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## FIRE CHIEF BEATTY TELLS HOW REDUCE FIRE WASTE

The annual fire waste totals, which have passed the five hundred million dollar mark, accompanied by sixteen thousand fatalities and over seventeen thousand injuries, would seem to warrant the adoption of heroic measures to bring about a reduction of this criminal destruction of life and property, seventy-five percent of which is acknowledged to be due to carelessness.

Safety to Christmas shoppers and the conservation of merchandise in our city has prompted our Fire Chief to ask the cooperation of merchants to assist him doing our part toward reducing this enormous fire waste.

He requests that the merchant arrange to have all packing materials, waste paper, rubbish, etc., removed from the store building day during the holiday season; that the use of candles for decorative purposes and the installation of temporary electric light wiring in a haphazard manner be absolutely prohibited. Large "No Smoking" signs should be displayed throughout the store and the rule enforced.

The hazard in connection with the use of flammable decorative materials can be practically eliminated by the use of crepe paper treated with a fire-retarding chemical during the manufacturing process and other decorating materials of an inflammable nature may be fire-proof to some extent by dipping them in a solution of sodium silicate which can be obtained at the drug stores. It is also pointed out that even small fires at this time of the year make shoppers timid and tend to curtail buying. Our merchants will readily see the wisdom of not taking any chances with experiments which increase fire dangers without in any way promoting the sale of goods.

The fire chief urges our citizens also to assist in safeguarding the homes, churches and schools, against the introduction of dangerous appliances and to adopt electric lights for Christmas trees in place of candles, being careful in dressing the trees to keep the tinsel and cotton well away from lamps and wires. In order to prevent the spread of any fires that may start a fire extinguisher should be kept ready at hand.

May we not have a No Fire Week during the holidays?

## NOTICE TO PATRONS OF THE CLAYTON POST OFFICE

The week preceding Christmas day is the busiest in the year in the Postal Service, because of the large number of packages handled. Frequently packages are lost, damaged, or destroyed, because of the excessive weight of mail at this time. All packages should be securely wrapped and plainly addressed with the sender's name and address in the upper left hand corner. Parcels that can be mailed prior to December 20th, should be sent, and if necessary labeled, "Do not open until Christmas."

The burden is in the afternoon because of the arrival of all train and country mail. If you will mail your packages in the morning it will insure better service, lighten the load of clerks and carriers and be appreciated by all concerned. Your cooperation is solicited.

M. P. HARVEY,  
Postmaster.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT 97 TAKE NOTICE

Having been appointed by Mr. Ira Sefton, district manager of the Biological Survey to poison coyotes, you are hereby notified that I have the poison at my place and all parties who signed the petition can get their portion with instructions how to use it. All parties who desire to use this are invited to call and get it, as it is free. Please call and get it as I have to make my report to the government.

W. H. BLAKE.

For the benefit of the public the Post Office will be open evenings until 7:30 P. M. from December 18 to December 23rd, inclusive. The parcel post window will be open Sunday, December 24th for one hour after distribution of mail from noon train and also one hour after the 5:30 train, to deliver packages to all who may call. The post office will be open to deliver packages on Christmas Day after each train.

M. P. HARVEY, Postmaster.

The M. E. Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Hurley, December 6th. The meeting was especially enjoyable. Mrs. Eubanks, Mrs. Huff, and Mrs. Paddock were guests.

## LEGION PLAY GIVEN TO AN APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE

Thursday evening the local Post of the American Legion staged its third annual play to a large and appreciative audience.

The Legion play has become an institution with the people of Clayton who love clean, wholesome amusement. For the past two years the play has been under the direction of the staff of the John B. Rogers Promising Co. Last year they presented "Springtime" and this week they are presenting "All About a Musical Comedy."

Under the careful supervision of trained directors the local talent is creating a pleasant surprise by their adaptability to the particular role each plays. They gave two hours of real enjoyment to their audience last evening.

The local committee, of which Mr. Frank O. Blue is general chairman, should be commended for their efforts to make the play a success.

Union county people are appreciative, and well should be, because the Legion is a home institution and are building a fund for home development in the form of a community center that will benefit all the people.

Aside from saying that all the great splendid work we believe special mention should be made of Edward Wood, Dr. Clumme and Mrs. John L. Hill. Their work was eleven indeed.

The Legion at large is to be commended highly for putting on a fine entertainment.

## \$180,000,000 IN CHRISTMAS CLUBS

Under date of November 30th, New York financial circles report that there was saved in Christmas Clubs throughout the country in the past year the vast sum of one hundred and eighty million dollars.

