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Ralph Neaves Died Tuesday

Ralph Neaves, 18 years, 10 months and 16 days of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Neaves, died at the family home in the Espuela community Tuesday morning, Dec. 13th, at 12:45 o'clock of pneumonia following influenza. Interment was made that afternoon in the Espuela Cemetery under direction of Webster Williams of the Campbell Funeral Parlor of Spur.

Ralph Neaves was a very excellent young fellow and quite popular with all the people of his community. It is indeed sad that such an exemplary young man should be called off the stage of action just as he was budding into the realm of real usefulness as a worthy citizen. The bereaved loved ones have the sincere sympathy of their numerous friends over the country.

Interesting Meet At Luncheon For Rotary Thursday

Due to sickness of some of the members and absence from the city of others, the crowd at Thursday noon's Rotary luncheon at the Spur Inn was smaller than usual. In the absence of President Ray Dickson, Roy Stovall presided. Though those to appear on the program were among the absentees, one of the peppiest meetings of many weeks was had.

Stovall started the ball rolling when he asked for a debate between D. L. Granberry and W. F. Godfrey on the payment of the soldiers' bonus, etc. Granberry opened up with a strong speech relative to the treatment of ex-soldiers, graft on the part of capitalists now endeavoring to defeat payment of the adjusted compensation certificates, and gave some worthwhile things the American Legion is sponsoring, chief among which is the Universal Draft Act which they contend will end war except in case of invasion of our country.

Of course Godfrey had to answer this high-powered appeal, and he did a good job of it. By that time everybody around the table had gotten warmed up and much oratory flowed. Nearly every fellow had a different idea of some phase of the question and many worthwhile thoughts were brought out.

Government operation of business was brought in on the deal and H. O. Everts, who was firing on a train out of El Paso when the government acquired the railroads during the World War, told of what he considered very inefficient management.

The cold weather or sumpin' evidently put pep into the gang and most everybody present gave vent to their opinion in a very pronounced way. It was a peppy affair indeed.

Texas Spur to Have Christmas Edition With the Trimmin's

The Texas Spur will issue its regular Christmas edition next week. Aside from a very attractive cover page emblematic of the Christmas occasion, many Christmas stories of real seasonal appeal will be contained in the paper.

Children are requested to address their letters to Santa Claus in care of the Texas Spur and they will be published next week.

Those who so desire will have an opportunity to express their Christmas message in the Texas Spur next week.

The Christmas issue will not disappoint you—just as this paper has endeavored not to do for the past 23 years.

This Year's Crop Larger Than 1931

Recent government ginning statistics for Dickens County revealed the fact that this year's crop up to December 1st was heavier than that of last year. 22,997 bales had been ginned this season against 21,636 last year.

Kent county had also outdone its best year's ginning by a considerable amount, 10,191 against 8,964.

Bakery Truck In Two Wrecks

Wesley Britton was returning to Spur last Saturday night after having made bread deliveries over the north end of the county when he had a head-on collision with a Model T Ford occupied by three men, two of whom were injured pretty seriously. It is said that the T touring car was progressing without lights when the collision occurred. The wreck occurred north of Dobbs City.

Charlie Fox, owner of the Spur Bakery, had a wreck with the same truck Monday night a mile south of Dickens. He stated that the water from a leaky radiator went down into the steering apparatus, froze and locked same. When he endeavored to pull over to better ruts on the icy road he found that he couldn't make the turn and there was so much ice in the brakes that he couldn't stop, so in the ditch the truck went. It has been repaired and is back on the job delivering the fine bakery products over the country for the Spur Bakery.

Baptist Workers To Hold Meeting

Our next Workers Meeting of the Dickens County Baptist Association will be held with the Afton Baptist Church Wednesday and Thursday, December 21 - 22. The subject discussed during this meeting will be, "The Christ of All Ages."

WEDNESDAY EVENING
7:00. Song service led by Fred Crabtree.

7:30. Devotional led by Waymon Stokes.

8:00. Sermon by J. V. Bilberry. Subject: "The Prophecy of the Coming of Christ as given in the Old Testament." Alternate, L. S. Bilberry.

THURSDAY MORNING
10:00. Song service conducted by J. D. Henry.

10:30. Devotional conducted by R. E. Tooke.

10:45. Sermon on the Virgin Birth of Christ by A. L. Jordan, of Matador. Alternate, A. P. Stokes.

11:30. Sermon on the life of Christ and the purpose of His life. H. L. Burnham of Whiteflat. Alternate, Victor Crabtree.

12:15. Dinner served at church.

1:30. Devotional by Olive Riley of Crosborton.

1:45. Sermon on the Death of Christ by Rev. J. C. Scott of Crosbyton. Alternate, Wayne Grizzle.

2:30. Sermon on the Resurrection of Christ. F. G. Rodgers of Spur. Alternate, W. B. Bennett.

All ministers are expected to be present even though we could not place all names on the program. We hope every church will be represented.

Program prepared by pastor, Rev. H. T. Harris.

Local News Items

Mrs. E. P. Tayloe, of Paris, Tenn., was here the past week visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. L. Jones at Dickens. Mrs. Tayloe was numbered among the pioneer citizens of this country. She was the wife of Handy Cole who was sheriff of this county in the early days and she was later County treasurer. While in this part of the country she visited at Lubbock with her sister, Mrs. Clark M. Mullican.

H. C. Allen, good farmer of the Spur country, was in Saturday to get acquainted with the Texas Spur editor. Mr. Allen has resided in this country the past twenty-two years and has read this newspaper all the time. He is very pronounced in his views relative to democracy and other important questions and we got a lot of "kick" out of his very intelligent conversation.

L. C. McNeil, of Lubbock, who was one of the first citizens of Spur, was doing business here this week and mingling with his many old time friends.

