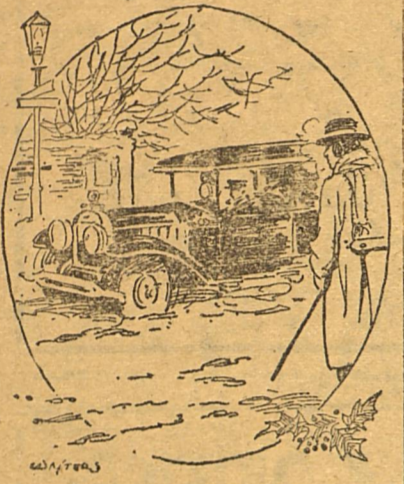




A New Year's Stopover

By Frank Herbert Sweet

T WAS a wonderful car, with silver fixtures and soft, real leather cushions, a heating apparatus with a circle of warmth in the wheel so the driver's hands wouldn't get cold.



It Had Cost Real Money, the Chauffeur Assured Admirers.

big car over a rise that would give a down grade for miles, where gravity would work. But no use.

"What's the matter, York?" brusquely, from inside. "Gas, sir, out."

"Gas out, Mr. Royce." "Oh, yes, of course," irritably. "Well, find a house and we'll walk to it. Then you go and get some gasoline. Oh, yes, push the car from the road so it won't be run into, and keep the lights on."

"I felt the gas going out a mile or two back, sir, and have been looking out for a house since. The only one in the neighborhood seems a little red house across the fields yonder. Quite a ways for the madam to walk, I'm afraid, sir, and—why, there's a man coming from it now, with a wheelbarrow. Maybe he can tell us something."

"Happy New Year, mam an' sir," he said, peering into the car. "I seen you stop from my winder, an' brought my kerriage."

"Good!" exclaimed Mr. Royce, stepping from the car and helping his wife out. "We would remain in the car, only we haven't a bite of food, and we're both hungry. Food, and accommodation, I suppose?"

"Huh! I accommodate automobile parties, I said. Did one two weeks ago." "Can we get over there?" "I got over here, an' wheeled the kerriage for the mam. Bad squaw water and snow brook to cross, an' bad for a man to get over. 'Course," at a dismal protest from the woman, "cushions could be put in the kerriage to make it more aristocratic an' comfortable. But never commence a New Year biz, or 't will flop toward the end—an' 't's 'most ready to rain. Better hurry."

wife, plaintively. "I do hope he'll have supper soon. I'm hungry. And I haven't seen a woman about yet."

"But I thought he entertained automobile parties?" "Seems he had a sort of vagabond one here two weeks ago, with a vagabond sort of car. Gave it for what he owed. The man's honest though, I believe. Thinks turnips and onions the height of luxury. But listen to the rain! Have to stay tonight."

"The next morning it still rained. By that time Mr. Royce was desperate. "What will you take for the car?" he demanded. "Five dollars, what the man owed me."

"But I offered you twenty for the gas alone," nervously. "Must sell together, an' you must take the car along."

"I shall give you twenty—and our entertainment—"

"Only five," firmly, "an' the rest is nothin'. Four days I never charge; Christmas, 'cause it's a gift day; New Year's, for bein' startin' the year right; Easter, as a glad day; an' Fourth of July, 'cause my grandpaw fit in the war. Other times I charge. You can only pay five."

So an hour later the royal car glided away, with Mrs. Royce, feet on the little heater, the chained fliwer rattling behind, and the "Happy New Year" of their host ringing behind.

Only when they were out of hearing did Mr. Royce lean forward to his chauffeur's ear: "Go twenty miles or more before you lose the trailer in the bushes," he ordered. "I don't wish our host to know."

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BURR'S BIOGRAPHY ON THE MITCHELL CASE

The counsel for the Mitchell case wanted to call the President of the United States as a witness for his defense, and the question has consequently arisen: Can the President be subpoenaed? It is interesting to note that Samuel H. Wandell and Meade Minnigerode recall a similar incident in their biography of Aaron Burr.

Prosperous New Year— TOO MUCH SPEED Although many people appear to be of contrary opinion, it is quite generally agreed that "you can't make people good by statute."

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Caloric Requirements of the Child

DETTIANS declare that the average boy or girl of four years should receive about forty calories a pound of body weight per day.

Necessarily, the caloric requirement of the child is dependent on his temperament, since a child who plays hard and long requires more nourishment than one who leads a quieter life.