Our city has joined this very popular thrift plan and we are pleased to recommend this system for general adoption.

For the benefit of those who do not know what a Christmas Club is, let us tell them it is a plan for saving money; in fact, it is not only a plan but a system by which the member saves a specific sum each week.

The member determines the amount he can spare weekly and brings in the first deposit and joins the Club, a special pass book being issued to him, showing the club joined and the amount deposited. Then he makes his deposits weekly, or in advance, for 52 weeks, when he has a nice sum to his credit available for next Christmas needs or to keep for future use.

The "increasing" Clubs are a novel idea. The member starts with 25c, 50c or 10c and increases his deposit the same amount each week. For instance, in the 5c club, first week 5c, second week, 10c, third week, 15c, and so on increasing 5c each week.

In the "Even Amount" Clubs the member deposits the same amount each week. These Clubs are 5c, 10c, 25c, 50c, 1.00, 1.50 or more. A Club to suit everyone.

The Christmas Club has been in use in many of the large cities and many thousands of people have joined. It has proven the most popular plan for saving money, ever devised and will undoubtedly be warmly welcomed in our city.

The Christmas Club is now open at the Farmers & Stockmen Bank, where full information can be had for the asking.

## MRS. C. M. HURLEY ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. C. M. Hurley entertained at Bridge and Forty-Two at her home Thursday afternoon. Mesdames Raymond Huff, M. G. Johnson, Simon Herzstein, R. M. Oibeter, A. A. Honneman, Whetstone, Talbot, Terrill, Carson, Eubanks Munn, James, Rutledge, Plunkett, Black, Janney, Hayden, Craig, and Misses Wiley and Couch.

A pleasant afternoon was spent at the close of which a dainty two-course luncheon was served.

## 52c for BUTTERFAT and we pay the Express. Are you getting all your cream is worth? If not, ship to TRINIDAD CREAMERY COMPANY. It will pay you well.

## M. E. SERVICES

Morning theme: "The Distinguishing Mark of a Disciple." Evening theme: "Men Who Have Missed the Trail." The evening sermon is the conclusion of a series on the general topic of "Men Who Have Missed the Trail." Each sermon is complete in itself.

D. G. Sapse of Olatone, was a Clayton visitor this week.

## BUILDING WILL BE LARGE IN 1923, SAYS BABSON

Wellesley Hills, Mass., December 8, 1922.—There has been much discussion of late as to whether the building boom has spent itself. Roger W. Babson evidently doesn't think it has. In commenting today on the building outlook he called attention to several bullish factors.

"New building," says Mr. Babson, "is the outstanding feature of our business recovery. It is what started us on the road to better business. Never before in the history of the country have so many new houses been built as in the first ten months of 1922. For every house that was built in 1921, two have been built this year. Last year in twenty-seven northeastern states of the country we spent \$688,000,000 for homes; this year we have already spent \$1,099,000,000, and when the going times in December, the total will very likely show 10 per cent more than in 1921.

"This building revival is not confined to houses, either. House building has been the most spectacular, but we have also built many more offices, factories, schools, hospitals, churches, amusement halls, public roads, bridges, reservoirs, monuments, in fact, all kinds of construction. Whereas our normal building total is about \$1,000,000,000, during this year we shall have built to the extent of \$2,000,000,000."

When asked if he did not think that he has already overdone this building boom, Mr. Babson replied:

"I do not think so yet. I look for continued building activity, both in residential and business building for the greater part of 1923. Beyond that time, I expect a decline. A survey just made by the National Association of Real Estate Boards shows that out of a total of 184 cities scattered over the country, 121 cities still report a housing shortage. Of the remaining 63 cities 33 report no shortage and only to a moderate shortage. This study corroborates my opinion that there is still much residential building to be done, altho the peak may have been passed."

"What about rents?" Mr. Babson was asked.

"High rents have probably passed their peak. The long swing will be downward. Here again it is a question of supply and demand. The coming decline in rents will not be abrupt, at least, not until this building boom has supplied more of the country. Rental advances for the present are slightly more numerous than declines, but in the majority of cities there is no movement, either up or down. Gradually, of course, the trend will turn downward as the demand is more fully supplied. Industrial and business rents show surprising stiffness due to business recovery, but these do not indicate any long continued advance."

"I am particularly optimistic with regard to suburban building development. The boom in city building will probably not last more than a year, but suburban building is different. Auto traffic is so congested in the big cities that shoppers had rather trade in suburban stores than drive into the heart of our great cities. City dwellers are looking for homes in the country. I cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of this tendency toward suburban expansion."

