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—Read Our Messages Appearing In Farm and Ranch—



OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

NEW DISH SUGGESTED FOR LION LUNCHEON

A lady of the Cross Plains community, Mrs. Flora Jackson, who has contributed many interesting articles on rural life to the Review, suggests that the local Lions Club try a feast composed principally of corned beef and cabbage at one of their regular luncheons, and sends in the recipe for the dish that has aided George McManis in making Jiggs and Maggie famous. Mrs. Jackson suggests that the Lions try the dish and let its merits be judged and settled by a majority of those partaking thereof. Following is the famous Jiggs corned beef and cabbage recipe, which was tested and tried out by the judges in a national newspaper contest for the best methods of preparing Jiggs' favorite dish:

- Carefully choose the corned beef, rump (if lean meat is preferred) best brisket (if fat is your choice), or combine the two equally. (It should have been soaked in brine over a week; longer is better.) Use a very large copper or aluminum kettle. Iron pots discolor the food.
- Rinse the meat, tie or shewer in to shape; cover with cold water; heat slowly to boiling point, and skim.

- Discard the water, add fresh and bring slowly to boiling point again; skim.
- Simmer the meat until tender; about four hours for piece weighing five pounds.
- Choose new white firm cabbage; remove outer leaves, quarter and discard the heart.
- When corned beef is tender, remove from water; keep hot.
- Cook cabbage until tender in the pot liquor. (Cabbage may be cooked with the meat, but it is better cooked separately.) The flavor is enhanced if whole pared potatoes, turnips (sliced crossways) pared carrots, new beets, are included, allowing one hour for cabbage, carrots, beets (four hours for old beets).
- Serve the hot meat in center of large platter. Surround it with the cabbage (and other vegetables, if any; garnish with parsley. Mustard and horse-radish sauce may be used. No corned beverage to be used.

Mr. Dee Anderson spent Friday in Cisco.
A. H. Daniel's was seen on the streets of Cottonwood one day last week.
Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Royal and children of Moran and Miss Bernice Brooks, spent Sunday with Mrs. E. M. Long.

Christmas Greetings and Best Wishes for 1929

We give ourselves over completely as we are caught up in the fine, rare spirit of the holiday season—the time when the whole world seems akin—when happiness and good cheer fills the very atmosphere. And we are wishing for each of you that a full measure of the season's joys will be yours.

We've tried mighty hard to make our business all that our patrons would have it be. We are always open for suggestions for the improvement of our service. We want and solicit not only a continuation of your patronage during the new year but a kindly co-operation as well.

JIM SETTLE'S DRY CLEANING

"ENEMY TO DIRT"

PHONE 27

OIL OPERATOR DIES SUDDENLY

R. D. Smith, age 60, who was interested in a local oil business, and who also had oil interests at Echo, we are informed, died suddenly some time during last Friday night at his home in Cross Plains. He was a widower and living alone in small residence in the northwest part of town. The body, clad in night clothes, was found at the rear of his home by nearby neighbors Saturday morning. An inquest and medical examination revealed the belief that he died from heart failure. His son at Houston was notified and he arrived at Cross Plains Sunday. The body was shipped to Houston for burial.

BURGLARS ENTER CITY DRUG STORE

Last Sunday night burglars entered the City Drug Store and stole watches and other goods to the value of about \$100.00. The entrance was made in an odd manner, through the overhead skylight about the center of the building. It is twelve or fifteen feet from the entrance to the floor, and a large copper wire which they had themselves provided was used to climb down and regain the skylight in making their escape.

TRAPPER IS ANYONE WHO SELLS PELTS

A trapper, according to the Texas game laws is not to be a man who sells pelts for fur, no matter in what way he caught the animal, according to Carl Adams, game warden for five of the local counties. Mr. Adams said there had been many violations of the law with regard to selling fur within these counties.

"Having a hunting license does not get one by, if he wishes to sell the fur," said Mr. Adams. "No matter if the animal was caught by clubbing, shot or trapped, if the man sells the fur he has to have a trapper's license, which costs one dollar."

MEET MISS MIZELL AT PRES. CHURCH

The ladies of the Presbyterian Church cordially invite the ladies of Cross Plains to come to the Presbyterian church Friday afternoon, December 21, to meet Miss Marguerite Mizell. Miss Mizell was in China five years as a missionary teacher, the head of a school for Chinese girls. She has a number of interesting things brought from China which she will show, among them the native dress of China in which she will appear. Miss Mizell expects to sail for China on the second of February, 1929.

Multon Sims, of the Texas Drug Company, was operated upon for acute appendicitis, at the Santa Anna Sanitarium, last Thursday. It was a severe form of the affliction and there were odds against his recovery immediately following the operation, but it is reported the first of the week that he is doing fine.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Cross Plains, Texas.

Dear Santa:
Will you bring me a doll, for I have been working to get one. I also want a trunk to keep my doll's clothes in. If you will be so kind to bring me this I will be all right.

Yours truly,
LULA B. MCKINNY.

Dear Santa:
Please bring Jiles a cap gun and caps and some kind of a game; and Dear Santa, don't forget mother and daddy, and please remember my two grandmothers, and my little dog Perkin some harness.

Yours truly,
WILLIAM.

PART OF STOLEN JEWELRY RECOVERED

Three small boys, while playing in the oil well supply yard, near the site of the old school building, last Wednesday afternoon, found concealed in a large joint of casing pipe a part of the goods which were stolen from L. M. Jewelry store in Cross Plains, about three weeks ago. The boys immediately notified Mr. Bond of the find and he went to the place, identified and recovered the jewelry, amounting in value to about \$100.00 of the lot that was stolen. Officers also visited the place and are now working on clues that may lead to arrests.

FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HAVE BANQUET

Arrangements have been made for the annual banquet of the Cross Plains Fire Department. The banquet this season will take place in the basement chamber of the Methodist church. It will be attended by all members of the local fire department, and they will have as guests the mayor and other members of the city council. The pastors of the local churches will be present.

BUFFS TURN TO BASKETBALL

The Buffaloes have substituted trunks for mouskies and have organized their cage team under the able coaching of Nat Huggins, former Daniel Baker cage star. The Buffs have a world of good material and expect to go far in this, their first serious attempt at the title. The girls also have organized. They are under coach Duff's. The girls will be a very good team.

TWO LOCATIONS NEAR BURKETT

Two drilling locations have been made in the Burkett area by Johnson and Pollard, Coleman oil operators. A rig has been moved in on the Herman Thate land for their No. 1 location. The No. 2 Herman Thate will be located 300 feet north of this location. The No. 1 Thate will offset the Waizer Gray gasser, recently completed for 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas daily, at a depth of 735 feet.

DEEPEST OIL WELL INCREASES OUTPUT

San Angelo, Dec. 17.—A steady increase both in oil and gas in the world's deepest well, Group One Oil Corporation's (Texon) No. 1-B University in Reagan County until production of 819 barrels in a day from 8,523 feet had been reached Thursday, and a burst of new wells in the Hendrick field in Winkler County, including Atlantic No. 5-E Hendrick, estimated good for 50,000 barrels daily, were among important developments this week in the Permian Basin of West Texas.

BARR-WILSON

MR. Lester Barr and Miss Maurine Wilson were married at the Presbyterian parsonage in Cross Plains last Saturday afternoon, Rev. S. P. Collins performing the ceremony. Lester is the son of Mrs. Pink Barr, residing about two miles southwest of Cross Plains, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wilson of Cross Plains. The Review joins with the many friends of this young couple in wishing them every happiness of a marital life.

A panther weighing 160 pounds, one of the few that has been roamed in the Big Bend section of West Texas, was killed last week by E. M. Kennedy of Miles. The animal measured eight feet from the tip of its nose to the tip of its tail, and was shot by Kennedy. Two shots were necessary to dispatch the beast. Kennedy is having the head and hide prepared for a rug.

We Are Thinking of You Today

in the true spirit of Christmas time, we ARE THINKING of YOU today; you who have favored us with your business, your oft repeated well wishes, and your smiles and encouragement.

Life would be pretty tough without friends. We want you to know we appreciate YOU.

SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINTS FOR EVERY PURPOSE

CROSS PLAINS LUMBER COMPANY

Phone 18 S. R. Jackson, Mgr

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Thursday, Dec. 20, 7:00 P. M. Teachers Meeting; 7:30 P. M. Social, welcoming the new pastor and his family. Friday night, 7:30 P. M., the junior and intermediate departments are to have a Christmas tree. Sunday is Victory Day. Subscriptions to the budget should be completed, with every member having a part.

Sunday School at 9:45 A. M., Praching at 11:00, Subject: "A Conquering Church." All B. Y. P. U. meetings at 6:00 P. M. 7:00 a Christmas program will be given at the evening service as follows:

- Song, "Silent Night, Holy Night."
 - "How Do You Do," Mary Marie Hill.
 - "The Prophecy," by five girls.
 - Musical Reading, Helen Upton.
 - Playlet, B. Y. P. U.
 - Song, "This Is Christmas Day."
 - "Once There was a Little Boy," Harold Gwin Dennis.
 - Playlet, "Gifts for the King."
- Following this program the pastor will speak a few minutes on the "First Christmas Gift," after which "Gifts to the King" will be made, a free will love offering for missions. Monday, Sunbeams, 2:30 P. M., W. All are cordially invited to these M. U., 3:00 P. M. services.

A. E. Hill, Pastor.

NEW SOURCE OF COTTON IS FOUND

Observations of a humming bird making a nest of fibre nine years ago in British Guiana led C. J. Hedley-Thornton to the discovery of his new artificial cotton. He added that production of it will be between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 pounds next year.

The discoverer of this new plant was in Paris, France, recently, enroute to Egypt, where he expects to contract for large acreage of the weed from which the fibre is produced. He said that it could be marketed for six pence a pound as compared to the present cotton price of about 10 pence.

He recalled that in his nine years of study of the plant he had found a system of grafting and cross breeding with other weeds which makes possible a yield of about 500 pounds to the acre. He said the plant was free from boll weevil and other parasites and would grow freely without cultivation on poor soil in the tropics or in northern countries where conditions were fortuitous. He said that many samples of piece goods had been woven from the fibre in the last three years and that certain English manufacturers had contracted for his entire next year's crop.

An Essential Thing

—and there are many, in the management of a bank is the personal, painstaking care of its officers. Recognizing this responsibility, the officers of this institution keep themselves in touch with every important detail of the business. And the outcome? A generous, and a steadily increasing patronage.

