMAS GIFT!

John Milliff and Robert Spence Jr. have returned from A. & M. College.

Buster Odom will visit at Jacksonville and Dallas during the holidays.

Mrs. S. W. Grant and son of Houston are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Berry.

Murdock Denny of Detroit is spending the holidays with his parents in this city.

Jack Linder is at home from Stephen F. Austin Teachers' College at Nacogdoches.

Miss Maxine Collins is at home from C. I. A., Denton, for the Christmas vacation.

John F. Baker Jr. is at home from Austin College, Sherman, to visit his parents.

Miss Frances Leaverton, student of C. I. A. Denton, is at home for the holidays.

Lintz Merchant of Cincinnati, Ohio, will spend Christmas with his parents in this city.

Miss Myra McConnell, who is attending school at Houston, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Reg. Markham of Kosse are visiting Mrs. Markham's parents in this city.

J. H. Smith, whose home is still in Crockett, will eat the Christmas dinner at home.

Miss Katherine Hassell is at home from school at Fort Worth for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Eugenia Trask of Galveston was the guest of Miss Maxine Collins Friday and Saturday.

William Schmidt and Joe Bennett have returned from S. M. U., Dallas, to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Alice Foster from Marshall and Miss Marian Foster from Houston are at home for a holiday visit.

Towery Motor company is erecting a storing house for automobiles on the vacant lot north of the John Bennett home in west Crockett.

Mrs. J. L. Dunwoody and Miss Katy Lacy, teaching at Corsicana, are at home for the holiday vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allbright and child of Dallas are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Allbright.

Dr. C. W. Butler Jr. of Memphis, Tenn., is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Houston county.

Judge and Mrs. L. L. Moore have returned from New Orleans and will make their home in the A. M. Decuir residence on east South Main street.

Jim Routledge, Joe Gus LeGory and Johnson Lundy Arledge are at home from Texas university, Austin, to spend the Christmas vacation.

Get prices on furniture and music supplies at Tunstall's music shop. Can save you money. Phonographs, \$12.50 and up; records, 25c and up. It.*

A Merry Christmas to You

Mindful of the season, and our many friends and customers in the community, we take this opportunity of conveying to all an expression of appreciation, not only for the business entrusted to us, but for the splendid and gratifying confidence so generously bestowed upon us.

Christmas is more than a holiday—it is a heritage of happiness in the hearts of men. Down through the centuries it has brought the beautiful benediction of "Peace on Earth; Good-Will to Men." And each year it brings us anew the pleasure of wishing you with our whole heart a merry Christmas and an abiding happiness throughout the year.

That your Christmas may be a day of delight and that the New Year may bring you full measure of happiness and prosperity is the earnest wish of

L. L. Murray

Garage and Service Station

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Will Ike Kennedy is at home from Allen Academy, Bryan.

Raymond Powers is at home from Rice Institute, Houston.

Miss Katie Barbee will visit in Palestine during the holidays.

Christmas is not over until friends quit being polite to you.

What could be worse than the mumps as a Christmas present?

Thinking more of work than worry is a fine way to be rid of worry.

Superfluity of self satisfaction usually means a shortage of ambition.

Jim Lipscomb and Frank Chamberlain Jr. of Dallas are visiting their parents in this city.

Misses Dorothy Ellen Shivers, Mary Frank Smith and Katy King are at home from Texas University for the Christmas vacation.

Job was a patient man, but he never cranked a Ford on a cold morning.

Prof. Simmons is spending his vacation at the old home in Jackson, Miss.

Frank Wootters is at home from the state medical school at Galveston.

Miss Bella Lipscomb is at home from S. H. S. T. C., Huntsville, for the holidays.

Harry Beazley will leave soon for Asherton, Dimmit county, to make his home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Hatcher will spend Christmas with relatives in Houston.

Mrs. Earle Sallas of Waller is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Eardley.

Mrs. W. A. Daniel and little daughter of Houston are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Robbins.

L. H. Durst and J. P. Hail Jr. returned Thursday from A. & M. College to spend the Christmas holidays.

A wise man never stands out in the rain or tries to predict what the weather will be next day.

Miss Lillie Hail, teaching at Port Arthur, is spending the holidays with her parents in this city.

Misses Florence Dent and B. B. Kennedy are at home from Baylor College, Belton, for the holidays.

Many a man who is short on gray matter is long on covering up the fact by keeping his mouth shut.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reed of Wortham are spending the holiday season with Mrs. Reed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Calhoun.

For Rent.

