

Dickens County Educational Association Meets At McAdoo

With a gathering of approximately 110 people emphasizing the interest in educational affairs, the Dickens County Educational Association met in its annual session Tuesday evening, December 13, with teachers, trustees, state representatives and others present for the banquet at McAdoo.

H. U. Butts, Superintendent of McAdoo Schools, was master of ceremonies, with Deputy State Superintendent John L. Beard holding the place as chief speaker of the evening.

A general program featured the evening. Group singing was led by Supt. M. L. Kelly of Patton Springs schools; an invocation following, by J. A. Branaman with a number from McAdoo Rhythm Band; McAdoo Quartette; McAdoo 6th and 7th Grade String Band; Address by John L. Beard, State Supt. of District No. Three; Business Session; Male Quartette, and group singing.

Mrs. George Archer assisted by her husband, the home economics girls, Mr. Gist, and the vocational agriculture boys did most of the work in the preparation for their banquet. The tables were decorated with sugar plum trees, covered with spun glass, holly, Christmas candles, miniature Christmas trees, and pine cones covered with snow. The banquet was held in the auditorium. In the background on the stage were beautiful Christmas trees, and other appropriate decorations. The place cards were small Santa Clauses. The Christmas motif was carried out all through.

The menu consisted of a holiday cocktail, chicken fried steak, paprika potatoes, English peas, cranberry sauce, fruit salad, stuffed olives, applesauce cake, and coffee. It was prepared and served by Mrs. Archer and the McAdoo homemaking girls. The next meeting of the Association is open.

Troop 36 Aiding Old Santa With Toy Problems

Probably one of the most worthwhile projects to come to light in the past several weeks in the form of bringing greater Christmas cheer is that of the work of Troop 36, Spur Boy Scouts, in working over toys and aiding Santa Claus in getting ready to visit little boys and girls in this area.

The Young Men's Business Club cooperating with the American Legion, furnishes the material supplies, and the Boy Scouts are doing the work;

SCOUT TROOP EXPRESSING THANKS TO HARDWICK

In a special note to Tee Texas Spur, Scout Troop No. 36 and officials, of which Cecil Fox is Scoutmaster, expressed a desire to extend special thanks to Mr. Hardwick of the Palace Theatre for his fine cooperation in assembling the toys, and especially for the Theatre Party given the school classes that participated in the toy donation contest.

and it is reported that some of the Legionnaires are also helping with the actual work of overhauling the toys.

A contest was held at East Ward and Junior High schools, with the room donating the most toys being invited to a theatre party by Mr. Hardwick of the Palace Theatre. The contest was called a "draw" between Mrs. Joe Giddens' class and Miss Francis' class, and Mr. Hardwick graciously entertained both groups.

A check-up reveals that hundreds of toys have been given for Santa's benefit, the Scouts working them over, then turning them over to the Merry Christmas Man to brighten the eyes of many children who otherwise would have less to thank Old Santa for this Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hardwick and small son, Charles Deen, are spending a three days visit with his mother, brother and sisters in Clovis, New Mexico.

Attending the Breckenridge-Lubbock High School football game Friday were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Holly, Mr. and Mrs. Vascoe H. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Neal A. Chastain.

DEATH CLAIMS ONE OF NORTH DICKENS' MOST PROMINENT CITIZENS AND BUILDERS

Death last Thursday morning, December 8, subtracted from the Afton community one of its most earnest benefactors and builders when John Norman Lawson, 51, yielded to the Grim Reaper and left to that area a place which probably a far greater dominion would have difficulty in filling in many years to come.

For a quarter-century Norman Lawson has been taking the lead in the advancement of his community, as well as this territory; he has worked, he has built with monumental endeavors, and has marched firmly onward for his family and his country.

The deceased was born December 4, 1887, in Franklin County, Texas, to parents who taught him the value of labor and endurance and great strength. He went with his parents at an early age to Hopkins County, where he grew to young manhood.