Mothers know the daily diet should consist of the essential foodstuffs, protein, carbohydrates, fats, minerals and water. The important thing for her is to learn the foods that contain these essentials in a balanced diet.

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Luncheon at School. Baked potato and butter 200 calories 1/2 cupful spinach 25 calories

Afternoon Luncheon at School. 1 orange 100 calories Dinner. 1 small piece broiled steak (3/4 x 2 1/2 x 1/4) 75 calories

Total 1840 calories Children often become wearied of drinking plain milk. Mixing their milk with fruit juices is a welcome change.

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The appended menus for the holiday dinner and supper may prove a welcome change to your family.

Supper. Cream of Tomato Soup 6 Croutons Fruit Salad With Whipped Cream Sauce 6 Cheese Crackers Assorted Cakes 6 Nuts Chocolate 6

Remove leaves and trim off the stalk from large cauliflower. Soak in a solution of 1 tbsp. vinegar, 1 tsp. salt and 1 quart of water for 15 minutes to remove dirt and insects.

Whipped Cream Sauce. Three-fourths cup evaporated milk, 1 cup whipping cream, 1/4 cup powdered sugar.

S. W. Phillips, manager of the Afton Grocery Company, of Afton, was in Spur on Monday of this week to be with his daughter, Miss Ruby, who on Christmas day underwent a successful operation at the hands of Dr. Nichols at the Nichols Sanitarium.

Grandpa Laverty, of New Mexico, on the holidays in Spur with his daughter, Mrs. L. H. Perry, and son Frank Laverty, and families.

NOTICE OF SALE

State of Texas, County of Dickens. Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of January, at 11 o'clock, I will sell at public auction, and to the highest bidder for cash, the West End school house located in Common School District Number 10, Dickens County, Texas.

Said sale was ordered by the Honorable County School Board of Dickens County, Texas, at its regular meeting held on the 10th day of April, A. D. 1925, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

H. A. C. BRUMMETT, County Judge, Dickens County, Texas. 6-3te

Mr. Farmer—I have 800 bushels of absolutely pure Half and Half Cotseed, first year from the originator and stored and ginned under contract by Guthrie Gin Co., at Afton, I am offering these seed at \$2.50 per bushel.

W. C. Burton, a good and staunch citizen of the Girard County, was in Spur Monday of this week and while here called at the Texas Spur office and left a dollar and fifty cents with us for the Spur news another year.



Mrs. T. M. Maples and daughters, Misses Ruth and Reta, and Miss Lorene Ledford, spent Saturday, Sunday and Monday in Snyder with Mrs. Maples' sister and brother. Doc Ellis and wife who were here from Throckmorton, also accompanied them to Snyder. In Snyder Mr. Ellis and Mrs. Maples met a brother who they had not seen in twenty five years, the brother now residing in New Mexico and coming out to spend the holidays with them.

George Greenwade, who is ranching out in Arizona, was here for a short time one day the past week. He states that his family now lives at Phoenix, his nearest trading point only about two hundred miles from his ranch. Out in his territory he says there are plenty of Mexicans, Spaniards and Catholics but that no Ku Kluxers have yet had the temerity to invade that section since they would be properly ku kluxed on first appearance. But, of course, a man living away out in the mountains can talk any old way without suffering a boycott.

H. C. Elderidge, of McAdoo, was here this week. As an evidence of conditions resulting from the early freeze, he states that this is the first year he has failed to meet land notes and interest. The eagle may squall here before another crop comes in, but we suspect that all of us could live on much less if we had to. Prosperous conditions have caused every body to live higher and faster, and now to be deprived of even a portion of such living may cause us to think we are ruined.

Mrs. Zefferine Berry, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Stevens, was called to Snyder last week on account of the death of her husband's father at that place. Mr. Berry was at Rochester, where they are now making their home.

J. Z. Smith was here the first of last week, and while in the city called in to talk with us a few minutes. Mr. Smith states that he is this year making the best cotton crop of years. If it hadn't been for the freeze there is no telling how much cotton he might have made.

Cecil Alexander, of the Cat Fish country, was a pleasant caller Thursday at the Texas Spur office. He just recently returned from East Texas where he has been employed for the past two years and now desires to secure a place here and farm the coming year.

Ben Reddell came to our rescue last week with a car load of sausage, ribs and balckbone, and until they are gone we do not care which way the wind blows.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Ellis, of Throckmorton, spent the Christmas holidays in Spur with their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ericson and his sister, Mrs. T. M. Maples.

