

AMAZING BARGAINS--

ASTOUNDING VALUES

must make room-- capital. New

Whitson returned to his headquarters in Grand Rapids, Michigan. who is now a wholesale salesman for the Kirby people of the state of Michigan, is very impressed with the growth and development of Spearman and Spearman territory. He is familiar with this country's history, having spent the summer here on the farm with Luton Walker when a boy and having kept in touch with the place ever since they have been in charge of the Whitson ranch west of Spearman. As a young man traveling over the country in the vicinity of a lumber salesman and at the same time looking for a profitable investment for his earnings, he has concluded that the best advice, "Go West Man, Go West" still holds the Texas Panhandle. Accordingly he has purchased, as an investment, a fine half-section of land west of Spearman, confident in the development of her natural resources for this country's prosperity. Supporting one who is familiar with the situation in Spearman is interesting to the Secretary of his annual report of the year.

The increased use of changing the map of Corn production is and northward in wheat production is so-called semi-arid of the Southwest making possible the opening of the Great Plains of Texas. Increased efficiency has resulted from the use of improved machinery and power units, and the wider application of improved practices in agriculture since the war, to the end be a strong influence on agricultural prosperity. The allowances for the politicians of this report, it is admitted that the tractor, combine, improved appliances and other revolutionized machinery industry of this great Repeating the thought expressed by the quill pushers of Sunday the Amarillo Daily "the eyes of Eastern are upon us."

POP FOREMAN AT CHEVROLET PLANT

Covey came from Plainview as part of last week and has the position as foreman of Chevrolet shop in Spearman. Mr. Covey had about 12 years experience in the automobile repair work of which were devoted exclusively to the care of the Chevrolet. He received his training through the factory at the Chevrolet. Mr. Covey employed at Plainview about two and a half years before coming to Spearman, as shop-foreman for the Chevrolet Company of that city. He usually superintended the work of nine mechanics while serving this capacity. The McClellan Chevrolet Company is well pleased with the services of Mr. Covey and is confident that the new shop foreman is well qualified to take care of all the troubles of any nature. Mr. Covey has also specialized in battery re-meritor work. He has moved daily to Spearman and expects to make this his permanent home. Efficient mechanics of the Chevrolet force are: L. C. ... who is already well known in Spearman and vicinity, having been employed of the McClellan Chevrolet Company for more than a year. H. H. Reed, an assistant mechanic, is a good, careful, painstaking mechanic.

E. S. NOTICE

meeting of Spearman Chamber of Eastern Star, Friday, January 6, 1928, 7:30. All members are invited to be present. Visiting members are invited to be present. W. M. GIBNER, W. M.

W. C. of C. is Planning a Big Year's Work

Land Is for Young Salesman

CELEBRATED 67TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Dennis were host and hostess to quite a number of friends Monday night at their home, nine miles Southwest of town. The occasion was in honor of Mr. Dennis' 67th birthday. The crowd was enjoying itself immensely with music and singing when the lights were suddenly turned out. Then there appeared a big cake adorned with 67 lighted candles. The cake was indeed beautiful and was presented to Mr. Dennis. After other entertainment was furnished a two-course plate lunch was served. Guests were: Misses Mae Raney, Opal Cline, Iola Gay and Lillie Hazelwood, Mr. and Mrs. Rawleigh Dennis, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kern.

ENTERTAINED WITH BRIDGE

Last Thursday afternoon the following guests: Mesdames Fred Hood, Dwight Holland, R. W. Huffstutter, R. W. Morton, Hayden Hart and Dave Hester, were royally entertained by Mrs. O. C. Dowdy and daughter, Miss Cecile, at their home 21 miles west of town. The afternoon was spent playing bridge with Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Morton winning high score. A delicious lunch in keeping with the holiday season was served and the afternoon was terminated by a pleasant chat over the coffee cup.

Thursday evening Miss Cecile Dowdy was hostess to a number of friends at her home 21 miles west of town. Bridge was the predominating entertainment, succeeded by the serving of attractive and tasty refreshments. Miss Blanche Jones and Tom Jones won high scores in the bridge game. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Max Lackey, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rafferty, Miss Blanche Jones, Mrs. D. C. Jones and Tom Jones.

A NEW PROPRIETOR OF SPEARMAN PRODUCE

Albert Jacobs is the new proprietor of the Spearman Produce, north end of Main between the North Side Garage and the Chevrolet plant. This is a good location, and Mr. Jacobs is well qualified in his business, holding a grade of the first class in Oklahoma cream testing. Mr. Jacobs intends to move his family here from Beaver City, if his recently acquired business continues as prosperous as it is at the present.

OBITUARY

Little A. C. Knudsen, Jr., was born on September 10, 1927, and died December 20, 1927. He passed away at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knudsen, in north Hutchinson county. Funeral services were held at Lieb and interment was had in the Lieb cemetery. Besides the mother and father, he leaves many relatives to mourn his death. "A loving one from us is gone, A voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home, Which never can be filled." The heartfelt sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved parents.

PARENT-TEACHERS TO MEET FRIDAY, 3 P. M.

There is to be a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association Friday, January 6. The following program is to be given: Song—Association. Invocation. Special Music. Physical Training as a Safeguard for Boys—O. L. Savage. Influence of Training on Mind and Morals—Mrs. R. W. Morton. Manners on the Playground—Mrs. Hobart Dick. At our last meeting about 70 mothers attended. Let's make this meeting an even greater success, and help make the Spearman P. T. A. the best in the Panhandle.

Say nothing when you have nothing to say, and keep on saying nothing when the prospect has something to say.

"BEN HUR" IS COMING TO REX THEATRE

"Ben-Hur" a tale of the Christ, begins in Jerusalem in the days of the reign of Herod. Judah Ben-Hur, the son of a wealthy Jew, and Messala, the son of a Roman, have been friends since childhood. But when Ben-Hur becomes seventeen and Messala nineteen their friendship ends because of their racial differences.

Shortly after, Valerius Gratus, the new Roman ruler of Jerusalem, is leading an army through the streets when Ben-Hur, leaning from a window, accidentally dislodges a bit of tiling, which falls the Roman leader. Messala, the former friend, denounces Ben-Hur as having purposely thrown the stone, and the Romans take Ben-Hur away to serve as a galley slave for life, drive his mother and sister Tirzah into cruel imprisonment and seize all his property. Ben-Hur vows vengeance upon Messala.

For three years Ben-Hur serves as a slave in a Roman war galley, and his education and nobility wins the friendship of the commander, Arrius. One night a desperate conflict takes place between the Roman fleet and pirates, the galley is sunk and Ben-Hur saves his commander from drowning. In gratitude, Arrius, a wealthy Roman, adopts him, thus giving him his freedom. Ben-Hur, naturally of powerful physique, receives training in arms from the Romans.

But he longs to find his mother and sister and sets out for the East to find them. At Antioch he finds Simonides, a former slave of his father, who has since become a wealthy merchant. Simonides has saved the wealth left Ben-Hur in spite of tortures applied by the Romans.

Ben-Hur falls in love at first sight with Ester, the beautiful blonde daughter of Simonides. She returns his affection.

Ben-Hur is obsessed with a thirst to avenge himself against Rome, and he goes into the desert to enlist the support of Sheik Ilderim, the Generous, in war against his sworn foe. He learns that there is to be a great chariot race at Antioch and that Messala, who is now a great Roman soldier, is the favorite to win and that Messala and his friends are wagering their entire fortunes on the race. Ben-Hur plans to enter the race at Antioch and to crush his enemy, Messala. Meanwhile he has met Iras, daughter of Balthasar, and this seductive Egyptian beauty has fallen in love with him.

On the day of the race both Esther and Iras are in the huge crowd in the amphitheatre. Iras is an admirer of Messala as well as of Ben-Hur. Ben-Hur not only wins, but avenges the wrong on the part of his friend by catching the wheel of the Roman's chariot in his own, thus causing Messala to be thrown into the dirt. The hoofs of the flying horses of the other chariots pass over his body and he is crippled for life. Ben-Hur's victory makes him a great hero among his own people. Meanwhile, Ben-Hur's mother and sister have been confined in a prison as lepers and he rescues them. He marries Esther and they are happy. Rex Theatre, Spearman, February 9, 10 and 11.

THANKS TO MRS. COTTER

The Reporter family dined sumptuously on Christmas day, the piece de resistance being a fine, fat turkey from the flock of Mrs. J. D. Cotter. Mrs. Cotter has one of the finest flocks of turkeys in the country, and the one presented to the Reporter family for our Christmas dinner was in just the proper condition and just the right age to make exceptionally fine eating. The entire family sincerely thanks Mrs. Cotter for the nice Christmas present.

PROSPECTIVE BUYERS DON'T PAY RENT

Most of us are on the verge of revolt a good deal of the time, but we don't do anything because we're too tightly harnessed. Prospective buyers don't pay rent or salaries. The salesman who talks much about his prospective business is usually trying to camouflage the fact that he did little or nothing last month.

