# THE TEXAS SPUR AND THE DICKENS ITEM

VOLUME XXII.



NUMBER 7

### Three Held For Shop-Lifting; 1 on Liquor Count

morning.

A considerable furore of excitement was caused among the crowds of Christmas shoppers here Tuesday afternoon when two lads from the northend of the county were "picked up" for shop-lifting. The articles involved, which were taken from the turkey would have to be left Speer's Variety Store, were of negligible value, and the youths claim to have purchased them. They, however, are being retained at the county bastile pending further evidence and developments.

Again Wednesday afternoon a youth from Kalgary community was arrested for the same offense at the same store.

Young fellows who are tempted to help Old Santa out by "picking up things" from display counters would do well to let that old Gentleman take care of the gift problem personally. 'Legger Caught One of the colored gentlemen of the flat was caught with the **Issues Warning of** goods this week, according to Christmas Fires Sheriff Arthur, and is now one of the guests of the county awaiting trial. Officers state that the Negro was in the act of making a delivery when apprehended.

\_\_\_\_\_Q C\_\_\_\_\_

**Plan Crops to Fit** Livestock Needs

College Station, Dec.-Success in raising livestock depends a lot on planning cropping systems to give necessary feed and pasture of the right kinds in the right amounts, declare livestock specialists of the Eextension Service of Texas A. & M. College and the United States Department of Agriculture. In Circular 89 "Planning Texas Farming-1932" the feed requirements for various classes of livestock are listed as a quide to intelligent planning of crop acres. Attention is also called to farm demonstrations found in most parts of the State for examples of good livestock management.

For each horse or mule 50 bushels of corn or like grain is needed, and two tons of hay and one acre of improved pasture. For each dairy cow 25 bushels of grain, 2 tons of hay and 2 acres of improved pasture are required, and for each head of beef cattle 10 bushels of grain if creep fed otherwise 30 bushels and one ton of hay, or 3 acres of improved pasture. A hog needs 14 bushels of corn or like grain, and 1-8 acre of improved pasture. Every laying hen should be allowed one bushel of corn or similar grains, and each turkey raised should be alloted 11/2 bushels of corn or other grain.

Rule 5. All wrapping paper; It is also pointed out that imboxes and other rubbish, should proved pastures are specified in

ity thousand head.

at Miami, Texas.

be removed from the house im- every instance because they are mediately when a parkage has the cheapest suppliers of juicy been opened.

not be permitted to play with matches, for it is thru this medium that many unhappy fires · have occured.

Rule 7. Small children should never be permitted to handle <sup>1</sup> fireworks.

Rule 8. Under no condition should two people engage in a roman candle fight, for to do so is likely to result in serious bodily injury to one of the two. Past (records reveal that many people have been seriously burned, or received an eye injury. Neither should one person throw a firecracker at another person, for such innocent pleasure may result in serious injury.

Rule 9. Parents are warned crease profits. not to leave small children at home to take care of themselves, for there are too many dangerous fire hazards in the household, and small children are not aware to such dangers. The records reveal that such practice as this on the part of parents has resulted in the death of small children not capable of taking care of themselves.

Rule 10. Last, but not LEAST: All people are urged to THINK day night, December 11, for the in terms of SAFETY before doing any act during the Christmas Holidays, and if this pre- amount raised was \$29.91. caution is practiced, we are sure to have few fies of Careless orever before.

feed, and take half or less as Rule 6. Small children should | many acres as ordinary native Bermuda or mesquite pastures to support a given number of live-Pasture demonstrations stock.

> reported throughout Texas by county agents show that the sowing of clovers and improved grasses in native pastures more

than doubles carrying capacity. Attention is also called to the importance of providing as much legume hay as possible in the ration. Alfalfa or soy bean, or cowpea, or clover hay contains many times as much costly protein as Johnson grass or sorghum or prairie hay, and much more minerals. The raising and feeding of legume hay has been found a good way to cut costs and im-

0 -0-Afton P. T. A. Met Monday, Dec. 21st.

The Afton P. T. A. met December 21 at the High School Auditorium. The teachers entertained with a program which was enjoyed. A majority of the officers were present ..

A box supper was given Fripurpose of raising funds for athletic equipment. The total

Our regular meeting night will be the 4th Monday night of each I gin and loss casualities than month. Everybody is invited to attend.-Reporter.