Mrs. Homer Dobbin's mother of Peacock, and sister, Mrs. Fred Griffin and family, of Abilene, spent Christmas in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins.

J. R. Roberson, of near McAdoo, was transacting business and meeting with friends in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. Brannen of Peacock is in Spur spending the holidays with her son, Dr. M. H. Brannen and wife.

Mrs. Thornton, of Stamford, spent the holidays with relatives in the Stokes and her daughter, Miss May Bell Thornton, who has also been spending some time with Mr. Stokes.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliot entertained the young folks of the town and country Saturday evening with a dance at their Spring Creek ranch home.

R. F. Rogers, of Dry Lake, was in the city one day this week, reporting that his son Olen, who was recently injured in an automobile wreck, is now doing nicely, Milton Foreman being one of the most seriously injured is still in the sanitarium.

A. C. George, of the Highway community, came in recently and had the Texas Spur sent to his brother, for which he has our thanks.

J. M. Hahn, of Highway, was here Tuesday again meeting with friends. He reports a pleasant, memorable Christmas.

M. E. Tree was here Wednesday from the Highway community, spending a short time here greeting friends following the Christmas rush.

Mr. and Mrs. Goss D. Cobb, of Albany spent the holidays in Spur with her mother, Mrs. Kate Senning.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Keith and family of San Angelo, were in Spur spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Maples.

Frank Hale, of Kent County, was here the past week on business.

Mr. Brownlow, of McAdoo, was here last week on business and trading with merchants.

Mr. Henson, of Roaring Springs, is spending several days in Spur with his son and family, and also to see the dentist.

W. E. Valentine, of west of Spur, was in the city the past week, stating that practically all his crop had been gathered, and the bollies remaining would not more than pay the rent in pulling.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Huie, of Lubbock, spent several days recently in Spur visiting friends.

R. E. Darden, of Girard, was in Spur on business the past week.

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Dennis Harkey was over Wednesday of this week from Dickens, spending some time here on business.

J. P. Middleton is back in the city from Lubbock where he spent the holidays with his family.

S. J. Ousley returned the past week from Anson where he spent a day or two on business.

I. M. Allen, of the Cat Fish country, dropped in at the Texas Spur office Thursday to have his paper changed to Dickens, since he is moving to a place four miles north of the county capital.

Mrs. G. W. Bennett, of Midway, was shopping in the city Saturday.

Mr. Cloud, of Oklahoma, a nephew of J. J. Cloud spent the Christmas holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. Cloud. Mr. and Mrs. Cloud also had their sons, Huddle Cloud and wife and Jim Cloud with them for the Christmas holidays.

STRAYED—One pair mules, one yellow-muttie mare mule and one black horse mule with chain on neck, nine or ten years old. Notify G. W. Rash.

J. P. Gibson and family spent Christmas in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gibson and other relatives and friends of this section. Mr. Gibson informed us that comparatively good crops were harvested in the Lamesa country, that section having not suffered greatly from the freeze.

I am in a position to make an unlimited amount of farm loans in Dickens and other counties. See Clem A. Harkey, at Ramsey Garage or Dennis Harkey, Dickent, Texas.

Joe Grace and wife, of New Orleans spent the holidays in Spur with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace and family. Joe Grace has an important and lucrative position with an iron or bridge construction company and has earned promotion from the very beginning of his employment.

W. D. Boland, wife and son, of Canyon, and Price Broiles and wife of Throckmorton, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hail.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunley Anz spent Christmas in Hico.

FOR RENT—My farm 12 miles S. W. of Spur. Must sell four horses, implements and milk cow to parties renting place.—W. O. Garrison. 7-2tp

W. L. Caviness, of Paris, Texas, spent one night this week with his Uncle, W. L. Hyatt and family. Mr. Caviness had been upon the Plains on business, and never having visited his uncle, came by for the night. Last summer Uncle Bill Hyatt visited Paris and other points for the first time in forty years, he having left his old home there when a young man of eighteen years.

