

We Thank You

for your patronage during 1935
and take this opportunity of
wishing one and all a

Merry Christmas

and a

HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

A-B STORE

A. B. Fussell

A-B MARKET

J. E. Snelling

Fireworks!

Sam Austin's

They are going fast.
get your's now.

Roman Candles, Sky Rockets, Sparklers
Torpedoes, Flash Salutes (bigger flash,
"some" report), Electric Dragons, House
On Fire, Auto Whistling Bombs, Whistling
Novelties, Cap Pistols and Loud Popping
Caps and Firecrackers in all sizes.

Rock Island Items

Among those attending the funeral of Mrs. Henrietta Fisher Thursday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Fisher and son of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Decker and two sons of Houston, Miss Elaine Newlander, Mrs. Paul Jennings, Mrs. Milton Henry and three daughters, all of Houston, A. H. Miller, J. O. Lundy, A. S. Moore and Mrs. P. A. Lundy of El Campo, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Fling, Mrs. H. P. Pleasener of Garwood, H. D. Larson of Eagle Lake, S. K. Seymour, A. N. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. D. E.

Foster of Columbus.
Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hunt of La-
Porte were guests of their parents,
here this week.
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Humphrey
and children and Miss Lillie Olsen
were Houston visitors Saturday.
A number of people from Rock
Island attended the regional foot-
ball game in Lockhart in which Co-
lumbus tied Lockhart last Friday.

Gifts that MOTHER will appreciate
at JOE LUNA'S.

Mrs. Louise B. Griggs of Sheridan
was among the visitors in the city
Tuesday.

apart from the other holidays.
Without the Christmas tree and
Santa Claus, Christmas would lose
much of its meaning to the little
folk. The custom of exchanging Christ-
mas cards began about fifty years
ago.

In recent years, many cities have
adopted the beautiful custom of
celebrating the festival by setting
in a central location, a huge tree,
glistening with innumerable lights
and covered with gay decorations.
On Christmas eve the people gather
around these trees and sing the
familiar hymns and carols associat-
ed with the birth of Christ. The
community Christmas tree is sym-
bolic of that spirit of kindness
which moves people everywhere to
help those less fortunate than they.
At Christmas-time the open hand
scatters its bounty over sea and land
and none are left to grieve alone.
For love is heaven and claims its
own.

From the Grades
The students in grades one and
two have decorated their Christmas
tree and room. They have made
the manger with the characters and
some lanterns. They have their top
shop where they are selling toys.
The third and fourth grades have
learned some Christmas stories,
songs and poems. They are getting
ready for Christmas.

The fifth grade have their room
decorated for Christmas. We are
planning to have a Christmas tree
and a program. We will all be glad
when Christmas comes.

—Clara Malek and Emma Pavlu.

Art Class to Take up Wood Carving
The students in the art class are
making a Christmas picture of sand
paper. They are doing some very
interesting work. They work out
three or more pictures before they
transfer. Their next problem is
wood carving.

Insect Study
The agriculture boys are making
a study of the insects in and around
the vicinity of Garwood. The boys
are going to mount their insects
and make a collection of them. We
will make a study of the different
types of all insects and tell whether
they are a blessing or a pest in in-
sect. These insects, which will be
kept in boxes by different boys, will
be shown to people upon request.

Persons
Joy Ola Braden and Evelyn Kree-
sek attended the show in El Campo
Friday night.
Jim Ella Kallina and Cleo Ver-
dum were in El Campo Saturday.
Emma Labay visited in Houston
Sunday.

Christmas
Be merry all, be merry all.
With holly dress the festive hall.
Prepare the song, the feast, the ball.
To welcome merry Christmas.

—Spencer

Christmas is the day celebrated
in all Christian countries as the
day of the birth of Christ. "The
Prince of Peace," "The King of
Kings." That day, December 25 by
common consent, is marked by
special religious services in various
churches, by kind deeds, gift giving,
and by a sort of merry making
and rejoicing. It is on that day that
we hear Christmas bells.
Their old familiar carols play,
Arise and greet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good-will to men!