Brick store with warehouse attached. W. T. Pridgen, Grapeland, Texas. It.

Wagon for Sale.

Wagon drawn by me at carnival Saturday night. Attractive price. Mrs. H. J. Garrison. It.

Misses Alma Turner, Myrtle Arnold, Vera Jones and Elma Bumgarner, students at Baylor College, Belton, are spending the vacation with their parents here.

Opens Cafe.

A. J. Pratt has opened a cafe on North (Public) Avenue A in the building east of Goolsby-Julian Drug Co.

Home for Sale.

My home place north of public square, 1 1/2 acres, for sale. See R. C. Stokes. tf.

For Sale.

Resident lots from one hundred and fifty dollars up, small cash payment, balance monthly or annually, C. W. Jones, the Real Estate Man. tf.

Myrtle Lee Dean.

Myrtle Lee Dean, 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lambert Dean of the Hagerville community, died Sunday. Funeral services were held Monday with burial in the Enon cemetery.

A Merry Christmas To You



Good nature and the Christmas spirit is that lovely quality that disposes one to enjoy and promote the happiness of others.

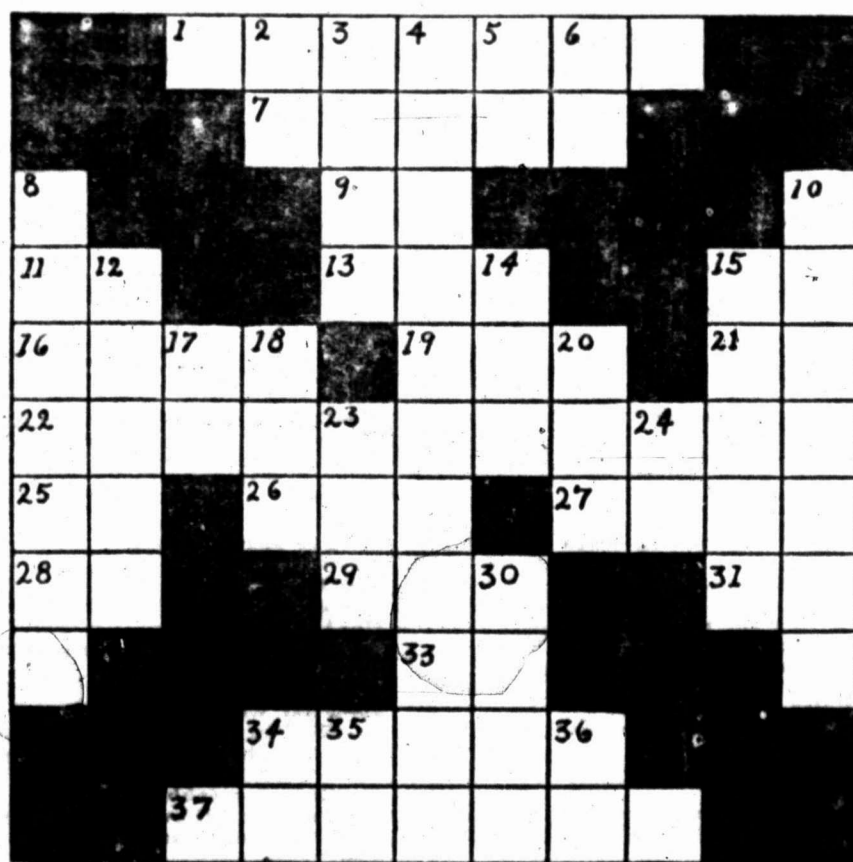
In wishing our friends the largest measure of happiness during this happiest of all seasons, we also desire to thank them sincerely for the kindness they have shown us by their valued patronage.

That your Christmas may be full of joy and gladness is our wish for you.

Towery Motor Company

Lincoln Ford Fordson

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 58



- (By Western Newspaper Union)
- Horizontal.**
- 1—Decorative
 - 2—Whirls
 - 3—Preposition
 - 4—Note of musical scale
 - 5—Fear
 - 6—Middle-western state (abbr.)
 - 7—Song for single voice
 - 8—Side toward which wind blows
 - 9—Eastern state (abbr.)
 - 10—A lampstand
 - 11—Part of verb "to be"
 - 12—Eggs
 - 13—Naked
 - 14—Point of compass
 - 15—Consumed
 - 16—Printer's measure
 - 17—Impersonal pronoun
 - 18—Body stealer
 - 19—Kind of stone
- Vertical.**
- 1—East side (abbr.)
 - 2—Marker for water course
 - 3—Itching sensation
 - 4—Preposition
 - 5—Bare
 - 6—Following up
 - 7—Remuneration
 - 8—Obliterate
 - 9—Vegetable
 - 10—Acronym
 - 11—Within
 - 12—Star
 - 13—One of the tides
 - 14—Girl's name
 - 15—Egyptian sun god
 - 16—Case for small articles
 - 17—Growling sound
 - 18—Half of a laugh
 - 19—Army officer (abbr.)