THE TEXAS SPUR

### FRDAY DECEMBER 25, 1931.

Contraction of the local division of the loc	and the second se				Sector Sect	
THE TEXAS SPUR PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY	Letters To Santa	Christmas Night 155 Years Ago	Jokes-Selected	Hampering Reform A temperance organization in Kansas succeeded in getting a	Local News Items	parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P.
Entered as second class matter on November 12th, 1909, at the postoffice at Spur, Texas, under	I am a little how seven years	When George Washington marched his 2400 cold, hungry and tired "ragged continentals" through the ice and snow of	tenth wedding anniversary. Shall I kill the turkey? Hubby—No, let him live. He	bootlegger in jail. The prisoner berated th leader of the organiza- tion for ingratitude. "You folks busted up the greatest temper- ance move in the country for	Everett McArthur, of the Sun- shine Service Station, is this week in Longview to spend Xmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs.	Mrs. Lee Gilbert retu Sunday from California.
Subscription Dries state D	have to walk to asheal this min	Christmas night, 1776, crossed the Delaware River with them in a	it.—Utah Humbug.	years," he said, "I was selling them fellers whiskey that was di-	Ed McArthur and family.	months or so. Mrs. Gilbert that California is one of the
	wear through the snow and rain. I have lots of toys to play with. I want lots of candy and nuts	collection of small boats and barges, then in a whirlwind at- tack that would not be denied, killed or captured the entire	am getting married, sir, is there	luted as high as 75 per cent, and if you had left me alone another month I'd a had 'em drinking	Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Barr and daughters, of the Barr ranch over in Garza county, were among the many Christmas shop-	but that she is glad to get to West Texas where "real
PROFESSIONAL	and apples and oranges. My name is. JACK LYLE WYNNE.	British garrison at Trenton, he headed an exploit which alone would have been sufficient to es-	ary? Boss—If you don't get out of here quick, we'll make you a part-	A red-haired boy applied for a job in a butcher shop. "How	pers here Tuesday.	here will be glad to learn she will make her home
W. D. WILSON	Spur, Texas. Dear Santa:	tablish him as a military leader of the first rank. The 155th anniversary, we are	get anything.—Punch.	"Three dollars a week, but	spend Christmas with Mr. and	J. E. Sparks, a prominer izen of Highway, was a C
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW General Practice of Law	all the candy and nuts and apples	informed by the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, of the battle of Tren	Did you hear abeut Sandy Mc- Culloch finding a box of corn-	what can you do to make your- self useful around a butcher shop?"	Mr. and Mrs. McAfee and daughter left the earlier part of	mas shopper and business here Tuesday.
H. A. C. Brummett	0	ton, coming on the eve of a na- tion wide celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of Wash-	No. Yes—so he went and bought a	"Well, be specific. Can you dress a chicken?"	Mc will join a hunting party, and to spend the Christmas holidays	
LAWYER Practice in all Courts DICKENS, TEXAS	Dear Santa Claus:	ington's birth, turns the thoughts of all Americans toward that ev- ent, which some have called the		boyN. Y. Watch Examiner.	Gat Rogers will spend Christ-	INSURANCE
J. H. GRACE M. D.	a big rubber ball and doll and some apples and candy.	turning point of the Revolution. The hopes and spirits of Wash ington's soldiers had been con-	man at Niagra Falls who confi- ded to an acquaintance that he	a curious fact that the bee stings only once.	mas with his mother, at Munday. Roger Kemp of Kansas, "is en-	
General Practice of Medicine, and Minor Surgery and Obstetrics Residence Phone 171 Office 94	LITTLE WILLIAM SCOTT.	siderably crushed during the au- tumn and early winter of 1776. The continental troops had enlist-	was there on his honeymoon. Ann on being questioned about his bride replied: "Oh, she stayed		titled to three husbands—one to make money, one for social eclat, and one for houskeeping."	
<b>DR. P. C. NICHOLS</b>	Dear Santa: I am a little girl eight years old. Pease bring me a big doll	ed for a short time only, and the period of service for most of them would expire with the end	in Boston; she's already seen the falls, you know."	uration of your palm, dear lady, I can trace your future husband. Client—Really. Then perhaps	"Jim, you look the picture of success."	Phones 84 & 12
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON Office, Nichols Sanitarium	and buggy and some apples, oranges and candy. Oh, yes, I	of the year. Under the unprom-	hand, Washington took the cor-	you can also trace my present one, I can't.—London Opinion.	S-sh! Don't call me that, some one might try and frame me."	
Dr. T. LI Dla alarcall	school. IWANA DRENNEN.	men would re-enlist. That meant the loss of his experienced and	decided to attack Trenton. He caught the Hessians unawares in	"Maud's new bathing suit is	NOT	ICE!
Dr. T. H. Blackwell Specializing on Ear, Eye, Nose	Elton, Texas. Dear Santa:	most valued troops. What made the situation even	the midst of their revelries. The American victory was a certainty	only thing shocking about it."	I will be at the following places during the next month	
and Throat and Office Practice Office at City Drug Store Phone94	I'm a little boy two years old.	worse was the fact that the en- thusiasm of the entire country	and it took only a few minutes of actual fighting to convince	Constable (to speeding foreign	for the purpose o	

Office at City Drug Store .Phone94

#### DR. M. H. BRANNEN

DENTIST Office over Spur National Bank

**Piles** Treated "By Injection Method" See me at Dr. Hale's Office. DRS. SMITH & SMITH

### R. B. MADDUX Chiropractor

Office: one block north Spur Inn Free Examination Phone 24



I am forty -oneyears of age and have had asthma for twenty-fve years. Since beginning to take Crazy Crystals I have been entirely free from asthma attacks. I discovered that this trouble was caused by colitis. I also had a bladtrouble for the past der or so and this condi vear. tion has been corrected to complete satisfaction. my My whole family is taking Crazy Crystals and I cannot pay too much for them. Crazy Crystals are more than claimed for them. I believe that every one in ill health should at least try them regardless of what their trouble is. Signed. PAUL A MILLER, SO9 W. Jefferson St. Kokomo, Ind.

Please bring me a little wagon and little red top and lots of apples and candy.

LITTLE JOE HICKMAN.

Elton, Texas. Dear Santa:

I am a little girl 4 years old. Please bring me a little dollie and broom and some fruit and candy. My little brother, Bill wants a little car.

TOOTSIE HICKMAN.

ter.

#### Dear Santa:

We didn't get to see you in would restore the confidence of Spur, but don't forget to visit our the troops and the entire counhouse. I, Clyde, want a pistol, try. He knew that England tops, car and marbles. I, Pa- could never beat the patriots who tricia, want a tiny doll to play with June, my big doll, a little broom and tub and wash board a victory which would renew the so I can wash June's clothes. Fill our stockings full of candy

and nuts and fruit.. Oodles of love from, CLYDE AND PATRICIA

HOBSON

Spur Texas, Dec. 24,1931.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy five years old. I go to Sunday School most every Sunday. I've tried to be good. I want you to bring me a dump truck, a bow and arrow, a top, a book, a foot ball and some goodies.

Lovingly, Jakie Paul Draper

STOMACH ULCHERS, GAST-RITIS suffers, get rid of your pain! Quick relief. Valuable booklet and letters free.--Udga, Inc., D-187, Dakota Bldg., St. Paul, Minn. 1t

Expert Sewing Machine Repairer. Reasonable charges. At Malone store.-J. C. McAbee. 1p

thusiasm of the entire country of actual fighting was waning, and with the ebb of possibility of obtaining new recruits was correspondingly lessen-

Even General Howe in his com fortable winterquarters in New York City believed that the Amer icans were incapable of further opposition and settled down to enjoy himself as much as possible while the Revolution was frozen and starved out by the winragged army.

General Washington saw the

need of a decisive stroke which

were determined to be free, so

he went about task of winning

determination with which the war

ton which was garrisoned by

Hessian mercenaries under the

command of Colonel Rahl. Having no idea that the foe across

the Delaware River would want

to fight during the festive Christ-

mas season, the Germans forgot

so completely underestimated the

mettle of his adversary that he

refused even to erect fortifica-

Spur Barber

Shop

A fresh, smooth shave

is the Best Tenic to

GEORGE & ALLDREDGE

Main Street

start the duy.

the war and celebrated.