NO CHANGE IN AUTO REGISTRATION LAW

Sheriff Alvino Richardson informs the Reporter that there has been no change in the law governing the registration of automobiles; that the usual custom followed for the past several years, will be followed in Hansford county this year. That is: you must have your lights tested and have the receipt with you showing that they have been tested when you register your car. Also, if you have bought a second hand car you must have the bill of sale with you, showing from whom you purchased the car, in order to have it registered in your own name. You may have your lights tested at the Lee Chamberlain Sales Company garage in Spearman. Three mechanics are on duty there to attend to this work for you, and the expense is negligible. Sheriff Richardson states also that he would appreciate it very much, if those who can conveniently do so, would come in and have their cars registered at once, even if they are not ready at this time to pay their taxes in full. It will take this much work off the tax collector's force, distribute the work over several weeks and prevent a great congestion at the last minute of tax paying time. All taxes are delinquent after January 31.

SERVICE IS OBTAINED IN WHITTENBERG SUIT

Service was obtained last Wednesday on J. A. Whittenberg, defendant in the \$1,000,000 breach of promise suit filed in the 84th District court by Mrs. Donia Vandever of Electra, Texas. Mr. Whittenberg was in New Mexico on business. The case will be tried in the annual term of the 84th district court. This is the largest breach of promise suit ever filed in Texas. Mrs. Vandever alleges that the wealthy oil man broke an engagement to marry her, and as a result of her disappointment and mental anguish, she is damaged in the sum of one million jacks. The case will command general interest when brought to trial, as Uncle Jimmie is well known in this country and throughout the Panhandle.—Hutchinson County Herald.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOUGHT OLD BANK BUILDING

The First Christian church of Spearman is to have a church home. This organization, of which the Rev. Jasper Bogue is pastor, this week bought the First National bank old building and J. E. Tandy is moving the same to the lots owned by the church, located near the Methodist and Baptist churches. The building will be put in readiness for services on the coming Sunday, and Rev. Bogue will preach at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

PERRYTON SCIENTIST GIVES RESULTS OF EXPERIMENTS

After a series of experiments, continuing over a number of years, or, to be exact, ever since the Volstead act became effective, Dave Shanks of Perryton, announces the following formula and directions for the home-brewing and preparing of "Home Brew." Mr. Shanks is not selling this recipe. He prefers to give the world the benefit of his experiments, and is working solely in the interest of science and higher learning: Directions should be followed closely for the most wholesome results: "Chase wild bullfrogs for three miles and gather up hops. To them add ten gallons of tan bark, one-half pint of good shellac and one bar of home-made soap. Boil 36 hours, then strain through an I. W. sock to keep it from working. Add one grasshopper to each pint to give it a kick. Pour a little into the kitchen sink. If it takes the enamel off it is ready for bottling."—Dave Shanks, Vanguard, Perryton.

EDUCATION HELPS THOSE WHO HAVEN'T MUCH NATURAL INTELLIGENCE.

There's nothing equal to the self-respect that comes from self support.

A HIGHBROW IS A PERSON WHO CAN STAND BOREDOM WITHOUT COMPLAINING.

In addition to keeping your ankles warm, a pair of gray spats makes you look like an actor.

TOWN BASKETBALL TEAM IS WINNING GAMES

Spearman has a real basket ball team, it seems, outside the high school organization. The town team has played four games since the opening of the season and has won three of them. About fifteen young fellows, most of whom played on high school or college teams, are working out regularly, and the team is beginning to show considerable class. Pope Gibner is the coach and manager. Pope played with the Lynx through his high school days and had a one-year whirl at Texas Tech at Lubbock. A majority of those reporting for practice have had considerable experience. The manager took a team to Perryton on Tuesday night of this week and played the town team of that place. The game resulted in a rather easy victory for the boys, all of whom report a clean, hard-fought battle. Those playing on the Spearman team at Perryton were: Bob Fuller, J. B. Cooke, Bill McClellan, Uel McCain, Carmen Howell, C. B. Reaves, Clyde Hazlewood and Pope Gibner. Perryton will come here for a game on next Thursday night, January 12. Stratford will also be here for a game soon.

MRS. GOWER IMPROVING

The many friends of the family will be glad to learn that the condition of Mrs. J. E. Gower, who has been seriously sick for some time, is greatly improved. Mrs. Gower has been in the hospital at Shattuck for the past two weeks, under the care of Dr. Newman. Dr. Gower went to Shattuck Monday, and found that Mrs. Gower had improved sufficiently to be brought back home.

HE'S HERE TO STAY

Shallow, so-called economists, said a few years ago: "The small, individual merchant is doomed. He cannot compete against the great department store."

A little later some of the same men said: "The small, individual merchant will soon be driven out of business. He cannot compete against the chain store, and the mail order house."

And recently some of the same crowd declared: "He will soon be a thing of the past, for he does not give the sufficient consideration to the manufacturer's new goods, and does not devote enough individual sales effort to the distribution of certain commodities. The house-to-house salesman, who really devotes his efforts to selling the manufacturer's goods, will cut out too big a slice of his profits."

But look up and down the streets of any small town. Does it look as though the individual merchant is going out of existence? Doesn't he seem to meet, and pretty successfully, too, the competition of big city stores, mail order houses, chain stores and house-to-house peddlers? If you look at facts clearly, your answer must be "Yes."

For all of these self appointed merchandising experts have overlooked one extremely important factor. The individual merchant who is alive and on his toes, gives to his customers a degree of personal service that no other merchandising system affords.

He is here to stay because he serves the needs of his customers, because he promotes the best interest of his community, and because people can secure through him well known, quality merchandise, backed by his guarantee, at lower price than they pay through any other known agency.

People continue to support the local merchant, not alone because of a loyalty to the community, but because they know they are serving themselves best by so doing.

The first man you must sell on the value of your goods is yourself.

If laundrymen would but carry out the gigantic schemes outlined on restaurant tablecloths they would soon be able to retire from business.

A small employee might grow in the right environment. If he does, his salary will increase in the same proportion—and don't forget that a man makes his own environment.

An enthusiastic meeting of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce executives was held at the organization's offices on lower Main street Wednesday morning. Several lay members were present also, and an interesting discussion of the work of the chamber of commerce was held. This body has recently had some big road signs erected, and is planning to put up several others. President Jot Horton brought to the attention of the body on Wednesday morning several matters that should be attended to in the near future. The board of directors decided that this chamber of commerce would cooperate with the movement recently launched at Dalhart, having for its object the advertising to the world of the opportunities offered in the fourteen plains counties of northwest Texas and adjoining counties in New Mexico. Many other matters were discussed on Wednesday morning, and it is generally conceded among those who are taking an active part in the chamber's work, that 1928 will be one of the biggest years in point of accomplishment, the organization has ever known. For the benefit of those who may not have given the matter particular attention, we call attention to some of the things accomplished by the chamber of commerce last year: The Spearman Chamber of Commerce was reorganized, re-financed, a paid secretary was employed during the month of November, 1926, after which the following propositions were given attention: The Rock Island railway proposition taken up. The possible extension of the Denver railway northwest from Childress was investigated by Messrs Bob Anglin and Sam Martin. The matter of lower freight rates on the Santa Fe was given attention. A careful rendition for taxes of property of the big oil companies was secured. An American automobile Association was organized in Spearman. Spearman's pay program was originated in the City of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce. A chicken hatchery was established at Spearman. A car load of fine milk cows was brought to Spearman and sold to Hansford county farmers, the deal being financed by the Chamber of Commerce. The movement for a modern sewer system for Spearman originated with the Chamber of Commerce. The 31st Judicial District was relieved of part of its duties by the creation of the 84th district court, thereby giving us better service in this line. The mail route to Finnett was re-established. Mr. Cox was employed to make survey for a federal highway through Hansford county. A modern highway store, the city of Spearman was. The Hansford Allen & Boy's and Girl's Agricult. Attorney-at-Law entertained. Texas Telephone Company service has been secured. Road meetings were attended by Chamber of Commerce men, held as far north as Nebraska. Signs were erected on leading highways, giving much publicity to Spearman. Literature advertising Spearman and Hansford county was distributed on the All-Texas Special to the east. The movement for a city hall for Spearman originated with the executive board of the Chamber of Commerce. The 1928 meeting of the Trans-Canadian district of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be held at Spearman. Publicity matter was published in five daily newspapers and six agricultural newspapers. This is only a brief resume of what has been accomplished by the Spearman Chamber of Commerce during 1927. Let's make 1928 the biggest year in our history.

PUT ON FREE DELIVERY SERVICE

The Spearman Equity Exchange recently put on a free delivery service for the benefit of the town trade. This is a great convenience to their customers living in Spearman, and will be appreciated.



# TEXAS AND TEXANS

BY WILL H. MAYES

## It's A New Year. Let's Go

I believe in New Year's resolutions, not too many of them or of a kind impossible to carry out, but enough simple resolutions to keep us busy at the task of improvement. It is a mistake to resolve to do things we know we can't do when there are so many things that we might do if only we make a determined effort. Looking back, most of us could see that if we had achieved only one word, while thing a year we would now be much better than we are. One bad trait, though small, if overcome, adds much to character. One achievement along the right line helps to fit us for undertaking other things. Our influence for good is measured more by the little efforts we put forth than by the big accomplishments. One good resolution, however insignificant it may appear to others, if faithfully carried out, is better than a dozen more ambitious ones that are broken.

## Community Resolutions

Most community undertakings fail because too much is started and not enough is worked at until success comes. In efforts to make a big showing some Texas chambers of commerce and civic clubs flutter through the year from one thing to another without making any progress worth noting. Those that start out the year with one or two things to achieve nearly always complete the work laid out and are then ready for something else. Cities and communities succeed or fail pretty much as individuals do; they are but groups of individuals governed by the same principles.