Solution will appear in next issue.

Christmas Greetings

To our friends and patrons we extend our heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous Nineteen Twenty-Six.

We assure you of our sincere appreciation of the cordial relations which have existed between us during the past year, and of our earnest efforts to the end that the same friendship and good will may be continued throughout the coming year.

Crockett Filling Station

"Service With a Smile."



Friends in business are as precious as friends in social life, and at this Christmas time we feel a deep gratitude to our friends for their loyalty and patronage. May we continue to serve you in a sincere spirit of co-operation and mutual helpfulness.

N. L. ASHER

IDENTIFY SKELETON AS VERNON BREWER; WAS ALONE AT TIME

Neighbors Rush to Scene to Find Tragedy; Dead Youth Was Orphan.

Calvert, Dec. 18.—Vernon W. Brewer, about 21 years of age, was burned to death in a fire which destroyed the barn at his home in the Little Mississippi community, eight miles east of here, this afternoon. The body was identified by the size of the skeleton and the shoes, the latter being the only articles of clothing not burned.

No one else was on the place at the time of the tragedy, as far as is known. Neighbors, seeing the blazing barn, went to the scene and later discovered the skeleton within the ruins. The young man was last seen shortly after noon, when several of his friends left him to go on a hunt. Accidental death by burning

was the verdict rendered by Judge Jim Cox of Franklin, who held the inquest. No traces of foul play were found, it was declared. Origin of the fire is a mystery.

The tragedy occurred on the Jim Gregory place, where young Brewer lived with relatives. He was an orphan. He held membership in the Woodman lodge at this place.

Burial will be held this afternoon at the Mount Vernon cemetery. The youth was a native of Houston county, being a son of the late Noah Brewer. He has a number of relatives in Houston county.

Liquor Law Violations.

Two white men were arrested by the sheriff and two deputies Monday on liquor charges. A gallon of liquor was confiscated at the home of Luther Small, and Small was arrested on one case of possession of liquor and two cases of sale of liquor. Ernest Allbright was arrested on a charge of selling liquor.

As a man thinks, so is he. As a woman dresses, so is she.

STOLEN CAR IS RECOVERED AT SAN AUGUSTINE

CIRCUS MAN ARRESTED; IS CHARGED WITH THE THEFT.

Constable Roscoe Eaves returned Wednesday afternoon from San Augustine with Frank Moran, who is accused of stealing a Ford coupe belonging to Miss Elizabeth Ford, which disappeared from the circus grounds Saturday night. Miss Ford was attending the show and the car was locked and parked on the grounds.

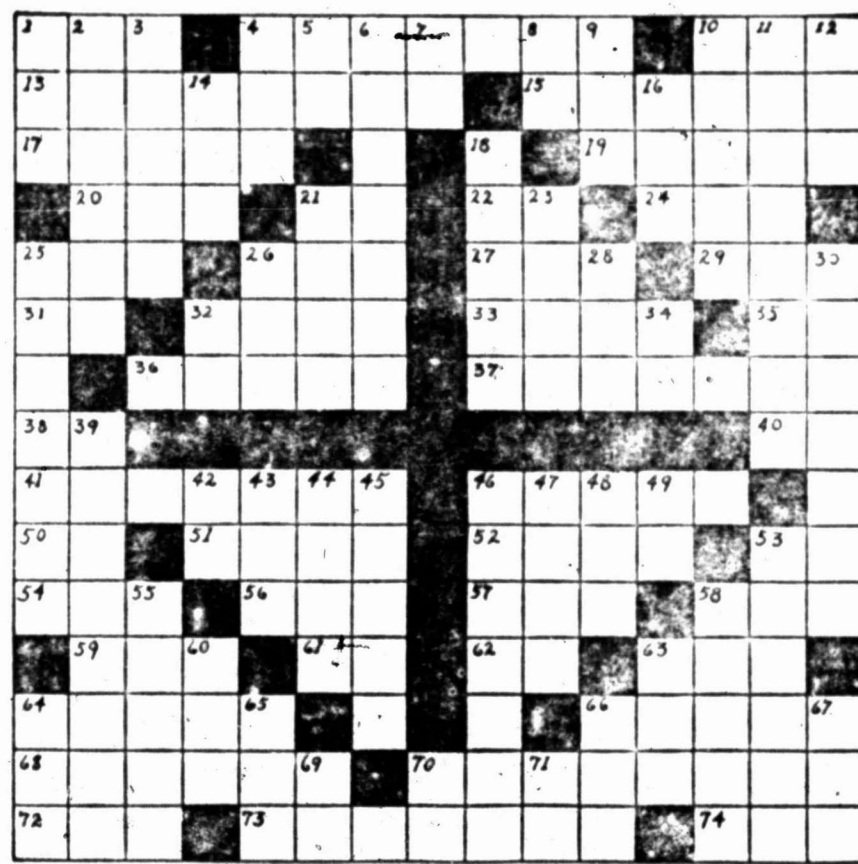
Moran was an employee of the show, but did not go with the show company to Orange where they close for the season. He wired from Nacogdoches to Howard's asking that a suit case which he had left there be sent to San Augustine.