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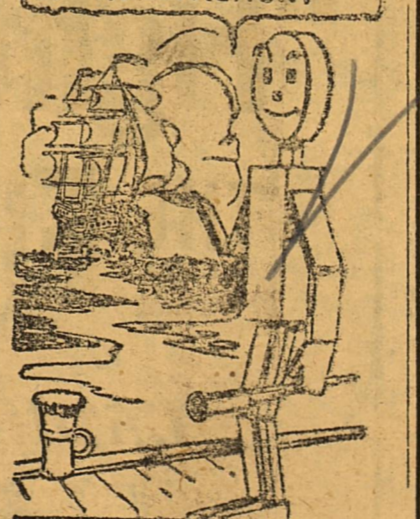
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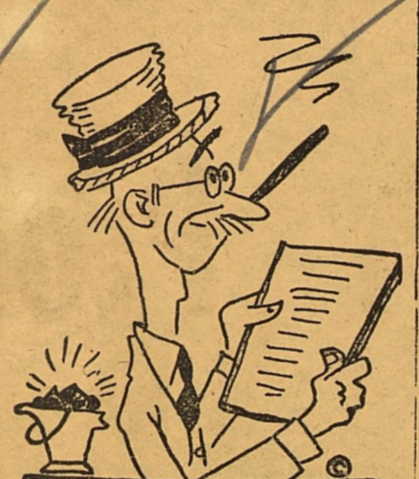
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Monday, Jan. 4th: "Lover in Quarantine" 2-REEL COMEDY

Tuesday, Jan. 5th: "New Brooms" 2-REEL COMEDY

Wednesday, Jan. 6-7: "His Supreme Moment" 2-REEL COMEDY

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BILL FOR THE RELIEF OF SURPLUS CROPS WILL BE INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 26.—Inclusion of an export commission project in the administration farm relief program has been virtually agreed on.

A bill to create such a commission to supervise disposal of surplus agricultural products, will be introduced soon in congress, and it promises to have the support of both President Coolidge and the Western Senators and Representatives, who have been criticizing his plan for agricultural relief.

Secretary Jardine has conferred with President Coolidge several times regarding such a proposal. Farm leaders in Congress said Saturday that the promise of administration support made a valuable addition to the hitherto announced administration plans for helping the farmer. Mr. Jardine indicated that he regarded the development as merely a logical working out of the opinions long entertained in administration quarters.

A bill to aid cooperative marketing has been introduced in both Senate and House, with administration support, but there has been no open endorsement from the White House on any other relief legislation now pending. In view of the repeated assertion by the President and some of his advisers reminding the farmer he himself must remedy many of the conditions with which he is confronted, farm block senators and representatives have acted on the assumption that no further legislation would be proposed by the White House.

Heavy pressure in favor of various projects, including export corporation and price fixing arrangements, has been brought to bear on the President. Several independent relief measures have been introduced in the Senate and House.

Although inclined toward the creation of such sort of agency which would indicate how a surplus should be handled, Secretary Jardine remained opposed to actual government handling or to price fixing. He is anxious however, that something be done, and expects to call farm leaders to Washington for consultation over details. The first series of conferences of this character probably will be called within the next ten days.

The Secretary expressed confidence Saturday that sufficient progress was being made to indicate the possibility of arriving at a plan that would not involve price fixing or put the government in the actual business of handling farm products. He severely disputed any suggestions that he had made any concessions from his former stand on this problem.

"Although I have repeatedly recognized the surplus problem and the need for finding a sound solution for it, I have consistently opposed government price fixing or the handling of farm products by gov-

ernment agencies," said Mr. Jardine. "Continued discussion of the question, particularly during the last few months, gives me the feeling that we are entering more and more on common ground and I am greatly encouraged over the possibility of arriving at a sound and workable plan."

The plan now under consideration by the Agricultural Department, centers on the creation of a farm board or commission, with broad powers to deal with the surplus problem, but with the handling of farm products resting absolutely with farm controlled agencies. In one extreme form which has been proposed. The legislation would call for extending financial aid from the Government in handling surplus farm products and the levying of an excise tax to take care of the probable losses in operation.

Secretary Jardine said he could approve or disapprove the functions of the proposed board until he had a fuller opportunity to go into the matter.

Tentative consideration is being given, however, to a proposal to empower the board or commission to designate "emergency periods" when surplus products are seriously menacing any particular farming industry and to designate some agency to handle it. Secretary Jardine sees merit in board functions of this nature because of the assistance it would give farmers in the establishment of their own machinery, with the government standing ready to give every legitimate assistance possible.

"A sound plan directed to the surplus question," the Secretary said, "will be practically certain, in my judgment, to recognize the cooperative movement and carry the approval of cooperative leaders. Farmers through their own organizations have a most powerful instrument to control the movement of surplus crops into consumptive channels. With the confidence I have in the cooperative movement, I have always opposed government price fixing, either direct or indirect, and the handling of farm products by government agencies with a most certain feeling that a government guarantee of this nature would eliminate the one real incentive for collective effort."