Seller Jack Lewis, who has been in New York City the past several months, is in Spur to visit with his brother, Lonnie. Jack is a member of considerable note in the heavy weight class.

How Do You Feel?

Did you ever run a newspaper? If not, you have missed something. If you had to write something and you didn't know what the heck you was going to write about—then what would you do? Probably you would do just like we are going to do—write about the thing that has impressed you the most during the week.

During this time of "hard luck," you know, ordinarily when you call at a business place, you find everyone nonchalant—just sort of getting along the best way possible without any endeavor to place any extra vigor into everyday activities. But there are exceptions to all rules—and the writer found one this week when we called at the Palace Theatre. When we walked in we found workmen busy remodeling the front and rear of the theatre—getting the building WARMER for the sort of weather we have been having lately. H. O. Everts was on the job, and stated: "We thought we had the most complete and up-to-date theatre building in the county, but the recent frigid weather made some of our customers uncomfortable—hence the hammer and saw activities—our patrons must be comfortable."

And that's Everts straight out. He realizes, after many years experience in the business, that a successful theatre business is conducted only when the customers appreciate the service rendered. That's the reason why patrons of the Palace Theatre are afforded the latest in modern motion picture productions, oftentimes at much lower prices than those offered elsewhere in this country.

The moving picture business in Spur has been a "medley" of endeavor. From NONE to three theatres have operated here—due to the times—since the motion theatre diversion became one of the American pastimes.

This fellow and THOSE fellows have been at the head or heads of the movie shows here for several years—but when H. O. Everts name is mentioned everybody is satisfied even if only one theatre is in operation—for they know they will get a square deal.

The Palace Theatre in Spur is one of the nicest theatre buildings in the whole country and the equipment is the most modern in every detail.

Besides Mr. Everts, employees at the Palace are: Mrs. Everts and Johnnie Hopkins. Mrs. Everts is the very congenial cashier who smiles the welcome plaudit when you purchase a ticket, and Johnnie is the fellow that keeps the machinery oiled and percolating so that the show gets over in good shape. He started working in Spur as roust-about man when Mr. Everts first came to Spur in the theatre business. Through all the changes in management he has "stayed put" and advanced from handy-man to chief operator.

The Palace Theatre in Spur is (absolutely) one of the most modern in equipment and personnel in West Texas.

Do you know your town?

Special Christmas Service Be Held at Baptist Church

Paul Vickers, of Big Spring, Texas, who is quite famous in West Texas as a man of many attainments, will lecture at the First Baptist church in Spur Christmas night on the subject of "World Peace." Mr. Vickers is a speaker of talented ability and his discourse will be well worth your time. Mr. Vickers' wife is a former Spur girl, nee Miss Creola Richbourg.

Special music symbolic of the Christmas occasion will be given at this service. Everybody is invited to attend.

Is Injured in Fall From A Windmill

Mr. Osgood Gregory, an employee on the Gipson Ranch in the Wichita community, was painfully injured Monday afternoon when he lost his balance while working on a windmill and fell to the ground. He was unconscious for a time but was much better at the last report.

R. P. Fite, of Albany, Texas, was in Spur this week to visit with his sister, Mrs. Tom Teague.

Carl Hail was here from Albany, Texas, this week to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hail.

Red Cross Will Distribute Cloth and Clothing Here

Beginning Monday, Jan. 2 at 3:00 a. m. in the Red Cross office at the Chamber of Commerce office in Spur, the Dickens County Chapter of the Red Cross will begin taking applications for this material. No cloth or clothing will be issued at this time. Applications will be received at this office beginning at the above date and hour and continuing through the week until 5:30 p. m., Saturday, January 7. Every local citizen who has no other way of obtaining the family clothing needs for the winter are requested to report to this office and make the necessary application. Folks reading this notice are requested to pass this word along to any family whom you know to be in need of clothing and are otherwise unable to obtain it. No applications will be taken before or after the dates indicated. After all applications are in and we have had time to look into each case carefully applicants will be notified whether their case has

been approved or not and when and where to call for same.

An earnest effort is going to be made to help those people who cannot help themselves in this regard. Care is going to be taken as far as is humanly possible to weed out those characters who would take that which they do not need. We will make mistakes in this difficult undertaking both ways but are going to do our best to be fair to all concerned. Some important things to remember concerning this proceeding:

1. Transients who have not lived in Dickens County at least 12 months and who are not permanent residents need not apply.

2. We have only a limited supply of material and each applicant when his case has been approved will receive only a fair proportion of same and not what he might want or maybe actually need.

3. Unless you are willing to answer every question asked in taking these applications truth-

Sentences Given In Federal Court

Nine persons received sentences in the federal court at Lubbock Tuesday, having either entered a plea of guilty or having been convicted in the court of counterfeiting charges.

Three of the nine reside in Dickens county: J. W. Johnston, Elmer E. Combs and W. E. Combs. Johnston drew a thirteen months sentence in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas; Elmer Combs received fifteen months sentence and W. E. Combs, two years. These sentences were passed as an outgrowth of the hundred dollar federal reserve notes which were curiously circulated over this country several weeks ago and which were so nearly perfect that various banks took them.

Other sentences passed for participation in the hundred dollar bill passing or possession were C. C. Stephens, Ralls, 12 months; A. O. Bybee, Ralls, 18 months; Mrs. Rena Massey, Abernath, 13 months.

Charlie Hall and Rolly Barnett, of Brownwood, who were apprehended in Dickens County for having passed counterfeit ten dollar notes in Spur, received a sentence of a year and a day each.

Methodist Church

We are expecting that next Sunday will be a fine day for Church work. Sunday school and the regular morning worship Sunday morning, then the following program will be given Sunday night:

Instrumental Prelude.
Song, All Hail The Power of Jesus Name.