## What Hereford Will Do

The statements just made were prompted by noticing that the Hereford Chamber of Commerce has set as its aim "A modern hotel within the year," while the council of the city has taken as its first task of the new year the securing of natural gas. It is a safe bet that if these two bodies work along these lines they will secure these long before the year is out and will be at work for something else. They are fortunate in having the active help and support of a wide-awake newspaper like the Brand. A paper gives its earnest support to local enterprises is a town's best asset.

## Eagle Pass Enterprise

Perhaps the most notable instance of unified community enterprise was shown in the recent vote on the issuance of \$4,800,000 in bonds for the Eagle Pass Water Improvement District, the vote being 440 to 4 in favor of the bonds. The proposed irrigation of 60,000 acres of land, provided for in the bond issue, will make Eagle Pass one of the most prosperous of the Rio Grande Valley cities, and the co-operative effort shown in the election indicates that it is a good city in which to live in a place of harmony and enterprise.

## Childress Road

Voting six to one in favor of the county bond issue, Childress County will issue \$650,000 in bonds, which will be supplemented with \$1,350,000 State and Federal funds insuring a two million dollar road building project for the county as its major work for 1928. With this kind of a start in the New Year, the Childress people are likely to do wonders before the year is over.

## Santa Claus Good to Texas

The gift Santa Claus made to Texas was to cover most of the State with snow and rain in a way to insure the farmers a good start toward making a bumper crop in 1928. The seasonable gift extended from Texline to Brownsville and from Texarkana to El Paso, making the hearts of all people glad.

## Katy Wants to Extend

There are rumors that the Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railroad system's largest gifts to Texas in 1928 will be in the way of the expansion of its system in South Texas. If plans go right, the famous Winter Garden district of Texas will profit most from Katy extensions during the year.

## Texas Grapefruit

At a parcel post Citrus Show at Pearsall grapefruit was exhibited measuring 18 inches around. While it is possible to measure the circumference of the luscious grapefruit grown in Texas, no language has yet

been found that will tell adequately just how delicious it is. No other country produces anything that approaches it as a breakfast fruit.

## Hangs Out Welcome Sign

The idea is an old one, but the "We Welcome You to Colorado" sign hung across the main street at Colorado, Texas, creates a comfortable feeling of welcome and good cheer. It would be effective advertising for Texas if every city and town in the State had some such sign showing on its principal street. Visitors to the State, seeing the welcome sign displayed everywhere, would come to think the people really mean it, and it would tend to create a stronger feeling of welcome in the hearts of the people.

## Ralls Builds Auditorium

The fine town of Ralls in Crosby County has found a way to build a municipal auditorium without a bond issue. The capital stock of \$17,000 was raised by stock subscription, the shares being placed and sold at \$10 each. Every citizen was solicited to take at least one share of the stock. Those who did not have the money were asked to pay for stock in building materials, or in labor of some kind. Carpenters, plumbers, painters, contractors and laborers of every kind took stock. Such a plan should be easily worked not only in building an auditorium but in other enterprises where a community feels that there is a public need.

## Decatur Grape Culture

Many parts of Texas are splendidly adapted to grape culture. Grape growing is building up fortunes in some other states. Farmers generally hesitate to grow grapes because they know so little about the business. Wise County is meeting that objection with two demonstration vineyards near Decatur that belong to the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad and at which the expert vineyardists demonstrate all the processes through which the grape goes. There is a good suggestion in this for chambers of commerce in sections where conditions are adapted to grape culture.

## Pecos Starting Things

Following closely upon the discovery of what promises to be one of the world's best oil fields, Pecos has started into a period of fine growth to care for which the Texas-Louisiana Power Company is adding \$370,000 in improvements to its plant. Public utilities throughout Texas are having to hustle to keep up with its growth in the State.

## THE FARMER'S DOLLAR

Oftentimes we judge the financial condition of the farmers and their prosperity by the prices they receive for their products. However, that is not a good yardstick by which to measure farm prosperity. Nowadays, the farmer spends about all he obtains from his crop in purchasing commodities on which to live and to use in raising another crop. If a bale of cotton will not buy as many suits of clothes, plows, or other things that a farmer must have to live and to make a crop, as was the case fifteen years ago, then the farmer is not as well off now as he was back in those days, even though the price of his cotton is higher today than it was then. It is this purchasing power of the farmer's product that really gives a true insight into his prosperity.

In order to measure the present condition of the farmer, farm economists take farm prices from August 1909 to July 1914 as a basis and let these farm prices be represented by 100. Using this basis, the purchasing power of farm products at this time is only 87 per cent of what it was during this before-the-war period. In other words, the farmer's dollar which would buy a dollar's worth of goods back in 1914 only buys 87 cents' worth of goods at this time. The prices of grain, fruit, and vegetables, meat animals, dairy and poultry products, cotton and cotton seed, and almost all farm products are higher now than back in 1914, but the trouble is that the prices of other things such as farm implements, clothing, etc., have increased even more than farm products.—The Progressive Farmer.

We heard one of our readers say the other day that the typical old time socialist is a man who acquired his brand of liberalism about twenty years ago and has adhered to it conservatively ever since.

## ONE REASON WHY BOYS LEAVE HOME

Tom Bain drove the "Bug" onto the lawn, and catching up his books hurried into the house, dropped them on the study table and with a cherry "Hello, Mom," hurried out of the house and down to the pasture. Across one side of the pasture ran a creek and it was along the shady banks that he expected to find his flock of 15 sheep. He planned to drive them to the barn, where he could get some help from Mr. Bain about treating several sheep for lameness.

Tom finished the round of the pasture, but without success, and came into the barn lot, where his father was keeping one eye on the hired hand as he repaired a row harvester, and talked with a representative of the Farm Bureau.

"Dad," he called, "have you seen my sheep?" Mr. Bain hesitated and, I thought looked a little guilty. "Son, I had a good offer for those sheep and let them go." "But, Dad, they were my sheep. You gave them to me," Tom exclaimed. His distress and vexation were almost too much for him, and I walked over to talk with the hired man that I might not witness more of the painful episode, which strongly recalled to my mind similar unhappy occurrences of my own youth.

Several days later I met Tom on the street of the county-seat town in which I lived and in conversation led up to the subject of what he expected to do when he left school. "I expect to go to the city and get a job as soon as I graduate from high school next May," he replied. "What kind of a job?" I asked. "Oh, anything would be better than farming—nothing in farming for me but work."

To my mind, this incident, having a parallel in the life of many farm boys, is the basis of much of the discontent of boys with their environment, with the result that they leave for the city at the first opportunity.—C. L. Davis, in the Progressive Farmer.

The only music typically American is that made by the mocking bird, the saxophone and the cash register.

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# R. W. Morton

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## POLITICAL

To the Editor of the Reporter, Spearman, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Happy New Year to you, Mr. Editor, even if I can't afford one of those swell cards the politicians here at Austin send to the editors. Have you got yours yet?

You can tell by what these politicians send you how much weight you have at home. If they write you a nice, warm personal letter along about every other Christmas, that means they want you to be their county campaign manager the next year. If they send you a handsome engraved card, then they want you to be their precinct chairman. And if they don't send you anything it's a sure sign they don't believe you're very hefty back home.

Yes sir, salaries sure are too low and the people ought to be ashamed of themselves for voting down those salary raise amendments last summer. How is a politician going to send engraved Christmas cards to his precinct chairman, personal letters to his county chairman and small cartons of grapefruit to his district leaders every other year on \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year?

And yet, the way these candidates fight for the privilege of being the people's servant is something awful. Funny you don't see anybody fighting for jobs grubbing and clearing or chopping cotton like they do these jobs down here, and they pay about the same. I guess the reason is the steam heat they have in the capitol, which is a lot nicer than scraping the sleet off a grubbing-hoe handle to dig us a catclaw bush. If we farmers ever got used to that steam heat maybe we wouldn't want to get up to our waists in icy water any more pulling creepy cows out of the bog.

And talk about fighting, the big fight is going to come off pretty soon. A dozen or so of them are warming up, and the funny part about it, they don't know yet who they are going to fight. Have you noticed that none of them yet has said a mean thing about any other one—that it, except Jim. Of course, Jim being against them all, he knows who he's going to fight. Jim hits at any head that gets in front of him.

But you take among the big boys like Dan Moody, Earle Mayfield, Barry Miller, Bob Stuart of Fort Worth, Lee Bobbitt of Laredo, Oscar Colquitt and Tom Love of Dallas, Alvin Owsley of Denton and Dallas, Tom Connolly of Marlin, Claude Pollard, Senator A. J. Writz of Seguin and a bunch of the rest of them. They're stirring around to beat the band, itching for a fight, but they're afraid to hit anybody yet, for fear it might be the wrong man—except Jim. They know they want to run for office, but they don't know what office they want to run for.

Dan doesn't seem to know whether to run for Governor, Senator or for a good law practice. Barry Miller, Bob Stuart, Lee Bobbitt and Claude Pollard are not going to make up their minds until Dan does. None of them, except maybe Bob Stuart, wants to run against Dan. And Dan is treating these boys awful shabby by keeping them on the fence.