On January 18, 1908, Lawson stepped before the altar of holy wedlock and spoke the ternal vows with Miss Lillie Vandiver, to unite himself with a life mate who has stood firmly by his side and watched the steps of progress and esteem surmounted—to weld friendships, to build for the future, and to grow more solid.

In 1910 Norman Lawson faced another altar—that of the Footstool of God, wherein man finds Peace on Earth, Good will Toward All Men, Faith, greater Hope and true Wisdom—and added his full strength to the Crusade of Christianity.

The year 1914 saw the removal of the Lawsons from Hopkins County to the Afton community. There they have carved into real life a home of respect, with children to help carry on the true American life. Lawson was a good farmer; he was a member of the county school board from Precinct 2; a civic leader and a Mason.

Surviving members of the family are the wife, one daughter, Mrs. Reed Nichols, Los Angeles; and three sons, Cecil, living in Los Angeles, and Jack and Billy Joe, at the family home. One child died in infancy. One brother, a half-brother and three sisters also remain to mourn: Knox Lawson, Afton and Reade Nichols of Glendale, California; Mrs. Charles Applegate and Mrs. Sam Newberry of Spur, and Mrs. Ruth Coffman, Edmondson.

Funeral services were held at the Afton First Baptist Church Saturday afternoon, 3:00 o'clock, with the Rev. A. P. Stokes, pioneer minister, and assisted by Rev. Ray Stevens, pastor of the Church, delivering the words of the solemn service.

Pallbearers were A. C. Martin, Albert Power, Joe Tom Jackson, D. W. Sims, Clark Forbis, and Burnett Haney.

The flower girls were Lois Ragland, Jimmie Lea Lawson, Pauline Foad, Walterena Russell, Merl Richy, Charlene Applegate, Helen Lollar, Madge Jackson, Ruth Goodwin, and Fannie Sue Newberry.

Interment was made in the Afton cemetery with Wards Funeral Home directing.

Out Of Town Attendants

Supplementing the great throng of local friends, relatives, some of the out-of-town people attending the funeral services were Mrs. M. K. Lawson, Alton Lawson, Mortis Lawson, and Miss Jimmie Lawson, all of Levelland, Texas; E. J. McGill and Miss Otho McGill, Saltillo, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Reese Formby, Tucson, Arizona; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lawson, Los Angeles, California; Mr. and Mrs. Reade Nichols, Glendale; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Twitty, Watonga, Oklahoma; Mrs. C. L. Wright, Paducah, Texas; and Mrs. Pete Coffman, Edmondson.

APARTMENT SHORTAGE MORE APPARENT EVERY DAY
This apartment situation is visibly more of a problem every day in Spur, with people "almost begging for a place to live."

Mr. and Mrs. C. Henson and son, Roush, of Brownwood, arrived in Spur this week, and have searched the town for an apartment—but the search doesn't net results. Although the apartment shortage has been felt throughout the entire summer, it is more acute now.

It is reported that many people are living in near-by towns, owing to Spur's lack of accommodations.

Christmas Concert To Be Presented Next Sunday Afternoon

The Spur High School Band will present its first formal concert of the season Sunday afternoon at 4:30 in the East Ward Auditorium. There will be a special thirty-five piece concert band picked from the regular sixty piece band.

Different types of music will be used for the concert. Although marches have constituted most of the Band's repertoire so far this year, more serious music is now being studied. Christmas selections will be a special feature of the program.

This organization has been working very diligently this year receiving not only the cooperation of its members but also interested townspeople.

It is the intention of the director to make the band as much a part of the community and for it to contribute as much real pleasure to the people of the community as is possible.

Everyone is invited to attend this concert and as usual, there will be no admission charge.

Special Officer On City Force For Holidays

In complying with the usual custom at Christmastide, the City of Spur, through action of the City Commission and Mayor Cowan, has appointed Lonnie Lewis to service on the law force, taking up his duties today and working until the first of the year.