Vocal Duet, Take Up Thy Cross.

Offertory.

Reading, The Beautiful Christmas Story. Mrs. D. H. Zachry.

Song, There's a Song in The Air.

Prayer.

Song, O Little Town of Bethlehem.

Story, The Other Wise Man, Mrs. J. R. Whitworth.

Song, Joy to the World.

Benediction.

Be sure to hear The Other Wise Man by Mrs. Whitworth this will be one of the best things of the Christmas time you will have the chance to hear.

SPUR SCHOOLS CLOSE TUESDAY

The Spur Schools closed Tuesday of this week for the Christmas holidays. Due to the severity of the influenza epidemic and intensely cold weather the attendance was mighty low and the school authorities thought it advisable to close a little earlier for Christmas than had been anticipated.

School activities will be resumed on the second day of January.

Prof. J. A. Hill Writes to Papers

Editor North Dickens County News, Dickens, Texas.
Dear Editor:

You have read about the recommendation of the Legislative Committee on Efficiency and Economy and what it proposes to do to the West Texas State Teachers College. The proposal is so radical that many people merely laugh at it. However, it represents a well organized and powerfully supported attempt to emasculate this institution. I know whereof I speak.

Planted here on this far-flung frontier of 1910 this college has given educational opportunity to more than 15,000 of our youth. There is scarcely a community in the northwest quarter of the state that has not sent some of her children here for higher educational privileges or felt the uplift of this institution through the teachers it has sent to instruct the youth. It is no idle boast of mine when I say that the West Texas State Teachers College has raised the level of educational facilities in Northwest Texas during these 22 years in a measure unparalleled by any other institution in this state.

It now has thousands of its ex-students serving as county school superintendents, high school principals and supervisors, and teachers of every kind from the humblest one-teacher rural school to the largest city systems of this state. To close this college or to reduce it to junior rank would set back public education in this territory at least two decades. In fact, it would challenge the very theory of public education upon which this nation of ours is built. No greater calamity can happen here for the people to permit selfish and insidious interests to strike down those very institutions that cultivate and diffuse among the people the ideals upon whose permanent and stable existence we depend for our rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The teachers college is an open door to the higher life for the poor man's children. 75 per cent of our students could not go elsewhere to college because they do not have the means. Hence, the light upon the teachers colleges of this state is nothing short of an attempt to drive the wedge still further between the privileged and the unprivileged classes. All who believe in our American doctrine of equality of opportunity should line up solidly against the committee's proposal.

The recommendation is said to be made in the interest of economy. Let's see about that. The state has an investment of \$1,000,000 in this institution. The proposal would, in effect, close this plant and turn it over to the bats. Don't let the proposal to make us a Junior College fool anyone. This is only a sop to satisfy the unthinking and minimize the opposition to the program. If the committee had said "Lock your doors," the uprising in Northwest Texas would have been irresistible. Instead, we are tossed a red apple rotten beneath the skin, and are expected to be satisfied with it. Moreover, just how much would be the saving if all expenses here were eliminated? Well, if the students that should otherwise come here, went let us say, to the University or A. & M. College, the cost would be greater for the individual student and certainly as great for the state. Of course, many of them would not go anywhere, because college statistics prove beyond a shadow of doubt that colleges draw 75 per cent of their patronage from a hundred miles radius. Hence, the amount of education would be greatly reduced in an age that is suffering for the want of it. Not only this, but the average cost of the West Texas State Teachers Colleges over a period of five years ending the current biennium is less than 5c for each of its citizens—less than two first class postage stamps. Moreover, the gross cost this year is 27 per cent less than it was 5 years ago.

Again let me call your attention to the fact that the committee's proposal would leave no teacher-training institution in 350 miles of the center of the Panhandle territory. Such a step would be politically unwise, educationally unjust, and socially undemocratic. When considered in the light of the amount of

Landers Again In Business Here

Melvin Landers, who was prominently identified with the business interests of Spur several years before moving away about a year ago, returned to this city recently to again engage in the grocery business. An advertisement elsewhere in the Texas Spur will inform you that he is doing business at the same old stand and has plenty of room, heat, water, etc., to accommodate all his old friends (and new ones) who care to visit his store.

Mr. Landers owns several grocery stores over this section of Texas, and has recently acquired a new one at Roaring Springs. He is a wide awake fellow and a first class grocer. His many friends over the Spur country are pleased to have him again engage in business here.

Former Spur Boy Dies of Pneumonia

Truman Puckett, who formerly resided in Spur with his parents before moving to Post some several months ago, died this week of pneumonia following an attack of influenza.

Brode Puckett, brother of the deceased and who was quite popular on the Spur Bull Dogs football team before entering Tech. College where he has been a valuable player on the Matador squad, is reported seriously ill of pneumonia in West Texas Hospital at Lubbock. Telephone advices to friends in Spur the first of the week were that he was considerably better.

'The Cabin in the Cotton' at Palace

After the "Birth of a Nation"—what?

"The Cabin in the Cotton", Richard Barthelmess latest starring vehicle for First National, which comes to the Palace Theatre Sunday, attempts in epic style to tell the story of what happened to the great American inland empire known familiarly as "The South" after it was "born".

America, in spite of democracy does have "classes," as this picture shows. Planters and "sharecroppers", ruling classes and negroes, are all shown here as they are today, a heterogeneous mass of mixed humanity all working out their individual destinies against the background of the new and fast-awakening south, though retaining much of the romantic sweetness of the "old" South.

It is not, however, a "problem" play. Vivid drama vies with light hearted comedy, and stark tragedy with the gaiety of the colored, flows throughout the movie. In it is the passion of the hot-headed planters, the "aristocrats" of the south; the deep suffering of the "poor whites," the happiness and revelry of the negro, are so expertly blended that the story is told without the slightest preachment.