"After a thorough study of the problem I have come to the conclusion that there may be legitimate functions which a government board or commission might render which would encourage initiative on the part of farmers along the broad lines I have constantly and consistently held for."

Prosperous New Year— W. H. Young, of the Red Hill community was in the city the past week and handed us the coin of the realm to extend his subscription another year for the Texas Spur.

E. P. Taylor, of Paris, Tenn., enclosed to us a two dollar william to keep the Texas Spur coming to his address.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE A NATIONAL PROBLEM

By WILLIAM E. KNOX President, American Bankers Association

The Federal Reserve situation is the paramount problem before American banking today. The time is approaching when it will be necessary for the nation to consider the question of re-chartering the Federal Reserve Banks.



William E. Knox scientific banking systems in the world. During the last ten years, through all the stress of war, inflation, depression and revival, it served this country as no country was ever served by a banking system. We know that without it our nation would have had a financial disaster far more devastating than any that ever assailed it.

While we have this great loyalty and obligation to the System, we must recognize that among its friends there has risen serious controversy over many matters of detail. There are many demands for change in the methods of its management and in details of its operation. Where these demands represent broadly the greatest good of the greatest number we should support them. Where they represent merely narrow, diverse interests of one part of the country or one type of business or finance, they should be subordinated to the common good. We should meet on the great broad ground of the common welfare—first to preserve the system in general as it is now constructed, and secondly to bring about, carefully and soundly, such changes as are required to adjust it to circumstances of today.

The task of considering, sifting, weighing and co-ordinating discussion and suggestions regarding the Federal Reserve System has been confided to the Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association. It is hoped that thereby the Federal Reserve System will be given the best thought and the best support of banking. There is no greater service banking can render the nation than this. It goes right to the heart of good management of the public economy of America.

The Mint's Sidelines

The United States mints make other objects besides coins. All of the medals for the army and navy are turned out by the mints. Medals of all the Presidents, the Secretaries of the Treasury, the Directors of the Mints, have been designed and executed by the mints. Recently the mints inaugurated the practice of making medals of the Under Secretaries of the Treasury. Congress has authorized the mint to make up 40,000 medals to commemorate the arrival of the first shipload of Norse immigrants on board the sloop Restauration, which is to be celebrated at the Norse-American Centennial in Minnesota next summer.

At the last session of Congress there was a flood of bills seeking to have commemorative half dollars minted. The prior session authorized the minting of the Huguenot half dollars and of 5,000,000 half dollars to signalize the start of work on the Stone Mountain carving, which will serve as a monument to the valor of the soldiers of the South. On the Federal coins appear Generals Lee and Jackson, the two leaders of the Confederate forces in the Civil War.

A Flood of Coins With the 150th anniversary of the great battles of the American revolution approaching, bills were passed last winter to issue coins commemorating the stand of the minutemen at Lexington and Concord and the battle of the Green Mountain patriots at Bennington in Vermont. Proposals were made to pay tribute in a similar way to the battle of Bunker Hill, the victory at Yorktown and other events American history, such as the 200th anniversary of the founding of Stoughton, Mass., and the 50th anniversary of the admission of California to the Union.

Fearing that the growth of this practice would open the way to counterfeiting and make the protection of the integrity of the coins more difficult, Secretary Mellon openly opposed the creation of these special coins, but was not entirely successful in his efforts. He insisted that the practice introduced confusion into our system of coinage, brought about an unnecessary expense and satisfied a very limited demand because the public generally has never shown a special liking to the commemorative coins.

However, Congress felt that these great events were worthy of commemoration and authorized the coins—all of which are to be sold at a premium so that the promoters of these events may raise funds by this extra charge to defray part of the expense attached. The records of the Treasury show that the special coins, as a general rule, are seldom absorbed in circulation. The Monroe coin issue was a dismal failure—217,000 of the 274,000 struck off were turned back to the Treasury for melting up.

Journal American Bankers Association. Prosperous New Year— We last week received a check for five silver dollars to extend the subscription of Mrs. W. S. Dunn who now resides in Breckenridge. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were in Spur during their first days, helped to put the town on its feet and start it on the way to a metropolitan city, and they have many close friends here who wish them prosperity in their home else where.