Special emphasis is brought out by city officials that an ordinance exists which prohibits the shooting of fireworks, Roman candles, and like fireworks, in the down-town business section, and officers have stated that the ordinance will be enforced. The precaution is taken, officials advise, because of the fact that some of the fireworks endanger people on the streets—missiles of firecrackers, "nigger chasers" and other noise-makers being liable to strike people about the eyes. It was also pointed out that the danger of fire from this source would cause more stringent enforcement.

Mr. Lewis' appointment to the city force will also lend aid in caring for the unusually heavy traffic during the holidays.

Although officials stated that no objection was held to children shooting fireworks around their homes out from the business district, a special warning has been issued to parents to keep close tab on fireworks around the homes. Practically every year some child is injured, and often quite seriously.

People are called on to help make this a "safe Christmas."

Welcome Inn Is New Cafe In Dickens

One of the newest places in Dickens to bid for the cafe trade is the eating establishment to be known as the Welcome Inn, and which had its opening Saturday, December 10th. The new cafe is being operated by Mrs. Cecil Frazier, and plans to feature a full service in appetizing foods.

The new building in which the cafe is located is just across the street from the Phillips "68" Service Station, is roomy, convenient, and has booths as well as the regular counter. The cafe, according to the proprietors, has as its motto: "All meats bought fresh daily."

ABOUT THE FINEST KARR IN SAN ANTONIO

No, not an automobile—we mean a baby! She's a new daughter that arrived Wednesday morning, December 14, via a San Antonio hospital, to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Ray Karr. She is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell and Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Karr of Spur. Little Miss Karr weighed in at seven pounds and fourteen ounces.

Three Spur Bulldogs Named on All-District Team

Three of Spur High's Bulldog 1938 Football team have been selected on the All-District 4-B first eleven. One was placed on the second team and several received all-mention by a poll of the coaches held Monday night in Matador.

Hansford Ousley, guard; Pete Wilhoit, end; and Bill Haralson, quarterback, were named to the mythical first team, with Doyle Bingham, tackle, being placed on the second squad. Elbert Garner, halfback; Jeff Smart, center; Charlie Hurst, back; Culbert, end; Powell end; Murphy, guard; Morrison, fullback; received honorable mention.

The all-district first team included: ends, Wilhoit, Spur; Gentry, Lockney; tackles, Williams, Lockney; Martin, Flomot; guards, Ousley, Spur; Gilbert, Flomot; Martin, Floydada, alternate; center, Rowell, Silverton; backfield—quarter, Haralson, Spur; halfbacks, Brotherton, Lockney; Amourette, Flomot; Hill, Lockney; fullback, Alternates T. Brown, Flomot; Gibson, Paducah.

Second team all district was: ends, Rapp, Estelline, alternate to first team; Houston, Turkey; Gilbert, Flomot; tackles, Bingham, Spur; Wilson, Floydada; guards, Owens, Lockney; Faulkner, Matador; center, Allen, Lockney; backfield, Quarter, Brown, Silverton; halfbacks, Daniels, Floydada; Simpson, Matador; fullback, Arnold, Turkey.

Honorable mention: ends, Powell, Spur; Montgomery, Floydada; Lee, Paducah; guards, Bodenhammer, Paducah; Murphy, Spur; Perry, Silverton; backs, Hurst, Spur; Marler, Flomot; Kelley, Lockney; Golightly, Floydada; Thornton, Paducah; Morrison, Spur.

Construction Of New Ice Vault Started

Ground was broken Monday of this week to lay the foundation and begin construction of a new building as a home for the Leon Independent Ice Company, the new structure to house the offices as well as the huge ice vault that supplies the Spur and area trade.

The new headquarters have a location just north of the Godfrey & Spurt Ford show rooms and garage, is to be of tile and stucco, and comprises about 700 feet of floor space, being 30 feet wide and 40 feet long. Along with the offices will be a show room for refrigerators and the other supplies that the company handles.

For the convenience of the public, two large driveways will lead from the street, either side accessible, on back to the ice delivery platform, and new innovations will enable the public to be waited on more promptly during rush hours.