The story is by Harry Harrison Kroil, the screen adaptation by Paul Green, Pulitzer prize winning playwright. Dorothy Jordan Bette Davis, Henry B. Walthall and others support Mr. Barthelmess. Michael Curtiz directed.

A. P. Smith, who resides four miles north of Spur, made the Texas Spur force a friendly visit Saturday afternoon. Mr. Smith has farmed in the Spur country the past two years, having come here from the oil fields just in time to get a full shot of the low prices for farm commodities. But, like the other crafty farmers of this country, Mr. Smith will "get by" some way—live at home and board at the same place.

Mr. J. Hunsucker, secretary and treasurer of Stone Department Store, was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday.

M. R. Ernest, of Dobbs City, was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday.

taxes paid into the state the proposal is little short of an insult to an intelligent public. I appeal to you to use your influence and that of your paper to defeat all such measures.

Cordially yours,
J. A. HILL, President

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"The Other Wise
Man" At M. E.
Church Sunday

A special program has been
arranged for the regular evening
service at the First Methodist
Church in Spur Sunday. Among
the interesting features of the
program will be "The Other Wise
Man," given by Mrs. J. R. Whit-
worth of Matador. It is said
that this beautiful word picture
as related by Mrs. Whitworth is
an outstanding attraction for
those whom the Christmas spirit
and ideals mean so much.

FARMS IN FLAMES

Every fifteen minutes a farm
goes up in flames. Every year
almost \$200,000,000 worth of farm
property is destroyed by fire.
Worst of all, every year 3,500
lives are lost in the blazing ruins
of farm homes and barns. While
you are reading this, a fine farm,
with its buildings, its stock, its
crop and perhaps even its human
occupants, is in the process of
destruction.

In farming localities the need
of fire prevention and fire pro-
tection are even greater than in
the cities. Various organizations
have published information tell-
ing the farmer how to eliminate,
to the greatest possible degree,
the chance of a fire occurring. A
number of states provide an
example of how first class fire
protection, with standard appar-
atus and a trained personnel,
can be obtained for rural areas
without excessive cost.

Good rural fire departments
should be stationed in central
towns, where, on short notice,
powerful fire engines may serve
a wide surrounding territory.
Good roads and telephone com-
munication make it possible to
arrive at the scene of the fire
in the shortest possible time. The
expense involved is returned
residents many times over in
greater safety and savings.

A high percentage of farm
fire loss can be prevented and
the bulk of the loss from un-

THE FAMILY NEXT DOOR



preventable fires can be elimi-
nated by immediate fire pro-
tection. Agriculture cannot afford
its present annual fire waste.

POLITICS AND DEBTS

The world is now being dis-
turbed by another period of dis-
cussion of the inability of var-
ious nations to pay the sums
they owe the United States for
war debts.
The sad part of the situation
is that in most of the nations
involved the issue is being
handled as a political, rather
than as a purely business trans-
action.
Undoubtedly some nations are
entitled to an extension of credit
but when they ask for it, other
nations immediately demand the
same concessions for fear their
neighbors will get something
they don't.
So-called diplomacy and cheap
politics prevent consideration of
debts owed the United States, on
a business basis, in accordance
with each debtor's ability to pay.
If the foreign debts could be
handled as are private debts and
the curse of politics eliminated,
world peace would be a thousand
years nearer, international strife
would be reduced to a minimum
and our loans would be more se-
cure. Foreign debtors would
then pay in accordance with their
ability and those that were bank-
rupt would be treated in accord-
ance with bankruptcy proceed-

HAND WRITING FOR TAX
MAKERS

When the Post Office Depart-
ment admits that three cents
first-class letter postage has fail-
ed to yield an increase in reve-
nue, and has actually caused a
decrease, it submits to the law of
diminishing returns. You can't
make a taxpayer write letters
and you can't make him use a
three-cent stamp when he can
use a one-cent postcard.
Congress should bear these
experiences in mind when it pre-
pares its next tax bill. It will
have to make its basis of tax-
ation so broad and spread it so
thinly over a variety of articles,
that it will scarcely be felt.
Otherwise, taxes will decline be-
cause an over-taxed people will
deny themselves exorbitantly tax-
ed products.

ROOSEVELT'S TERM

It would be a safe bet that
Franklin D. Roosevelt will not
serve four years on the strength
of his election on November 8th.
And there is no "catch" to this
statement.
By the terms of the "lame
duck" amendment to the constitu-
tion, which will certainly be rat-
ified by the required number of
states, the administration of Mr.

Roosevelt will end January 20,
1937 instead of March 4, as has
been the custom in the past.

Thereby he will have the dis-
tinction of serving a shorter term
than any other president, past or
future. Beginning on January
20, 1937, presidents will again
serve four full years.

Members of congress will lose
even more days at the expiration
of their current terms, as the
new amendment provides that in
the future a new congress shall
take office on January 3rd, in-
stead of March 4th, thus the fu-
ture Congresses will meet 17 days
before the new president is in-
augurated.

There is no doubt that the
change provided by the new
proposed amendment is desirable.
Heretofore members of Congress
ordinarily waited about 13 months
after election before assuming
their duties. In the meantime
many who had been defeated con-
tinued to serve, these being cal-
led the lame ducks. Hereafter
members elected in November
will take office in January, and
no one member will continue to
serve after his defeat at the polls.

The new amendment has been
ratified already by the legisla-
tors of 17 states, these represent-
ing all that have been in session
since it was submitted. Practi-
cally all remaining legislatures
will meet in January and prompt
ratification by the additional 19
required is confidently expected.
In fact, it is doubted that any
state legislature will reject this
sensible amendment. — Jayton
Chronicle.