But Dan's got plenty of sense. He knows if he's going to run for reelection it wouldn't hurt him to wait awhile. And he knows that if he's not going to run and was to announce it now he wouldn't have influence enough left to get an invitation to a good hunting preserve. Not that it would be his personal fault, but the job-hunters and favor-seekers always quit a man who is about to go out of office.

I was a little bit wrong in one statement. Earle Mayfield is one man who knows what he is going to do. In fact, he's doing it right now—running like a scared coyote. In fur-

ther fact, he's been running for five years.

For a good many years we used to call Morris Sheppard the Texas messenger boy, because he was so accomodating about tending to little things for us in Washington. But Earle seems to be trying to push Morris out of that title. If you were to write Earle for a package of fancy tomato seeds he probably would send you a bunch of vines if the Department of Agriculture had them on hand. And I'll tell you, Mr. Editor, that's mighty effective campaigning for any candidate.

Oscar Colquitt and Alvin Owsley have announced that they want to go to the bat with Earle and one of them is most likely to do it. Down at Marlin there is Tom Connolly, who has got a nice warm seat in Congress. Tom would like to beat Earle, but he has no idea of giving up his present comfortable seat unless he has a good chance of being promoted. In other words, Tom is not going to get in unless he has a chance to win, but if you hear of him getting in against Earle, look out, for we're going to have a pretty scrap.

Well, Mr. Editor, how is the old home town, anyway. At least, I sort of feel like it's my home town, I've stayed in the wagon yard there so much before they tore down all the camp houses and closed the feed store. I am going up to Dallas next week and may write you another letter on what Tom Love thinks about Al Smith. I wonder what Tom does think. Maybe I can't send his exact words through the mail.

Yours very truly,

THOMAS JEFFERSON BROWN.

## SHE'S GOING TO FARM

She may be just a little small town, or country girl, but she has imagination, and she dreams. Her friends have told her that she has a very sweet voice, and so she wonders—wonders whether the time will ever come when she will occupy the spotlight of the Metropolitan Opera. Oh, for such a career, and all the honors, glory and applause it means. Then, too, there is life in the city, with its great white way, its gravity, its brilliance—there indeed is where life is lived.

But some of those who know this life, cherish no such illusions. Marion Talley youthful star of the Metropolitan Opera Company, New York, is tried of the hustle, rush, and artificiality of the career of a metropolitan opera star. Though she is still young, she knows what it means to receive the applause of thousands of devotees of the opera. She has tasted the fruits of success in the city, the flavor of which can be known only to a few.

And she says that she is tired of it all. She longs for the day when she can retire to the quiet, solitude and true happiness of life on a small farm in Ohio. It's just going to be a little farm, she confides, one that she can manage herself. She is going to learn all about cows and chickens, and direct things herself. There is too much hurry and worry in the city for a real enjoyment of life, she believes.

How characteristic of all humanity, this is. How characteristic particularly of youth. We are enchanted by instance. We fail to appreciate the true possibilities of happiness in the environment in which we are thrown.

It is only when we acquire experience and age that we come to understand that true happiness in life comes with adapting ourselves to the environment in which we exist. Unfortunately some of us never grow up in this respect. We never realize that life may be just as fine, just as beautiful, and just as happy in a community like our as on the boulevards of the great city.

Fortunate is the man who learns a lot from a little experience.

## CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas,  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Hansford County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon The White Truck Line, Inc. by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county to said Hansford county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court, Precinct No. 4, of Hansford County, to be holden at my office in Gruver, on the 3rd Monday in January, A. D. 1928, the same being the 16th day of January, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 27th day of October A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2, wherein J. G. McClintock is plaintiff, and The White Truck Line, Inc., is defendant, and said petition alleging that defendant is indebted to plaintiff in the sum of \$159.64 for hauling on October 6th, 8th and 15, 1926, as shown by itemized account attached to said petition, and plaintiff sues for said debt, damages and cost of suit.

Herein fail not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand at office in Gruver, Texas.

On this the 20th day of December, A. D. 1927.

W. E. MAUPIN,

Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4,  
214 Hansford County, Texas.

## NOTICE OF HEARING

To Appropriate Public Waters of the State of Texas, No. 1137.

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that J. J. Deaner and C. E. Deaner the postoffice address of whom is Okmulgee, Okla., and Spearman, Texas, did on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1927, file their application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in which they apply for a permit to appropriate of the unappropriated waters of the State of Texas, from the Palo Duro creek, a tributary of the Canadian River, in Hansford County, Texas, sufficient water for the irrigation of not to exceed 75 acres of land, said water to be diverted by means of a pumping plant; said pumping plant to be located at a point which bears South 0 deg. 16" East 1725 feet from the Northwest corner of the H. & T. C. Railway Company survey No. 156, Block 45, on the South bank of the Palo Duro Creek in Hansford County, Texas, and is distant in a South-westerly direction from Hansford, Texas, about five miles.

You are hereby further notified that the said J. J. Deaner and C. E. Deaner proposes to install a pumping plant; said pumping plant to consist of a five inch suction, centrifugal, four inch discharge pump, operated by a 12 horsepower gas engine, having a height of lift of 20 feet, and to divert therewith sufficient water for the irrigation of not to exceed 75 acres of land in Hansford County, Texas, fully described in said application.

A hearing on the application of the said J. J. Deaner and C. E. Deaner will be held by the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in the office of the Board at Austin, Texas, on January 30th, A. D. 1928, beginning at ten o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time, and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at the office of the said Board, at Austin, Texas, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1927.

JNO. A. NORRIS,  
C. S. CLARK,  
A. H. DUNLAP,  
Board of Water Engineers.

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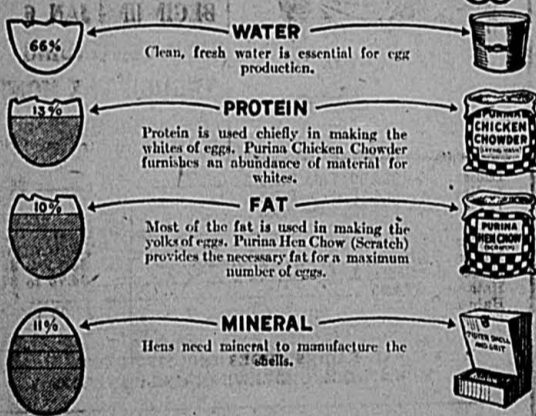
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**ADVERTISING RATES:** — Flat rate for plates, 35 cents per inch. If composition is required, 5 cents per inch additional.

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The Christmas vacation is over and the restless spirit of visiting and moving about has passed along with it. Many of our townspeople visited with relatives and friends of other towns and many of them had the pleasure of entertaining guests in their own homes. Many of the young people who are attending college, and others who are now citizens of other places, returned to spend the holidays in the old home town, have departed, ready to settle down to work again, and looking forward to the next vacation. Yes, the holidays are over; we were all glad to see the faces of old friends again and wish that the partings could be postponed, but all things must end and the entire country—the quietly settling down, is planning for a great future in 1928.

**IF EVERYONE BOUGHT HERE**

What would be the dividends payable to Spearman if every citizen on December 31, 1928 could truthfully say he or she had not violated a community resolution for 1928 to "buy at home?"

The increased business which would be obtained for hometown merchants from such a community resolution might seem inconsiderable to those who buy seldom if ever through the mails, but to that person acquainted with postal money order statistics and the numbers of mail order catalogs annually pouring into the resulting loss to the community is staggering.

At this time, when community cooperation and loyalty are doing so much for community growth and prosperity, it seems that an intensive and concerted campaign for one solid year for 100 per cent inculcation of the "buy at home" habit would discover that every community the hidden "fountain of prosperity."

Presupposing that the mail order catalog cover has been clamped down lightly for one year by the whole community the probable benefits which would accrue to the community are amazing. Firstly, thousands of dollars annually shipped out of town would pour into home town

stores. The increased business would encourage the merchants to store improvements, the purchase of larger stocks, the lowering of prices and to otherwise improving service. The benefit to the public of better stores, larger stocks, lower prices and better service is obvious. Business begets business. It is the busy town which attracts new industries, new business, new citizens, and new buildings. Population increases and building improvements distribute the tax burden over a larger area, lightening it for the individual.

Is there anyone who doubts that Spearman would be a bigger and better town to live in in 1929 if everybody bought at home in 1928?

The Reporter had much to be thankful for Thanksgiving; Santa Claus was good to us, and now, in the first week of the New Year, we face the future with confidence and hope, which is about all we had left after the January 1 bills were paid. Thank God for Theo. Roosevelt, Wm. J. Bryan, Dan Moody, Lee Satterwhite and hundreds of other good men who have attended to and are now attending to matters higher up. Get busy, and remember: "Ne Jupiter quidem omnibus placet."

**WORK TOGETHER**

Obi and Nogi were neighbors back many thousands of years ago. Throughout the years they watched each other with suspicion mingled with fear. Each was surrounded by the unknown terrors of the jungle, and each felt that there was no other living creature that could be trusted.

They fought with clubs several times, over women and over spoils of hunt. But both had retired from every encounter badly battered and with nothing gained.

One night a sabre-tooth tiger stole into Nogi's cave and killed his oldest son, and Nogi and his woman saved themselves only by rapid flight back into the depth of the cavern. On the next day, therefore, Nogi tried to devise some means of protecting himself. He struggled vainly to roll a huge boulder across the mouth of the cave, but no matter how hard he struggled he could not get it up the short incline approaching the entrance to his home.