THE FIRST STATE BANK

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

M. E. Wakefield, President, George B. Scott, Cashier
J. A. Barr, Vice-President, J. D. Conlee, Ass't Cashier
Tom Bryant, Vice-President, A. R. Clark Ass't Cashier
E. Y. Vestal, Noah Johnson, Tom Bryant and J. B. Eubank, John P. Newton, Paul V. Harrell, Directors

The Real Christmas

Is the spirit of good fellowship which we carry in our hearts during this merry season. It does not depend so much on what we have as it does on our willingness to be happy and to help others to be happy.

Cherishing nothing but good will toward all the people of this community and section, this firm joins with all bearers of good tidings in wishing to every person a genuinely happy Christmas.

THE MODEL

KINDEST THOUGHTS

And Wishes Sincere for
**A Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year**

We thank you, dear friends, wherever you may be today, for your support and patronage to this business during the past year.

Depend upon us to serve you even better the coming year, if such is possible.

Cross Plains Motor Co.

Christmas Cheer-O-Gram

To Everyone,
Yuletide Day,
Holiday Dawn.

May you have the merriest Christmas and the happiest New Year with good luck, good fortune, and good cheer. May the mistletoe bring you romance and the holly ruddy joyousness. May your dreams come true and may your hopes blossom into flowering realities. May you feel happiness in your hearts.—Mary Graham Bonner.

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And on Earth, **PEACE**

Peace be unto you
At this fair Christmastide,
May this gift of the Savior
Ever with you abide.

"Peace I leave with you"—
His blessing still continues—
"My Peace I give unto you"—
How lovingly it lingers.

"Not as the world giveth
Give I unto you"—
Wordly gifts are fleeting,
All His gifts are true.

"Let not your heart be troubled,
Neither let it be afraid"—
Peace, Good Will to all mankind,
Love, Hope, come to your aid.

And Joy and Faith and many more
Such gifts are freely given;
And added to them, also gifts
For which you long have striven.

Let us not forget the better part
Of the glad Christmastide,
May all of these rich gifts be yours
And through the year abide.

—Dakota Farmer

1928

MAY YOU RECEIVE IN FULL MEASURE

THE GIFTS YOU MOST DESERVE.

Whatever 1928 has meant to each of us it has gone.

But we have a New Year before us. We hope it will be a good one for you, filled with health and happiness.

We thank you for 1928 patronage. We want to serve you again in 1929.

KNIGHT WHIPPET CO.

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Save More
for Christmas

Lower Prices
Better Quality

HELPHY-SELFY

"A CROSS PLAINS INSTITUTION"

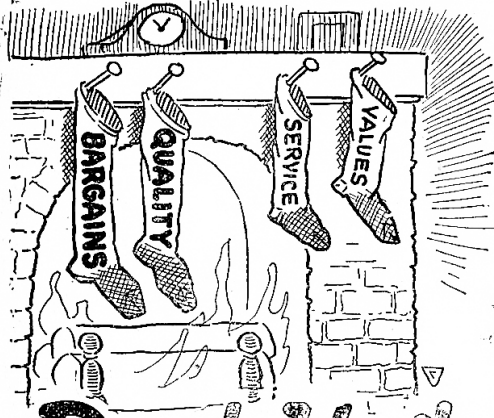
MANAGED BY W. A. MCGOWEN & SONS

FINER FRUIT CAKE SUPPLES FOR LESS

CHRISTMAS FRUITS AND NUTS FOR LESS

Merry Christmas Prices for Saturday

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Helpy Selfy

Red Hot Bargains

Your Helpy-Selfy—EVERY time in the year that you come in—says "Merry Christmas!" to you with Food-Bargains! Our best wishes are ALWAYS going to you with VALUES!

Here's how we sell the BEST for LESS—Lower OVERHEAD; BIGGER BUYING POWER; Modern Methods and Close Personal Management by HOME FOLKS you KNOW!

Of course, Cross Plains, we wish you a very Merry Christmas—and tomorrow and Monday we are expressing our wishes with biggest bargains in just the eatables you want for the Holidays!

W. A. MCGOWEN & SONS

Monday, We are going to give one box of oranges to the one Buying the largest Bill of Groceries. 1 Box of apples to the Woman coming to Cross Plains from the Furthest point and Buying a Bill of groceries from us amounting to \$5.00, and 10 pounds of assorted Christmas candies to some one else. This Candy will be given away at 4 o'clock and you must be here to get it. Every one be in our store at 4 o'clock and see who get this Candy absolutely FREE.

MACARONI AND SPAGHETTI BEECHNUT .2 PKG. 19c

SALTINE FLAKES—BROWNS—SMALL PKG. 11c

CANDY

BROWNS
BULK
CANDIES
PLENTY OF IT
IN A LARGE
ASSORTMENT
PER POUND

16c

2 POUNDS BOX
BROWNS FINE CHOCOLATE

69c

5 LB. BOX
ASSORTED CHOCOLATE

\$1.61

WE HAVE ALL KINDS OF NUTS AT THE CHEAPEST PRICE

PORK & BEANS—NO. 3 CAN 25c

SANWICH RELISH—LARGE JAR 18c

ORANGES Good Ones Per Doz and Medium Size 39c

WALNUTS—PER POUND 34c

BACON—SMOKED—PER POUND 19c

M. J. B.— THE QUALITY COFFEE OF AMERICA NONE BETTER 3 LB. CAN \$1.56

SOAP—WHITE KING FOR WASHING ANYTHING SMALL PKG. 9c

COMPOUND—4 POUND PAIL 67c

COCANUT—1-4 POUND DUNHAMS—2 PKGS. 15c

TOMATOES—NO. 2 CAN 10c

CATSUP—BEECHNUT—LARGE BOT. 19c

CELERY—EXTRA LARGE BUNCH 19c

BEANS—RED—2 CAN—3 FOR 25c

PICKLES—LARG SOUR NO. 2 CAN 2 CANS 1c

BEANS—RED KIDNEY— NO. 2 CAN 2 CANS 15c

APPLES DELICIOUS Per Doz 35c

BAKING POWER—RUMFORDS—1 POUND CAN 28c

CRANBERRIES—PER POUND 22c

GRAPE FRUIT—LARGT FANCY TEXAS—EACH 8c

MILK—CANNA BRAND—3 TALL CANS 25c

COMPOUND—8 POUND PAIL \$1.17

ROAST—NICE TENDER BEEF—PER POUND 25c

THIS HAPPY CHRISTMAS SEASON

Causes us to turn back the hands of time as we go down memory's trail through the days of 1928 and live again the days you helped to make it happy and pleasant for us. And now we come with hearty wishes for you and those whose happiness depends upon you.

May the Santa Claus of good fortune be kind and generous to you and as Old Father Time moves us on into the days of a New Year may you find them bright, happy days filled with laughter, smiles and joys with enough of the deeper joys of life intermingled to make it the best year you have ever lived.

That is a generous wish, we admit, but we sincerely wish that much for you and even more.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co.
Furniture Dept.

To You

Whose Friendly Business Has
Helped to Make Our's
Successful

We extend the Season's Greetings and wish you all of the joys the Christmas holidays afford and a New Year brimful of cheer and prosperity.

Accept our thanks for patronage and your loyalty to our business. If we have merited a continuation of your favors we assure you that during 1929 we will give you the very best at our command.

NEEB PRODUCE COMPANY

Christmas is a Joyous Holiday

It was in olden times called a holy day. It is no less holy now than it was at that time. The memories that cluster about it are a sacred part of our lives. The light which shines in the face of friends and glows in the eyes of little children is a light from heaven. While the warmth of fellowship and good will which pulsates in good hearts is nothing less than divine.

Christmas is a good day and we hope that it will be to you in every way a happy and auspicious occasion.

Clark's Grocery

The Christmas Tree

By Martha Banning Thomas

IT WAS A STRANGE CHRISTMAS TREE. More beautiful, more brilliant than anything the old man had ever seen. He stood regarding it from the doorway of his dining room, where he had just finished a lavish and lonely dinner.

"Humbug!" he growled, "who has dared to put this foolish thing in my house?"

But try as he would he could not advance a step. Some strong, unseen force pulled him back.

He looked at the tree more closely. A thin radiance sprayed out from the sides. It was a golden, unearthly light. Notes of silver seemed to float through it.

There were no candles on the tree. Yet it shone. No candles . . . but myriads of stars twinkling through the branches glittered like powdered diamonds.

One star at the top . . . a wondrous star so dazzling that the lonely old man blinked when he looked at it.

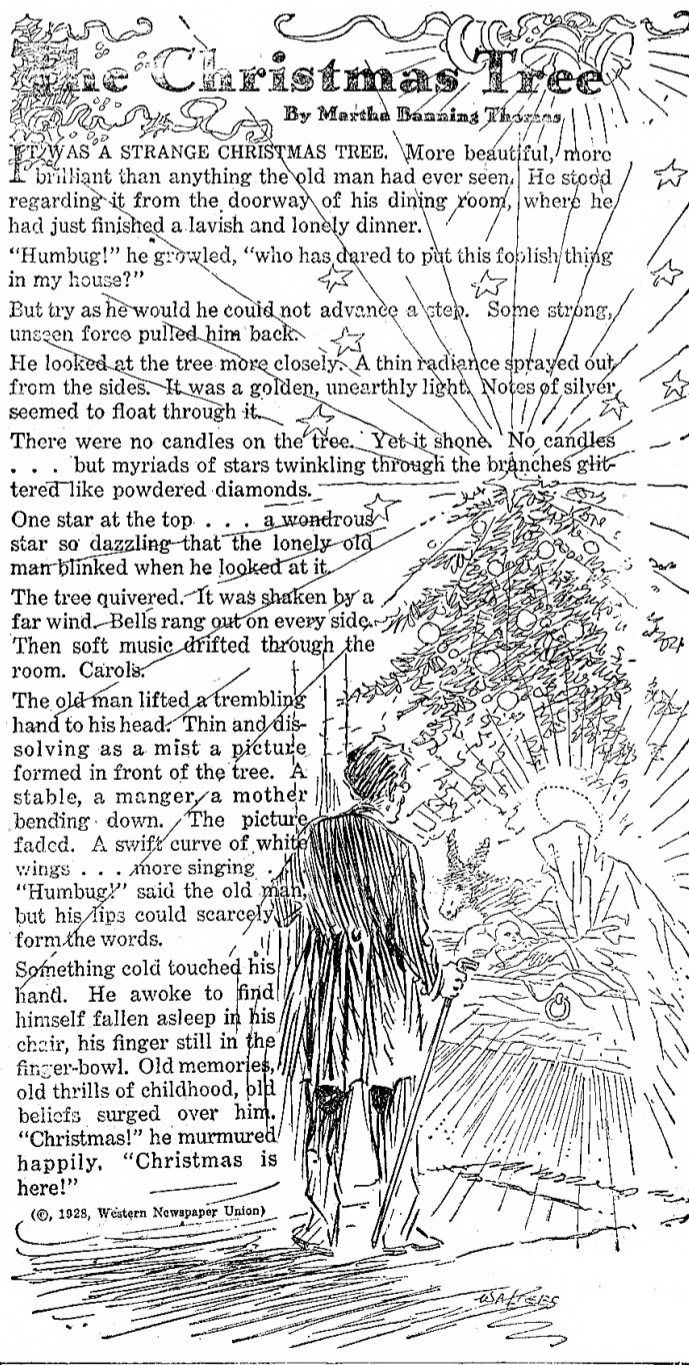
The tree quivered. It was shaken by a far wind. Bells rang out on every side. Then soft music drifted through the room. Carols.