Rahl

The best chance lay at Tren-

was first undertaken.

the enemy of this fact. men has been memorialized in countless tributes and every Amer ican is familiar with the details of that march in the December blizzard and the dangerous cross-Any eulogy must fall short of its intent, yet nothing can be added to the record made that Christmas night by Washington and his

er)—'Ere, you musn't go rushing The heroism of Washington's about like that. What's yer name. Speeding Foreigner-Je ne comprehends pas. Constable-'Ow d'yer spell it? Mother (just back from shoping of the ice filled Delaware. ping)-You're a good boy, John, baby asleep yet? Johnny-Yes, one uppercut was enough.-Passing Show.

> "Every woman," says Mrs.

### for the purpose of collecting taxes: (In Directors Room of Spur National Bank) Spur, January, 4th, 5th, and 6th. Afton, \_\_\_\_\_ \_ January 7th. McAdoo, \_\_\_\_\_ January 8th. W. B. ARTHUR, Tax Collector.

I THE CONTRACTOR OF T



### Holiday Greetings



### "Merry Christmas . . . \* Happy New Year ... \*

Throughout each of our homes, each of our neighborhoods, each of our towns, these glad wishes are making old hearts young -young hearts happy. And it is a time to be happy, too. ... A time when our spiritual, mental and physical beings are uplifted . . . when

For Sale-Good team, beam hitch Oliver Planter, Oliver Cultivator, two set gangs, two slide go-devils. Terms .- J. L. Jenkins, 6 miles N. E. Spur.

Crazy Water Co.

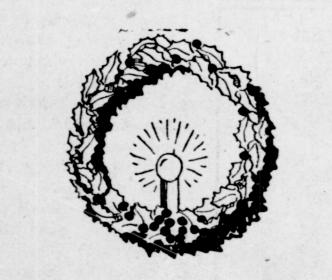
Mineral Wells,



No matter what kind of lumber you wish, dressed or rough, we are in a better position to supply you than ever before-and at prices that are the lowest in our history. You will be surprised to know just how much cheaper everything is today. Before you build or repair, be sure to see us first. Musser Lumber

Company TEXAS

SPUR,



### HOWE'S GARAGE

Wishes For You and Yours A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS A. R. HOWE Prop.

J. T. BILBERRY, TRANSFER **PHONE 169** The next time you have anything to move give us a trial.

there's a song in our hearts, a twinkle in our eyes, and a hearty grip in our hand for our fellowmen.



On this Day of Days, we extend to our many friends-throughout the 125 cities and towns, and in the hundreds of smaller communities,



farm and ranch homes served by this company-a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."



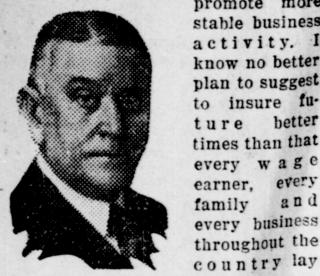
THE TEXAS SPUR

FRDAY DECEMBER 25, 1931.

### **GIVES NATIONAL ECONOMIC PLAN**

By ROME C. STEPHENSON Former President American Bankers Association.

WE hear much of future economic planning to save the nation from a repetition of depression and



down as soon **R. C. STEPHENSON** 

as they are able a program of proper savings as the foundation of their financial policy.

I know of no better plan than this to build for the nation as a whole a stronger economic situation,-that is, through a common structure of individual working, earning and saving. And I know of no better plan to revive activity in a depression than to spend a proper volume of past savings to keep the momentum of business going. But unless there are savings in prosperity there cannot be spending during

during the past period of prosperity have a security and a protection against present adversity that could be provided in no other way. Those who did not are the ones who are now most dependent upon others. If there had been more preaching of this doctrine when it was more feasible to put it into effect than it is now, there would be less depression and less financial insecurity. However, while there should have been more emphasis on savings during prosperity, a measure of the emphasis today might properly be the other way,-at least to the extent that those who can safely do so may well increase their spending instead of overdoing their saving. While many have seen their earnings fail, there are millions who have not suffered so seriously in respect to the real purchasing power of their incomes. If we listened to all the scare stories of the day, one might get the impression' that everybody was out of a job and nobody's business was earning anything. Many of our people who are able to continue a normal program of prudent buying are curtailing their expenditures beyond reason.



Taken from the files of The Texas Spur, Dec. 1909.

J. M. Sumivaldh is staying at the S. Ranch, we understand he has the position of straw boss. Messrs Tom and Walter Greer

promote more are holding down positions with stable business the half circle S. ranch in Crosby activity. know no better county. plan to suggest

Miss Mary Greer, accompanied to insure fuby Mrs. Alta Greer, started to ture better times than that Dickens today but Acconsidered every wage and will go to Spur tomorrow. earner, every George Greer made a flying trip family and to Dickens yesterday and reports every business throughout the a boom.

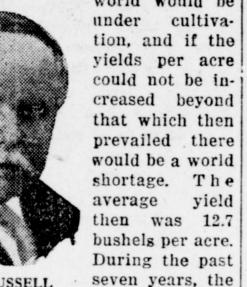
> J. R. Marsh came in this week and had his name placed on the growing subscription list of The Texas Spur. "Go Thou and do likewise." We want to send the Texas Spur to every home in this county and also to your friends and relatives back East. We will let them know what is doing in the

F. W. Jennings has our thanks for a subscription to the Texas Spur. Subscribers continue to come in and Texas Spur intends to give them more than a dollar's worth of news within the year. Let us put

### THE MACHINE AGE This Week SPOILS A PROPHECY

By H. L. RUSSELL Advisory Council, Agricultural Commission, American Bankers Association

NOTED British scientist forecast thirty years ago that by 1931 all available wheat land in the world would be



H. L. RUSSELL

world over, it has been 14.1. On the 320,000,000 acres in cultivation this increase would amount to almost a half billion bushels more production than



There was a wreck on the highway between Afton and Dickens, Wednesday night of last week caused by driving in the snow storm.

Those who were doing Xmas shopping in Spur last week end are: Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Cooper and family, Mrs. O. H. Boswell,

Mr. U. S. Ford, and family, W. H. Bateman and family, John Norris and family, P. A. Willmon and children, Ross and Charlie Morris, John and Tipton Stokes, Mrs. T. J. Hicks and children, Bascin Bateman, Elmer Slayden, W. M. Scott, Horace Willmon. Jim Brown and Mr. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown are the proud parents of a baby boy born last week.