GIVE PROSPERITY A CHANCE

A recent syndicated newspaper
article pointed out that present
and future congresses must ex-
pect to face an army of irate tax-
payers. These "rebellious Amer-
icans" believe that the increasing
cost of government is the great-
est menace now facing the coun-
try and that drastic retrench-
ment is vital to the work of re-
covery.

They are right. We are com-
ing to the point where we can-
not afford to own property—
where homes and farms and
buildings are liabilities, not as-
sets. Thousands of men are out
of work because the weight of
taxation was too much for firms
they once worked for, to bear.
Thousands of farms have gone
under the Sheriff's hammer for
taxes. Thousands of home own-
ers live in constant fear of the
next tax assessment.
Bring taxes down and give
prosperity a chance to come back.

A LONG WAIT

My grandpa notes the world's
worn cogs and says we're going
to the dogs.

His grand-dad in his house of
logs, swore things were going to
the dogs.

His dad among the Flemish
bogs, vowed things were going to
the dogs.

The caveman in his queer
skin togs said things were going
to the dogs.

But this is what I wish to
state: The dogs have had an
awful wait.—Pacific Cooperative
Wool Grower.

THINK THIS OVER

Congress is now in session.
There will be a hundred and one
suggestions for farm relief, un-
employment relief, etc. Most of
the suggestions will be at the ex-
pense of taxpayers who, in turn,
need relief unless the sources of
taxation are to be dried up.

Suppose that instead of raw
schemes to soak the taxpayer,
Congress would urge that five
million individuals well able to
do so—one twenty-fifth of the
population of the United States—
should spend in the next thirty
days, an average of \$200 each
for needed improvements to their
homes or places of business. This
would put one billion dollars
(\$1,000,000,000) into immediate

circulation, would create new
taxable income and property, and
start an endless chain of buying
and production.

The public should recognize
that relief for itself can come
only from itself. Congress can
give no relief except as it takes
from one person and gives to
another. Instead of having our
money taken from us and getting
only a tax receipt in return, why
not spend it wisely so as to get
value received and at the same
time start business going, which
in turn, will return our expendi-
ture through increasing the busi-
ness of each of us instead of
killing it by exorbitant taxation.

PEDESTRIAN PERILS

Automobiles cost pedestrians
the heaviest toll of life and limb
of any class of persons involved
in automobile accidents. Out of
nearly 34,000 persons killed last
year, according to statistics of
the National Bureau of Casualty
and Surety Underwriters, 14,500
were pedestrians. In most of
these cases, contrary to popular
opinion, the pedestrian was whol-
ly or in great part at fault.

There are four chief spots of
danger for the individual on foot.
These are: Crossing between in-
tersections; coming from behind
parked cars; walking on or along
a rural highway and playing in
the street—1,710 youngsters hav-
ing lost their lives in street play
last year.

The most dangerous pedestrian
action is crossing between inter-
sections, where 3,920 were killed
last year. One should adhere
rigidly to the practice of crossing
only at intersections. Motorists
should remember that every ob-
ject along a street or highway
big enough to hide a man or
child is a danger sign.

Darting out from behind park-
ed cars cost 1,630 persons their
lives last year.

Rural highways apparently are
death traps for walkers, 2,330
persons being killed on them last
year. The man who sets out for
a walk along a country road
should walk on the left side
facing oncoming traffic so as to
be ready for any emergency.

Albert W. Whitney, Associate
General Manager of the National
Bureau of Casualty and Surety
Underwriters, says:

"As every motorist should
obey the fundamental rule of
safe driving, so every pedestrian
should obey the code of safe
walking. His cooperation is ab-
solutely essential in reducing the
tremendous annual loss of life
and limb which is so darkly re-
flected in the cost of casualty
insurance, economic waste and
untold human misery."

Word was received by relatives
of Harvey Stack that he contin-
ues to improve at the Ft. Worth
hospital where he has been criti-
cally ill several days.

Cameron Bean, district sales
manager for the West Texas Util-
ities Co., is in Spur this week
conducting a sales campaign of
electrical appliances.

Dick Speer is in Matador this
week attending to duties connec-
ted with his store.

FISH!

READY TO SERVE
SATURDAY
FRESH OYSTERS
EVERY DAY!

Regular Meal

Family Style
Drink and Dessert

25c

Highway Cafe

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SPUR, TEXAS

Mrs. P. C. Nichols
Hostess To Club

Mrs. P. C. Nichols was hostess
to the 20th Century Club Tues-
day, December 6th, the lesson be-
ing on "International Speech." The
roll call was answered with
everyday errors in English.

The advantages of Esperanto
versus English for universal lan-
guage was debated by Mrs. E. J.
Cowan, affirmative, and Mrs. F.
B. Crockett, negative. The
judges decided Esperanto should
be our universal speech.

Plans were made for a Christ-
mas party to be had at Mrs. J.
P. Carson's December 20th.—Re-
porter.

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Give me your order for your Christmas Turkey by turning
in your order Tuesday, December 20th. I can sell you
Turkeys dressed inside and out for 15c per pound, delivered
anytime between now and X-mas Eve.

X-mas Specials!

Beginning December 16th and Lasts Until December 24th.

