

**NOTICE TO TEACHERS**  
All country schools except those which were a month late in starting are ordered by the Board of Education to close at least by Thursday, Dec. 24. The county superintendent will be in office Monday, Dec. 28, to issue warrants for last month. All registers and abstracts properly filled out must be returned to this office before warrant is issued. If you mail register be sure to put on sufficient postage. They are first class mail matter.

Respectfully,  
J. M. HATFIELD, Co. Supt.

**BAXTER**

As I got a letter from one of my good friends last week asking me to write to the Herald, I thought I would try a few lines.

My friend whom I got the letter from lives at Pilot Point, Texas, but the letter did not have any name to it, signed 'Guess Who?' and whoever it was sent me a beautiful birthday card which was highly appreciated by me. I would like very much to know who it was from. Hope they will write to the Herald or to me, and sign their real name.

The weather has been real cold here for the last week or two. We have had six inches of snow.

Health is not very good in this vicinity.

Mr. W. M. Fields has been very bad for the last week or two. Also, Mrs. Campbell has been very sick, but is reported some better.

Mrs. L. P. Vaughn, why don't you write to the Herald. I enjoy reading Mollie Dahuff's letters.

Mr. Luther Kimes come on with your letters.

There has been several weddings in this community this fall.

Tillman A. Smith, I enjoy reading about the Spanish American War, which you have been writing about. Mr. Fred Scarlett has gone to school this time every day except on.

Miss Ruth Jackson, I will be out to see you all soon.

Willie Jackson have you been to Gainesboro lately. How are you and A. L. S getting along by now. Have you talked any to R. Latley.

Mr. Thurman Jared from Hartsville was up in this part the other day on business.

Mrs. Ava Campbell of Arkansas, why don't you write to the Herald. We would all enjoy reading a letter from you.

Mr. Bonnie Thompson is going to school at Baylor Seminary and says they are having a good school under the new management.

Mr. Henry Mcbroom, I am coming over to see you all, right away.  
Edgar Fields.

**NOTICE**

All who are indebted to the estate of W. J. (Jas) Terry, deceased; and those who have claims against said estate, are hereby notified to make settlement or file claims at once.  
B. P. Puntner, Adm.

**BUSHYHEAD, OKLA.**

Farmers are busy. Some are gathering corn, some plowing, some threshing kaffir corn. This has been a pretty fall. We haven't had any snow yet and very little rain. I got my shoes muddy last Wednesday first this fall. What are you Tennessee people going to do Christmas.

Jim Stamps helped Eddie Bright kill hogs yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Andrews family, Sarah and Myrtle Andrews visited the writer and family Saturday and Sunday.

Jay Thomas and Clarence Renfro spent the night with Willis and Milo Stamps Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Quitman Andrews' oldest child has been very sick with typhoid fever. Last report she was getting along fine.

C. A. Jones, I got your letter. I know you are quite lonesome.

Yes Becca has been over to see me since she came home.

Well, Mother Stamps, Jim says he can't come home this time. He is plowing—done gathering corn, made over 800 bushel and a nice lot of kaffir corn has 8 fat hogs for market. Cattle and hogs are high. Wheat 96c, corn 56c, oats 36c per bushel.

I reckon Cal Andrews is going to live in town as he has bought some lots in Foyil.

Dow Andrews married Miss Minnie Ward and has gone to Kansas City to stay awhile. He is conductor on a street car.

Cousin Arle Tudor of Obey City, Joe Andrews got home alright with his little poke of beans. Mother was proud of them.

Mrs. Swack I will answer your letter soon.  
Lottie Stamps.

**A Christmas Carol**

by HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

I HEAR along our street  
Pass the minstrel throng;  
Hark! They play so sweet,  
On their hautboys, Christmas songs!  
Let us by the fire  
Ever higher  
Sing them till the night expires!

IN December ring  
Every day the chimas;  
Lead the gladsome throng  
In the streets their merry rhymes.  
Let us by the fire  
Ever higher  
Sing them till the night expires!

SHEPHERDS at the grange,  
Where the Babe was born,  
Sing with many a change  
Christmas carols until morn.  
Let us by the fire  
Ever higher  
Sing them till the night expires!

THESE good people sang  
Songs devout and sweet;  
While the soft stars sang,  
There they stood with freezing feet.  
Let us by the fire  
Ever higher  
Sing them till the night expires!

NUNS in frigid cells  
At this holy tide,  
For want of something else,  
Christmas songs at times have tried.  
Let us by the fire  
Ever higher  
Sing them till the night expires!

WHO by the fireside stands,  
Stamps his feet and sings;  
But he who blows his hands  
Not so gay a carol brings.  
Let us by the fire  
Ever higher  
Sing them till the night expires!

**LITTLE 'RASTUS  
ON  
SANTA CLAUS**

WILBUR D. NESBIT

Mah mammy say dat Sandy Claus come  
Ter good 'll' boys,  
En bring er ho' er big red drum,  
En yuther toys.  
But why white chilluns gets dem new  
I caln' on'stan'.  
I guess I knows whut Sandy Claus do—  
He sec'n han' man!



Laa' yeah he clomb down ouah stovepipe  
W'enst I's er sleep,  
En fotch some oynes—bout half ripe—  
En 't'ree toy sheep.  
En one dese jump' jacks—broken, dough—  
'T'bout den, my lan'!  
'Bout disyere Sandy Claus—I des know  
He sec'n han' man!