The primary grades gave a good Christmas program Monday night at the school house. There was a good crowd and everyone enjoyed the program.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrance enterthe world standards of thirty years tained Tuesday night with a ago. In place o' dire distress due Christmas party. A number of to shortage, we have had distress games were played and everyone due to surplus. was given a / Christmas gift. Wheat farmers have shown no Those present were: Miss Mary West, especially in the Spur coun-A bevy of beauties from "Everybody's Welcome," a current great inclination to curtail materitry. Green, Mrs. Carie Starks and Broadway production, show how it's done. (At right) Ann Penningally their output; perhaps a 10% desons, Wiley and Billie Darnell, ton who revived the "bobbing" past-time. cline compared with 70% reduction Balter, Claria Darnell Paul in steel. This unwillingness, or per-Misses Minnie, Nora nd Lizzie ROADWAY, some folks seem to just like grandmother used to haps inability, to adjust production Lou Baxter, John Porter, Hazel D think, is the last place in the fasten package cord to the barn to current needs makes the problem Turpin, John Clarence, Walter world to look for old fashioned rafters. Then a bent piece of wire all the harder to solve. depression. ideas or customs. Maybe so, but is hooked through a chocolate and and Ray Willmon, Glenn Dobkins Not only are we now growing Those who practiced this plan believe it or not, those "pretty tied to the string. From that point Edith Hicks, Joice Dobkins, John more wheat per unit of land, but your name on the list. patooties" as the columnists say, on, it's speed that counts. "The Stokes, Walter Stokes, Gladys acreage has been very greatly exwho dance behind the footlights, secret behind getting more than Mrs. Bryant returned Sunday Ruth Lawson, Herman and Welhave gone back to grandmother's your share," says Ann Penning- Most of us you know, don't get tended. In twenty years Canada from a visit to relatives and don Norris, Ray Bateman, Emma has increased acreage 250%, Ausdiary for some bright new ideas on | ton who started the fad, "is to enough of the sugared foods in our friends in Stamford. how to pass the time between acts avoid the caramels. They slow you diet and if you don't believe they're Lou Johnson, Estelle and Effie tralia almost as much. Another and after. For instance, they take up. It's a great game and besides, necessary, try hoofing it through J. Y. Jordan made a business significant fact is the materially les-Dawson, Waymon Stokes. Everya long piece of string and fasten it's one way of handing the girls three acts with nothing under trip down the Stamford and North. one had an enjoyable time and sened use of wheat. A much more one end to the overhead plumbing, an adequate ration of sweets. your belt but a lettuce sandwich." western Railway Saturday, returndiversified diet has developed. More given Merry Christmas was vegetables and fruits are used than ing Sunday afternoon. Greetings for 1931. Miss Zell Ellis, who is teach- | BRITTIAN FORBIS ENTERformerly. The reduction of 1.2 Local News Items J. D. Powell spent Saturday and \_\_\_\_\_Q C\_\_\_\_\_\_ ing school at Swenson, is spend-TAINS SENIORS OF '28 bushels consumed per person per Sunday at his home near Orianna, ing Christmas with her parents, Girard News annum since the last generation in Stonewall county. Mr. Powell Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ellis of the Brittain Forbis entertained the necessitates nearly 150,000,000 bush-Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Busby, of owns considerable property in Senior Class of 1928 Wednesday Rocking Chair Ranch. els less wheat than was formerly re-Weslaco, are here to spend the Spur and is one of our most promievening at the home of his parquired. The Girard School was turned holidays with friends. Helen Powers of Afton ents. The diversions of the evennent and substantial citizens. is Machines Increase Supply out a week for Christmas. All ing being bridge, forty-two and visiting with friends in this city. Judge W. T. Andrews of Stam, The factor that has exerted the most | the kids wish the teachers a Walter Dunn and Donald Endanring. After a most enjoyable ford, Attorney for S. M. Swenson potent influence in this rising Merry Christmas and a Happy sey are here from Simmons to evening of games a delicious re-& Sons was in town Monday. world flood of grain has been the Henry Albin who has been at-New Year. spend Christmas with home folks. freshment of coffee and cake was Larry Edwards and family of the rapid development of the machine. tending O. C. U. in Oklahoma Miss Aretta Beaver came served to the following: Messers The old days of the cradle required City is here to spend Christmas north side of the county passed home Friday, Den. 18, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. Hufffrom thirty to forty hours of hand John A. Davis, Bill Elliott, Marspend Xmas Holidays with her with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. through town Tuesday moving to stedler were shoppers and visishal Formby, Bynum Britton, labor to harvest an acre of grain parents, Mr. and Mrs. Raliegh H. O. Albin. tors in the city Tuesday. Spur where Mr. Edwards will run Then came the binder, which re Dink Arthur, Cecil Lawson, Hor-Beaver. ----a restaurant and meat marketduced the process to four or five ton Barrett, Archer Powell Bodye Miss Dorothy Parks spent Donald Ensey who has been Mr. and Mrs. Jim McClanahan, Dickens Item. hours per acre. Now the combine Stafford, Donald Ensey and Staf-Saturday night with Miss Betty attending Simmons University is of Oklahoma, will spend the hol-I. G. Van Leer was in Spur Mondoes the work in forty-five minutes ford Forbis. Mesdames Dink Arhere to spend Christmas with idays here with relatives and Jo Cooper. per acre. day from his place two miles north thur, Bodye Stafford, Bynum Mrs. Tom Cooper was the his parents. friends. Where it used to cost ten cents a of town. Britton, Jim McDaniel. Misses guest of Mrs. Mat Darden Tuesbushel merely to thresh the grain. Willis Rogers of Clairemont, was Alice Brashear, Charlsie Hayes, day afternoon. C. W. Barrett, Welton Horner, Ol Taylor, of Duck Creek was the modern combine cuts and here this week on business. Virginia Elliott, Wilma McArthur Mr. and Mrs. Bill Simson and Brode Puckett, Albert Latham, among the many Christmas Shopthreshes at a cost ranging from 3 J. M. Jones of near Afton, was Rena Collier, Verna Davis and family were shoppers in Spur Huley and Clyde Horn, Marshall pers here the first part of the to 5 cents a bushel. With this rein Spur Thursday and a pleasant Velda Crouch. Saturday. **A Business Stimulus** duced cost of production, the possi-Ragsdal, and Robert Cross, all week. caller at the Texas Spur office, giv Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kennon bility of acreage expansion is treof Texas A. & M. are here to Clark Jones and Rex Merriing us a silver dollar for the paper 1 endous. Lan ls heretofore regardand daughter, Alphaleta, were spend the Christmas holidays Wayne Watson of Elk City. el as worthless except for grazing shopping in Spur Saturday. man, two prominent young men one year. Mr. Jones reports that Okla. returned home Monday with friends and relatives. Their of the Twin Wells community have recently come into competition Mrs. Raliegh Beaver and his section of the county is in fine tfter a short visit with his vacation extends over New Years. with the older wheat belts. were visitors in the city Monday. shape, crops about all gathered and daughters went to Spur Saturbrother P. A. Watson. day. W. K. Walker was in the city prospects good for a bumper crop The Russian Effort Mr. and Mrs. Fred Henry, of Miss Alpheta Kennon who Wednesday and cheered us We had a card this week next year. The recent rains have Within the past two or three years up Afton, were visitors and choppers has been attending A. C. C. with a big dollar to apply on his from Ben Murray