The old man lifted a trembling hand to his head. Thin and dissolving as a mist a picture formed in front of the tree. A stable, a manger, a mother bending down. The picture faded. A swift curve of white wings . . . more singing.

"Humbug!" said the old man, but his lips could scarcely form the words.

Something cold touched his hand. He awoke to find himself fallen asleep in his chair, his finger still in the finger-bowl. Old memories, old thrills of childhood, old beliefs surged over him. "Christmas!" he murmured happily. "Christmas is here!"

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A BRIGHT HAPPY CHRISTMAS

and The Sincere
wish that

1929

Will be the best year
You have ever
known

**Ike Kendrick
Agency**

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Gracey and children of Rising Star spent Sunday in Cross Plains.

Mmes. Murman McGowen and R. A. Atry of Coleman spent Monday in Cross Plains.

Dr. R. C. Hoover left Saturday for Artesia, New Mexico.

Mary Parker, former teacher, of Kerens, visited in Cross Plains a couple of days the first part of the week.

TRADE AT HOME

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1914
THE CROSS PLAINS NEWS

“Peace on Earth Good Will To All”

This is the wish and prayer we make for you as we come into the season when our thoughts are turned from the cares of business and we find time to rejoice from the cares of business and we find time to rejoice negotiations had with our friends and patrons during the past year.

While it has been a very trying year in the oil and gas industry, still when we count the accomplishments in this and other lines and find that we have had the loyal support, goodwill and friendship of this district and others with whom it has been our pleasure to deal, we wish to thank you for the support given to our local enterprises, for the courtesies and consideration given to their management and employees, and to at this time broadcast our best Christmas wishes to you.

*May it Be a Happy Merry Christmas and
a Prosperous New Year for you and Yours*

In thinking of the New Year, we wish to solicit a continuance of your support, and in soliciting same to assure you that we look forward with pleasure to the coming of the New Year; and hereby resolve and pledge ourselves to help, aid and assist the citizenship of Cross Plains and this district in every way possible to make our town and community a bigger and better place in which to live. With this thought in mind and again wishing a Happy Yuletide for you and yours, we are, with all good wishes.

Tom Bryant Insurance Agency
The Canyon Oil & Gas Co.
Tom Bryant

Christmas With Our Friends

May the Season's Best Joys Be Brought Together
For You This Yuletide

Not in the sense of custom nor precedent, but because we are thinking of our friends in this glad season, we send out this message in the hope that it may add cheer in the household of these friends. For while we cannot be with each of you to extend a personal greeting, let us assure you that in our hearts and minds we are spending the Christmas with our friends.

Worth more than the coin of the realm or stocks or bonds or merchandise, what friends we have in the world mean most to us. And we are glad of the Christmas season as it comes to remove our thoughts from the routine of daily life and remind us of the best that life affords. So we greet you, friends of our's and say it in a way we hope will make you know we mean it—we wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

FARMERS NATIONAL BANK

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

Christmas Cheer And Happy Days During The New Year

You'll
Not think
us boastful, we
are sure if we tell
you that our business has gained rapidly in popular favor with the people of this community during the past year. It has left us with thankful hearts and a strong determination to more completely merit your confidence, your friendship and your good-will. And if our wish for you, our friends and patrons, comes true, this will be a Christmas filled with cheer and nothing but good during the New Year.

DODSON CHEVROLET CO.

Pepys Kept Diary for His Own Satisfaction

Pepys born, 1633.
"A very worthy, industrious and curious person," says Evelyn.
Family "pull" got him into the civil service. He proved a hard worker; quick at shorthand; regular at church; musical; lover of art—incidentally, one of the first to collect chapbooks; member of the Royal society; a most respectable man who died credited with all the virtues.

And a century later we learned that he had been—what had he not been? "Scandalously overserved with drink; a little tyrant in the house, who blackened his wife's eye and kicked the cook; a glutton; a rascal with far too keen an eye for pretty serving maids; none too particular about bribes.
"Worthy person," indeed!

Who gave him away? He himself! For nine years he kept a diary. He never meant anybody to read it. Anyway, he wrote the bits his wife was not meant to see in shorthand, cipher, foreign languages or mumbo-jumbo of his own.

But why did he keep it lying about for 34 years? Why didn't he destroy it?

What a disaster if he had.—From the Continental Edition of the London Daily Mail.

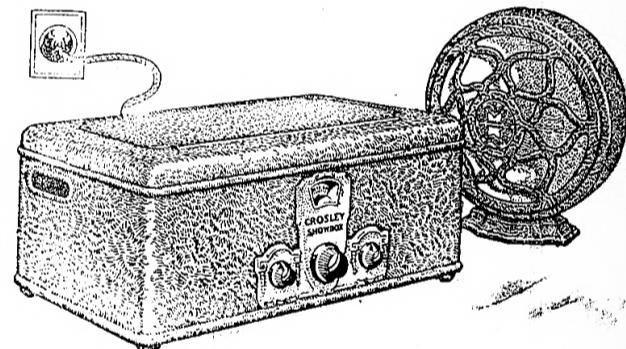
Less Bickering With Fifty-Fifty Marriages

Work has replaced bickering in the home of the economically independent wife, according to at least one husband who calls his marriage a "fifty-fifty" proposition.

Writing in the Woman's Home Companion he says that instead of destroying the home the maintenance of marriage as a union of two economically independent persons causes the home to be even more appreciated than it was under the old idea of matrimony. Since both husband and wife are away from their home all day, it is his contention that both appreciate its comforts more when they return to it together at night.

"It seems to me that a fifty-fifty husband's greatest reward," says this fifty-fifty husband, "lies in being married to a woman who, because she has found a satisfactory channel of expression, is a well-balanced personality. The fifty-fifty husband is spared emotional crisis. I trace this to the fact that both of us are workers in the same world and there is no chance for imagination to function overtime."

When babies come, the writer concludes, his wife will remain with them until they reach school age and then will return to her work.



Crosley Show Box

With Dynacone
Speaker and Tubes Complete
Set up in Your Home for

\$127.75

Easy Payments if Desired

Higginbotham Bros & Co

HOUSE FOR SALE

House 16 x 24 for sale. See L. J. Bozeman at Cree & Co. Machine Shop for price.

FOR SALE

All kinds of Hand work, Lunch Sets, Pillows, Magazine Stands a specialty. Call at my home.

Mrs. W. A. HUCKABY

FOR SALE—A Victrola in Cabinet beautiful walnut finish. Also a good number of records.

Phone 195—Mrs. JIM SETTLE.

TOOK SODA 20 YEARS

FOR GAS—STOPS NOW

"For 20 years I took soda for indigestion and stomach gas. One bottle of Adlerika brought me complete relief."—J. B. Hardy.

Adlerika relieves stomach gas and sourness in TEN minutes. Acting on BOTH upper and lower bowel, it removes old waste matter you never thought was in your system. Let Adlerika give your stomach and bowels a REAL cleansing and see how much better you feel. It will surprise you! (CITY DRUG STORE)



The Perfect Christmas

by Martha Banning Thomas

CHRISTMAS! What goes to make a perfect Christmas?

First, of course there must be a perfect Christmas eve. There should be green wreaths of holly in all the windows of all the homes everywhere; and candle light shining between them, and back of that the rosy, laughing faces of children. The window shades should be pulled high so that the joy within can be seen and heard even on the street.

THERE should be the silver chiming of bells from church steeples shaken out on the air by the wind. There should be stars—millions and millions of stars glittering in a dark blue sky.

THERE should be people of all ages and kinds singing carols—jolly carols, sweet carols, wistful carols, beautiful carols which once more create the magic spirit of the First Christmas eve.

THERE should be fragrant-smelling pines in every house; trees hung with garlands of popcorn, strings of red cranberries; green boughs weighed down with gifts for everyone, not forgetting Kitty, nor Hector, the pup.

THERE should be secrets, vast and numberless secrets whispered behind doors, in coal cellars, in closets and behind the barn after dark; secrets to be revealed on Christmas morning. Knitted mufflers for fathers [a few stitches dropped, but what of it?]. Pincushions for mothers [just a little bit lopsided, but very strong!] and a great many hand-made calendars, sewing bags and boxes for other members of the family.

AND then after Christmas eve comes Christmas day! Merry cousins and uncles and aunts arriving from all directions to share the dinner with the family. There should be a twinkling-eyed grandfather and a grandmother with a tremendous reputation for doughnuts.

THERE should be puddings, thousands upon thousands of puddings spread in steaming invitation on tables from one end of the country to the other. There should be turkey and roast goose and mince pies and raisins and fruit. And humble blessings said with bowed heads.

ALL these things go to make a perfect Christmas. But if we can have only a few of them, or even none of them, we can have a new peace in our hearts, and prayers that the children of the land may be loved and cared for even as the Christ Child was loved and cared for by His mother Mary, that night long, long ago when He lay in a manger in Bethlehem!

GREETING YOU

With Worlds of Good Wishes

May it be the Merriest Christmas you and yours have ever spent and may the dawn of the New Year open to you new opportunities, greater happiness better health and more wealth than you have ever experienced before.

This is the wish we send to our friends and patrons and in the same message we include our heart-felt thanks for your favors of the past and express the hope that we may continue to serve you in the year ahead.

Cross Plains Mercantile Co.

MAY CHRISTMAS BRING YOU UNBOUNDED JOY

AND THE NEW YEAR SEE THE FULLFILLMENT OF YOUR FONDEST DREAMS

That is the wish we send to our friends and patrons and along with the wish we want to give a right hearty "thank you" for your favors of the past year.

Already we are looking forward to plans for 1929 to make our service more worthy of your every trust and to have you feel that you may look to us for every requirement in our line.