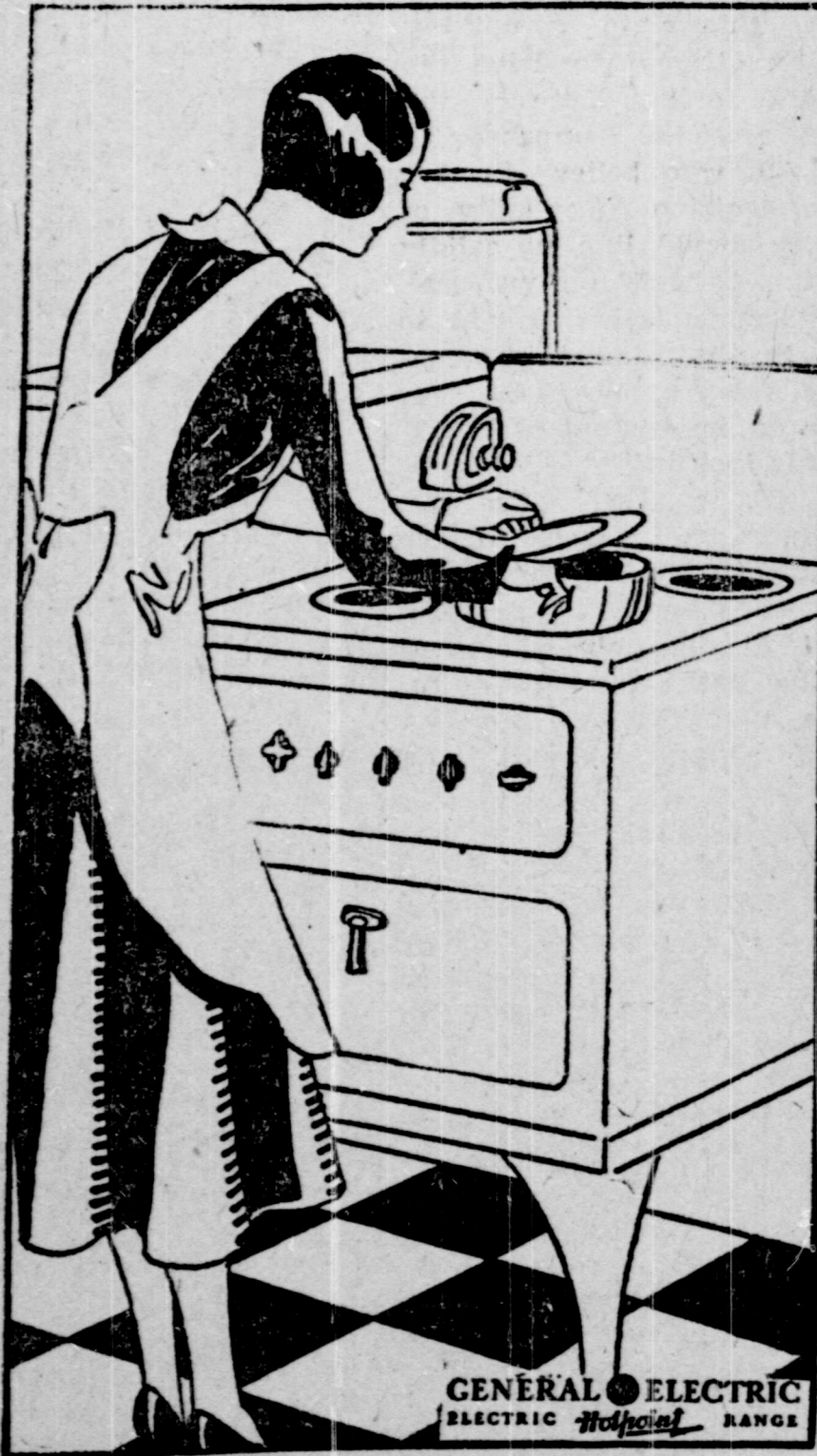
- TURKEYS, full dressed, per lb. 15c
 - PORK ROAST nice & lean, lb. 15c
 - BEEF ROAST, choice flesh cuts, 12 1/2c
 - PLAIN STEAK, per pound 15c
 - OYSTERS, large selects, dozen 18c
 - CURED HAMS, half or whole, lb., 10c
 - CURED HAMS per pound 15c
(Fancy Christmas Wrapped)
 - BREAKFAST BACON, per lb., 15c
(Fancy Sliced Bacon)
 - CHEESE No. 1 full cream, per lb., 18c
 - BOILED HAM, per lb. 27c
 - BRICK CHILI, 2 blocks, 18c
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You Can Ease Mother's Cooking Tasks!

... Why Not
Do It for
Christmas?

Surely you want to make
Mother's life easier, happier
and more enjoyable! Then
give her one of the new
G. E. Hotpoint automatic
Electric Ranges for Christ-
mas this year. She'll thank
you 'til the longest day she
lives!

This modern "automatic
cook" will mean golden
hours of leisure... it will
mean freedom from kitchen
drudgery! With a modern
Electric Range, Mother
won't have to worry about
cooking dinner. Instead,
she'll enjoy long afternoons
of visiting, bridge, social
and civic activities—while
dinner literally cooks itself
... automatically, and at
a substantial saving in food
and fuel!



GENERAL ELECTRIC
ELECTRIC RANGES

Can you imagine a Christmas gift more in keeping
with the very spirit of Christmas? Can you picture any-
thing that would please Mother more than this glorious
new leisure and the assurance that she is serving more
healthful and more appetizing meals—and saving time
and money in the bargain?

The cost and terms are within reach of the most
modest budget, so make Mother's kitchen beautiful,
modern and labor free... THIS CHRISTMAS!

Call us for an indi-
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your use of electric
service to determine
the cost of cooking
by electricity in your
home. You may be
surprised to know that
there are many cases
where electric cooking
actually decreases the
total of electric and
gas bills.

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Why Not Provide A Turkey Dinner

Most everybody thought turkeys were plenty cheap on the Thanksgiving market but the Christmas market has proven that few of us know what Cheap is for any commodity when a depression exists.

This newspaper is informed that the price of these fowls reached a new low this week when buyers offered 2c, 3c and 5c per pound (owing to the grade) for them.