Hale. Ben is put a good season in the ground another disturbing element has Abilene is home to spend Xmas here Tuesday of this week. now a full-fledged member of the subscription. These pre-Christcome into the picture. Soviet Rusand every section of the country with her parents. Coast Guard with duty on the sia is attempting a comeback mas doliars sure do come in is now in good condition. Miss Betty Jo Cooper was the Hub Sprayberry was here U. S. S. Upshur, headquarters at fraught with possibility that cannot handy. Thanks. Mrs. Nelle Robertson came to guest of Miss Bebbie Williams Tuesday from his home on the yet be fully evaluated. Russia is Staten Island, N. Y. Spur this week from Afton and West Side, laying in Christmas eagerly utilizing the very latest of Friday night. Mrs. L. C. Roberts was shopwill open a ladies bazaar here by scientific knowledge to enlarge her goods and meeting with his many Mr. and Mrs. Glen Huis were ping in Spur Tuesday of this J. L. Jenkins was in from his the fifteenth of this month. agricultural possibilities. With the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bil! friends and acquaintances. week. Soldier Mound home Tuesday and prosperity. feverish anxiety she is literally J. H. Sparks, a prominent citi-Vensil Sunday evening. was a pleasant caller at the Spur pouring millions into the expansion zen of the Tap country, was in Jean Haines was the guest and Mrs. Jackson of Mr. office. Mr. Jenkins states that of her university research institutes, Spur Monday and was a pleasant of Mayford Cooper Sunday. Roaring Springs were shoppers Neil McCormick of Vanquette, he may possibly move to Arkanexperimental stations and breeding caller at the Texas Spur office. Girard and Antelope played is here to spend the Christmas and visitors in Spur Tuesday. sas another year. He has not farms. Her scientists are combing Mr. Sparks is one of the old timers ball Tuesday night at Girard. The holidays with his brother, Bob fully decided however, and we the earth for new crops and new Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Kennedy of this section and is one among score was '6 to 10 in favor of McCormick, and other relatives venture to say he will remain in methods. No country in Europe is were shopping in the city Tues-Girard. The senior boys played. and friends. the most substantial citizens. He the Spur country. manifesting more interest and activ-Miss Gladys Mayfield spent day. L. D. Foreman who has been says this is a fine agricultural ity in laying hold of the best J. P. Shaw, a prominent farm- attending McMurry College at Tuesday and Wedneesday science, wherever it may be found. night county and will prosper the man Corese Hembree and Evelyn er of the west county line was with Miss Lila McDaniel. Abilene is here to spend Xmas It is of more than passing interwho comes here and stays with it Payne of Jayton were shoppers a business visitor in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Everybody seems to have the est that the wheat yields reported and works. on the huge trust farm known as in Spur Saturday. Xmas spirit regardless of the de-Tuesday. W. F. Foreman. Mr. Walthall and family moved the "Giant" ran last year as much pression. to Spur last week from Floydada as 18 bushels to the acre. On this Buddie Smith is visiting relaand will make this place their single farm the crop harvested is tives in Girard. reported to have been 3,865,000 future home. We are glad to wel-Mrs. Raliegh Beaver and Mrs. bushels. A single farm of 427,000 come this family to Spur and hope Dean Young were shopping in acres under government control and their home will be both pleasant Spur Saturday. mechanized as fast as human energy YOU ARE SOON FORGOTTEN and prosperous. C. N. Kennon is suffering can be applied is a new factor in Aids Agriculture Mr. Walthall is a blacksmith by from smashed fingers. We hope the world's picture. trade and it is possible that he he will get better and have a There can be but little doubt that IF YOU DON'T ADVERTISE ----will engage in that business at this Merry Xmas and Happy New the Russian situation may yet asplace. sume quite a different attitude Year. from what obtained even in pre-war Mrs. Harris Harwell and child Martin Gay has opened up anof economic pressure. Those ren were shopping in Spur Sat. other restaurant in Burlington days. affected fly quickly to govern-Miss Bonnie Spradling and Avenue and is now ready for busifor aid. But too frequently Merchants who cut expenses by dropping their Glen Spradling were shoppers in Bankers Hold Farm Conference ness. Mr. Gay was formerly with les set in operation by govern-Spur Saturday. A "feeders' conference" was held simply postpone inevitable the Silver Moon Cafe. \_\_\_\_\_\_ advertising programs ar practising false econin a state bank at Presho, South Daistments. The basic laws of J. A. Blair, a prominent citizen Hooevr Kin Freed kota, attended by fifty farmers. The and demand have never of a few miles north of Dickens, conference stressed the feeding of permanently and successfully On Liquor Charge was a business visitor to Spur omy. low price wheat and barley, and side. So in general govern-Tuesday of this week. marketing it through livestock. al intervention that artificially San Monica, Cal., Dec. 10 .--Later, booklets on the feeding of lates prices or even maintains Texas' only glass plant, locatwheat were distributed among the when the prevailing economic Cornelius Van Ness Levitt, broth-Such merchants soon find that not only their ed at Santa Anna in Coleman farmers, and a feeders column was tion obviously shows that reer-in-law of Pres. Hoover, was tments are inevitable are excounty, is to be recognized. It carried in the local paper each acquitted of charges of possesscustomers but they, themselves have lost an nts that yield only temporary uses silica from Santa Anna week. ion of liquor after a brief hear-"We have had more success with rather than permanent cure. mountain, containing the world's ing in police court today. the conference and with the feeders interest in their business. plasters may relieve pain largest deposits. The decision of Police Judge column in the local paper, than with moment but they rarely get C. A. M. Spencer was based on any other undertaking we have seat of the real trouble .- H. Lampasas. is the market place testimony there was absolute tried," the bankers said. "As a refor twenty-five carloads of pesell. proof that Leavitt, arrested last sult there is about three times as cans grown this year, the largest Nov. 9 as he left a grocery store much livestock being fed out in our army worms threatened the crop on record for the section. with a gunnysack containing 19 territory than ever before. We plan of Marshall County, Ten-THE TEXAS SPUR pints of liquor, did not know to hold other similar conferences information concerning the Twenty-four hour weather rewhat the sack contained .- Ferguthe coming year." vas made available by the of Agriculture, and bankers port service was inaugurated at son Forum. Sweetwater recently by the fedately took steps to organize The benefits of civilization exist eral government as part of the Tom McArthur was in from against the common enemy, because of the capital accumulated ----Is an excellent and economical advertising mass meetings in their comcoast-to-coast service for air trahis farm and ranch home to the by those who have gone before. s where complete facts and southwest Tuesday, doing a little Through accumulation of capital vel. medium! recommendations for eradi-Christmas shopping and meeting our great railroads have been con could be put before the greatstructed, our public utilities have with friends. Thirty-five hundred cotton ther of people possible. This been built and our mills, office buildpickers were given jobs through tion saved the destruction ings and homes have arisen. the offices of the United States Mrs. Al Bingham of Spur fields of crops. Labor Bureau at - Lamesa this Ranch was shopping in Spur Monday of this week.