J. LAWSON CLEANING WORKS
MODERN METHOD EQUIPMENT

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL FROM Lotief's Dry Goods Co

Shop now and avoid the rush later. We have what is practical and useful gifts For Men and Women.

See the Beautiful line of gifts just received from Jerusalem and Holy Lands.

For Her Christmas

Silk Hosiery	\$1.00
Towel Sets	\$1.00
Box Handkerchiefs	75c
Garters & Handkerchief in Christmas Boxes	75c
Beautiful Silk Teds	\$1.95
Toilet Sets	\$2.95
Beautiful Silk Pajamas	\$3.75
Beautiful Silk Gowns	\$3.95
Seude House Slippers	\$1.25
Beautiful Emb Scarf	\$1.25
Silk Fringed Bed Spreads	\$5.95
Emb. Pillow Cases	\$1.25
Wash Cloth Sets	\$1.00
Hat Boxes Silk Lined	\$9.50
Wardrobe Trunks	\$37.50
Silk Negligee	\$10.50
Traveling Fitted Cases	\$17.50

For His Christmas

Silk Neckties	50c
Silk Neckties	75c
Silk Handkerchiefs	50c
Military Sets	\$1.50
Silk & Wool Scarf	\$1.95
Silk Garters & Neckties in Christmas Boxes	\$1.25
Leather Kid Gloves	\$1.95
Beautiful Silk Shirts	\$2.95
Initial Handkerchiefs in Boxes	\$1.00
Cigar Stands	\$2.25
Leather Gladstone Case	\$16.50
Leather Hand Bag	\$12.50
Traveling Steamer Trunk	\$12.50
Leather House Slippers	\$2.75
Beautiful Felt Slippers	\$1.00
Beautiful Bath Robes	\$8.50

DO YOUR X-MAS SHOPPING EARLY AND AVOID THE RUSH

WE THANK YOU CALL ON US.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Green and Mrs. Jack Noel were Brownwood visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Harvey left Wednesday for Forth Worth where they will spend several days.

THE COFFEE SHOP

A Turkey Dinner FOR CHRISTMAS Till 10 O'clock Every Night

COFFEE SHOP

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ONE AND ALL

W. B. WILLIAMS PLANING MILL

NOTICE

Of consolidation of Butler's & Freeman's Barber Shops into one up to date Shop. We cater to both Ladies and Gentlemen.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS GREETINGS.

BUTLER & FREEMAAN

Mrs. Cain, formerly Miss Clara Irby, secretary and bookkeeper for E. M. Howards Co. was married last week.

J. B. Eubank of Cross Cut is visiting in the valley.

J. H. Cowan of Cross Cut was in Cross Plains on business one day last week.

C. A. Brown of Pioneer was here attending business one day last week.

John Browning was with a hunting party last week in Mason County, They report no luck.

The bridge club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Geo. Wilson. This was a Christmas party, and gifts were exchanged. Lovely prizes were given Misses Fred Cutbirth, and Mrs. Renwick-Clark, Mary Parker was a guest.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Conley were visiting in Abilene Tuesday.

Gerald and John Robertson of Los Angeles Calif. are in Temple at their mother's bedside. They will also spend a few days in Cross Plains.

Mrs. D. C. Pratt of Cross Cut was in town Tuesday.

JUST TO WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
PAUL V. HARRELL



We wish to take this opportunity to thank our many friends and patrons for their generous patronage. We have strived at all times to offer you quality merchandise at real money saving prices and we hope that a continuance of this policy will merit your continued patronage throughout the coming NEW YEAR.

All our stores will be closed all day Christmas. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE THEY WILL BE Open Until 9:30 p. m. MONDAY, DECEMBER 24.

NATIONAL BISCUIT CO.'S 5c Package Cookies Your Choice 6 for 25c	Finest Quality Assorted Chocolates In Attractive Christmas Boxes 2 lb. Box 59c • 5 lb. Box \$1.19	Fancy Wines and Apples A Christmas Special 2 Doz. 27c
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California ORANGES A Complete Assortment of Sizes
Jonathan or Delicious APPLES A Complete Assortment of Sizes
See Our Displays—Get Our Special Box Prices
Celery-Cranberries-Lettuce
Bananas-Coconuts
Potatoes-Yams-Onions
And other Fancy Fresh Fruits and Vegetables at Special Prices for Christmas

Brazil Nuts lb. 29c	Baby Ruth Bars 3 For 10c
Walnuts Medium Size lb. 27c	YUKON CLUB Ginger Ale 2 Bottles 25c
Walnuts Branded No. 1 Quality lb. 33c	QUAKER MAID Cherries No. 2 Can 25c
Pecans Good Size lb. 19c	MARICINO Cherries Jar 12c
Mince Meat A. & P Brand Pkg. 10c	Grape Juice A&P BRAND Pin 25c
Figs Fancy Quality Pkg. 10c	French's Sage Can 8c
Barber Poles LARGE STICKS 15c	Cocoa IONA BRAND 2 lb. Can 25c
Hard Candies lb. 15c	Jello ALL FLAVORS 3 Pkgs. 25c
Hershey Bars 3 For 10c	Cigarettes Carton \$1.19

8 O'CLOCK COFFEE THE GOLD MEDAL WINNER lb. **37c**

THE GREAT **ATLANTIC & PACIFIC** TEA CO.

Mr. Civil of the Civil Motor Co., Cisco, transacted business in Cross Plains Tuesday.

Mr. A. Snead of Dublin was here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lowe were in and around Brownwood Sunday.

N. P. Brightwell was in Cross Plains Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Saffes of Breckenridge were Cross Plains visitors Friday.

Austin Newton was in Cross Plains Tuesday night.

Mrs. E. L. Thomason of Cisco is visiting Mrs. R. C. Hoyer.

FOR SALE—My home in Cross Plains at a Bargain Murrian McGowen Coleman, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Haggard and daughter, spent the week end at Abilene visiting their son Wilford who is a student at Simmons University.

Louis Helms was in Coleman Saturday.

Dr. E. L. Thomason, former dentist in Cross Plains, is now mayor and city judge of La Fours, Texas.

Turkey Dinner, at Wilson's Cafe, Sunday, Dec. 23, and Christmas Day. Don't miss it.

Bob Bryans made a trip to Forth Worth last week.

Mrs. Tommie Holden and Mrs. G. Wilbern, spent the week in Forth Worth.

Mr. D. P. Rockmaker of Coleman was in Cross Plains Saturday.

Miss Aletha Mitchell who is attending College at Silver Clay, N. M. returned home last week for the holidays.

John Bryant transacted business in Brady one day last week.

Betty Tyson and Lillian Bledsoe, are home from T. W. C. for the holidays.

Mr. Voorhies with Star Telegram was in Cross Plains one day last week.

Tom Anderson has been very ill with the flu, he is now up again.

Don't miss it. Sunday, Dec. 23, and Christmas Day. Turkey Dinner, at Wilson's Cafe.

Messrs. Brood Baum, and S. R. Jackson were in Coleman Saturday on business.

Noah Johnson was in Cross Plains Saturday.

E. D. Priest and Dee Anderson visited in Coleman Saturday.

Dick Yarborough made a trip to Coleman Saturday.

Turkey Dinner, at Wilson's Cafe, Sunday, Dec. 23, and Christmas Day. Don't miss it.

FOR SALE
Polan China male hog, 18 month old. Register, Worth the money.
J. A. MOOR, R. F. D.

Democrats, chalk up this one for the 1932 campaign: If Mr. Hoover is so blamed anxious to carry out the policies of President Coolidge why in the thunder doesn't he do his fishing at home?

A. C. DODSON ATTENDS CHEVROLET SHOWING AT DALLAS

Aubra C. Dodson of the Dodson Chevrolet Co. just returned from Dallas, where he attended the advance showing of the new Chevrolet six cylinder car, was enthusiastic in his praise of Chevrolet's new product and of the public's reception showered upon it at the Dallas showing.

"Thousands attended the Dallas showing daily, and I had the opportunity of noting the most genuine demonstration of crowd enthusiasm it has ever been my privilege to witness" Aubra said.

"If the public's preference for the new Chevrolet is to be indexed by what I observe from the Dallas crowds, I feel certain that 'The Outstanding Chevrolet of Chevrolet History' is destined to go down in automotive history as one of the most sensational of all sales successes.

"Dallas visitors to the showing were outspoken in their admiration of the expensive 'big car' appearance of the new models. They were pleased with the new color combinations and with the elegance of the fittings and upholstery. The feminine showgoers were especially enthusiastic over the appearance and comfort conveniences found in the new Chevrolet.

"The powerful engine with its 32 per cent increased horsepower, the product of four years intensive development by Chevrolet and General Motors, was one of the most popular exhibits at the showing. Crowds milled about the engine all day long and were especially interested in learning that, although it develops more horsepower than its four cylinder predecessor, it can be operated with a fuel economy averaging better than 20 miles to the gallon.

Aubra said that he will have the new model on display in his show rooms January 1, when deliveries are scheduled to begin. Fifteen huge Chevrolet factories throughout the country are now pushing production with all the speed possible within the limits of precision manufacturing, Aubra said.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Look—Listen
Santa Clause is coming early Sunday Dec. 23 at 6:00 P. M. Come and receive your gift at the Senior B. Y. P. U.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Announcements of different services at Presbyterian Church for the Christmas season, December 23rd.
Sunday morning Worship at 11 o'clock.
Sunday evening a Christmas Pageant entitled, "Messengers from Bethlehem" A very interesting pageant appropriate for the season with special music and requiring about forty characters.
Monday afternoon the Sunday school children's program including Cradle Roll, Beginners, Pkanyrs and Junior departments. This program will begin promptly at 2:30 o'clock.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

League Program, Dec. 23.
Leader—Virginia Payne.
Song—Virginia Payne.
Scripture—Esaiah 7:16-16; Matt. 2:1-11.
Topic What Does the Birth of Jesus Mean to the World What to me?
Abundant Life for the World—Elizabeth Jackson.
Abundant Life for me—Ruby Lee Jones.
SONG—
ANNOUNCEMENTS.
COLLECTION.
LEAGUE BENEDECTION.

It is unfortunate that Polivia and Paraguay have kicked over the bucket of peace, just at a time when the President-elect of the United States is in South American waters, on a good-will tour. Some troops clashed, with inflamed the two countries. It is the old story, like little matches, that set whole forest and cities on fire. Peace was never needed in the world as it is now.

The American Legion turkey shoot last Friday and Saturday was well attended and about thirty fine Christmas turkey were carried away by the best marksmen R. E. Wilson, Jim McMillan, Ben King and Pat McNeal were among those who made a winning score.