Constable Eaves, suspecting that he might have some connection with the disappearance of the car, went to San Augustine. The car was found parked on the street there, without even license number changed. Moran was arrested in the hotel. Mr. Eaves states that he confessed to taking the car. He gives his residence as New York, but was registered at the hotel in San Augustine as from Austin.—Groveton News.

ILLUSTRATION BY PUZZLE NO. 58



CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 59



- Horizontal.
- 1—Affirmative
 - 4—Frontiersman
 - 10—Imitate
 - 13—Wink public
 - 15—Interfere
 - 17—Understood
 - 19—Pertaining to the foot
 - 20—Vase
 - 21—Boy's name
 - 22—Greek letter for "M"
 - 24—Wield diligently
 - 25—One in every needle
 - 26—Tool for punching holes
 - 27—Anger
 - 28—Famous cross-word puzzle bird
 - 31—Live
 - 32—Having the color of raw silk
 - 35—Molten rock
 - 36—Preposition denoting place
 - 38—Takes food by violence
 - 37—Raise
 - 38—Continent of western hemisphere (abbr.)
 - 40—Half an am (printing)
 - 41—Humble
 - 42—Finds fault with (coll.)
 - 43—Zinc (chemical symbol)
 - 45—Beautiful
 - 46—Weird
 - 48—Jumbled type
 - 49—Period of time (poetic)
 - 50—Black, viscous substance
 - 51—Every tennis court has one
 - 52—To be affected with pain
 - 53—Juice of a plant
 - 54—Thus
 - 55—Platinum (symbol)
 - 56—Study of birds (abbr.)
 - 58—Disturb
 - 59—Hacked
 - 60—Pins on the end of which something turns
 - 70—Plant with blue bell-shaped flowers
 - 72—Highest card in suit in many games
 - 73—Pertaining to the phylum (zool.)
 - 74—Conducted
- Vertical.
- 1—Domesticated ox of Thibet
 - 2—Affected with boredom
 - 3—To breathe when asleep with a hoarse vibratory noise
 - 4—Play on words
 - 5—Preposition
 - 6—Eyelike spot of color (zool.)
 - 7—Point of compass (abbr.)
 - 8—Printing measure
 - 9—Ribbed fabric
 - 10—Muddle
 - 11—Pal
 - 12—The same old fish
 - 14—Fascist
 - 16—Deputy (abbr.)
 - 18—Crisp
 - 21—A skew
 - 23—European mountain range
 - 25—Stain black
 - 26—One
 - 27—First woman
 - 30—Kitchen accessory
 - 32—The letters King Edward signed after his name
 - 34—Roadway (abbr.)
 - 36—One who believes all knowledge is relative and uncertain
 - 38—Preposition
 - 42—Night bird
 - 44—Oldest division of the European Jurassic system (geol.)
 - 45—Don't make them and you'll give this puzzle
 - 46—Middle position
 - 47—Spool
 - 48—Skill
 - 49—Preposition
 - 51—Short for an athlete who accepts money for services
 - 55—Ingenuous
 - 58—Spirit in Shakespeare's "The Tempest"
 - 60—Short for an athlete who accepts money for services
 - 63—Eye (poetic)
 - 64—Mineral spring
 - 65—Depot (abbr.)
 - 66—Boy's nickname
 - 67—Former days (poetic)
 - 68—Chemical symbol for tin
 - 70—Personal pronoun
 - 71—Eastern state (abbr.)