I as' my mammy ef Sandy Claus ain'  
Done know des how  
Ter men' dem toys, en' 'ix dey paint,  
En she say: "Now,  
Don' worry, chile, 'bout de white folks."  
'Cause  
Hit's de good Lawd's plan."  
So I guess dat mah Mistah Sandy Claus—  
He sec'n han' man!

**REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE DAY**

Puritans of England Made Christmas  
Illegal and Declared it a Mis-  
deamnor to Be Gay.

English Puritans of the seventeenth century guarded against looking upon the rosy side of life.

Because Christmas is really a survival of the Celts' Yule, and is not the actual anniversary of the birth of Christ, they refused to countenance Christmas festivities. Not only did they refuse to recognize the day, but they made laws to that effect.

The parliament of 1644 passed an act ordering all law abiding citizens to observe December 25 as a solemn fast, to be spent in silent atonement for previous Christmas days that had passed in riotous living and merry-making.

Naturally the community did not share in these hard and fast rules, and many a turkey was surreptitiously killed, and many a plum pudding quietly boiled. But woe betide the unfortunate offender against the act were he luckless enough to be discovered.

Soldiers were sent to search the houses of those suspected of harboring such delicacies as mince pies, etc., and many were the pitched battles between disagreeing sections of the public.

"Do not bemoan thy mournful fate,  
Thou' asmen wield with madness,  
Bedecked in tinsel, bright and fine,  
You'll soon bring children gladness.

"Thou canst not die, although thy trunk,  
Harsh hatchet blows may sever,  
Within the little children's hearts  
Thou wilt be green forever!"

**UNDER THE MISTLETOE**

To ask a girl if you may kiss her before doing it is an insulting way of laying all the responsibility on her.

In a man's opinion a kiss is an end that justifies any means.

You needn't be afraid of a mere kiss. Thousands are exchanged daily by people of the highest reputation.

The kissed girl fears no mistletoe.

A kiss is as good as a smile—and a good deal better, too!

The ideal kiss is the kiss that is never given.

A kiss too soon may be a full stop in the tale of love.

The child who doubts about Santa Claus has insomnia. The child who believes has a good night's rest.

**Santa Claus**

says:

A face wreathed in smiles is better than a mansion wreathed in holty.

Better broken toys than broken hearts.

Never look a gift object in the price tag.

Santa Claus by any other name would cost as much—and be worth it.

Do not be satisfied with wishing people a "Merry Christmas;" help make it one.

Lots of men put on long white whiskers and think they look like me when they look more like a goat—and perhaps they are.

If Willie wants to see what is inside the drum, for goodness sake let him.

You are living in God's own country. What more do you want for Christmas.

It is a wise Santa who keeps his whiskers away from the candles.

Keep up the "Good will to man" art of it right through until next Christmas.

It is more blessed to give than to receive, except in the matter of offense.

Fortunately for most of us, we won't get what we deserve on Christmas.

When Christmas giving becomes a necessity it ceases to be a virtue.

There is more joy in heaven over a ton of coal given to the poor than a ton of diamonds given to the rich.

**Song of the Christmas Tree**

By Gene Morgan

I come from northern forest lands  
Where men would carry never.  
The seasons come, the seasons go,  
But I am green forever.

The flowers of spring bloom at my feet,  
The shadows always spreading,  
Near by there runs a forest path  
Where watchful deer are treading.

The summer passes all too soon,  
And autumn winds are chilly,  
Poor flowers, they wither, droop and die  
Amid the woodland hilly.

From every branch, sad tears I drip  
In rainstorm's fierce endeavor.  
The flowers may come, the flowers may go,  
But I am green forever.

Now hark! the woodman's ax is heard!  
A sister tree he's felling.  
What can this cruel destruction mean?  
The winter wind is telling:

"Do not bemoan thy mournful fate,  
Thou' asmen wield with madness,  
Bedecked in tinsel, bright and fine,  
You'll soon bring children gladness.

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**SEASONABLE PRICES.**

Now doth the Christmas shopper  
With happiness elate,  
Buy something that was forty-nine,  
Marked up to ninety-eight!



"The Thinkers of the Country Are the Tobacco Chewers"—said one of the greatest thinkers this country ever produced.

**Says the Engineer:**

"Did you ever think what it means to run a train—signals jumping by every minute and several hundred lives depending on you not missing one of them?"

"Well, maybe you can guess what a help it is to an engineer to find a tobacco that sharpens you up and steadies you just right without any 'rebound'."

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**A FAIR WARNING**

One That Should Be Heeded by COOKEVILLE RESIDENTS

Frequently the first sign of kidney trouble is a slight ache or pain in the loins. Neglect of this warning makes the way easy for more serious troubles—dropsy, gravel, Bright's disease. 'Tis well to pay attention to the first sign. Weak kidneys generally grow weaker and delay is often dangerous. Residents of this locality place reliance in Doan's Kidney Pills. This tested remedy has been used in kidney trouble over 50 years—is recommended all over the civilized world. Read the following:  
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great deal from weak kidneys, also used Doan's Kidney Pills with success. The above is not an isolated case. Mr. Bingham is only one of many in this vicinity who have gratefully endorsed Doan's. If your back aches—if your kidneys bother you, don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—ask distinctly for Doan's Kidney Pills, the same that Mr. Bingham had. 50c all stores. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, New York.

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