**Chorines Revive "Bobbing for Sweets" Game** 

The sum total of this unreasonable curtailment of spending is an economic influence contributing to the stagnation of trade. By the opposite token, I believe the resumption of normal spending on the part of those who are able to do so would be an important tonic toward the stimulation of trade. I do not mean by this that we should have indiscriminate spending merely for the sake of spending, but the very motive power of our economic life is the interchange of goods, and unless we have that we cannot have

I strongly believe that we are at that point in the depression stage of the business cycle that any sound stimulating influence will start a real movement in the direction of a return toward prosperity. So much of the weakness of the old state of affairs has been liquidated, so many maladjustments corrected and such large volumes of our consumers' goods have been used up or worn out that the pressure of necessitous purchases must sooner or later be felt. When that time definitely comes we may consider it the first impulse of a new era of normal business. When Government Demand for relief, agricultural or otherwise, comes naturally from se who feel most keenly the im-

fall.

THE TEXAS SPUR

#### Gen. Washington Sheaths His Sword

On this date of December 23, one hundred and forty-eight years ago, George Washington handed back to the Contenental Congress his commission as Commander in Chief of the Revolutionary Army and returned to Mount Vernon, a simple American citizen. But the mere statement of that fact conveys little of the drama that lay behind his act.

Only a few months before he became George Washington, private citizen, he might have become military dictator of America, and at the lifting of a finger. He put aside the proposal in indigation, but had George Washington been other than the man he was, the history of the United States might read very differently from what it does.

While the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown in 1781 had virtually ended the Revolution in victory for America, desultory fighting still went on, and Washington wished to keep the army up to strength. It was neverthe less a period of inactivity, and the officers and soldiers had plenty of time to brood over their grievances at the hands of Congress. Their pay was long in arrears. Numbers of the officers had sacrificed their personal fortunes to the cause of their country. And now they faced the prospect of being turned back into private life, penniless and ignored by a country that appear ed to them ungrateful. This bitter sentiment reached a climax while the army was stationed at Newburgh. It finally took shape in an open hint to Washington that he place himself at the head of this movement in the army to take over the government, and thus make himself dictator of America. So impoverished was the country, and so feeble had become the State and national governments, that nothing could have stood in the way of this move, had Washington yielded. Instead he indignantly rebuked his officers for this threatened strain on their patriot ism, promised once more to stir Congress to take up the matter of payment, and in this he finally succeeded. Late in January, 1783, came news that the preliminary peace treaty had been signed in Paris. On April 17, Washington was informed that an agreement for the suspension of hostilities had been signed. In due time thereafter came the disbanding of the army the triumphal entry of Washington and Governor Clinton into New York City, on the heels of the departing British, and the famous farewell that the Commander in Chief bade his faithful officers at Fraunce's Tavern. Immediately afterward, Washington went to Philadelphia, to present an account of his personal expenses during the eight years of the war. This business being concluded Washington left Philadelphia for Annapolis, where Congress was then sitting. There he arrived on and asked the December 20, president of Congress as to the manner in which he should resign his commission. The 23rd was named as the day for this ceremony. At 12 c'clock the State House, where Maryland Congress was in session, was crowded for the occasion. The galleries and a large part of the floor in the Hall of Congress

### IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS

A little girl once wrote the following letter to a large American newspaper:

am eight "Dear Editor: I little years old. Some of my friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?-Virgniia O'Hanlon.

Here is the reply that the editor sent to this little girl: "Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They think that nohting can be which is not compre-

hensible by their little minds. "All minds, Vriginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours, man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge. "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exisits as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to our life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith, no poetry,

no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world sale "on the hoof" are driven would be extinguished. "Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that Nobody sees Santa prove? Claus, but that is no sign there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen in unseeable in the world. "You might tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all the world there is nothing else real and abiding. "No Santa Claus? Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."-(Casual Essays of the Sun.)

### X-mas Celebrations In Other Lands

Christmas is the most nearly universal of hoildays. Wherever the flags of Christian nations wave, and this includes more than half of the globe, business activity halts.

While the people of other countries do not exchange as many gifts as do Americans, the Christmas dinner basket is as heavily laden in Meelbourne, Madrid and Oslo as it is in Miami Minneapolis and Los Angeles.

A visitor from Mars might receive the impression that Christmas is Earth's day devoted to eating.

In England, home of many of our food treats, the plum pudding still is the climax of the Christmas dinner. Piping hot, it is carried into the dining room at the end of the meal, burning brandy flames licking the sprig of holly that always adorns its

rounded top. Goose, once the English piece de resistence, has been supplanted in many English homes by the American turkey, although goose Potatoes, is still popular. sprouts, Cheddar, Cheshire and Stilton cheese, spices, fruit, wines and sauces fill the rest of the market basket.