The statistician was asked what effect building material prices and labor would be likely to have on the building outlook.

"That's where the danger lies," he replied. "Unless prices of building materials are kept down at least near present levels, the people will stop building, just as they did in 1920. In fact, I do not think we will see quite so much building next year unless there is some reduction in costs. During the next few months material prices should show some seasonal weakness. But as sure as the material dealers start in to boost prices next summer, they will choke off their business. The same warning applies to labor. Wages are already as high as they can be and still allow much building. Both labor and material men should realize that it is better for them to have steady building at moderate profits than it is to have a short spurt of building at high profits, followed by a long period of idleness."

"However, what interests me as much as anything is the necessity of eliminating the waste in time, labor, and materials in the building business. I firmly believe that a saving of 15 per cent to 25 per cent in the cost of building could be made by cutting out this waste. The country is literally throwing away \$1,000,000,000 annually which might be saved for the industry

## Among Our Rural Friends

### SEDAN

Mrs. Richard Duskworth is visiting friends and relatives at her old home in Collins Co. Texas.

Mrs. R. M. Parsons leaves this week for an extended visit with relatives at Falls of Huff, Ky., and will be joined by her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Charlesworth, and then go to Cleveland, Ohio, to visit at the home of Mrs. Charlesworth, before her return home.

The December meeting of the Otterbein Guild was held at the home of Mrs. A. D. Jenkins, the patroness. The meeting was considered the best yet by the girls, and was thoroughly enjoyed. Christmas cards were sent during the devotional hour and games and refreshments finished the evening. The Misses Verna and Eva Love will be the next hostesses for the January meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Parsons, A. R. and Mrs. Sody and the Misses Ruth Smith, Ora Jones and Edith Holman, were Sunday guests at the A. Cole home.

The small son of R. H. McDonald has been very sick with a relapse after an attack of measles. Dr. Carrington in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Payne entertained Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar, Mr. John Eaton and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pipkin and children, Sunday, at dinner.

On Saturday afternoon a very pleasant birthday party was held at the John Burns home, honoring J. W. Burns' (fourteenth birthday anniversary). Interesting games were played in which Floyd Foster and Alva Max Burns were the winners of prizes, presented by little babies, impersonated by little Anna May Foster and Rex Burns.

The little guests entered the dining room by couples, where a large birthday cake holding thirteen lighted candles was placed on the table, wishes were made and the candles blown out. Refreshments of cake and cocoa were served. The following were the guests: Maurine Miller, Jessie West, Phillip Cole, Floyd Foster and J. H. Alvin and Edith Morgan, Alva May and Verna and J. W. Burns.

The pie supper held at Sedan school Friday night for the library fund, was a success, both socially and financially, as over twenty-three dollars were made on the pies. John Bussey served as auctioneer.

Mrs. Margaret Dodd of Oil City, Pa., is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Riehey, enroute to California, where she will spend the winter with her daughter.

The basketball games with Mansker played Friday with the Sedan boys winning and the Mansker girls winning.

—Mrs. C. A. Cole.

and help reduce the cost of construction, over a half billion dollar's loss occurs from lack of employment in the dull seasons, strikes, poor labor management, etc. I am glad to see that wide awake men in the contracting business are experimenting with methods to facilitate building in the winter time.

The use of canvas protection for bricklaying, salamanders and steam jets to prevent freezing of concrete, and other methods of combatting bad weather are being more generally adopted.

"But isn't winter building more expensive?" queried the interviewer.

"Yes, but even if the cost is 10 or 12 per cent greater, the contractor's loss has been estimated, cost almost to take a smaller profit, and the worker's less wages, rather than do nothing all winter," Mr. Babson rejoined. "Moreover, the man who builds in the winter time has the pick of the labor market. Often the greater efficiency of winter labor completely offsets the other added costs."

"Other things that make building so expensive are high labor turnover, poor and inadequate equipment, careless handling of material, failure to plan in detail. On the labor side, there are wasteful regulations and restrictions, requiring skilled men to do the work of unskilled, prohibiting labor saving devices, limiting the number of apprentices, and so forth."

"All these things combine to make the high cost of building. When the men who are conducting the industry learn to cut these wastes out, then we shall have more building of lower cost to the people, and more profit to the industry."

General business is still improving. The index of the Babson Building. The index of the Babson

## PRESBYTERIAN FAIR IS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL

The Second Annual Fair given by the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church, Friday and Saturday, at the Methodist Church, was a great success socially and financially. The ladies in charge of the affair had worked untiringly, which was manifested by the many beautiful and useful articles displayed in the various artistically decorated booths. The ladies of the community also assisted materially at the four birthday parties given during the year, which help was so much appreciated by the members of the Auxiliary.