Some fellow has started a movement asking that everybody buy two turkeys, one for yourself and one for some needy fam-

ily, thereby making the Christmas dinner more cheerful for the less fortunate folks and disposing of more turkeys. It's a pretty good idea, maybe, especially in that it will reflect the real Christmas spirit of CHEER for some people who perhaps might otherwise sit down to a frugal meal. Christmas dinner is really incomplete without the turkey and delicious trimmings. Let's select some person we feel would appreciate the gift and arrange for a fine turkey to be delivered to him in time for the good wife to arrange for a real Christmas dinner for the family.

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Dickens County Homes Improved

(CLARA PRATT,
Co. Home Demonstration Agt.)

The following reports come from the annual report of the home demonstration work for the county this year:

Bedroom improvement was undertaken by the women and girls as a part of their 1932 plan of work. As a result there were 162 bedrooms improved by the women and 114 by the girls. The 9 girl demonstrators entered the state contest with seven completing the demonstration. The goals for the cooperators for both the women and girls clubs were to have a well organized clothes closet, a comfortable bed, and adequate bathing facilities. There were 44 clothes closets built by the demonstrators and cooperators 32 of them were made of cardboard boxes on a scrap lumber frame and then the walls finished as the walls of the room. Fifty-five mattresses were made at home and 17 commercial mattresses were added to make the beds comfortable. Only 12 bathing units were added in the third goal. These consisted of a wash stand (hand made in most instances), water container and basin, and screen. One bathtub was built as a result of the demonstration. It was made of cement and finished with paint and enamel.

116 rooms were papered, 95 bed rooms had the woodwork refinished, 1 new floor was added and 90 floors were repainted or stained; 19 rugs were added, 10 of which were hand made. For the dressing units 17 dressers were added and 39 dressing tables—the dressing tables were hand-made. The reading units were improved with desks or tables and 24 book shelves. Ninety-one of the rooms received new window curtains. 95 chairs, tables, beds and dressers were refinished in the drive for attractive as well as comfortable bedrooms.

The linen shelves were replenished, too; 62 sheets, 74 pairs of pillow slips, 28 bed spreads, 12 dresser scarfs and 35 towels were added by the women and girls. The total value of bedroom improvements is \$619.50.

From time to time during the year we have published stories of the various demonstrators and cooperators showing their reaction to the improved rooms and how they managed to achieve the results given above.

YARD IMPROVEMENT WORK
Dickens county has had four yard improvement demonstrators this year preparing for a county-wide demonstration in 1934. Planting plans were drawn for these homes and the demonstrators followed them in the selection of plants. Much native material was used but some of it has died and will have to be replanted this winter. Native cedar, tamarix, and purple leaf plum were used extensively.

Only one of the four demonstrators had a lawn at the beginning of the year, now all have lawns started. Each yard had a flower bed in the front which have been removed and the lawns leveled. This year we have stressed the value of foundation plantings and as a result 44 of the plants are living. In the screen and border plantings 71 plants are living, these are tamarix, 76 trees are living and 10 native plants besides the tamarix. One demonstrator set a rose garden.

The demonstrators are Mrs. J. N. Haney, Afton club; Mrs. T. E. Watson, Soldier Mound club; Mrs. Paul Eraddock, Prairie Chapel; and Mrs. Allen Deaton, Dickens club.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES
Everybody has a sweet tooth at Christmas and most of us like to make our own candies. This year with plenty of molasses and peanuts on the farm there is nothing to hinder our having lots of fun making candy and enjoying eating it, too. For molasses-peanut candy, parch and shell 2 cups of peanuts; rub them to remove the husks, then they may be chopped coarsely or used whole. Boil molasses, 3 cups, until it will form a soft ball when dropped in cold water. Remove from fire to cool a little. Then add 2-4 teaspoon soda and 2 tablespoons butter and beat until creamy and add the peanuts, mix well and pour onto buttered platters.

MOLASSES TAFFY
Who doesn't love to pull taffy? Well, here is a recipe using molasses: Cook 2 cups molasses and 2 teaspoons vinegar in a saucepan slowly until the syrup becomes brittle when tested in cold water. Remove from fire and add 1-2 teaspoon butter, 1-4 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon soda. Stir until mixture ceases to foam. Pour into a greased

pan. When cool enough to pull draw corners toward the center and pull until light in color.

If you do not have molasses and like to pull taffy use this recipe: Use 2 cups sugar, 1-2 cup boiling water, 1-2 teaspoon vanilla, 2 tablespoons butter, 2 tablespoons vinegar and boil together until it is brittle when dropped in cold water. Turn into greased platter. When cool, pull until white and glossy. Cut into sticks. This candy may be colored by adding vegetable coloring while pulling, if desired.

POPCORN BALLS
Cook 2 cups sugar, 1-2 cup water, 1 tablespoon vinegar and 2 tablespoons butter until brittle when dropped in cold water. Make the candy after the corn has been popped and salted. This recipe will need about four qts of popped corn. When the candy has reached the brittle stage stir all the corn in the kettle that the candy will take then dip it up by the spoonfuls onto a buttered platter or form into balls. Molasses may be used for popcorn balls.

CHOCOLATE FUDGE
No group of candy recipes would be complete without one for chocolate fudge. Boil 3 cups sugar, 2 tablespoons corn syrup 3 squares unsweetened chocolate, and 1 cup milk, boil until when dropped into cold water it forms a soft ball which can be picked up with the fingers. Stir in 2 tablespoons butter and 1-2 teaspoon vanilla and set in a bowl of cold water to cool thoroughly. Then beat until creamy and pour into a well buttered pan. Cut in squares. Nuts or shredded coconut may be added just before pouring the fudge onto platters.

It is easier to make candies on a cool, bright day as dampness keeps it from giving the best results. In making candies a little acid as vinegar, lemon juice, or cream of tartar or some simple sugar as corn syrup should be added to keep the finished product from crystallizing.