Obi watched him in his struggles for some time from the limb of a large tree, and then on the impulse of the moment leaped down and began to push too. Immediately the stone rolled into place, and these two simple minded creatures learned a lesson.

Although thousands of years have passed since then, many people in this enlightened age and even here in America have not yet mastered the lesson learned then by these two primitive beings.

**MORONS**

A moron is a perfectly normal person physically, but lacks a mind capable of meeting the complexities of modern life. A moron is not an imbecile, or even a half-wit.

Eleanor R. Wembridge, a psychologist, who has had much to do with the study of morons, gives some interesting examples of their mentality in an article in the American Mercury.

She tells of Flora who married Chuck, a barber.

"Her conversation was about as follows," says Mrs. Wembridge, "If Chuck remarked, 'There goes a white horse,' she shouted with laughter and said, 'Hot dog!' If he said, 'That's a Ford,' she agreed, murmuring, 'You said it,' and snuggled closer. She could also say 'Ain't it so?' 'You're a fright,' 'I'll say,' 'Hell's bells,' and 'You're crazy with the heat.' She could, moreover, giggle and say nothing, which worked quite as well. She was healthy and good-natured, she liked company, and was normal in all but mind."

Mrs. Wembridge cites the standard example in arithmetic which every fourteen-year-old schoolchild is supposed to be able to solve: If two pencils cost five cents, how many can you get for fifty cents?

Flora's answer to this problem was twenty-five, because two into fifty is twenty-five. Another married woman answered one hundred, because two times fifty is one hundred, Annie, a friend, said: "Five times fifty cents is five times fifty—whatever that is." Chuck, the husband, answered ten, because two times five is ten.

Simple problems in arithmetic, says Mrs. Wembridge, are too morons what relativity is to the rest of us.

The pathos of the morons is that they are expected to balance household budgets just like other people, to anticipate future, to vote and to assume all the other duties of free citizens, notwithstanding that they are unable to do any of these things. Morons, who comprise five to ten per cent of the population, cannot compass such a simple question as "If you have twenty dollars a week and spend fourteen a week, how long will it take you to save three hundred dollars?"

Their inability to look ahead and to do simple problems in arithmetic leads them into ugly complications with creditors. They are always buying things on installment and finding themselves unable to make second payments.

Simple, abstract words are beyond their comprehension. Yet they look normal, dress well, get married, and bear children as dumb as themselves. Education does not help them much. Because they cannot advance beyond the sixth grade. They usually quit school as soon as the law will let them, since at sixteen they find themselves compelled to take their lessons with boys and girls of twelve and thirteen.

They often make excellent manual workers, but they never become competent to assume the full responsibilities of adults.

**CHARACTER AND ABILITY RELATED**

I note that people are continuously using the words character and ability as though they stand for two entirely separate and independent human attributes.

Actually there is no ability entirely independent of character.

I once knew a man who illustrated perfectly this essential relationship of ability to character.

Apparently great gifts of mind were combined in him with an impressive personality. Yet somehow every time he had been within reach of a real success he had failed to come through.

The last talk I ever had with him gave the key to his failure. He was starting at the head of a new business; his prospects seemed excellent.

Yet after he had told me about his business and his plans for it, he settled back and added, "Now if this doesn't succeed, I figure that the connection I am making here will take care of me anyhow."

He was getting ready for failure. In a sentence he had betrayed lack of courage, persistence and honesty of intention. He did fail and he always will, because he lacks the elements of character which would turn native talents into real ability.

Don't forget you are a part of the organization just as much as the bass drum is a part of the orchestra—likewise, don't forget that bass drum solos are rather monotonous.

Friends, like promises, when made should be kept.

**"LEARN TO SAY NO"**

Many agents have useful articles to sell; but no doubt 90 per cent of our readers have bought some articles from agents that would never have been bought if they had time to "sleep over the proposition." We have previously laid down this rule as the only safe one for prudent folks to follow and again commend it to all our friends:—

Never buy anything from an agent unless you have already realized before you see him that it is something you need and ought to buy.

Where a man makes a budget and sticks to it, it is much easier to avoid getting caught by such schemes. He will simply say to himself or to the agent, "I have a budget made up of my prospective income and expenditure for the coming year, and I have nothing left for this purpose." That is what business men are saying every hour in the day under such circumstances, and farmers must learn to do likewise. Of course, if an object is desirable enough, it can be included in the next year's budget, which case there will have been ample time to think carefully over the matter. But in dealing either with agents or with suddenly-inviting objects seen in some show-window, it is well to practice John Ploughman's fine philosophy:—

"Learn to say No. It will be of more use to you than the ability to read Latin."

Yet those who bite at bait like this seldom ever get their money back. From his close acquaintance with the field, Nathan Adams, the well known Dallas banker, estimated some time ago that "95 per cent of all money invested in oil stocks is lost to the investors."

Here are two fundamental facts to be remembered about all investments:—

1. The rate of legal interest paid for money in any state or community represents about the normal and natural safe expectation of returns on money.

2. Just in proportion as any investment promises to pay more than the legal rate of interest, just in that proportion is that investment a gamble, possessing dangers not only of paying no dividends at all but of sinking the whole investment as well.

Some people seem never to think about this latter matter at all—the question of getting their money back. They are dazzled by the talk of get-rich-quick dividends. Yet when once we pay our money to the other fellow, the only certain thing in the world about it is—he has it. That's a certainty. And as to whether we will get dividends on it or even get the money itself back—that is only a possibility. And the bigger the promises made, the smaller are our chances of ever seeing our money again.

Furthermore, we must not even be influenced by the fact that the name of some excellent business man appears on the list of investors for a scheme that is presented to us. In a great many cases promoters give shares of stock to a few prominent men in a community for the use of their names.

A mighty good general rule to which there are few exceptions is this:—

The safest place in which to invest money is in something whereby we can increase our own efficiency—in other words, in something whereby our own daily occupation may be made more resultful.—The Progressive Farmer.

When a prospect looks at his watch—look for your hat.

You will nearly always find a prospect in the mental attitude you expected to find him in.

**THE "SUPERSTITIONS"**

A writer in a recent issue of Nation's Health names some superstitions that are dangerous to the physical and mental development of the nation. Among the things named are: Planting potatoes on the dark of the moon, an onion in the pocket in place of vaccination, tobacco for toothache, keys to one's back to stop nosebleed.

We wonder just how much the famous writer really knows about nature and the human body. There is sound reason in many of the things called superstition, and because one does not understand a thing does not make that thing impossible.

Any farmer or gardener knows that plants grow faster on light than dark nights, but the underground part of the plant grows faster on dark nights. An onion in the pocket might have some virtue as a killer of certain germs, who knows? Those who have tried it say tobacco is the quickest toothache reliever known. Many people know from repeated experiments that keys or a pair of scissors on the back will stop nosebleed,

usually. So will a cold coin held in the roof of the mouth. In this case, however, it is not the article that produces results.

For some form of toothache, a poultice of beaten onion and salt on the opposite wrist from the side of the aching tooth, will ease the pain. Foolish, but efficient. Massaging the head will stop headaches, sometimes.

There is no "cure all." Some diseases need medicine, some massage some can be relieved with a layman's touch. When the body is injured or some part not functioning properly some form of treatment should be applied. For an aggravated case of toothache, pulling the tooth is probably best, but that treatment is not recommended for headache. Common sense indicates that the simplest and least harmful treatment will be the best.—Rotan Advance.

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Bargains in Spearman Residence Property



W. L. Russell has had a tussle with lagrippe the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Jackson spent last Sunday in the T. A. Roper home at Perryton.

Ruby Ruth Kelly is listed with the sick this week, but is much improved at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Hollis and family of Texhoma, were Sunday visitors in the D. W. Hazelwood home.

Born, on Thursday, January 5, to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. White, of west Spearman, a fine 10½ pound boy.

Clayburn Dodson was here from Texhoma over the week end, a guest in the home of his brother, E. B. Dodson.

Emery Ellis was down from Meade, Kansas, the first of the week for a few days visit with his father, C. P. Ellis.

Harry L. Dumas, manager of the Pickering Lumber Company yards at Spearman, is looking after business matters in Amarillo.

Claude Ellis, Marvin Chambers and Major Lackey are seeing the sights of Wichita, Kansas, this week. They will return Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jordan were up from the Turkey Track ranch Tuesday of this week, trading and looking after business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hazelwood and children returned to their home at Tulla last week after spending part of the holidays here in the home of his father, D. W. Hazelwood.

Mrs. L. J. Crismon returned to her home at Texhoma Monday after visiting here the past two weeks in the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. W. Hazelwood.

Charles Darnell accompanied the Misses Virginia Barkley and Lois Morton to Amarillo Sunday, where they entrained for C. I. A. at Denton after spending the holidays at their homes in Spearman.

Mrs. Frank Andrews was called to Tonkawa, Oklahoma, the first of the week to attend the funeral of her brother-in-law, Lewis Robbins, who passed away at his home in that city on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Chambers returned to Spearman on Monday of this week, from Carter, Oklahoma, where he has been under the care of specialists for the past several weeks. Mr. Chambers' health is greatly improved at this writing.

P. T. A. Meeting Friday, Jan. 6.

Geo. N. Reed and Lester McLain were business visitors to Amarillo the first of the week.

Charles Darnell left Wednesday for Alva, Oklahoma to attend to business matters and visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Smith and little daughter Wanda, are visiting with relatives and looking after business matters in Hooker.