Spanish markets present a bewildering selection of good things Gaily decorated shops offer nuts from Granada, fresh dates from Tangier, luscious oranges from Andalusia, and long sausages tied in bright ribbons. Turkeys for

#### **Utilities** Company Inaugurates New **Construction Work**

Abilene, Dec. 23 .- With electric and water extensions to serve new residential, commercial and oilfield customers planned, the current construction program of the West Texas Util ities Company indicates renew ed activity for maintenance and construction crews, according to information received from the company's offices here yester day. Projects included in the report are already underway. Most noteworthy of the extensions will be made at Iraan, Mc-Camey, Tankersley, Eden, Anson, and Dumas.

largest pecan crop Three buyers have shipped a quarter million pounds.

Julbocken (Yule goats) and the Julgrisen (Yule pigs).

These little cakes are remind ers of the old days when the Thunder God Thor's goats and the Sun God Frey's pigs were sacred. For Christmas dinner the three chief Swedish dainties are lusk-fish, prepared by heating the fish for several days in wood ashes, rice sweetened and cinnamon, and flavored with roast goose.

South of the Equator Christ-

In Lima, Peru, the streets

Christmas was hot but enjoy-

Mexicans do not have a Christ mas tree, but Mexican parents search the markets for little trinkets, sweets, nuts, and toys be commended on their generosifor the Pinate-bowl-shaped jars ty in making this contribution made of coarse, red earthenware. to the Christmas fund. The jars are hung from the ceil--26-20 ing on cords. On Christmas day Child of Promise the children of the household,

On

### **Bulldogs Will Have** Strong Team in'32

The victory Monday afternoon of the Spur Bulldogs over a team made up of older and more experienced players, some of them er-Bulldogs stars and some of them college football men, is very encouraging from the point of view of a winning team for Spur another year. The high school boys played the game with the tenacity of real old webb footed Bulldogs and al they barley pulled though through with a win in the last few minutes of play Coach Wash am states that with these boys next year and the added spirit of being back in the conference, the Bulldogs will again be the

dope spilling jinx of the district. Some unseemingly comments have been made concerning the time-keeping of Dickson and Brannen, and it has even been thousands of trees were planted hinted that they "stretched" the last quarter, thus allowing the Bulldogs to put one over on the old Ex softies. However one alibi is as good as another and exfootball stars who get beat by bor Day.

high school lads must have an alibi. It might be as well to say that the time was wilfully stretched to let the big brutes take some of the cockiness out of the lads; anyway the students attitude is that an ex-star plays better games over the drug store

fountain than any other way. Both sides however played a straight, clean game that was well worth the money and are to

### **Plant Memmorial Trees Now for Ded**ication Arbor Day

With the issuance of Governor Sterling on December 8 of a proclamation calling upon the citizen ship to properly observe Arbor Day and to combine such observance with the planting of thousands of trees commemorating the 200th anniversary of George

Washington's birth, the memorial tree planting campaign in Texas is fully under way. The Washing memorial tree planting project is on integral part of the nation-wide observance to honor

Washington's memory. Natimally it is sponsored by the American Tree Association, Washington, D. C. and in Texas by the Texas Forest Service, Texas Forestry Association and numerous civic organizations. In fact,

last year, are already registered with the American Tree Association and will be dedicated on February 22, 1932, which is Washington's birthday as well as Ar-

"Texas should plant trees," W. Goodrich Jones of states Waco, President Emeritus of the Texas Forestry Association. "Millions should be planted to bring greater contentment to the home, to beautify our towns and countrysides, for windbreaks and shelterbelts thrughout the western plains region and for again making productive thousands of acres of cut over land in the

A. F. McGough, owner of broom factory at Peacock, in Spur Wednesday for the pose of buying brush for factory. Mr. McGough would like to have an estimate on ho much of the corn remains in th county; and may decide to more his business to this ctiy.

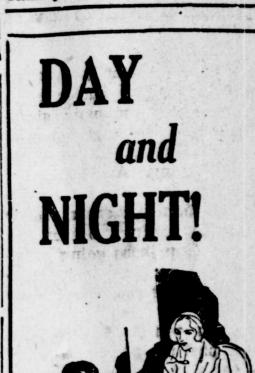
FRDAY DECEMBER 25, 1931.

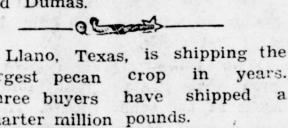
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nance Afton were shopping in Spu Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Millican o were shopping in Sput Girard Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Buel McDanie were shoppers and visitors the city Saturday.

Grandpa McCombs and and Mrs. Orbie McCombs here for a few days visit with Mr. and Mrs. Mack Gilbert an family.





- a Cont From four dollars investment in garden seed a Dickens County woman reaped a harvest of two hundred dollars worth of canned vegetables.

Ten caloads of mohair were shipped from Junction to Kimble County recently.

through the streets by peasants from the country. Toy peddlers call their wares from door to door.

blindfolded, try to strike them Spanish children, however must wait until the Feast of the with sticks. The Pinates are Three Kings, in January, to remade to break easily; a mere ceive their "Christmas presents." touch usually showers the lucky Christmas dinner in Spain conyoungster with gifts. sists of almond soup, truffled turkey with roasted chestnuts, and mas is a summer holiday. Ice Spanish sweetmeats and chocostalls, provided with chairs and late. Odors of dishes fried in benches, attract crowds of perspiring pleasure seekers in Argenvegetable oil, saffron and garlic fill the narrow streets. tine, Brazil and Chlie.

Christmas is a "business" in the mountains of Germany. All taken on the appearance of a year the peasants of the rural carnival, with much gay laughter, districts carve wooden animals, jostling crowds, and playing of which with the mechanical toys guitars and castanets. of German industrial towns, go Christmas morning markets are forth to gladden the hearts of held in the principal plazas of the world's youth. But Germany the town. Gay red peppers, keeps plenty for its own children, fowl. pigs, nuts, and other ediand with the bulging basket, the bles are displayed on straw mats German parent always brings spread on the ground. home an arm-load of toys for the

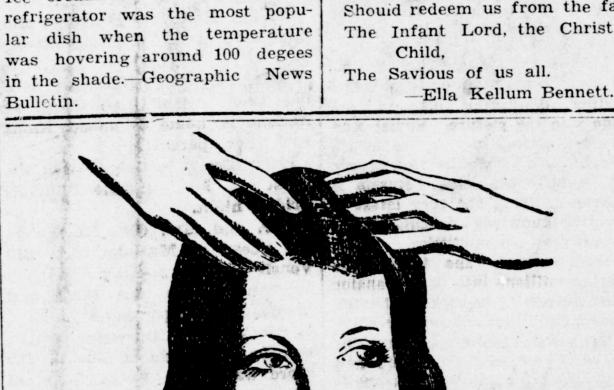
able at the National Geographic Christmas tree In Paris the "reveillon," or Society Observatory in desert Christmas Eve supper, is the gay-South West Africa two years ago. est Yuletide event. Over indul-Ice cream from the Observatory gence in it may account for the general air of gloom that overhangs the Parisian Christmas Oysters and ecrevisse, a Day. tasty crawfish, make up the first Bulletin.

course. After that there are many courses, each taken in a different restaurant, each accompanied by a different kind of wine., A cup of coffee at home at breakfast time generally ends the celebration. Les Halles (market) resemble a busy American department store the week before Christmas-crowds of buyers jostling peasants in smocks from the country.