Old Timer Tells Interesting Story To Dinner Guests

A most enjoyable day was spent recently at the home of Uncle Mack and Aunt Susan McDaniel. After the bountiful dinner, a feast fit for the gods, we called Uncle Mack to the house and asked him to tell us the story of his life. This is the story he told us on that beautiful Sunday afternoon:

"I was born in Saline County, Ark. in 1849 and lived there 'til 1853. At four years of age my leg was broken and I was bed fast for ninety days.

When just a small boy we moved to Columbia, Ark., where we remained 'till just before the war. At the age of twelve war broke out. The little boys in Magnolia organized a company, Sam Powers, Captain; Jim McDaniel, Lieutenant; Tom Clemmons, drummer; Jim Eery, fifer. We met every Saturday and drilled.

I did my first plowing at the age of twelve. An old negro Uncle Bob, helped me get started every morning while father was at war. We would fill a two and one half bushel sack with corn, put it on a horse, then get on top of the corn and go to mill.

One day I went to Camden. There I saw the foundry and first steam boat, the St. Paul.

We left Arkansas during the war. I drove a big yoke of oxen through to Texas. Crossed Red River at Dooley's Ferry, on to Paris where we bought corn for \$4 per bushel. Rained, and the first black mud I ever saw; also the first norther and almost froze to death. From there to Bonham where we saw the soldiers in camp.

We stopped in Grayson county until the time of my marriage. At nineteen years of age I lay with typhoid fever for forty-two days.

When asked about his courtship days, he said: "Now you've got me in a tight place, but his eyes were sparkling as he remembered. I met Miss Susan Britain in 1863 when she was

just a little girl. We lived neighbors to the Britains for a number of years. At the age of twenty-six she became my sweetheart. I married her at the age of twenty-eight.

We moved to Big Spring where I drew a good wage. While there we ate our first buffalo meat.

Three children were born to us, Richard, Mary and Frankie. All three died in twenty-one days of each other—whooping cough and meningitis. The three sleep side by side in Collin County.

Susan and I walked to church on Sunday alone. His voice broke.

"Soon God gave us another son. In all, six children were born to us after the loss of the first three. Joe, Gus, Donnie, Britain, Wallace and Ola, our only girl. She is a great comfort to us, so kind, and always an obedient daughter.

"We moved to West Texas in 1907 on the Judge Hagins farm on Duck Creek. Hauled water for five years from the Duck Creek spring. Moved on 320 acre sandy land farm near Girard in 1910. Improved 230 acres. At the time grass was good, the country open, and live stock thrived. Cut wood and hauled it to Dickens before Spur was a town.

"We watched the building of Spur and the railroad. On my way to Spur I would see wild antelopes everywhere.

His youngest son, Wallace went to the war and was on his way to the front when the Armistice was signed. Joe died in 1922.

Uncle Mack was operated on in 1926 at the age of seventy-seven, lay in bed fifty days and has been a constant sufferer since. As he was wheeled to the operating room he sang, "Down life's dark vale we wander 'til Jesus comes." He united with the Christian Church in 1915, and was baptized on Duck Creek.

Uncle Mack will soon be 84 and when asked about these hard times, answered, "We've seen them before." You will find this couple cheerful and optimistic.

Hand in hand, together
In the after glow—
Caring not the kind of weather,
Moments come and go.
Their hearts aglow with love
The peaceful days go by:

Their thoughts on things above,
Await their home beyond the sky.

Written by a friend,
MARY BURAL.

ALATHEAN SOCIAL

The Baptist Alatheans were delightfully entertained with a Christmas Social at the home of Mrs. Ray Sanders last Thursday evening. The group was called to order by the President, and the devotional was conducted by Mrs. Frank Watson. The hostesses, Mesdames Walker, Grimes, and Sanders, directed many interesting games and contests. Afterwards, gifts were taken from the lovely tree and given to those present. Mrs. Walker, the teacher, was presented a gift for her faithful service to the class the past year.

Delicious refreshments of fruit cake, whipped cream and coffee, were served to Mesdames Jephtha Craig, Ralph Sherrill, Bulloch Tillotson, Herbert Swan, Penn Shugart, Walter Gruben, Frank Watson, Ralph Jackson and the hostesses.—Reporter.

Byron Haney, prominent business man of Afton, was transacting business in Spur Wednesday.

W. B. Lee, who has been absent from the city several days, will return Saturday.

PALACE

Spur, Texas
Program

SATURDAY—

TIM McCOY

in

"The Western Code"

CHARLIE CHASE COMEDY

JUNGLE MYSTERY

10c — 25c

SATURDAY MIDNIGHT
SUNDAY & MONDAY—

"CABIN IN THE COTTON"

with

RICHARD BARTHELMESS

NEWS — COMEDY

10c — 35c

TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

Walter Huston

in

"AMERICAN MADNESS"

THURSDAY-FRIDAY

Buster Keaton

in

"Speak Easily"

We'll Come Clean With You!



A GOOD RECORD

Little Johnny asked his mother the other day how valuable he was to her and she said, "Oh, about a million dollars." Well," he said, "If I'm worth that much won't you advance me a couple of dollars for Xmas presents?"

We're advancing to all of you our sincerest wishes for a very Merry Xmas and the expression of our appreciation for your patronage of the past. May this Yuletide bring you all the blessings of good cheer and happiness.

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An Invitation

We wish to announce to the public that we are back in Spur and open for business.

At the present time we have a very select line of Christmas candies and appropriate articles for the X-mas sox. And although our stock of groceries is as yet limited, we have plenty of room, a warm fire, and a warmer welcome for our many friends.

VISIT US

Come in and visit us at the same old stand—we want to see you.

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5th Street and Burlington

Watch for our formal opening announcement. We will have something that will interest you.—M. L.