The turkey dinner and chicken supper served on Saturday were well patronized and greatly praised. The success of the affair was due largely to the hearty cooperation of the members, and much credit is due those who managed it.

## MOTHER OF BEN PEACH PASSES AWAY IN KENTUCKY

Ninety years ago, in Harrodsburg, the oldest town in Mercer county, Kentucky, the mother of Ben Peach, prominent citizen of Union county, saw the light of her first day.

She traveled the pathway of life as a faithful member of the Baptist church, and a true mother to three girls and three boys, who reside in Kentucky, except Ben, who came west in 1887, living in Colorado and New Mexico since that time.

Mrs. Peach lived in Lexington, Ky., but at the time of her death, December 5th, was visiting her son, A. Peach, at Mitchellburg, Ky. Mr. Peach was unable to attend the funeral, being in poor health himself. His friends in New Mexico join in tendering him their sympathies.

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## STEPHEN B. DAVIS TO GET A POSITION UNDER HOOVER

Santa Fe, Dec. 12.—Stephen B. Davis, Jr., according to an apparently well founded report has been offered the solicitorship of the department of commerce at Washington, D. C., by secretary of commerce Hoover.

As Mr. Davis was not here Tuesday, the report could not be confirmed.

The fact that Mr. Davis declined to accept the appointment to the supreme court, however, was believed to lend color to the story in addition to the fact that Hoover was known to have a high regard for the Las Vegas on account of his work on the Colorado river commission.

## EMMA L. EVANS

Emma L. Evans, wife of Leffler R. Evans and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Passmore, was born on November 13, 1868, and died Nov. 28, 1922, at the age of 54 years and 15 days. She was united in marriage to L. B. Evans, on Sept. 15, 1895.

Mrs. Evans professed religion about three years ago in her home in Texline, while her minister, Rev. Hill, and his wife were with her, after which she joined the M. E. Church to be in the church with her husband.

She lived a faithful Christian life, and was visiting her father and mother when Jesus called her home. She is survived by her husband, Leffler R.; son John Clement, age 3; daughter, Juanita Carol, age 3; father and mother, four brothers and four sisters.

WANTED—150 farmers from this neighborhood to ship cream to TRINIDAD CREAMERY COMPANY, and get 52c for their BUTTERFAT, and a BIGGER CREAM CHECK. Ship now.

H. E. Garrett of Sedan, was a pleasant visitor at the News office this week. Mr. Garrett is a prosperous farmer and a progressive citizen.

T. H. Baker of New Home community, was a business visitor in Clayton this week.

Large Registered Jack for Sale. See L. W. Ware, Des Moines, N. M.

shows general activity but 2 per cent below normal, an improvement of 1 per cent during the last week. This is the highest point reached in over two years.

## DON'T GIVE YOUR WAR SAVINGS STAMPS AWAY

We have received a letter from the director of the Government Savings Organization at Kansas City, calling attention to the efforts of crooked "blue sky" merchants to get hold of the Savings Stamps which mature the first of the year. We print the letter in its entirety as received by us:

To All Publishers, Dear Friends:

It is widely rumored that many unscrupulous efforts are being made to induce holders of 1918 "War" Savings (55 Stamp) Certificates, to part with them for unstable investments or for considerably less cash than their Certificates are actually worth. Vigorous effort is accordingly necessary to conserve the public interest.

You would therefore render a distinct service to your community by warning and strongly advising all owners of filled or partly filled 1918 "War" Savings (55 Stamp) Certificates, which mature January 1, 1923, to accept not less for them than their face value of 55 per cent. This Certificate is in form of the little ivory-colored folder to which the 1918 stamps of green 55 War Savings stamps must be affixed for redemption.

Please impress upon the owners the fact that, commencing November 15, 1922, they can exchange the War Savings (55 Stamp) Certificates for the 1923 issue of 1 per cent "Treasury Savings Certificates" and extend for five years longer the investment of their money in this other government security, which likewise cannot possibly depreciate in value; or, if preferred, the said 1918 War Savings Certificates can be redeemed for their full face value, payable in cash on January 1, 1923.

These exchanges and redemptions can be readily effected now at any money-order Post Office or by application to the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City and its branches, either direct or through local banking institutions. The Secretary of the Treasury has written full particulars to all the banks and the postmaster general has issued detailed instructions to the post offices covering the conditions and necessary procedure.