Greetings to Our Friends and Patrons

At this season it is natural to want to say a few words of appreciation to those who have extended any courtesies to us during the year. We are sincerely thankful for your kindness and all the tangible tokens of faith that you have manifested.

May Christmas cheer camp with you and may the coming year bring to you more of happiness and material prosperity than any twelvemonth in your career is the wish of

Edmiston Brothers

Mr. J. J. Readman.

Mr. J. J. Readman, 52 years of age, died at his home at Porter Springs Sunday. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, burial following. He was a native of Alabama, but had lived at Porter Springs many years. He leaves the wife and a son about 14 years of age.

The Courier extends sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

The fathers who framed the constitution were wise beyond their times. They wrote a document which will live as long as

hope springs eternal in the human heart and as long as the breath of liberty and freedom endures. Especially wise was that provision in the charter which guaranteed the liberty of the press. Texans are aware of this today more than ever. The press of this state, in general, has clamored for honesty in the public life of Texas. Fortunately, a courageous, honest and able young attorney general was in office at the state capitol. Cheer-ed up by a conscientious citizenship and encouraged by a friendly press, the facts are now known far and wide, facts that would never have been disseminated had a newspaper fraternity less loyal and less serviceable been on the job. The press of Texas deserves commendation when it has gone forward in the discharge of high responsibility and informed the public of both sides of the question now perplexing the brains of the stockholders in Imperial Texas.—Mexia News.

The meek shall inherit the earth. But there won't be much fun in a world peopled exclusively by henpecked husbands.

Every normal youngster passes through an age when it seems that the crass old world can't understand.

Taking beauty sleeps is a waste of time when you can buy it at the drug store.

K. of P. Officers Named.

Davy Crockett Lodge No. 193, Knights of Pythias, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: G. R. Straughan, chancellor commander; Robert D. Allen, vice-chancellor; Hunter Smith, prelate; K. R. Morrison, master of works; Matt Welch, keeper of record and seals and master of finance; D. C. Kennedy, master of exchequer; Jesse Murphy, master-at-arms; Ike Daniel Jr., inner guard; Harry Allbright, outer guard; C. D. Towery, trustee, three years; C. H. Callaway, representative to Grand Lodge with J. C. Arnold, alternate.

Pretty Garters and Fancy Pants Jail Sheik Thief.

Brooklyn, Dec. 20.—Thomas Spurgeon's bell bottomed trousers were not bulky enough to hide a pair of ultra-feminine blue and gold garters he was wearing. A detective who was searching for those same garters stolen from a Y. M. C. A. dormitory tenant, who intended them as a present for his sister, sat across from Spurgeon in the subway. Spurgeon was taken to the police station, where he admitted the garters formed only a part of the loot obtained in 67 robberies.

Wisdom is merely the reaction that follows contemplation of receipted bills.



To Our Friends:

With Santa Claus peepin' around the corner, and everybody thinking about everybody else, we want to pause long enough to extend to you our very best wishes for a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

And we would feel that something had been left undone were we to overlook this opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation for the patronage with which you have so kindly favored us during 1925.

We have striven in word and action to merit your confidence and co-operation, and with the coming of another year, we look forward in the hope of again being able to number you as a friend and customer.

We trust this Holiday Season will hold for you a real share of Good Cheer and Happiness, and that the New Year may bring to you and yours all the many good things of life.

Sims - English Grocery Co.



Entering into the Christmas spirit, and thankful for the manifold blessings of this year, we take this opportunity to wish you

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

And may your Christmas happiness, as a golden memory, continue through the coming year.

W. P. BISHOP
DRUGGIST

BUT THERE IS A DIFFERENCE.

The average newspaper shop is made up of cold and inarticulate things—the metal types, the rather complicated printing presses, the type-setting machines. And left to itself the shop is as lifeless as the instruments of a band during intermission, and not near so attractive, because there is nothing ornamental about them, except as they are put into action—these types and presses.

And each newspaper produced is as different as any two things on earth that come out of the same sort of environment. Yet, every newspaper is somewhat similar, in the matter of bearing the printed word, the news matter and the advertisements.

But there is all the difference in the world in the successful newspaper and the newspaper that proves a failure. One is guided skillfully and intelligently to success. The other is doomed to failure because of lack of

proper guidance, and because it fails in reader interest.

And a newspaper, after you begin to know it for just what it is, is very human, with characteristics you learn to like or dislike; and with a reputation to sustain. And this reputation can be tarnished as can be the reputation of man or woman.