Prosperous New Year— Albert Powers, of near Afton, was here the past week. We had a good long talk with Mr. Powers in reference to cotton. Personally we know nothing about farming, not even as much as the heads of the Retail Merchants Association, who is supposed to know everything and not only dictate policies of other business interests, but to tell the farmer how to sow and reap and where to get on and off in matters of mercantile credit. However, when a farmer who has had years of actual experience tells us of his successes and failures, we give credence to his conclusions. We can very readily see however, that other business interests than that of farming, has a tendency to seek to control prices and dictate policies of farming interests, even to the extent of threatening price penalties unless certain select staples are adopted. Mr. Powers is a grower of Half and Half cotton and tells us that he has made more cotton and received more money for his staple than other farmers of his section. He is keeping his seed pure and offering them for sale to others who want them. R. E. Dickson, of the Experiment Station, informs us that his experiments have shown the Mebane cotton to be the best all round cotton for this country, but gave us no information concerning Half and Half. Mr. Powers being the only farmer who unqualifiedly states that this cotton will make bigger and better returns than any other staple.

Prosperous New Year— W. J. Duncan, of Roaring Springs, was among the recent visitors in Spur. Prosperous New Year— Mr. and Mrs. Dick Barnes, of Abilene, spent the Christmas holidays in Spur with Mrs. Barnes' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lisenby.

W. S. Boggs, of the Spur Experiment Station, dropped in on us the first of the week and left a check to cover his subscription to the Texas Spur for another year. Such acts may seem a small matter to the several individuals, but to us it has a lasting and wholesome effect. We appreciate the voluntary renewal of subscriptions more than we can express.

Prosperous New Year— E. C. Edmonds, Jr., returned Sunday to Baylor University at Waco to resume his college studies and duties. E. C. has been honored this term as yell leader for Baylor, and there is no question that E. C. fills the requirements more satisfactorily than any other student could have done.

Prosperous New Year— Miss Ella Mae Hogan, who is attending McMurry College at Abilene is spending the holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hogan.

Prosperous New Year— Miss Clarice Laine is here from McMurry College at Abilene, spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Laine.

Prosperous New Year— Mr. and Mrs. White Moore pleasantly entertained a number of young people of the country Friday evening with a dance at their ranch home to the west of Spur.

Prosperous New Year— Rev. Firm Self and family, of near Lamesa, were here during the holidays visiting with relatives and meeting again with many friends and acquaintances.

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Fat hogs for sale on foot, about 200 pounds, on my place two miles south of Leatherwood school house. —E. N. McCracken. 1 tp

Prosperous New Year—  
FOR SALE—375 acre farm, 4 miles west of Afton. 125 acres in cultivation—balance good grass. Plenty of water. Cash and terms. —Mrs. Williamson on premises.

Prosperous New Year—  
Mrs. J. C. McNeil recently accompanied her sister, Mrs. Williamson, to Mayo Bros., of Rochester, Minn., where she will be given special treatment or surgery from these famous physicians and surgeons.

Prosperous New Year—  
Miss Virginia Forbis, who has been spending the Christmas holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis, and other relatives and friends, is returning this week to C. I. A. at Denton, where she is taking special courses in industrial arts.

Prosperous New Year—  
Mrs. Rob Davis and two children, and Mrs. Mike M. Young, spent the holidays with relatives and friends at Memphis, Texas, returning home this week.

Prosperous New Year—  
Elder Mike M. Young and wife of Abernathy, spent several days during the holidays in Spur visiting friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Young are old timers of this section of the country, and although they now reside on the Plains we are confident it is only a temporary arrangement, and in the course of time they will return to their old home here among friends and the best people in the universe, and who appreciate them in every day life and associations.

Prosperous New Year—  
J. B. Morrow, of north of Dickens, was one among the many in Spur during the holiday rush. Although the year has been unfavorable to farmers in general throughout the country, Mr. Morrow has been more fortunate in that he made fine crops of feed and picked out twenty odd bales of cotton, and with plenty of feed stuff his chickens, eggs, milk and butter and meat for home consumption, with possibly a surplus to sell, the New Year can have but a bright outlook for he and others who may thus be favored.

Prosperous New Year—  
Clark Forbis and wife and Frank Forbis, came in from the Forbis ranch north of Afton, spending Christmas in Spur with Frank Goff and R. C. Forbis and family.

Prosperous New Year—  
FOR SALE—Incubator and Game Roosters, Cornish Game Roosters and 228 capacity Queen Incubator. See O. B. Sims, Rt. A, Spur, Texas. 4 tr

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Snider and son Crate are spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Sherman and other East Texas points.