Reports to her family here from the sanitarium in Temple, the middle of this week, state that Mrs. R. Robertson, who underwent an operation there Monday morning, is recovering nicely.

Cecil Lotief, head of the Lotief's Dry Goods Co., after several months visit back to the scenes of his old home in Jerusalem, returned to Cross Plains Tuesday of this week.

TRADE AT HOME

Is there a Santa Clause? You just wait.

Wouldn't it be great to be Santa Clause and not have an enemy in the world?

If for no other reason, one should lay off of boot-leg liquor so as to be able to see the Christmas trees.

Lives of great men all remind us, how we'd like to make a good-will grip; shaking hands upon the land and fishing from a battle-ship.

Mrs. Walton Wagner, has returned from a several days stay with her daughter, Mrs. Key Furr, at Amar.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer and children, visited friends in Coleman, past week.

Hattie Lee Lacey and little son, Bryson, are visiting with Mrs. W. J. Bryson and family.

AT THE ELECTRIC THEATRE DARE-DEVIL AVIATORS PERFORM

Starting today continuing through three days.
Fifty dare-devil aviators sent their planes through the most spectacular maneuvers ever conceived for scene of a motion picture during the making of "Wings," the Paramount air epic, which will show at the Electric Theatre, starting 1 P. M. Capt Bill Long, one of the best pilots in the United States, stood on a camera platform, parallel with Director William Wellman, and actually winced as he saw the plains perform over a roaring field of exploding shells.

The federal radio commission is hearing reports of violations of the law with reference to methods of broadcasting. Such a young, wild animal as radio is hard to tame. Air has been free so long no one likes to be "regulated" concerning it. Experience will be the best teacher, both for the radio concerns and the federal commission.

He who knows the value of a dollar knows the value of making another dollar.

The invention of a shootless gun might also help the cause of peace.

Some people have a profession of wisdom but don't work very hard at it.

Adding insult to injury is putting on a program of Scotch jokes after selling a Scotchman a ticket to the show.

"Wonder what big captains of industry do when they are not predicting continued prosperity.?"—St. Joseph Press. Busy getting their share of the present.

Arkansas will overlook a good bet: if she doesn't advertise herself, as a place where they can't make a monkey out of you.

POWER WANTED

Want twelve or fifteen horse power engine and power complete for pumping shallow lease. State condition how long used and price in reply.

G. C. BACHMAN,
11 W. W. WALKER ST.
Denison, Texas.

FOR RENT

Modern 5 room house, near to school. See Mrs. Davanay.

"The Goodby Kiss"

AT THE Electric Theatre SUNDAY, DEC. 22 Benefit Cemeter

FIRST CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF ALL
By NANCY BYRD TURNER
in Good Housekeeping

THAT first Christmas night of all,
No lights were in the dreaming town,
No steeples shook their turrets down,
No carols raised their call.
But music broke upon a hill,
And all the dark was strangely stirred,
With beauty of bright angels' word—
A word that echoes still.
And in a dim and dusty stall,
A little light began to glow,
That Christmas night so long ago—
First Christmas night of all!

Christmas Greetings

To Those Who Have Made the Entire Year Happy for us

Through the sunshine and rain, the heat and the cold, the past year has been a happy one for us—made so because of the people with whom we have dealt. Surely no business was ever more fortunate in this respect for we claim our big family of patrons is one unexcelled anywhere.

And now come the joyous holidays with all the glee and gladness; with the spirit of good-will and kindness—when everybody seems to be striving to make some one else happy. We join in this great spirit of the Yuletide season to make merry with you.

To you, our patrons, who have meant so much to us in the past year, we extend the season's best wishes with the hope that the choicest of all the delights will be yours. And we thank you, just as sincerely as we know how for your patronage and for all you have meant to this business.

We promise you now, if it is our pleasure to serve you during the New Year (and we hope we may), that we will be found each day doing our best to make it pleasant and profitable to you.

Review Publishing Co.

“HOME OF GOOD PRINTING”

To Old Friends Tried and True And To Many New Ones Too

We embrace the opportunity which Christmas offers to give expression of feelings of appreciation we have for the old friends, tried and true and to the new ones it has been our pleasure to make in the year past. We thank each of you for favors of the past and assure you that as we look to the New Year we do so with the expectation of taking advantage of every opportunity to serve and please you.

We shall enter the New Year with renewed vigor and aggressiveness, more determined than ever to merit your patronage. We expect to work with you in the spirit of co-operation, not only to the end that our business dealings may be pleasant but that our city and community may be made greater, more prosperous and attractive.

May the most wholesome enjoyment the season affords be with you now and on and on and on.

West Texas Utilities Company

BY F. O. BAILES

TO THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THIS YEAR'S WORK POSSIBLE

We long ago recognized the patron as the essential to success in business. Likewise have we realized that indifferent patrons who do business on a "cold-blooded" basis will not build a business like cordial, friendly, enthusiastic friends will build. Our good fortune has been to have the last named class of patrons. Therefore it is but natural that during this happy season our minds instinctively turn to those who have made our past year's work possible. In all earnestness we send your greetings with kind thoughts and good wishes for Christmas and the year ahead.

The First State Bank
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

Obey Life's Laws and Keep Spirit of Youth

There has been no improvement in the longevity of human life in the last one hundred years for those who reach the age of fifty, a writer in Physical Culture Magazine maintains. By improving the mortality record of the earlier years of life, he admits, the average span of life has nearly doubled in the last two or three centuries. But, he says, the chances for life for a man of middle age have not improved in the last century.

"The proper way to prolong life," he declares, "is to get more life, to live more completely, to make yourself more alive in every part of your bodily organism."

"There is much about the human body that is beyond our understanding. The most learned anatomical expert finds that the more he studies the body the more he realizes how numerous are the unsolvable mysteries that are hidden within it. Then why tamper with this marvelously constructed organism? Why not try to interpret the laws of life and health as indicated by the endeavors of the body itself to build and maintain health?"

"Then the spirit of youth can be retained on and on, at times even to old age; for life is worth little or nothing when the decrepitude of senility creeps upon you."

Watercress Good Food

The list of foods the doctor says you should eat has been augmented by a new one, watercress. This familiar garnish for meat and salad is a remarkably rich source of the vitamins necessary for growth and of the scurvy-preventing vitamin C. Dr. Katherine H. Coward and P. Eggleton, of the University of London, have found. It contains small quantities of vitamin D as well in its small green leaves. The green shows considerable seasonal variation, however, in its growth-promoting properties, the investigators have found, being more effective with laboratory animals in this respect in spring and summer than in winter.

"Red-Hots"

At a recent musical program, only three members of the quartet appeared on the stage while the fourth entered from the front door in costume with a fiery-red wig. He caused a little excitement, especially for the children. Little Vera Gene, age three, remarked: "Mother, I bet that man has been eating 'red-hots,' for he surely has red-hot hair."

We Just Simply Could Not Be Happy

Without wishing happiness for our patrons to. We are proud of our big "family" of loyal customers. You have been good to us and we want you to know we appreciate it.

We wish you the very choicest enjoyments Christmas affords and hope that 1929 will bring you more blessings than you have ever received before.

And remember—we are anxious to continue to serve you and will do our best to please you during the new year.

**WILSON'S
CAFE**



Announcing a Price Reduction on The New Frigidaire

This important announcement of reductions on the New Frigidaire comes just in time for the Christmas Season. Reductions apply on all models except the five cubic foot type.

Take full advantage of this opportunity. A new Frigidaire will provide a lasting Christmas Gift for the whole family.

Make this a long-to-be remembered Frigidaire Christmas

CONVENIENT TERMS

**West Texas Utilities
Company**

Origin of Basket Ball

In 1891 a lecturer on psychology in the training school of the Young Men's Christian association at Plainfield, Mass., speaking of the mental processes of invention, proposed the example of a game with its limitations and necessities. The same night James Naismith, a member of the class, worked out basket ball as an ideal game to meet the hypothetical case, and the next day in the lecture room it was put in practice with the aid of the members of the gymnastic class. Thence it spread to other branches of the Young Men's Christian association, and in two or three years to other athletic clubs and to the general public.

Fingerless Families

The story is that the great-great-grandmother, when she was young, told a lie about an epidemic, whereupon her parents threatened her with a curse that her children later on would be born with deformed hands. Whether it is true or not, the family of whom the story is told have for four generations suffered from a curious deformity. Ten members have had something wrong with their fingers, some having only two joints instead of three in some of the fingers, others having no finger-nails, and one or two being without fingers at all.—London Tit-Bits.

Her Point of View

John Bull, M. P., was determined to wake up his constituency. In particular he resolved to tackle a certain baronet's wife who, though she might have been a power for good in the district, preferred auction bridge to deeds of charity.

"Doubtless, Lady Blankspace," he said, when he called upon her one afternoon, "you have noticed the time that is wasted at bridge parties."

Lady Blankspace agreed heartily. "You're right," she said. "Some people take years to shuffle and deal don't they?"—London Mail.

One Is About Gone

The fisher, most closely related to the marten, is exclusively American, inhabiting a rather narrow range from Nova Scotia to northwestern British Columbia, and in the Alleghenies, Rocky mountains and Sierras-Cascade ranges. It was never a common species, says Nature Magazine, and the effect of settlement and unrestricted trapping has been its virtual extinction over most of its range; yet it still has little protection, and the high price that the skin commands insures its continued pursuit.

A TALE OF THE WEST OF TWENTY YEARS AGO DRUMS OF THE SUNSET

By Robert E. Howard

The Wanderer.

The lone survivor wheeled his mutang at it to flee, then pivoted back with an inhuman scream and fired point blank into Steve's face, so close that the powder burned his cheek, without stopping to marvel at the miracle by which the lead had missed. Steve gripped the rifle barrel and wrenched.

White man and Indian rumbled from the saddles, close-locked, and there writhing and struggling in the dust, the Texan killed his man, beating out his brains with the pistol barrel.

"Hustle!" yelled Hard Luck, "The whole blame tribe is just over that rise not a half a mile away, if I'm to judge by the sounds of them riding drums!"

Steve mounted without a backward glance at the losers of that grim red game who lay so strak and motionless. Then he saw the girl, sitting on her not a hundreds away and he cursed in fright. He and Hard Luck swept up beside her and he exclaimed:

"Joan, why didn't you ride on, like I told you?"

"I couldn't run away and leave you! she sobbed; her face with deathly white—her eyes wide with horror.

"Hustle, blast it!" yelled Hard Luck kicking her horse. "Git movin'! Do you love birds wanta git all our scalps lifted?"