That town that can boast of a clean newspaper is more fortunate than it knows.—Palestine Herald.

There is considerable agitation now in favor of taking from the Federal government the right to tax inheritances and give it to the state. As an original and always state-righter, we say if people are to be taxed for dying, the states should get the money, but it does seem that taxation should end with death. If a man has pulled through life, paying all the taxes demanded of him, surely he ought to be permitted to die free, and make such disposition of what he has paid taxes on through life as he may see fit.—Honey Grove Signal.

THE GRAVE OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN.

Patches of sunlight streaming in through the iron gate of the Christ Church burying ground in Philadelphia, reveal a simple inscription on a plain flat slab, the grave of Benjamin Franklin.

It is a lowly grave, a worthy tribute to the unpretentious qualities of the man. It is easily seen from Arch street, as it is close to the northwest wall of the burying-ground.

During the Sesquicentennial International Exposition, commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of American Independence, which will open in Philadelphia, on June 1, 1926, millions of visitors will pay silent homage to Franklin, whose share in drawing up the Constitution of the United States was one of the crowning glories of his life work.

The remains of Franklin were interred on April 21, 1790. His body was placed beside that of his wife. "Benjamin and Deborah Franklin, 1790," thus only is his grave marked.

The funeral procession, headed by the clergy of the city, attracted an immense crowd estimated to have numbered more than 20,000. Minute guns were fired and bells tolled.

Distinguished honors were paid to his memory. Members of Congress resolved to wear mourning for one month. In France, the news of his death was received with expressions of sorrow and respect.

The casual passerby may wonder that no larger and stately tombstone was left to mark the remains of Franklin. It was the emphatic request of the seer that his grave be marked by but an unadorned small gravestone.

Each year on the birthday of Franklin, members of the "Poor Richard" Club, an organization of advertising men in Philadelphia, place a wreath upon the grave of its patron saint.

Franklin left mightier memorials to the world than the world could have left to the memory of Franklin. Philosopher, scientist, statesman, inventor, educator philanthropist, that he was, he contributed worthily to the civilization of his times.

Upon the diplomatic stage of the colonies he played an important role. Matched against the wits of England in the dispute against the Stamp Act, he was supreme.

He was the first to utilize electricity; he was the leader in matters of street paving and fire protection. He was the founder of the American Philosophical Society, the University of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Patronize our advertisers.



End the worry of Christmas Shopping

Nothing you could discover in a month of Christmas shopping would be quite as acceptable to the whole family as a Better Buick.

If you wait until spring to buy it, you will lose the satisfaction of having it during the holidays. This is the time when it will bring the most pleasure to those you love—and to you.

Pick out their car today. Make it possible to have their Better Buick at the curb on Christmas morning, waiting to wish them a Merrier Christmas, and the happiest of New Years.

BUICK MOTOR COMPANY, FLINT, MICH.
Division of General Motors Corporation

EDMISTON MOTOR COMPANY
CROCKETT, TEXAS



TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS

Christmas is the time for the expression of kindly sentiment. Permit us then to express to you our hearty good wishes, and the hope that in the years to come our relationship may be even more cordial than in the past.

We hope that we may see you in person to extend our best wishes to you, but if not, please consider this message as direct from our hearts.

Texas Service Station

BILLY ALLEE **JOHN MURRAY**

Merry Christmas!

1873

1925

To our friends and customers who have made possible another year of success and prosperity, we extend with thanks our best wishes for a very

Merry Christmas

—AND A—

Happy New Year

Your friendliness has been most heartily appreciated, and in the future, as in the past, we hope to be able to continue to merit your good will and patronage.

Jas. S. Shivers

CROCKETT, TEXAS

ADVERTISING CUTS PRICES.

Persons who have not given the subject of advertising serious thought may be inclined to believe that standard products could be sold cheaper if the manufacturers did not spend so much money in advertising them. The contrary is the truth.

Every concern which seeks a general market for its goods finds it necessary to set aside a certain sum each year for advertising, and this is charged as a part of the operating expenses, the same as rent, fuel or insurance. The aim of the advertising manager is to buy the largest possible circulation among persons who would be interested in his product.

Every manufacturer has certain fixed charges which must be paid out of the receipts from the business, and the larger the volume of business that can be created the less per article is charged for the payment of overhead costs. This volume of business is obtained only by creating a demand for the goods, and it is most quickly and cheaply done by direct appeal through the newspapers.