Prosperous New Year—  
Two furnished rooms for rent. Phone 163 or 259. 9 2tc.

Prosperous New Year—  
Mrs. P. C. Ellis and daughter, Miss Katie, are spending the holidays with friends and relatives at Mineral Wells and Waco.

Prosperous New Year—  
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sanders returned this week from Stamford and Abilene where they spent Christmas with relatives and friends.

Prosperous New Year—  
Grandpa Morrison is reported quite sick at the home of his son, J. L. Morrison, of the Espuela community. It is hoped that Grandpa may soon be recovered.

Prosperous New Year—  
O. B. Sims, of the Espuela community, was in the city Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur Office. He reports everything settling down to business in the Espuela country, following a happy and merry Christmas.

Prosperous New Year—  
Miss Ermal Lisenby, who is attending Simons College at Abilene, spent the holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lisenby.

Prosperous New Year—  
Randolph McNeil came down from the Tech College at Lubbock, spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeil on the Alamo Stock Farm.

Prosperous New Year—  
Dick and Sterling Davis, Jim Cloud, Billie Elliott and Miss Dick Stafford, who have been spending the holidays in Spur with parents and relatives, are returning this week to resume their studies at the Tech College in Lubbock.

Prosperous New Year—  
Geo. S. Link, Jr., is here from S. M. U. at Dallas, spending the holidays with parents and friends. This is Geo. S.'s third year in college, having spent two at Kemper Military School at Boonesville, Missouri. He is pleased with S. M. U. and says without hesitation that Texas colleges are superior to those of other states.

Prosperous New Year—  
Henry Elkins, who has been spending the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Elkins, is returning this week to resume his studies and complete his courses at T. C. U. Fort Worth.

Prosperous New Year—

Health and Home

PROPER FOOD FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

The age during which children are attending school may aptly be called "The Dangerous Age." It is the period of rapid growth and every care should be taken to insure the child of a normal and healthy body. The idea of eating only fit and wholesome foods should be early impressed on the younger members of every family in order to protect them against later ill health and its accompanying unhappiness. If the utmost care is not taken in the diet that is used by children, various kinds of ailments may result. And milk, being the chief item in the diets of most children, should be carefully guarded. It is, because of its nature, prone to infection if exposed to germs and may soon become unfit for use. Wherever there is the slightest reason for doubt as to its purity and food value, steps should be taken to insure the sterility and the fitness of milk intended for consumption by children. Many mothers have adopted the excellent practice of using milk that is absolutely pure and sterile and free from any germs or bacteria. The most satisfactory, as well as the safest milk used in preparing food for the growing child is evaporated milk. It is sterile, and therefore safe. It is more digestible than market milk. Its uniformity, convenience and cost are qualities that recommend it.

The following dishes are well suited to the needs of the growing child; they are easily digested and very nourishing:

Caramel Custard.  
1 cup evaporated milk (caramelized)  
1/2 cup sugar  
milk diluted 2 tsp. sugar  
with 1/4 tsp. salt  
1 cup water 1/2 tsp. vanilla  
3 eggs  
Scald the diluted milk. Caramelize the sugar and add to milk to dissolve. Beat eggs slightly, add sugar, salt, and flavoring and combine with scalded milk. Pour into custard cups and set in a pan of hot water and cook in a moderate oven. When done, a knife blade run in the center will come out clean.

Fish Chowder.  
1 pint raw fish cut 3 cups boiling water  
in 1-inch dice  
5 small potatoes, 1 cup evaporated milk diluted with fine 1 cup water  
1/4 pound fat salt 6 crackers  
pork, sliced

Fry out the salt pork. When brown, remove pieces of pork and put fish, potatoes, and onions in kettle. Cover with boiling water. Simmer until potatoes are tender. Add the milk and cook 5 minutes longer. Season with salt and pepper. Just before serving add the crackers.

Prosperous New Year—  
Mrs. G. W. Alger and sister, Mrs. Payton of California, are spending the holidays with their relatives in the eastern part of the state.

Emergency Pantry Meets Home Need

By META H. GIVEN  
(Home Economist.)

Efficiency and economy go hand in hand in the home as well as in the business world. The emergency pantry, latest innovation in the cuisine of the modern housewife is particularly indicative of the truth of this statement.



Meta H. Given.

This new sort of pantry—it may just be a shelf in the regular larder—goes away with that baggage of the home maker, the surprise guest. Every woman has had the experience of welcoming an unexpected visitor when supplies were at low ebb and has searched high and low to find something presentable to put on the table. The emergency shelf in the pantry does away with such worries in short order.