Over the thundering of the flying hoofs, as they raced outward, she cried:

"They were telling me somewhere back to their tribe, maybe-but I worked my hands loose and dashed away on the horse I was riding. Oh, oh, the horrors I've seen today! I'll die I know I will."

"Not so long as me and brainless here, has a drop of blood left out," counted Hard Luck misunderstanding her.

They topped the crest which sloped down to the plateau and Joan averted her face.

"Good thing scalps's gone outa fashion with the Navajoes," grunted Hard Luck under his breath, "Or she'd see wuss than she's already saw."

They raced across the plateau and gulch.

There Hard Luck halted.

"Take a little rest and let the horses git their wind. The Indians ain't in sight yet and we kin see 'em clean across the plateau. With this start and our horses rested, we shore ought to make a clean gitway. Now, Miss Joan, don't you look at-at them cabins whats burned. What's done is done and can't be undid. This game aint over by a long shot and what we want to do, is to think how to save us whats alive. Them's that dead is past huntin'."

"But it is all so horrible." She sobbed, drooping forward in her saddle. Steve drew up beside her and put a supporting arm about her slim waist. He was heart torn with pity for her, and the realization that he loved her so deeply and so terribly.

"Shots!" she whimpered. "All at once an earthquake! The air seemed fell of flying lead! I ran to the cabin door just as Allison came reeling up all bloody and terrible. He pushed me back in the cabin and stood in the door with a pistol in each hand. They come sweeping up, like painted fiends, yelling and chanting."

"Allison gave a great laugh and shot one of them out of his saddle and roared: 'Texas breed, curse you! And he stood up straight in the doorway with his long guns glazing until they had shot him through and again and again, and he died on his feet." She sobbed on Steve's shoulder.

"Sho, Miss," said Hard Luck huskily. "Don't you worry none about Allison: I don't reckon he woulda wanted to go out any other way. All any of us kin ask is to go out with our boots on and empty guns smoke'n in our hands."

"Then they dragged me out and bound my wrists," she continued listlessly. "And set me on a horse. They turned the mustangs out of the corral and then set the corral on fire and the cabins too, dancing and yelling like fiends. I don't remember just what all did happen. It seems like a terrible dream."

She passed a slim hand wearily across her eyes.

"I must have fainted, then. I came to myself and the horse to which I was being led through the forest together with the horses, from the corral and the mustangs whose riders Allison had killed. Somehow I managed to work my hands loose, then I kicked the horse with my heels and he

bolted back the way we had come."

"Look sharp!" said Hard Luck suddenly, rising in his saddle, "There they come!"

The crest of the western slopes was fringed with war bonnets. Across the plateau came the discordant rattle of the drums.

CHAPTER 5.

Thundering Cliffs

"Easy all!" said Hard Luck. "We goa plenty start and we got to pick our way, goin' down here. A stumble might start a regular avalanche. I've seen such things happen in the sunsets. Easy all!"

They were riding down the boulder strewn trail which led through the defile. It was hard to ride with a tight rein and at a slow gait with the noise of those red drums growing louder every moment, and the knowledge that the red killers were even racing down the western slopes.

The going was hard and tricky. Sometimes the loose shale gave way under the hoofs, and some times the slopes was so steep that the horses reared back on their haunches and slid and scrambled. Again Steve found time to wonder how Joan found courage to go up and down this gorge almost every day. Back on the plateau, now, he could hear the yells of the pursuers and the echoes, shuddered cerily down the gorge. Joan was white but she handled her mount coolly.

"Nerally at the bottom," said Hard Luck, after what seemed an age. "Risk a little spirit, now."

The horses leaped out at the loosening of the reins and crashed out into the slopes in a shower of flying shale and loose dirt. "Good business," said Hard Luck—and then his horse stumbled and went its knees, throwing him heavily.

Steve and the girl halted their mounts, sprang from the saddle. Hard Luck was up in an instant cursing.

"My horse is lame-go on and leave me!"

"No!" snarled Steve, "We can both ride on mine."

He whirled to his steed, up on the plateau crashed an aimless volley as if fired into the air. Steve's horse snorted and reared—the Texan's clutching hand missed the rein and the broncho wheeled and galloped away into the forest. Steve stood aghast, frozen to this disaster.

"Go on!" yelled Hard Luck, "Blast you, git on with the gal and dust it outa here!"

"Get on your horse!" Steve whirled to the girl. "Git on and go!"

"I won't!" she cried. "I won't ride off and leave you two here to die! I'll stay and die with you!"

"Oh my Lord!" said Steve, cursing feminine stubbornness and lack of logic. "Grab her horse, Hard Luck, I'll put her on my main force and—"

"Too late!" said Hard Luck with a bitter laugh. "There they come. Far up at the upper end of the defile a horsemann was s'housetted against the sky like a bronze statue. A moment he sat his horse motionless and in that moment Hard Luck threw the old buffalo gun to his shoulder. At the reverberating crash the Indian flung his arms wily and toppled headlong, to tumble down the gorge with a loose flinging of his limbs. Hard Luck laughed as a wolf snarls and the riderless was jostled aside by flying steeds and the upper mouth of the defile with wild yellers.

"Git back to the trees," yelled Hard Luck, leading the race from the cliff's base, reloading as he ran. "Guess we kin make a last stand, anyway!"

Steve, sighting over his pistol barrel as he crouched over the girl, gasped as he saw the Navajoes come plunging down-slope with such speed that their horses reeled on their knees again and again, recovering balance in a flying cloud of shale and sand. Rocks dislodged by the flashing hoofs rattled down in a rain. The whole gorge was crowded with racing horsemen. Then

"I knowed it!" yelled Hard Luck, smiting his thigh with a clenched fist. High up the gulch a horse had stumbled, hurtling against a great boulder. The concussion had jarred the huge rock loose from its precarious base and now it came rumbling down the slope, sweeping horses and men before it. It struck other boulders and tore them loose; the gorge was full of frantic plunging.

FOR SALE—Worth the money a good slightly used double Disc plow. IKE KENDRICK.

FOR TRADE

\$2,000 Stock of Groceries, two five room house, one six-room stucko in desirable location in Abilene. Will trade or all any part for grass land. TOM BRYANT Insurance Agency. 40uptf.

...LOST...

Pair of double lens celluloid frame glasses between Cross Plains and Al McLeod's 3 miles west of Cottonwood on Nov. 18. They were in leather case lined with blue velvet. Finder please leave at Review office for reward.

FOR RENT

House for rent 3 blocks east of post office. All modern conveniences. See Martin Jones or Foster Bond. 2t-P.

A GENUINE MERRY CHEERY CHRISTMAS

AND A SUCCESSFUL
JOYFUL NEW
YEAR

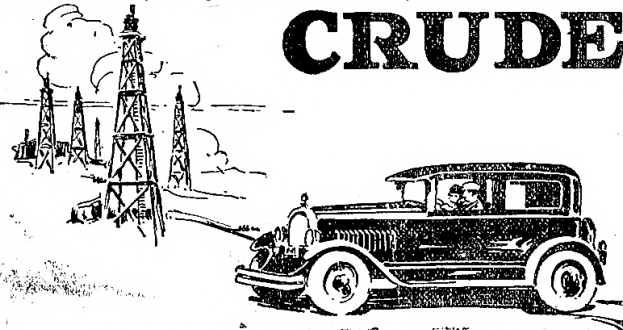
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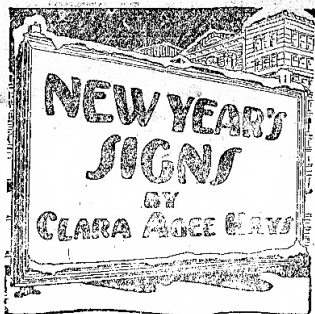
Our Most Priceless Asset IS Our Friends

Some folks say business is one thing and friendship is another. But without friends we would have no joy in doing business.

We claim the friendship of our patrons. We would not have it otherwise.

So, as one friend to another, we send you cordial Christmas Greetings and the wish that 1929 will bring you the things you have long wished for.

Cross Plains Hardware Co.



THAT was one New Year's resolution he would keep! Frank Harris sat on the edge of his bed and stared gloomily out over the frosty housetops.

He'd never see Myrtle again. Desperately he shrugged off the quick memory of her blue eyes and soft voice, her tilted nose. Never! He pulled on his coat viciously. To be treated the way she had treated him! And there couldn't be any mistake. Night before last he had gone there. She hadn't expected him, but from things she had said before and had allowed him to say—yes, allowed him to say! He thrust his jaw forward angrily—he had supposed she loved him. Fool! That night he had intended to ask her to marry him. Had taken along—D—n! He had taken along flowers the way they do—Fool! How carefully he had tied his new four-in-hand and brushed his shoes. All the way he had smiled and whistled in the anticipation of holding her, slim and surrendering, and kissing her. The corners of his mouth curled downward as he thought of it. Lord, it was hard! He had noticed a car out in front, so he had slipped up the steps a little more carefully—thank heaven—wondering if company would intrude. One look through the window of the sitting room had sent him away in horror, disillusioned. He closed his eyes miserably, now, as he pulled his coat on—to shut out, even yet, what he had seen. Myrtle in the surrender he had pictured for himself, but to some one else!

Oh, there wasn't any question. In stories it might turn out to be a brother, but Myrtle hadn't a brother, and this was a lover's kiss, anyway. No relative's. Next day, she had called



"I Want You to Meet My Friend, Mr. Lee, Mr. Harris."

and invited him for New Year's dinner! Beastly! He jammed his hat on and started down the three flights and out for breakfast somewhere.

He'd been so darned credulous! He glowered.

Suddenly his heart jerked. There she was, and with—that man! In panic, he tried to dodge into a doorway, but she had seen him. She smiled. Oh, well, he'd go through with it.

"Hello, Frank!" she called. He tipped his hat and tried to brush past. She touched his arm. He shuddered. "I want you to meet my friend, Mr. Lee, Mr. Harris." Lee bowed suavely. Frank nodded. One of those parlor sheiks! "You met Mr. Lee's wife at our house one evening when you were there." Frank remembered. He started to go. "I'm sorry you can't come to dinner." Myrtle looked troubled. She ought to! "Don't you think you could, yet?" "Garry. No," Frank went on.

It was worse than he had expected! A married man! Frank groaned. She had seemed so innocent and sweet! There wasn't any question about its being anyone else that fellow was kissing. He'd seen both of their faces clearly. He passed his usual restaurant and walked on.

The Wholesome Food people had changed their high electric sign on the hill. It read "Start the New Year Right!" Frank smiled ironically. He had. He—Suddenly, he stopped, frightened. Maybe he had walked too far. He was delicious! He passed his hand across his eyes and clutched the railing near him. It was still there—a photograph of what he had seen that night. A picture of Myrtle. Yes, it was Myrtle! In the arms of that fellow. He raised his eyes. "The Community Playhouse. Friday night." He found a telephone.