—Longfellow

The time when the Christmas
festival was first observed is not
known for certain. It has been said
that it was begun in the third cen-
tury by Clement, Alexandria, and
Chrysostom, in the fourth century.
The exactness of the date is not im-
portant to us now as it is the "spirit of Christmas,"
the spirit of giving, helping,
and showing love for our fellow men.
On that day we think of our good
fortunes, of being able to be happy
and if there is someone who is not
quite so lucky we can cheer him a
bit and do a good deed.

The giving of presents, the use
of holly, mistletoe, and yule logs,
and the usual host have all de-
scended from pagan rites, but they
are things which set Christmas day

Sincere Christmas Greetings!

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS,
WE WISH YOU A

Merry Christmas

AND A

Prosperous
New Year

Our store is a store of Christmas
Gifts—Hundreds of choice GIFTS
most acceptable, for men, women,
boys and girls. Our salespeople will
take pleasure in assisting you in mak-
ing your selections.

Make Our Store Your
Christmas Store

B. H. DAILY

"The Store Where"

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hettley have
moved to the Ed. Wendel farm
which they recently purchased.
Miss Willem Meyer is spending
the week in the J. P. Neundorff
home.
Ann, wishing each and everyone a
merry Christmas and a happy New
Year.
Joe N. Fraser, Jr. and Ralph Ful-
ler, who are attending the Mexico
Military Institute in Rowell, New
Mexico, are expected home this af-
ternoon for the Christmas holidays.
Select your Christmas gifts at
Methodist Bazaar, December 14, 15
and 16.
Mr. August E. Bastian and family
of near Garwood have moved to
the Columbus section where they
will make their home and where
he will farm the coming year.
Messrs. John Baxter and W. H.
Carson of Rock Island were busi-
ness visitors in Eagle Lake Tuesday
afternoon.
Dad—The jawline, my son.

Bernardo News

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Henneke and
family were visitors to Seely Fri-
day.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grabow and
son visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wen-
del and family Tuesday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Rose and chil-
dren and Mrs. A. Rose of Columbus
visited in the August Palmer home
Tuesday evening.
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nelson and
sons, Miss Charlene Duddleston, J.
Bast, Braden, Edwin Miller, and
Henry Lee Grabow attended the
Columbus-Lockhart football game
in Lockhart Friday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Brod and son
of El Campo spent the week-end
in Bernardo with relatives.
Walter Schultz and Raymond
Schindler were visitors to Wallis
Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Neundorff,
Mr. J. P. Neundorff and family,
Mrs. Anton Nelson and Miss Willem
Meyer visited Mrs. J. P. Neundorff
at the Seely hospital Saturday. This
correspondent is glad to report that
Mrs. Neundorff is doing as nicely
as could be expected.
Miss Laura Mae Wicke is visiting
relatives in Houston.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wendel and
family moved to Johns Creek Mon-
day. We wish them lots of success.
J. P. Neundorff was a Seely visi-
tor Monday.
Raymond and Leon Schindler vi-
sited the W. D. Meyer home Wed-
nesday evening.

Butterworth's Grocery

Extends

Season's Greetings

TO CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

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Look at this
TREAD!

THE thick, deep
cross bars give extra
traction that pulls through
muddy, unimproved roads or
snow, where ordinary tires,
even with chains, would get
stuck. In addition, the tread is
self-cleaning.

Firestone Ground Grip
tires save the cost of chains,
and the trouble of putting
them on and taking them off.
If you need extra traction,
you will find Firestone
Ground Grip tires the best
investment
you ever
made.
Come in
today and
equip your
car and
truck.

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Margaret Spinks, Monday evenings over Nationwide N.B.C.—WAF

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ARCHIVES OF BEXAR

When Business of the Texas Government, From
1727 to 1835, Was Centered in San Antonio.