Sweden has special Christmas markets in which, by ancient custom, peasants may sell their wares in public squares. Most picturesque are the booths in which gingerbread cookies are sold. Every Swedish Christmas ree must have its gingerbread

Down in a lowly manger, The Child of Promise lay All wrapped about in swadling Upon his bed of hay. He had no downy pilow, No blankets soft and white; But angels sang his praises From God's great throne of white.

"Glory to God in the highest," The shepherds heard them sing! To you is born a Saviour In Bethlehem a King. Glory to God in the highest, Peace and good will to men." Down in a lowly manger, The Child of Promise lay, Beside His virgin mother, Upon a bed of hay. He had no crib nor carriage, No comforts in the least; But far away there journeyed The Wise Men from the East, To praise the Infant Jesus, The Baby born in a stall; The Child Jehova promised Shouid redeem us from the fall The Infant Lord, the Christ



commercial timber belt of East Texas." Circulars containing detailed information on the Washington memorial tree planting project, together with valuable tree planting suggestions, can be obtained from the Texas Forest Service, College Station. Individuals and organizations planting memorial trees should notify the American Tree Association, Washington, D. C. or the Texas Forest Service. Such trees will be given a permanent national register for which a certificate will be issued that will also entitle the planter to membership in the American Tree Association.

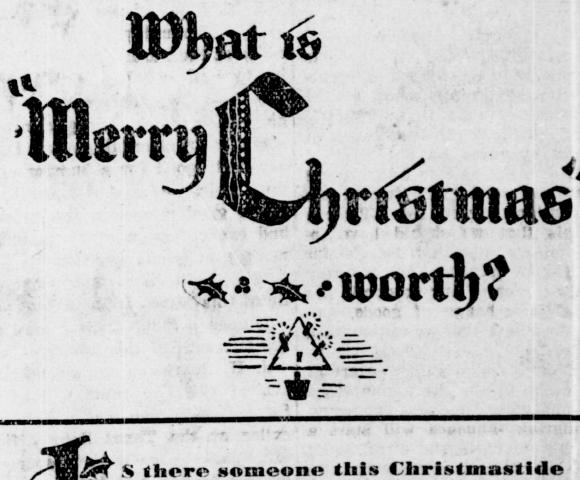
Mrs. H. H. Goodwin and Mrs. D. J. Byrd of Prairie Chapel were shoppers and visitors in Spur Tuesday.

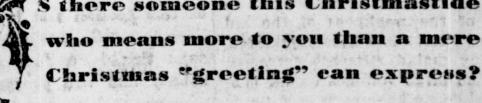
Mrs. A. Lollar was a shopper in the city Wednesday.











Is it mother . . . father . . . sister . . . brother ... an old friend?

was filled with ladies, functionaries of the State and National Governments, military men, and citizens.

Washington entered, conducted by the secretary of Congress, appointed seat. and took his General pause, After a brief Mifflin, president of Congress, announced that "the United Congress assembled" States in preparing to receive his communication. In the course .of his brief address, Washington said, "The great events on which resignation depended having my length taken place, I now the honor of offering my have sincere congratulations to Cnngress, and of presenting myself before them, to surrender into their hands th trust committed to me, and to claim the indulgence of retiring from the service Afew words of of my country." praise for his officers and the army, to solemn appeal for the blessing of God on his country, and he had finished.

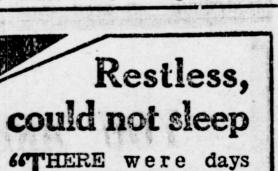
Maryland Gazette, in describing the scene, said, "Few tragedies have ever drawn so many tears from so many eyes as the moving manner in which his Excellency took his final leave of Congress."

On the next morning Washington set forth from Annapolis and reached Mount Vernon that same evening-Christmas Eveto spend there perhaps the happiest Christmas of his life. Thus eagerly did the victor of the war for our Independence forget military glory and return to the ranks of fellow citizens.

HENRY GRUBEN WATCH AND JEWELRY REPAIRING Located in Sanders Pharmacy

Agent for Crosley Radios





when I felt like I could not get my work done. I would get so nervous and 'trembly' I would have to lie down. I was very restless, and could not sleep at night.

My mother advised me to take Cardui, and I certainly am glad she did. It is the first thing that seemed to give me any strength. I felt better after the first bottle. I kept it up and am now feeling fine."-Mrs. T. R. Gibson, Fort Payne, Ala. Thedford's Black-Draugh

## What! HAIR OINTMENT IN YOUR MOTOR OIL?

Petroleum jelly forms the base for many hair ointments-and many motor troubles. This heavy, jelly-like salve gives motor oil a false body which turns water-thin in engine heat. Ask the nearest Sinclair dealer for Sinclair Opaline -the motor oil which has had petroleum jelly removed at as low as 60° F. below zero-a temperature much lower than required for just removing wax. Ask the Sinclair dealer.



Here's a suggestion for a remembrance whose value can't be measured in terms of dollars and cents. And yet it costs comparatively little.

Go to the telephone Christmas Day. Call the home folks. Talk to Mother, Dad, Mary, Bill. Was Talk to your chum. Talk to your sweetheart. Talk to your friends. Think of the surprise and the thrill they'll get out of hearing your voice . . . . and think of the pleasure you'll get out of hearing them.

What price can measure the value of a talk between Mother and Son? What price on a child's laugh heard a thousand miles away? What price on a hundred words exchanged by separated lovers?

And yet, your "Merry Christmas", spoken along the wires after 8:30 p. m., goes 100 miles for 35 cents. (station-to-station rate The Long Distance operator will gladly tel you the cost of a three-minute conversatio to any point.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL

TELEPHONE CO