Dr. Gower accompanied the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Porter to Shattuck the first of the week, for an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Neilson and the children returned Monday from a Christmas vacation spent at Fort Worth. Their son Howard, a student in Texas A. & M. college, met his folks there and the family spent a very pleasant vacation.

#### STRAYED OR STOLEN

German Police dog, seven months old. Dark tip, answers to the name of "Jim." Wore a collar when last seen. Any information regarding him will be appreciated.

Reward for return.  
551. KRAMER KEITH.  
Perryton, Texas.

#### \$100 REWARD

I will pay a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of any person for the offense of giving, selling or furnishing in any way, any sort of intoxicating liquor to any school boy or girl in Hansford county.

ALVINO RICHARDSON, Sheriff.

#### LOST KEYS

A bunch of keys, padlock and door, in leather folder was lost in Spearman the first of the week. Finder will confer a great favor by leaving the same at the Reporter office.

#### FOR TRADE

Altman-Taylor 30-60 oil pull tractor; 1 Reeves 36-inch separator, extension feeder and all belting; 1 four section, 27 disc Emerson plow; 1 iron wheel oil tank. Will trade for anything I can use, and furnish 300 acres of plowing at \$2.00 per acre, to apply on payment. Write or call, 312 E. E. WATKINS.  
Box 461, Guymon, Oklahoma.

Ne depugnes in alieno negotio.

#### LUBBOCK PROPERTY TO TRADE

High class duplex, restricted section on Broadway, 70ft. by 136 ft. lot, double garage, servants quarters etc. Bringing \$85.00 monthly. Half way between Technological College and town, paved street, for section of land near Spearman, no more than 8 miles from town. Must be good level land. My property A-1. Or for 480 acres improved. Propostition will bear strictest investigation.  
GARLAND WOODWARD,  
312 Abilene, Texas.

#### FOR RENT

Office room. Best location in town. See  
411. JOHN L. HAYS.

#### WILL SHIP HOGS SATURDAY

The Spearman Hog Company will make a shipment of hogs on Saturday, January 7. Bring in your hogs by Friday, the 6th inst.

#### HOGS FOR SALE

One registered Duroc Jersey male hog for sale. Also, some choice bred and open gilts for sale. One-half mile west of Spearman.  
311. R. P. KERN.

More application for positions these days carry the line "I own my own car" than "I own my own home."

All some employees have on their minds is what they have on their backs.

It is not every man who knows how to handle dynamite, authority, T. N. T. and prosperity.

Spend five minutes every day thinking of some good you can do someone—then do it.

A woman with a sharp tongue will soon cut herself off the payroll.

Never mind the business outlook. Be on the lookout for business.

The fellow who tries the most pools generally catches more fish than the man who uses up a lot of time looking for the good places.

A smile on the face of some salespeople often reminds me of the top layer of apples in a box, or berries in a basket.

P. T. A. Meeting Friday, Jan. 6.

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one; fine for traveling  
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## McClellan Chevrolet Company Now Displaying New Chevrolet

Surpassing all its former achievements as a leader in the build of low cost transportation, the Chevrolet Motor Company, today announces the most distinctive low priced automobile of all times.

The announcement today of a complete new line of Chevrolet cars follows immediately on the close of Chevrolet's greatest year when its volume of one million units made it the world's largest builder of automobiles, and presages a year of unexampled activity for the organization that has been the pioneer volume producer of gear shift motor cars.

Known as the "Bigger and Better" Chevrolet, the new car that goes on display throughout the United States today, not only succeeds the "Most Beautiful Chevrolet" but incorporates all the advantages that made the latter so popular and in addition embodies a host of refinements that combine to produce what General Motors officials believe will be sensation of the automobile industry in 1928.

A quick picture of the new car that seems destined to write a new chapter into the history of the automobile business may be had by noting the following highlights of the 1928 Chevrolet:

Extended wheelbase, greater speed and power, four wheel brakes, longer, roomier Fisher bodies, new Duco colors, thermostat cooling, shock absorbing springs, motor enclosure, and indirectly lighted instrument panel and other advantages built in as a result of lessons learned through 13 years of constant progress.

The "Bigger and Better Chevrolet" owes its outstanding virtues to the manifold facilities at the disposal of the Chevrolet Motor Company, including the General Motors Proving Ground, the General Motors Research Laboratory, the Chevrolet experimental laboratory, the Chevrolet engineering department and the skill and resources of the Fisher Body Corporation.

Seven passenger cars, including five closed and two open types, comprise the line. Every driving requirement is cared for in the make up and appointments of the various body types.

Beauty in appearance, performance in driving and economy in operation are the keynotes of the car that owes its every detail to withering tests of days, weeks and months under all types of weather, road and driving conditions.

Every detail has been proved true in exhaustive tests. As a result, the new line achieves to a degree hitherto unexampled in the low priced field

a standard of smartness, advanced performance, striking color combinations, completeness of equipment and minute attention to style, comfort and luxury. The new car has a distinctive big car appearance entirely foreign to its price class. This is achieved by adding four inches to the wheelbase, bringing the present total to 107 inches.

The frame also has been deepened and strengthened to make a smoother riding, sturdier and better balanced car.

The four inches that have been added to the frame materially increase the beauty, and the effect of bigness, of the finished product.

Stressing the beauty of line are new honeycomb Harrison radiators of deep, slender, graceful design. Their added depth has so raised the front of the car that from the cowl to the base of the new low radiator cap the line is unbroken and nearly level.

Radiator shells are of non-rusting airplane metal; while thermostat control of the cooling system is an additional feature.

Complementing the extra four inches in wheelbase is increased length in several of the body types. The coach is five inches longer than a year ago. The sedan body likewise has been increased two and three-quarter inches.

Among the many new body refinements is a fully inclosed and indirectly lighted instrument panel, oval in shape, with speedometer, ammeter and oil gauge, in full view for day or night driving.

All passenger models have larger 30 by 4.50 balloon tires and steel disc wheels as standard equipment. Other standard equipment includes stoplight, rear vision mirror, gasoline gauge, complete tool set, and theft proof steering and ignition lock. Additional equipment is standard with individual models. All closed bodies are by Fisher, styled and designed with the smartness and beauty for which Fisher name is famous. All are of composite steel and hardwood construction of the type found on the highest priced cars. And all are finished in genuine Duco colors—five beautiful combinations on the seven models.

The Imperial Landau is finished in Cossack brown Duco with Mountain brown body beading and gold striping; the Coupe and Sedan in Faunce green duco with black body beading and striped in golden yellow; the sport cabriolet in Dundee gray duco with brocatelle green duco beading and gold stripe; the coach in Avenue green duco, tratan tan wheels, black beading and striping in gold; and the open touring and roadster in Fal-

mouth gray Duco with body beading in black and striping in French gray. Mechanically the car has been improved to parallel in performance, speed and roadability its new beauty and advanced body design. It is powered by an improved valve-in-head engine that in road tests developed 34.6 per cent more power and approximately five more miles per hour than the previous Chevrolet engine.

New features developed in the engine and makes for a quieter and which completely covers the valve gear include a new motor enclosure cleaner engine, new crankcase breathing system which eliminates the leakage of engine fumes through the body of the car; new two-port exhaust; new alloy constant clearance "invar strut" pistons, new hydro-laminated camshaft gears, improved mushroom valve tappets, and larger camshaft.

An oil pump provides efficient lubrication to all bearing surfaces; while an AC oil filter and an AC air cleaner protect all moving parts of the engine from dirt and other foreign matter, thus adding materially to the life of the motor.

The new four-wheel brakes represent an outstanding achievement of General Motors and Chevrolet engineers. They are the non-locking type, with positive brake linkage.

Front brakes are internal expanding and rear brakes external contracting. Front and rear brakes have been proportioned to prevent side drag or pull. Their total braking service amounts to 189 square inches.

Each brake has an individual, easily accessible adjustment, while "stops" are provided at the wheels to simplify the adjustment operation. So accurately has the leverage on the foot pedal been worked out between the front and rear brakes that maximum application of the brakes is obtained with a very slight pedal pressure.

In addition to the four wheel brakes the new cars have an emergency brake, with an additional braking service of 70 square inches. It operates entirely independent of the four wheel service brakes, thus assuring adequate braking facilities at all times.

Another important achievement in the 1928 line is the new shock absorber semi-elliptic springs which run parallel to the frame and equal 84 per cent of the increased wheelbase of the car. The springs represent still another innovation pioneered by Chevrolet engineers.

They provide 50 per cent better riding qualities than the old type of spring, according to observers.

In developing the new springs Chevrolet engineers strove not only for smooth boulevard driving but also for maximum comfort at high speeds over rough roads.

Ball bearing thrusts have been added to the steering mechanism, and the steering ratio has been increased from eight to nine and one-half to one.

Transmission, universal joint and rear axle are of the dependable construction that gave such satisfactory service in the "Most Beautiful Chevrolet," as is the electrical system. An index of the safety of the electrical equipment and the approved vacuum type of system with safety tank in the rear, is the fact that underwriter's approval gives the lowest fire insurance rates.

The chassis, in addition to its four inch increase in length, has a new extra strong front axle. The frame is of channel steel 4 1/2 inches deep, with five rigid steel cross members. Stewart vacuum fuel feed has been retained, and also the safety ten-gallon gasoline tank with a gas gauge in the rear where a wide steel rear cross member protects it.