"When was that picture taken?" he demanded of Myrtle's voice.

"Then you know?" Myrtle laughed. "I hoped I could surprise you Friday night when you'd go and discover me as leading lady."

"But when was it taken?" "Night before last. We had rehearsal at our house. Why?" "Say! Is it too late to come over for dinner?"

Frank whistled on his way to Myrtle's. Up on the hill, the Wholesome Food sign blinked—"Start the New Year Right!" Frank laughed. He felt his carefully-tied new tie and ran his fingers over the box of flowers and winked back.

Merry Christmas

By Mary Graham Bonner

MERRY Christmas to you all, Whether you are short or tall, Whether you are young or old, Whether you are shy or bold.

Merry Christmas to each one, May you all have lots of fun, May you have of presents many, May you not wish to change any.

Merry Christmas to each neighbor, To idle ones or those who labor, To those who're rich and those who're poor, May each one feel the Christmas lure.

Merry Christmas to you now, Here's my finest Yuletide bow, And while I still am wishing here, May I add—"A glad New Year!"

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ALWAYS CHRISTMAS

BY WILLIAM D. NESBIT in Missouri Farmer

USED to think that Christmas was nothin' but a day To get a lot of presents and to give a lot away; Shouted "Merry Christmas" and helped to trim the tree; Just a day of Christmas was all that I could see. Since I found that Christmas is more than any day, Christmas came to our house—an' never went away.

Struck of a sudden that Friendliness and Cheer Was meant to be on duty more than one day in the year; If we're happy Christmas, why not the day before? And the day that follows, and so on, evermore? Get to thinkin' of it—an' that is why I say Christmas came to our house—an' never went away.

Lots of us go ploddin' along the road of life, An' think one day of gladness will make up for all the strife; But the Christmas spirit can show you how you need To make each day a Christmas in thought an' word and deed. Used to pack the kindness in camphor balls next day, Till Christmas came to our house—an' never went away.

We just keep on givin' to strangers and to kin, An' find that what is going out is always comin' in; Makes the sunshine brighter where we've got to live, Te learn that givin's keepin'; what you have you give. Holly in December and violets in May— And Christmas came to our house—an' never went away.

Used to think that Christmas was nothin' but a date, Till I learned that truly you would never leave to wait; But that it's the spirit that never stays apart, If you let it find you and keep it in your heart. Since I found that Christmas is more than just a day, Christmas came to our house—an' never went away.

Greeting for an Old Friend

By Myrtle Kane Choryman

IN DEVONSHIRE, of old they say, Upon the eve of Christmas day, They'd take the cider, and would pour

Upon the apple trees, a store Of fruit for next year to invoke. This quaint rite of the rural folk Is still observed on Christmas eve

By some in Devon, I believe.

And now I take the juices brewed Of old-time play, and habitude. Of sharing bright or stormy weather,

Of joy and sorrow known together.

Fondly I pour them on the roots Of our good friendship, may the fruits

Of fellowship and kindly cheer Be many, in the coming year.

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Their Christmas Wishes

By BLANCHE MIALL

THE glory-gold chrysantheums said, "Cheerfulness of heart!" The holly laughed, "I wish for her wealth and power a part!"

The ivy said, "We'd like to see some gallant at her side To whom her maiden-love could cling this Merry Christmastide!"

A sprig of mistletoe just smiled—"twas hanging in the hall; The conversation was at dusk when winter shadows fall. It never spoke one single word, but still, I'm bound to say, It helped a less (and lover, too) to happiness that day.

NOTICE

Beginning Jan. 1st, 1929, our business will be on the same basis as our banks, gas, lights and water-CASH. We have been very easy with our customers but some seem to think our business is just a play house, and pay their bill when they get ready and some never get ready. We appreciate all our customers that have been loyal to us and wish you a very happy and Merry Christmas and New Year.

Those who hat are behind with their accounts will please call in and take up same as we need the money very bad.

CLARK'S GROCERY

Used Car Specials For Christmas Week

- 1—Ford Touring, 1926 good condition —\$125.00
- 1—Ford Touring, 1924 just been overhauled \$60.00
- 1—Ford Touring, 1923 with new top & tires \$60.00
- 1—Chevrolet Touring, 1926 model, new tires all around \$140.00
- 1—1928 Whippet Coach, Runs like new —\$425.00

Knight Whippet Company

Cross Plains, Texas

Here's to You

- FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH.
- FOR ABUNDANT WEALTH
- FOR LOVE AND FRIENDS
- AND THAT'S HAPPINESS.

Cross Plains Bakery

Phone 21

FIRST CHRISTMAS NIGHT OF ALL

By NANCY BYRD TURNER in Good Housekeeping

THAT first Christmas night of all, No lights were in the dreaming town, No steeples shook their tidings down, No carols raised their call.

But music broke upon a hill, And all the dark was strangely stirred, With beauty of bright angels' word— A word that echoes still.

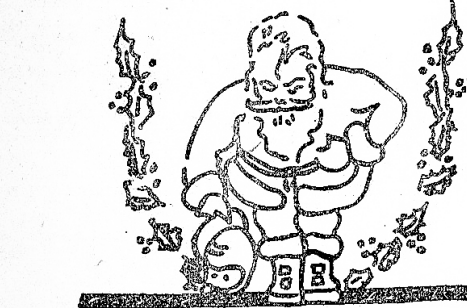
And in a dim and dusty stall, A little light began to glow, That Christmas night so long ago— First Christmas night of all!

A Christmas Wish

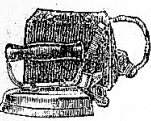
WOULD God the world would stay As it is on Christmas Day; That our hearts would hold and know All its joy and happy glow, All its friendliness and cheer Through each day and through each year.

—Katherine Edelman

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MAKE IT AN-ELECTRICAL-GIFT



Why not give an Electrical Gift this Christmas?

They are not only beautiful but are useful as well as economical.



The ones that we show in this ad are only a few of the many that we have on display at our show room.



Remember that Electrical Gifts are labor savers and you can buy them from us for a small payment down and easy monthly terms can be arranged. Call at our office and let us have the pleasure of showing you through our Gift Department.

West Texas Utilities Company

As the New Year Opens Wide It's Doors

We Rejoice that Many New Faces Appear In the Household of Our Friends

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Whatever this business is or may be is because of the friends we have made and held. Not through any patent method of winning friends but in the simple, old-fashioned way of giving honest values, weighed in the scales of justice, measured with the rule of fair dealing, wrapped in the cover of satisfaction and held fast with the tie of kindness and consideration of the customer's rights.

With full appreciation of every favor of the past year we will enter 1929 with enthusiasm and determination to hold all the friends we have and make some new ones.

May the joys you most desire be your's during the holidays and each hour of the New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Holiday Specials

25 POUND PURE CANE SUGAR.....	\$1.61
PURE CANE SYRUP...PER GALLON.....	71c
NO. 2 CORN...PER CAN.....	12c
EXTRACTS...2 OZ. BOTTLE.....	23c
1 POUND HERSHEY COCO.....	29c
1/4 POUND COCONUT.....	10c
8 POUND LARD.....	\$1.23
5 POUND PEANUT BUTTER.....	87c
2 POUND PEANUT BUTTER.....	45c
1 POUND GLASS PEANUT BUTTER.....	27c
3 POUND JOY COFFEE.....	\$1.49
BROWNS COOKIES...1 LB. MIXED.....	35c
WITH BOX SALTINE CRACKERS FREE.....	
FANCY MIXED CANDY...PER LB.....	19c

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AUTO GLASS - - WINDOW GLASS

We Are Equipped to Cut Grind And Polish Automobile Glass For Any Car.

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Cross Plains Drug Co.

Leta Neeb, Margaret Wagner and Oran Williams, Students of John Tarleton are home for the Christmas holiday.

Jack Scott and Wiford Haggard, are home from Simmons for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Scott and daughter Maggie Cook were in Forth Worth last week.

FOR TRADE

Will trade lots on East 7th Street for car or radio. See Tom Upton if interested.

FOR SALE

A slightly used 12-25 Tractor at a price that will astonish you.
BROWNWOOD, TEXAS.
Box, 515 2tp

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General Practice of Medicine
Quartz Light and Electricity
Used in Treatment of Diseases
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ALL MAKE REPAIRED
GARRETT MOTOR CO., PHONE 42.

Dr. J. H. McGowen

DENTIST
Office Farmers National Bank Bldg.

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The Most Cherished Gifts

OF THE PASSING YEAR

Is the memory of the delightful relations we have enjoyed with those whom it has been our privilege to serve.

It is therefore a genuine pleasure to us to send out our greetings and best wishes for holiday season.

May the New Year be good to you in bringing you the things you most desire.

We'll do what we can to make it a happy year for you.

Robertson's
Cross Plains Drug Store
CLOVIS I. TYSON

JEWELER

Hearty Christmas Greetings

AND EVERY GOOD WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR

The yuletide season reminds us that our lives are built to a very great extent as we choose to have them built. The raw material lies before us and we can select the faulty and bad or we may, with a little more effort and care, erect for ourselves characters which will be strong in time of misfortune and give satisfaction through every season of the year.

We have made it our purpose to build up our business as a man builds his character—by means of honest, conscientious service, fair dealing and rigid adherence to high standards of business ethics.

We greatly appreciate the good-will of our many friends; and now that it is Christmas time again we are wishing for you one and all the gladdest joys of the season and the brightest prospects for the New Year.

Accept, if you please, our sincere thanks for the privilege of having served you during the past year.

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HIGGINBOTHAM BROS. & CO.
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

May the Season Bring You

- NEW HOPE
- GLADNESS
- CONTENTMENT
- PEACE
- HEALTH
- PROSPERITY
- AMBITION
- FRIENDS
- GOOD CHEER
- SMILES
- LOVE
- OPPORTUNITY

And may you have the capacity to enjoy each of these and other blessings.

City Drug Store

A Christmas Card
By MARTHA BANNING THOMAS

It had a picket fence of white
Around a snowy garden,
And tiny flames of candle-light
Shone on the window-sills at night,
As if to ask a pardon
Of a little boy who rang the bell,
(He wore two bright red mittens,)
The candles' shining seemed to tell
That all within was very well,
And several fuzzy kittens
Came following behind the boy
(Some friends of his most likely!)
Their tails were waving plumes
of joy
And every kitten had a toy
And carried it politely.

I think that they had come to call
And bring a Christmas present;
I saw a trumpet and a ball
A doll, a cart, and that's not all;
It looked extremely pleasant.