The same principle which obtains in the case of the general advertiser could be applied in the business of the smallest merchant. The quicker the turnover which a dealer is able to make the sooner his profit is obtained and the cash is put in the till for new purchases. Advertising of the practical kind will help to make quicker sales and more frequent profits. The result is that the retailer, with the aid of the general advertiser, is able

to maintain standard prices and quality in the widely advertised articles.

And particularly to make a strong and determined effort to have the next generation a little better than the present one; to have the courage to stand by our principles and our ideals regardless of consequences; and above all to strive each day to render some unselfish service without hope of reward or even of appreciation.— Benjamin F. Jones.

When a man lights a match to look into a tank to see if it contains any gasoline, it generally does.

The scare about Christmas trees not being plentiful has

been found untrue. Also, it is reported they will be very fruitful this year.

Money isn't everything, of course, but it means a lot to the fellow who hasn't any.

STOP THAT ITCHING

Sufferers from skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Poison Oak, Ringworm, Old Sores or Sores on Children may find relief from the use of a jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY or their money will be refunded. The first application relieves that terrible itching. Will not stain clothing and has a pleasant odor.

JOHN F. BAKER



An Opportunity That Comes But Once Each Year

Everyone connected with this establishment wishes for each and everyone of our customers a generous measure of happiness at this Christmas time, and that the New Year may bring all joy, good health and prosperity.

Waller & Green
Furniture and Undertaking

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is a prescription for

Colds, Grippe, Flu, Dengue, Bilious Fever and Malaria.

IT KILLS THE GERMS.
17c.

Appreciation

In the friendly spirit of the season we tender to you our sincere appreciation of your generous patronage during the past year.

Earnestly have we sought to give you our best service, and your good will has been a constant source of inspiration to us in this endeavor.

We hope that our efforts to please have repaid, in a measure, your loyalty to us.

With a deep sense of appreciation we offer to you our best wishes for a joyous holiday season.

Goolsby-Julian Drug Co.

Quality—Dependability—Service

Two Phones: 47 and 140

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Henry Adams is at home from the University of Texas, Austin, for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Albert Brann of Sweetwater is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shivers.

A spool of silk thread to match your silk hose would make a good Christmas present for your wife.

A manicuring set is a good gift even if you don't know what all the queer looking things are for.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Bayne of Daisetta are spending the holidays with relatives in and near Crockett.

Mrs. Mollie DeBerry and Mrs. Anna DeBerry Brown of San Angelo and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hall of Brownwood will spend the holiday season with relatives and friends in Crockett.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Aldrich and son of San Juan are visiting their parents in this city.

Durwood Allbright is at home from Cincinnati, Ohio, where he is attending school.

Miss Euda Castleburg is at home from S. M. U., Dallas, for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. R. L. Cassels is at home from S. H. S. T. C., Huntsville, for the Christmas vacation.

Roger Wheelless of Shreveport spent the week-end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Shipp near Crockett.

The Crockett city schools closed Friday afternoon for a holiday vacation of two weeks, and will open again Monday, January 4.

Cabbage Plants.

Frost proof cabbage plants, Charleston Wakefield and Early Dutch, 30 cents per hundred, 300 for 85 cents.

F. J. Krenek, Lovelady, Texas.

Mules for Sale.

Will have a load of good farm mules at the old Leediker lumber yard near the depot about Monday, Dec. 28. If you need anything of this kind, come and look. Will trade or sell. Will trade mules for cattle. All stock sold or traded under a guarantee as represented.

Johnson Bros., Crockett, Texas.

Card of Thanks.

Died—December 14, 1925, Mr. Henry Kelley of Ratcliff, Texas, holding policy No. 33 in Unit No. 3. He joined this association January 10, 1924.

Mrs. Henry Kelley received \$1000.00. After Mr. Kelley joined he paid out \$6.90. To join see A. Houston. It.

Preaching Service.

Preaching service on Sunday, December 27, 1925, at Cedar Point Presbyterian church at 3 p. m.; subject, "Old and New." Will have congregational meeting for the purpose of electing deacons.

Edgar C. Oakley, Minister.

Presbyterian Christmas Program.

December 27, 11 a. m., "Joy to the World."

Anthem, "Glory to God," Lorenz.

Prayer.

Trio, "Star of Bethlehem," Petrie.

Solo, "Silent the Night," Webster—Dorothy Ellen Shivers.

Orchestra—medley.

Anthem—"Wonderful Story," Wilson.

Solo—selected, Katy Lacy.