The lubrication of the chassis is by the Alemite pressure gun system.

All models have one-piece, deep full crowned fenders of heavy gauge steel, deep-cushioned comfortable seat, ribbed rubber-covered steel running boards, chromium plated hood catches and hood handles with aluminum bead on the hood, demountable rims with a tire carrier and extra rim, indirectly lighted instrument panel, theft-proof steering and ignition lock, rear vision mirror, and complete kit of tools with tire pump and jack.

In addition the closed models by Fisher have plate glass windows, Ternstedt window regulators, one-piece VV windshield, remote door controls with locks in handle, military type sun visor, automatic windshield cleaner and dome light in certain models as well as foot rest, ash tray, robe rail, etc.

In anticipation of the demand of these bigger and better cars, Chevrolet factories are running day and night on capacity production. Shipments are leaving daily for all parts of the world, so that Chevrolet dealers may make prompt delivery on all models.

For Economical Transportation



## See the New Chevrolet now on display!

Today, Chevrolet presents the crowning triumph of sixteen years' continuous progress—a great new automobile so impressive in appearance, performance and staunchness that it marks the opening of a new era of luxurious transportation at low cost.

Built on a 107-inch wheelbase—4 inches longer than before—the Bigger and Better Chevrolet is impressively large, low and racy. Its new Fisher Bodies are finished in new Duco colors and offer rich new upholstery and handsome appointments. Its improved valve-in-head engine has numerous impressive features such as alloy "invarstrut" pistons, hydro-laminated camshaft gears, mushroom type valve tappets, AC oil filter and AC air cleaner. The chassis also has been redesigned. As a result, the new Chevrolet provides delightful smoothness throughout the entire speed range—a wide margin of power for hills—

click-of-the-heel acceleration—the ability to maintain 50, 55 and 60 miles an hour without the slightest sense of forcing or fatigue—the safety of four-wheel brakes—the steering ease that can only result from a ball bearing worm and gear steering mechanism—and comfort over all roads at all speeds due to semi-elliptic shock absorber springs—84% of the wheelbase.

Come in—see the car—and learn how Chevrolet has again electrified America by creating a bigger and better motor car and offering it at prices so low as to be actually amazing!

Every feature of advanced design demanded in the finest cars now offered in the New Chevrolet! Read this partial list.

- Improved valve-in-head motor.
- New stronger frame 4' longer; wheelbase 107".
- Thermostat control cooling system.
- New alloy "invar strut" pistons.
- New instrument panel, indirectly lighted.
- New two-port exhaust.
- New ball bearing worm and gear steering.
- Semi-elliptic shock absorber springs; 84% of wheelbase.
- Safety gasoline tank at rear. Larger balloon tires 30"x 4.50".
- New streamline bodies by Fisher.
- Alemite pressure lubrication. New Duco colors.
- Theft-proof steering and ignition lock.
- AC oil filter.
- AC air cleaner.
- Single-plate dry disc-clutch.
- New crankcase breathing system.
- Heavy one-piece full-crown fenders.
- Vacuum tank fuel supply.
- Improved Delco-Remy D6' tributor ignition.
- Combination tail and stop light.
- Large 17" steering wheel, spark and throttle levers located at top.
- Fisher "VV" one-piece windshield on closed models.
- Automatic windshield wipers on closed models.
- Semi-floating rear axle.

and  
4-Wheel Brakes

## Prices Reduced

The Roadster	\$495	The Sport Cabriolet	\$665
The Touring	\$495	The Imperial Landau	\$715
The Coupe	\$595	Light Delivery (Chassis Only)	\$375
The Four-Door Sedan	\$675	Utility Truck (Chassis Only)	\$495

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**BETTER THAN USUAL,  
THANK YOU**

How is Old Man Texas coming along with his crops? Tolerably well, thank you. The cotton crop will probably amount to 4,300,000 bales and bring \$450,000,000, which is about \$100,000,000 more than 5,320,000 bales brought last year. On November 1, 3,390,000 bales, or 81 per cent of the crop had been ginned. The unpicked cotton is in the part of the state where the yield is better. The best yield of cotton is from the northwest section. Childress, and the southeastern part of the state, which usually yields all but the western irrigated territory whenever a dry summer follows a good underground season was the case this year.

The cotton in North Texas is poor, the root rot being the worst ever and the yield about like that of 1921. In the northeast and certain parts of central Texas, the boll weevil is as numerous as it has ever been at this time of year. The weather has been good for harvesting the crop, taking the state as a whole, and since there has been no scarcity of pickers the crop has been gathered rapidly and generally is of a good grade. The cost of picking has averaged about 1.12 a hundred which is about the same price as prevailed last year.

Most of the corn has been gathered and the problem now is to keep away from the rats and weevils,

both of which are unusually active. Much corn was damaged by weevils in the field. The crop will amount to about 114,000,000 bushels, which is a good sized crop for recent years. Many corn shellers are being used this year.

Grain sorghums turned out at the rate of 24 bushels per acre, or 69,000,000 bushels for the state as a whole. This grain crop is gradually working its way eastward in the state, giving almost uniformly good results in the new territory in which it is being grown.

The Texas rice crop has been harvested and threshed in good condition, but the prices are too low, and many growers are holding. An average yield of 39 bushels per acre is reported, making the state production 6,280,000 bushels against 6,142,000 bushels last year.

The sweet potato crop is about 50 per cent better than last year, while peanut production is about 40 per cent above that of last year. Only a few localities have much of pecan crop. As a rule, about a fourth of a full crop is the prospect, which is quite a comedown from the all-time record crop 950 carloads which was harvested last year.

Ranges and all classes of livestock are in somewhat better condition than a month ago, but moisture is needed over much of the state. Cattle shipments are going forward rapidly with the local demand for stockers steadily increasing and resulting

in higher prices. Fall shearing of sheep and goats is completed with the clips turning out average or better. Very little wool has been sold but nearly all the mohair has been moved at slightly lower prices than last year.

Taking things as a whole, Old Man Texas is doing well. The long period of open weather and ample labor supply has enabled him to put his farm work in better shape than usual. Debts of last year have been liquidated in most instances, and in many cases a surplus remained after paying current obligations. There is grain and feed enough for next year, hogs to make meat and lard, and more families are making a living on the farm than in many years. —The Progressive Farmer.

of persons who adhere to the moon lore of farming and gardening. This almanac will have the approval of the modern farmer who has adopted businesslike methods in his farming operations.

"Don't plant by the moon," the almanac says, "but get the best seed and prepare the seed bed, then plant when soil and moisture conditions are right." Good sense, certainly, but how are you going to convince the man who has a moon almanac hanging in the kitchen?

The farmer who plants by the moon sometimes makes out a good case for himself in spite of the scoffing of the experts. He will tell of fine crops grown when the moon was high and how his neighbors failed to get a return of the seed when they disregarded the moon.

The Department of agriculture insists that the preparation of the seed bed and planting at a time when conditions of heat and moisture are the most favorable, with proper cultivation, will insure good crops, regardless of what the moon almanac may say. Students in agricultural schools and some farmers may believe that, but it is too much to expect that many farmers will not continue skeptical in spite of the assurance of the experts.

**OUR DISTRICT JUDGE,  
NEWTON P. WILLIS  
(By a member of the Bar)**

The following tribute to District Judge Newton P. Willis was (without his knowledge or consent) composed and published in the Fall of 1927 by a member of the Bar of the North Panhandle Counties. The author has known him well and long as a lawyer and knows him as a judge, and has well described him in this poem, it is readily recognized by all who know him.

Speaking of our district Judge,  
He is no mere politician;  
We would give you all a nudge,  
They should all have abolition;  
Though they pray for public office,  
They should not ascend the bench,  
They should be fenced up with horses  
Saddle horses on the ranch.

When you go to him for justice,  
And your adversary's there,  
It is not to count the noses,  
But to find out "Is it fair?"  
If it's fair and right he knows it,  
If it's law he knows it too,  
A lawyer can't mislead him;  
He knows law through and through.

And when cases come for trial,  
And the battle's on for fair,  
Lawyers need not take their law  
books,  
Load by load up court-house stair;  
Neither need they tremble fearing  
He will shoot a miss the mark—  
With his thorough, broad experience  
He won't shoot into the dark.

Neither does he shy at issue,  
Nor play the gallery crowd,  
If it's right and just and legal  
He refuses to be cowed;  
But when the trial is over,  
And they all say what was done,  
"Well, the losin' man was my friend,  
But he really shouldn't won."

He is no aristocrat,  
He's been reared on a Panhandle flat,  
Body and soul a democrat,  
A man he is "For a'that and a'that."  
And when as a lawyer he came to bat  
Nobody jeered nor shouted "Scat!"  
His adversaries all recognized that,  
And had to admit they should take  
off their hat.

The judges' bench is an important  
position,  
Women know this by intuition;  
Were he a soft-soap politician,  
We would rise up in sedition.  
His labors and toils in full fruition,  
Built on ability, work and ambition,  
A heart with a hope and a life with  
a mission,  
Proves his qualification without con-  
dition.

He's a hale and hearty fellow,  
On the level, on the square,  
He's obliging, gracious, handsome,  
Say the men and ladies fair.  
He holds court in nine counties,  
And he does so twice a year,  
Administering justice,  
With ability and no fear.