Ty Allen, local manager, will continue in that capacity, and say that the company is endeavoring to keep pace with the territory in modernizing the place.

The company's building on the Denver line railway tracks in the south part of the city will probably be disposed of as soon as the new home is ready for occupancy.

New Art Shop Located In Hogan & Patton

If you are interested in something with that really personal touch to it, distinctive, and of the unusual nature for Christmas, perhaps the opening of an Art Shop by Miss Polly Clemmons in the balcony of the Hogan & Patton store will help care for your wants.

Miss Clemmons will feature exclusive hand-painted Christmas cards, tally cards, and will make a specialty of paintings for the Christmas trade. The shop is now open to the public, and invites you to come in, whether you are in search of this pretty work, or just want to see the many lovely gifts.

Miss Clemmons will also do made-to-order art work.

Head-Hunters Are Busy This Season

According to Cecil Fox, taxidermist, the "head hunters" are busy people these days.

Checking up on the mounting work that he has to do, Cecil says at present he has orders to preserve by the taxidermy method, one buffalo's head for Bob Robertson of Matador—taken from some of the herds in the Panhandle country, and also several deer heads most of which have been killed by local hunters.

WILD LIFE GROUP OF COUNTY HOLD SESSION IN DICKENS; NEW GAME BOARD ORGANIZED THURSDAY

Estimated to be practically covered in the entirety as a unit on the preservation of wild life in Dickens County, fragments of the remaining under the colors of protected territory here, and the universal enthusiasm is supplemented often by the united efforts of area men to close the last gaps on what is now termed one of the most gigantic moves the country has ever made to restore and create safety for wild life.

At a meeting held Thursday afternoon of last week at the County Court House, Dickens, convening at 3:00 o'clock, approximately a score of Dickens County men and regional officials completed organization

HUNTERS WARNED CONSTANTLY ABOUT THE BAG LIMIT

The question comes up quite often as to the date on duck season and quail season, and Old Man Texas says keep your eyes open about the dates the seasons close. Good idea! You know there have been some high-priced birds bought here a number of times.

Both the duck and quail seasons are now open, but the duck season is somewhat earlier. Open season on ducks opened November 15, and closes the 29th of this month, while the quail season opened December 1st and closes on the 16th of January. And although the quail limit is 12 in a single day, the limit in any one week is 36—Which doesn't mean you can kill 12 every day in the week.

of a Wild Life Game Board, another step in forwarding the State as well as National program. The Boards are being put into action over the entire state, with this county being probably among the first to organize and seat its officials.

The Dickens County Board is composed of eighteen newly appointed members, from various sections of the county, and may be described as a mediary body between the people and the State Board. It is thus privileged to draw up new rules, make suggestions, and work with the State to bring about legislation and enactment. The members here are County Judge Marshall Formby, Cecil Fox, Geo. S. Link, Jr., County Agent G. J. Lane, Lovell, Joe Rose, C. C. Haile, Elmer Shugart, all of whom were present at the meeting; and nine others: Clifford B. Jones, Robert McAtter, Clark Forbis, J. P. Sharp, Jesse T. Powell, C. F. Martin, Cecil Fox was chosen chairman of the Board, C. C. Haile vice-chairman, and Judge Formby was selected to (Continued on Back Page)

Clifford B. Jones To Be Banqueted On Saturday

With an appreciative gesture for the choice of Mr. Clifford B. Jones of Spur as the new president of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Ex-students and Alumni, along with body associations, will sponsor a banquet in his honor to be held at the women's dormitory of the institution Saturday, December 17.

County Judge Marshall Formby, Dickens, chairman of the arrangements committee, announced that a conference earlier with Mr. Jones had made agreeable the dates and that plans were going forward. Judge Formby is first vice-president of the Alumni and Ex-students association.

W. E. Street and Hazlewood, other members of the arrangements committee, conferred with Judge Formby last week on the banquet plans, and made public some of the decisions. The public is invited to the banquet, and a ticket sale was announced as \$1.00 each.