Offertory, "Song the Angels Sang," Will Faris.

Anthem, "And There Were Shepherds," Wilson.

Christmas talk—A. A. Aldrich.

Doxology and closing prayer.

Lovelady Wrestling.

A wrestling match was staged at Lovelady Tuesday night between Jim Coffey of Crockett and Kid Cheney of Lovelady which resulted in a draw, after an hour and 45 minutes of what was said to be the best wrestling seen between Palestine and Houston in some time.

The match was called a draw at midnight, each man having secured a fall, according to report. Cheney dropped Coffey with a toe hold in 38 minutes for the first fall.

After a 10-minute rest the match went on again and had the large crowd on their toes cheering for their favorite. After 32 minutes of some real wrestling, according to report, Coffey downed Cheney with an arm-lock, making it one fall each. They then battled till midnight, trying to secure the winning fall, without either man being successful.

The promoters have made arrangements for these two men to meet again January 1 at Lovelady, when the match will start promptly at 8 p. m., so as to give the wrestlers plenty of time, and a packed house is assured.

Coffey goes to Conroe for a bout with Sam Anderson in a finish match December 23 and expects to wrestle in Crockett in the near future for the Shrine Club.

Merry Christmas!

Real good Christmas Cheer extends from year to year—and that's the kind we extend to you—our customers. Our wish for you is that your Christmas be the merriest and that the New Year bring to you a large portion of contentment and prosperity.

Could we have our heart's desire it would be that your stocking be overflowing and that a new peace and prosperity visit you in nineteen hundred and twenty-six.

Crockett Hardwood and Pine Lumber Company

Auditorium Theatre

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Corinne Griffith in

"CLASSIFIED"

The finest offering this star has ever made. Also Topics and Fables.

December 26th; Saturday Afternoon Only

Charlie Chaplin in

"THE GOLD RUSH"

(Special Picture for Saturday Night)

Monday, December 28

Marié Prevost in

"BOBBED HAIR"

From the story by 20 famous authors.

Tuesday, Dec. 29th

Bebe Daniels in

"WILD, WILD SUSAN"

Screamingly funny, its good too!

Wednesday, December 30th

A thriller from start to finish

"KENTUCKY PRIDE"

A William Fox Special

SPECIAL MIDNIGHT SHOW
DECEMBER 31st

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Special Music.

There will be a special music program rendered at the Baptist church Sunday evening at 7:15, under the direction of Mrs. Sallie Arledge, Miss Omogene Heard and Mrs. D. O. Keissling, assisted by the choir of this church and members from the choirs of the other churches. This will probably be one of the best and strongest musical programs ever rendered in Crockett and you should by all means be present.

It is proper that we should praise God in song at Christmas time. A choir from heaven, composed of a multitude of voices, sang God's praises at the birth of the Christ Child.

The program is as follows:
Antiphony.
Prelude—"Joy to the World."
Cantata—"Jerusalem," by Chas. Gabriel.

Intermission program.
Quartette, Messrs. Hail, Walden, Arledge, Kellar.
Solo, "The Birthday of a King," Miss B. B. Kennedy.
Saxophone solo, Miss C. C. Stokes.

Offertory, Johnson Lundy Arledge.
Solo, "Cantique de Noel," Miss Florence Dent.

Move to Prevent Repetition of Hotel Incident.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Prohibition enforcement methods, which have been subject to vigorous attacks recently, became a voting issue in the house today for the first time at this session.

Representative Tucker, Virginia, an avowed dry, initiated a move designed to prevent a repetition of the much-debated Hotel Mayflower incident, in

which a dry agent masqueraded under the name of a member of congress to obtain evidence at a cost of more than \$900 to the government.

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A good line for future use: As cynical as a Tom cat.



BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS

Football is not even safe for girls. One married a football player the other day.

A Christmas Message

If over one she makes a fuss
Beneath the mistletoe,
The credit's largely due to us—
(Shirts, ties and such, you know.)

Though you are handsome, we'll admit—
With face and form both rare,
You'd never, never make a hit
Without a shirt to wear.

We've said enough about our biz
To tire you fellows now, we fear,
So here's a Merry Christmas
And a bright and glad New Year.

Millar & Berry

A Store for Men and Boys



MAY YOU HAVE A CHRISTMAS THAT WILL LINGER LONG IN THE TREASURE CHEST OF YOUR MEMORY AND MAY CONTENTMENT SHARE WITH PROSPERITY IN ALL YOUR EFFORTS THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR.

Dr. G. B. Lake

DENTIST