We are requesting all Bankers and postmasters in the Tenth Federal Reserve District to cooperate in this important movement, and earnestly hope that you will join us. Thanking you in anticipation, I remain

Yours very truly,  
John T. Wayland,  
Director.

52c for BUTTERFAT, HONEST TEST, CORRECT WEIGHTS, GOOD SERVICE, when you ship CREAM to TRINIDAD CREAMERY.

FOR RENT OR LEASE—Farm of 160 acres, located north of Clayton. See Pennington & Talbot.

J. L. Means, who has been working as a barber in the Tignor barber shop, has moved to the Eklund shop and will have a chair there now.

H. P. Butts of the New Home community, was in Clayton the first of the week, selling turkeys for Christmas dinners.

L. A. Wikoff is reported confined to his home this week by illness.

Mrs. M. Means, of Aguilar, Colo., is visiting friends in Clayton this week.

Simon Herzstein returned Monday of this week from Boulder, where he had gone to visit his son, Sig.

Mrs. Ralph Will, of Raton, has been visiting her mother and father this week, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Selvy.

The M. E. Ladies Aid will meet at the church parlors Wednesday, December 20th, at 2:30.

Monday, the 12th, in Justice Snyder's court, G. W. Stonebrink of Sofia, was fined \$10.00 and costs, total \$33.30, for refusing to have his children vaccinated. This is a law that must be enforced and it is hoped that parents will take heed, so that no other prosecution will be necessary.

Jack Potter of the Kenton community is a visitor in Clayton this week.

Mrs. Raymond Huff has returned home from a short visit to friends in Amarillo.

## LIGHT YOUR CHRISTMAS TREES BY ELECTRICITY

A wagon load of Christmas trees went up the street the other day as Mr. McFadden, local agent of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, was talking with a member of the Clayton News staff.

"I suppose," said Mr. McFadden, nodding toward the trees, "that at least one of those trees will be indirectly responsible for a fire in somebody's house before the holiday season is over."

"How so?" asked the News man. "Well, there are still some people who decorate their trees with tinsel and cotton and then use candles to light them. The combination is a bad one and has caused the loss of many lives and much valuable property."

You may remember that Mrs. Harding was going to adorn the White House windows with lighted candles last Christmas eve. A representative of the Underwriters Laboratories, an organization which devotes its energies to preventing fires, telegraphed to the President and asked him not to do so because his example would be widely followed and would turn Christmas Day into a day of mourning in many homes.

The candles did not appear. I sincerely hope that the people of Clayton will light their trees by electricity this year. A tree lighted by bulbs of different colors is just as pretty as one lighted with candles—and it isn't dangerous.

## NEW MEXICO INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS

Cotton crop at Portales to run close to 500 bales.

Newly formed New Mexico Agricultural Federation completes organization and elects officers at Albuquerque.

Grant county taxes for 1922 are lowest in state. Albuquerque—Sash and door plant here to expend \$35,000 on improvements.

Carls—175 bales cotton sell for \$23,000 here.

Albuquerque—Material for new kiln at Santa Fe shops.

Tularosa starts work on \$75,000 water system.

Roswell cotton gin installs new machinery.

Hillsboro completes new high school.

Carlsbad hospital to be finished in December.

Seven-mile stretch of concrete road out of Albuquerque open to traffic.

Carlsbad project gins 2500 bales cotton since season's run was started.

Albuquerque's building permits for first part of November total \$60,000.

Southwest corner New Mexico is rich in minerals.

Santa Fe—Division of water in Colorado River big advantage to farmers.

Albuquerque to start concrete work on new reservoir.

Hagerman cotton gin turning out an average of 20 bales daily.

Cotton growing in Chaves county now accepted as sure money maker, 10,000 acres will be planted next year.

Clovis poultry raiser ships second car of chickens to California in past 30 days.

Loving—Cotton seed cake and hulls to be means of saving many cattle this winter.

Clovis bankers propose planting 5,000 acres cotton in various sections of county to test climatic conditions.

Silver City—Work to resume on Boston Hill property.

Harding county high school to be located at Roy.

Alamogordo—Southwest Lbr. Co. now employing 163 men.

Tucuman's postoffice receipts show gain of 10 per cent.

Portales valley peanut crop yielded splendidly this year.

Broom corn in Roosevelt county brings \$250,000.

Two rival towns are started near Midwest oil well in San Juan county.

The building of the Santa Fe Northwestern railroad is about to open a new empire in the Southwest.

Clovis starts movement to get free mail delivery.

Mrs. C. F. Watkins, who has been in Kansas for several weeks at the home of her parents, returned this week.

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H. H. Edmondson is confined to his home by a severe cold.