It must not have been easy for
a youth who so early in life had
experienced the excitement of fight-
ing Indians and enjoyed the ex-
traordinary practice of the sur-
vivor, to return to a life of peace.
He returned to Seguin, Texas by beginning 1845,
fired with the determination to get
the land he had fought for and to
do it himself to be what he had
decided to make every effort to be
a surveyor. Up to that time he had
very little schooling for while the
family lived at or near Huntsville,
Alabama, and where he might have
had a chance to attend a good
school, and 8 years on the family
farm, he had no chance for a
surveyor's office in Seguin, Texas,
as headquarters for his work
and to transact business, keep his
family and to be necessary in the carrying
out of his engagements as a surveyor.
We know he succeeded wonder-
fully well, for so young a man, with
limited actual experience, he
started with and engaged to do
a very large amount of surveying
which showed his high standing in
the opinion of his true friend, J. P.
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We think we have the key. Mr.
Otto Wuppermann, a prominent and
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personal friend, was of a high
prominent family of Hamburg,
Germany. We knew him and family
to have been Germans of a very
high standing, and we know that
he procured the contract for An-
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Piano Bargain!

A customer in this vicinity writes
us that he will have a piano, which
was on account of inability to
make payments. Will allow respon-
sible party to take over contract and
complete payment. Piano is in ex-
cellent condition. Write, wire, or
phone before we send out truck after
it. L. V. Aldridge, advertiser.

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task, the gaining accurate knowl-
edge of higher mathematics.
In later notes B. H. Erskine
writes:
"Andrew Nelson Erskine—just a
little past his 19th year. After a
stormy life as a Texas Ranger
and some time spent with his Cap-
tain, Jack Hays, who had taken up
the profession as a surveyor, he
came through the wilds of North
West Texas in 1844, had thereby
become so interested in surveying
as a profession, he came back home,
selects Seguin, Texas, as suitable
place for schooling within his
means. At an age after such time
as he had led for some years that
would have deterred most young
men, with as he, so little education,
from even thinking much less mak-
ing the effort to acquire a scientific
education, sufficient to equip
himself as a professional surveyor,
or of such attainments as would
enable them to get trusted positions
and profitable employment as a
surveyor as would enable them to
make a living.
"Mr. J. P. Hector was an eminent
surveyor and engineer. We are of
opinion, he was a Mississippi.
was a relative of a noted character,
for many years in Guadalupe County,
Texas. Coming to Gonzales
County, Texas, giving a few years
experience as a surveyor, for he
was on the land at the time the
Erskines arrived. Latey French
Smith secured a valuable large tract
of land on north side Guadalupe
County, Texas, the Capote and on
which he lived for many years; the
Smiths and Erskines being neigh-
bors. No doubt Mr. J. P. Hector, a
relative, came to the Smiths and
became acquainted with the Erskines.
He was years older than An-
drew, but they must have formed
a warm friendship, one for the other
for he was a very warm and
valuable friend of Andrew Erskine,
after whose death the friendship,
to a large measure, was conferred on
Andrew's son, Mr. Hector lived in
an old age, dying in Eagle Pass,
Texas—was a friend and well known
to the writer. A letter of Mr. Hector
showed the deep interest in
Andrew's studying surveying at
school in Seguin in 1845—showed
a desire to help him, and later
did help him very materially, dur-
ing the inter-leave of 1845—as to
which we have verbal knowledge
that during the last of that year
Andrew with Mr. Hector, did a great
deal of surveying lands in many coun-
ties in Southwest Texas—Andrew,
we may say, an assistant and stu-
dent, putting the theoretical knowl-
edge he had acquired by close ap-
plication to his studies—often by
candle light, for there was no
light in those days while going to school
in Seguin—he under Mr. Hector's
tutelage and direction was doing
actual field work, putting all he had
learned into practice, thereby learn-
ing more surveying in six months
than he could have learned in years
of school study.

Andrew in acquiring knowledge
to make himself an efficient
surveyor, such as would enable him
employment, in gaining a living and
something of ultimate gain—he
had attained one thing of much
value to him a surveyor's office,
a position, very necessary, in
making, neat, legible field notes
that had to go to the Texas Land
Office in order to secure patents on
land he surveyed. During the last
part of 1846, he established himself
in a surveyors office in Seguin,
Texas, as headquarters for his work
and to transact business, keep his
family and to be necessary in the carrying
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J. B. SMITH'S Christmas S-A-L-E!

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Dress Pants	Silk Dresses
Tie Claps	Wool Robes
Suspenders	Sweaters
Handkerchiefs	Slippers
Jackets	Suede Gloves
Garters	Silk Pajamas
Underwear	Silk Panties
Belt Buckles	Silk Underwear
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