I wish that little boy was me,
I've wished it every minute;
How awfully jolly it would be
To walk into that house and see
Who's really living in it!

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RUTHER

DRY MAT

Greetings Folks

May Everybody at Your House
Get This Message From
Our House

The greatest enjoyment comes to us at Christmas time, as at other times, when we make others happy. So that is what we want to do for our friends. We want you to be happy and we send this message of Christmas Greetings, filled with merry heart-throb of the yuletide season.

We Wish You Happiness
and Good Cheer

And wish to assure you that you have helped in the past to make us happy. We feel that we owe much to those who have helped this business to grow and we know of no better time to give expression of our appreciation to you than here at the Christmas time.

Texas Drug Co.
"THE APPRECIATIVE STORE"
PHONE 137

COPY OF NEWSPAPER IS 156 YEARS OLD

B. H. Freeland of Coltonwood exhibited at the Review office last week a copy of a newspaper which is probably the oldest document of its kind to be found in this part of the country. It is a real curiosity to a newspaper man when compared with the modern machine and make-up of the present day newspaper. Its hyphenated name is as long as would be the average news item of today. It is "The Maryland Journal and The Baltimore Advertiser," presumed to have been published at Baltimore, and dated Friday, August 20, 1773. It bears the seal and motto of Maryland, the motto being in Latin, "Crescit E Multiplicanti," which in the English language means to increase and multiply. This copy was picked up by the late Mr. and Mrs. Pettis Freeland on the streets of North Worth Street, Baltimore. In type composition in those days, just why the letter "s" was often displaced by the use of the letter "f" we are not informed. The following first paragraph of its leading page article will be interesting:

"The great difficulty an experience of speedily obtaining a proper assortment of printing materials, inadequate number of subscribers to defray the charge of printing a weekly newspaper, added to several unfortunate events which have happened to me have been the reasons why the Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, so long expected, hath not before made its appearance. This, I flatter myself, will be considered an ample apology, in the minds of the candid, for the long delay in publishing it. Many gentlemen however, encouraging me, hope for considerable addition to our list of subscribers, I now venture to send the first number abroad. I have not yet been able to establish a special post from this place to Philadelphia, for the purpose of bringing down in due season the latest papers."

The advertisements in this more than a century and a half old copy of a newspaper contain many odd features and conditions in those days. Following are two of the advertisements:

"Run away from the Subscriber, some time in December, 1772, Negro Prince, a tall firm fellow; has several marks in his forehead. He was taken up at Sufquehanna Lowe Ferry, but made his escape and is often seen in the neighborhood. Whoever takes up this said negro, and secures him in goal, so that the owner may get him again, shall have Five Pounds Reward; or if brought home Ten Pounds Reward, and reasonable charges paid by Richard Bennett."

A mail-rider advertises his occupation as follows:

"The subscriber begs to inform the public that he rides Post from town of Baltimore to the town of Frederick (once a week) from whence another Post rides to the town of Winchester in Virginia. Those who have any commands may depend upon having their business faithfully executed. He sets off from Mr. William Adams, at the race-horses, in Baltimore, every Saturday at one o'clock. Absalom Bonham."

A dead letter list is advertised in the copy, and it seems that this was one editor who knew everybody in the community. The letters were addressed to people in and near Baltimore, and the advertisement designated their locations and the various public places nearest to them, where the letters would be placed.

The paper also contains an advertisement by George Washington, in which he announces that he has obtained patents to twenty thousand acres of land on the Ohio and Great Kanawha, and proposes to divide same in to any size tenements that may be desired and sell them upon moderate terms. The advertisement describes the lands, and is signed by George Washington.

It seems that away back in those days women were the extreme in nature faking in their pursuit of over-dress and facial decorations in order to advance their charms. The editor of this time-faded little sheet, in an article on the "Simplicity of Dress" elucidates his personal views on the custom as follows:

"That a plain dress is the heretofore ornament of a beautiful woman, I had lately a most convincing proof. The neatness of a daughter of that religious sect called Quakers in one of the public walks, caught my eye; never was innocence and elegance more sweetly portrayed. But when I had an opportunity of beholding her face, my astonishment and delight were inexplicable. Her complexion was lovely, her eyes sparkling, her teeth and lips such as a Reynolds only can imagine, and her smile an emanation of divinity. I contemplated her person with a pleasure until then unknown, and should have pronounced her the

most finishest work of Heaven, but that it occurred to me, that many of my fair country-women appeared that ferlor to her from only being fattisfied as Heaven had made them—tortured with a superfluity of ribbands, idle jems, etc. were thuch mean for so many additions, only to many disadvantages to them, by preventing the eye from judging rightly of their charms, or indeed beholding them in the medium of simplicity. In short, I am convinced that some Diety, in through the happiness of all mediums his wrath suffered them to be betrayed into this dreffing folly, from which I most heartily wish that some fenible mortal would endeavor to reclaim them.

CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

Criticism to be constructive must be not only correct in substance but proper in the manner in which it is given. Much of life's illusion would disappear if we but knew the other fellow. Much time could be saved if, when we want to know something or have something done we would go direct to the person or group of persons in charge to find out first-hand what the trouble is. This applies as well in the case of public officials and bodies as it does in cases between individuals.

How often does one hear asked "Why don't they do something?" Or, "Why is this and why is that?" Often such interrogatory forms of speech are not intended as questions, but coyly expressed for purpose of mild criticism. Cross Plains and this vicinity are no exceptions to this rule. Besides being a loss of time and energy in arriving at the facts, it is mildly discourteous, to say the least, to fail to go to the heart of a matter about which the source of responsibility is clear. And if one will place himself in the position of those he criticises he will find that any particular question could be settled with greater dispatch if direct avenues of complaint were followed. Officials are placed in office for the purpose of dealing immediately with problems and people. No citizen should have the least hesitancy in examining any public record or document, or in seeking information concerning public affairs at will, and with reasonable consideration for those he interviews. Most public officials not only welcome the opportunity to render service but usually invite constructive criticism. But they want the complaints to come directly to them, and not through channels likely to injure their ability to give the proper response.

LIBERTY THEATRE

"Where Everybody Goes"

FRIDAY—
PAULINE FREDERICK AND GEORGE LEWIS
—in—
"Devils Island"
Devils Island Frances dread convict colony picturized the first time in a remarkable a Womens supreme Love and loyalty. The depths of drama are sounded in Devils Island. Free China Ware Day and Co. only.

SATURDAY—
BUCK JONES AND FRANCIS LUE
—in—
"Good as Gold"
T hard riding train Robbing, Murder, Shooting Man of the West in Action. The furor stunning duds of a robber cowboy whose threat of vengeance was as "Good as Gold".
ALSO GOOD COMEDY

MONDAY—
MAE BNSCH, CHARLES DELANEY AND WALTER HIERS
—in—
"Husband Hunters"
The fires of Modern Chorus—G'rls bared their flirtations, their heart affairs. Are they gold diggers or "Husband Hunters"?
ALSO GOOD COMEDY

TUESDAY—
NORMA TALMADGE, NOAH BERRY AND GILBERT ROLAND
—in—
"The Dove"
Your favorite, Norma Talmadge in her most Magnetic role in the screen version of David Bellacross, great stage success. "THE DOVE"
ALSO GOOD COMEDY, NO 6—SCARLET ARROW.

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
JACK HOLT, AND DOROTHY REVIER
—in—
"The Warning"
Through Opium den. Through Drug Traffickers. "Through Hong Kongs Underworld. He smashed his Way" for her. A powerful drama of the Chinatown of San Francisco. Remember by Jack Holt.
ALSO GOOD COMEDY AND FREE CHINA WARE DAY

CHRISTMAS

Brings Happiness To the Whole World

AND IT IS OUR WISH THAT TO YOU MAY COME A DOUBLE PORTION OF JOY DURING THIS GREAT AND GOOD SEASON.

Often we wish that we could gather all our friends together and talk to them out of our very heart of the appreciation we feel for their loyalty to us since we have been in business. But since we cannot do this we take pleasure in sending this message of thanks and good wishes in the hope that it will reach each of you.

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"Lilac Time"
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SEE AND HEAR
The Thrill of Your Life; Will Hold You Spell Bound
PALACE THEATRE
CISCO
Sunday-Monday, Dec. 23-24

May Your Happiness Be Unmarred

It is our wish that nothing will happen to disturb your happiness during this glad Christmas season and that you will take with you into the New Year a liberal portion of the joys of this season.

Permit us to express to each of you our thanks for your patronage of the past. We sincerely trust that you will feel we have merited a continuation of your favors.

Joe B. Poe

May Good Cheer and Happiness

come to you... in double portion during this Happy holiday season.

We want you to know we appreciate your business and that we intend to serve you the best we can in the future.

Hi-Way Service Station

1000 SECOND HAND BARGAINS.

- (SAMPLE LIST)
- 1—\$12 Floor Lamp \$5.50
 - 1—\$85 Phonograph \$30.00
 - 1—\$50 Nacy Book Case \$22.50
 - 1—\$95 Singer Machine \$45.00
 - 1—\$85 Wake Machine \$20.00
 - 1—\$45 Faultless Machine \$10.00
 - 2—\$12 Wicker Rockers each \$5.50
 - 1—\$35 China Closet \$18.50
 - 1—\$45 Duofold \$20.00
 - 1—\$65 Garland Range \$25.00
 - 1—\$85 National Range \$30.00
 - 1—\$35 Perfecto oil Stove \$10.00
 - 1—\$25 Gas Cook Stove \$10.00
 - 1—\$65 Gas Range \$17.50
 - 1—\$15 Baby Bed \$6.50
 - 1—\$7 Baby Crib \$2.50
 - 1—\$35 Refrigerator \$12.50

J. E. HENKEL, ESTABLISHED 1923.
Cross Plains, Texas

—NOTICE—
If you need any work done around the place, or if you have a grave that needs cleaning or window work. See me at once.
JOHN KENDRICK 2tp

If we could be your Santa Claus

We'd fill your stocking of hope so full of good things that it would leave you nothing to wish for.

Always we are glad when this season comes so that we can say again that we appreciate our patrons and what they have meant to this business.

May your Christmas be quite merry and your New Year very cherry.

Brown Mule Batteries
We carry full line of Brown Mule Batteries, also Re-charging, Rebuilding and overhauling of all kind.

BACHUS MOTOR CO.

Cross Plains Chapter No. 455, Order of Eastern Star, meets first and third Monday nights of each month. Visiting members cordially invited. Mrs Ike Kendrick, Secretary.

PAUL V. HARRELL
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CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

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