A can opener—presto—a veritable banquet can be prepared in a few minutes. The housewife may have her choice of many excellent meats, corn, tomatoes, mushrooms. If she is short of milk or cream, a can of evaporated milk, which is simply fresh cow's milk sterilized in the can and with sixty per cent of the water removed will do the trick. In fact she may have two hundred or more savory dishes ready to her hand.

When the surprise guest does arrive the hostess naturally wishes to be hospitable. She doesn't want to be tied to the kitchen range half the afternoon. She wants to entertain as she has been entertained.

It isn't possible if she has to phone frantically for the butcher, the grocer and the baker.

But that's only one of the places where the emergency pantry comes in. Backed by a well-stocked emergency shelf, the wife can get together a splendid luncheon or dinner in a jiffy. The spontaneous wish that comes at the last moment to informally invite a few friends for lunch can be gratified at once with the aid of the new pantry.

Afternoon tea for the bridge club is an equally easy matter. A glass of preserves or jelly, a platter of bread and butter, tea, and a dish of cookies will meet the ordinary demands of the casual caller and a can of evaporated milk will save the milk or cream need.

Diversify—

Housework Worth \$300 a Year, but—

Nine hundred dollars a year is the value of the average housewife's services in the home, and statistics show there are 20,700,000 women engaged in housework according to Mrs. Leonora Z. Meder, prominent Chicago woman lawyer and economist. "The wife," said Mrs. Meder, who was formerly commissioner of public welfare of Chicago, "is an executive, purchasing agent, budget expert, and producer rolled into one. The successful home maker studies food values. She arranges her budget so that the food she buys will have all the necessary body building qualities.

"The woman who would keep down her food bill will do better to spend her money on milk and green vegetables than on butter, though butter is one of the best sources of the essential food element, vitamin A. There are butter substitutes, but nothing can take the place of milk and vegetables.

"Milk, food experts say, is the most nearly perfect food. Science solved the problem by inventing evaporated milk, which is simply fresh cow's milk sterilized in cans and with sixty per cent of the water removed. Because evaporated milk is of double the richness of ordinary market milk many housewives dilute it half and half with water for cooking purposes. Keeping longer than ordinary milk, there is no waste from souring. Then, too, it is cheaper.

"Savings also can be made on meat. Cheaper portions of beef skillfully cooked are highly nutritious and often better tasting than portions which cost more. The shoulder, breast and stew meat of lamb are excellent. Pork shoulders, feet, talls, heart, spare ribs and hocks are in the same category."

Prosperous New Year—  
Lloyd Putman, who is attending school in Vernon, is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Putman.

Diversify—

FOR SALE—Full blood Rhode Island Red, Wyandotts and White Leg horn chickens. Also eight or ten tons good maize, 1850 binds good sorghum.—C. D. Jacobson, 4 miles west of Spur on W. J. Dickens place.

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Make One of Your New Year Resolutions to Buy  
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We Make Every Car Repair Job Stand Up!  
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Let Your Lights Shine Brightly and Electricity  
Serve You in 1926

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It is Wise Economy to Let Us Repair Your Shoes  
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**Blanton's Electric Shoe and  
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Start the New Year by Resolving to Let a Modern  
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**Spur Tailor Shop, Ira Sullivan**

Drive Into Our Station For Quick Service in Gas,  
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Both Ladies and Gentlemen Are Assured of the Best  
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**Crocket & Fox, Barbers**

Our Specialty is Giving You What You Want  
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**Maples Garage**

Our Hardware and Implements Are the Best, and  
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Drink At Our Fountain, Use Our Toilet Goods, and  
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You'll Find Us on the Job Early and Late  
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Beginning January 1st, This Store Will  
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Our Bollie Machines Assure You of the Best  
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NEW YEAR

The business firms and interests represent-  
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extend the season's greetings to the people  
and the trade of this territory, wishing each  
and everyone happiness, contentment and  
prosperity throughout the New Year.

Thanks and appreciation is extended for  
liberal business of the year just closing,  
with the assurance that during the New  
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and legitimate prices will be maintained  
by the business interests in various lines,  
each of whom desire to serve, accommo-  
date and extend every possible considera-  
tion on every occasion.

PROSPERITY  
TO ALL

YOU WILL BE PLEASED AND MORE PROSPEROUS IF YOU WILL  
TRADE IN SPUR THROUGHOUT 1926