Square pegs do not fit in round holes,  
Neither round pegs fit in square—  
When you find what men are best for  
Multiply their talents there.  
We have judicial temperament,  
Sitting in the judge's chair,  
Fitted, suited, just exactly  
To a gnat's bristle, to a frog's hair.

Thus we feel a sense of safety  
In our liberties and rights,  
We do not toss on our pillows,  
Spending restless, sleepless nights.  
And when his old friends seek him,  
Is it "Where does Judge Willis be?"  
No, it's "Hey there Bob, old timer!  
Have you seen Newton P.?"

**DISCREDITING MOON FARMING**

To question confidence in the almanac when it comes to planting is still regarded as almost sacrilege by many an old-fashioned farmer. Unless the "sign" is right, he is sure that it will be useless for him to attempt to get a crop.

The federal department of agriculture has issued an almanac for farmers, and this almanac contains a somewhat serious attack on the ideas



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Appearing on our entertainment course this season is the Artells Dickson Concert Company in a versatile program of arias, ballads and negro spirituals, violin solos and pianologues. Mr. Artells Dickson, a Southern singer, who for two years was baritone soloist in a great New York church has a rich, resonant voice of exceptional volume, his personality is attractive, his manner unaffected. The violin solos by Miss Helen Hunt and the pianologues and other entertainment features by Martha Dickson, a charming Southern girl, lend variety and charm to the program.

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Fancy Pendleton wool shirt  
\$5.00 value for \$3.98  
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\$6.75 value for \$5.83  
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Sport Blouses or Lumber Jacks  
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#### THE WISE FRIEND

Once upon a time—and not very long ago—there was a brother and sister who had a friend. A very special friend he was, who told them stories about men who flew through the skies over far-flung spaces of the earth; of boys and girls who had thrilling adventures; of others who had most unusual situations confront them, yet managed to come through their tests with steadfast and courageous hearts; of wild animals in deep jungles—how they lived, hunted and died. Such a host of things did their good friend tell them of, and how interestingly he told them!

Came the time when their friend moved away to another town. Brother and sister were saddened by his going, for they knew they would miss his cherry smile and the wonderful stories and amusing anecdotes he was so fond of telling them. Then one day the postman brought them a letter from their friend, in which he told them he was sending them *The Youth's Companion* so that they would not forget him, and that in it they would find just the sort of stories they had so much enjoyed hearing him tell.

And sure enough, a day of two

later the magazine arrived, and brother and sister found that it truly did have just such wonderful stories of adventure and sport and mystery, and just such jokes as they loved so well. And every time that a new number of the *Youth's Companion* arrived, they wrote a note to their friend and told him how much pleasure the magazine gave them.

You, too, may have just the same pleasure, or give that pleasure, by means of a subscription to *The Youth's Companion*. Subscribers will receive:

1. The *Youth's Companion*—12 big monthly issues in 1928, and
2. Two extra numbers to new subscribers ordering within 30 days. All for only \$2.
3. The *Companion's* new book of humor "1001 One Minute Stories" also included FREE (send 10 cents to cover postage and handling).

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION  
S N Dept., Boston, Mass.  
Subscriptions Received at this office

Don't worry when you stumble.  
Remember a worm is about the only thing that can't fall down.

#### FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING

The editor of the Reporter has always endorsed and supported every activity designed to extend the trade influence of the town of Spearman. We have always been interested in every legitimate proposition to bring more of the farmer's business into Spearman. Three major motives have promoted us in adopting this policy.

The first may be called selfish. We want to see Spearman prosper in a business way, because our own business and property interests are located here.

The second is also due to self-interest, but surely an enlightened self-interest. We want to see our local business institutions prosper and grow, because we feel that as they grow they will be able to serve us all in the entire community much better. The more prosperous the business the better it can serve its customers.

The third contains no element of self-interest. It is rather a social interest. We feel that one of the greatest tasks to be accomplished in this country of ours is the creation of better feeling and deeper understanding between town and country. We are now convinced that the future prosperity of this community and of the nation in general lies in the creation of a cooperative spirit between farmer and city man.

Both have much to contribute to the other. The need for and talk about farm relief will disappear, when the city man comes to understand and appreciate the farmer's problems, and comes to realize further that the prosperity of the farmer is essential to the permanent welfare of the city man's business.

In short we are looking forward to the creation of a co-operative spirit between city and country. That is an important ingredient in the solution of most of the greatest and most perplexing economic problems of the present.

Ever notice that the live wire rarely gets stepped on?

Dawgone a man that can't look you in the eye when you are talking to him.

#### ECONOMICAL ADVERTISING

Competition for business is keen and likely to remain so. This year, and the years following are a time to buy advertising economically, to match in advertising the increased efficiencies of production.

Newspaper advertising is lowest, productive, localized advertising. It is the logical aid of business at a time when volume is large, when hand-to-mouth buying puts a premium upon flexibility and control. Newspaper advertising permits more speed because it has four-wheel brakes.

Newspaper advertising can be focused without waste upon the markets of the greatest buying nation on earth. It reaches the greatest number of people and its seed is sowed in fertile soil. That is, the merchant buying newspaper advertising space knows it is covering his trade area and reaching the maximum number of old and prospective customers in that territory.

The Reporter is leader in this rich market for advertised goods. Its readers look to it for shopping information and news of the commercial world, and its advertisers look to it to apprise the public of shopping advantages and opportunities they offer.

Newspaper advertising, and newspaper advertising alone, can sell everything from patent medicine to automobiles. It has done it, is doing it and will continue to do it.

Suitor as applied to lover has become obsolete. The suit, associated with alimony, usually comes afterward.

The statement that a London preacher, who refuses to perform the marriage ceremony for a bride with powdered face and painted lips, has not performed a ceremony for several weeks would seem to illustrate cause and effect.

Recently a famous Chicago gangster stopped off in Joliet between trains, but he was run out of town in a hurry. No doubt the authorities were afraid he would corrupt the morals of the inmates of the penitentiary located there.

#### At the Churches



Mack Wyatt, Evangelist

#### BIG REVIVAL CAMPAIGN AT UNION CHURCH THIS WEEK

Everyone is enjoying themselves at the Wyatt-Keer evangelistic campaign, which is being conducted this week in the Union Church of this city. The Evangelist Mack Wyatt of Los Angeles, is a fiery young man in the early twenties and believes in the good old fashioned Methodist and Baptist meetings like they had years ago. A hand shaking religion does not change the heart, so young Wyatt has a remedy. The old fashioned alters of years ago where men and women wept their way to a real sky-blue, heaven-born-again experience. Such are the scenes of these campaigns which are termed "Something Different." Wyatt says: "Soft soap is all right for house use, but it does not have any place in our revivals. We don't believe in soft-soaping. Sin is sin, and God say the wages of sin is death." Thousands have heard the young evangelist when only a boy in knicker trousers.

He was heralded as the "Youngest of Preachers." Hundreds have been saved and healed in his meetings. Great miracles in divine healing take place in every revival campaign. Mr. Wyatt is ably assisted by his brother-in-law, Phillip Kerr, a radio artist of

the west coast. Mr. Kerr is also a composer and song writer, his songs being sung from coast to coast and especially over the radio. His compositions will be sung during the revival campaign, by the Evangelist and Mr. Kerr. One of the great and interesting features of their campaigns is "The Negro Spirituals" of the south, as sung by them, one or more being sung at every service. The services will last over and including Sunday with three big services on Sunday as follows: 11 a. m.; 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. A big divine healing service will occupy the 2:30 service and all those sick or afflicted will be prayed for, regardless of ailment. Everyone is invited to attend these services. Come see for yourself.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our dear friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us at the time of death and burial of our dear little son, grandson and nephew.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Knudsen,  
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McNulty,  
Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Knudsen,  
Mr. and Mrs. John Knudsen,  
and families.

#### CARD OF THANKS

We desire to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors in Spearman, Perryton and surrounding country, for the many kindnesses shown us in our recent great bereavement.

MRS. ETTA POWERS,  
and children.  
MRS. E. R. JARVIS.  
C. C. POWERS.  
A. E. POWERS, JR.  
S. F. POWERS.  
D. H. POWERS.

You'll get further by out-thinking a prospective buyer than you will by trying to out-talk him.

Never say, "Well, I'll call again next week." Ask the prospective buyer to name a day and hour when you can see him. In other words, show him you place a value on your time and he will not feel he is throwing his away in talking to you.

Sale Opens Friday,  
January 6,  
1928

*Thomason Brothers*  
THE QUALITY STORE

Sale Closes  
Saturday,  
January 21, 1928

# JANUARY CUT PRICE Sale!

TWENTY-FOUR years ago we established the custom of holding a CUT PRICE SALE each January. So closely have we adhered to this plan that our friends look forward to and expect the announcement of this yearly event. Remember!! You are digging into the heart of a \$30,000 Stock of New, Clean, Standard Merchandise, and buying at prices below what you usually pay for Bankrupt Goods.

**Dress Pants**  
One special lot of good Wool Dress Pants priced at \$3.90 to \$5.50, Choice  
**\$2.98**

**Bring the Entire Family**  
and make this your headquarters. Extra help has been employed to serve you and you will find a congenial bunch to deal with.

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**Men's Dress Hats**  
Beaver Brand: One Lot of \$4.90 to \$5.50 Hats, Choice  
**\$2.48**