It was stressed that early mailing of invitations to members of the board of directors, men of the state, educational figures, and others had been made, and that the attendance number was expected to run high. Other members of the arrangement committee were given as unable to attend some of the conferences.

In a statement to The Texas Spur, President Clifford B. Jones expressed a belief that he would be in Spur until the latter part of the approaching January. Business requirements and final arrangements for the removal of he and Mrs. Jones has been estimated to leave the new president with little time from his duties.

Court Appropriates Money For Coyote Trappers Here

In a regular session of the Commissioners' Court of Dickens County at Dickens Monday of this week, a fund was appropriated and set aside for payment of bounty on coyotes killed in this county for the next several weeks. The specific date was set as from December 15 until February 28.

Exercising a logical viewpoint to benefit local people, the Court rejected a plan to bring in a Government trapper, and made the decision to turn the money if possible to county men.

All of the commissioners, Horace Nickels, Walter Foreman, E. M. Gage and Jim Offield, including County Judge Marshall Formby, were present at the session, and voted one-hundred percent for the plan to be adopted.

The bounty on each coyote killed will be \$1.00, and certain regulations must be complied with. The hide will be presented at the Dickens office for checking, at which time the county clerk can issue payment. Evidence must be given, however, that the coyote was trapped in this county. After identification of trapper and payment of the dollar, the hide then remains the property of the trapper, to sell, keep, or dispose of as he sees fit.

Under special provisions from the State, no license is necessary for trappers of coyotes, but commercializing on other wild life or selling furs does require a license. Trappers are urged to remember such provisions, and not trap other animals without a license. Fines can be assessed for non-compliance.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM TO BE PRESENTED AT ANTELOPE SCHOOL TOMORROW

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. London, instructors in the Antelope School, announce that a special Christmas program has been arranged and will be presented by the pupils of that school Friday, December 16. The afternoon has been selected for presentation.

The general public is invited, and a special invitation is extended to patrons of the school to come out. Many very pretty scenes and numbers have been planned, and the tree should induce parents to go out and take part with the children.

Antelope school closes for the holidays tomorrow, and will resume work on December 26, the day after Christmas.

New Meat Market Now Open In Dickens

Staging its opening to the public Saturday, December 10, the Burks Meat Market in Dickens gives out the word that it will carry a complete line of fresh and cured meats, along with milk, cream, and the trimmings for a tasty meal.

Robert Burks is the manager of the new place, and it is located on the right side of the "main drag" as you enter Dickens from the south, more commonly known as the Earl Harkey building.

CHRISTMAS

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BEST WISHES

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You have eaten with us many Yuletide Seasons . . . we think you have enjoyed them . . . and we want you to enjoy this one more . . . that's our sincere wish.

BELL'S CAFE

WITH the Churches

SPUR CIRCUIT METHODIST CHURCHES
Rufus Kitchens, Pastor

We have begun a new year and are looking forward to a better one even than we have just closed. Services for Sunday, December 18th will be at Foreman's Chapel. Rev. E. B. Bowen, our Presiding Elder, will preach at the eleven o'clock service. Our first quarterly conference will be held in the afternoon.

We trust that a large crowd will be in attendance for this, our first meeting of the year.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School	9:45
Christmas Program	10:45
Worship Service	11:15
Intermediates	6:30
Seniors	6:30
Evening Service	7:15
W. M. S. Monday afternoon	3:00

CHRISTMAS SPECIALS

Two \$2 OIL PERMANENTS	\$3.50
\$5 SPECIAL OIL PERMANENT	\$3.50
\$2 PERMANENT	\$1.00
WET SET	15c
DRY SET	25c
EYEBROW and LASH DYE	25c

Lacie's Beauty Shop

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For Women and Clubs

Wednesday Night Service at 7:15. Our Christmas Program will be presented Sunday morning at 10:45. This is to be a "White Christmas" Program, at the close of which each Division of the Church School will present their gifts at the altar. The gifts are to be wrapped in white for the Methodist Home at Waco and the needy of our community, and will be dedicated to these worthy ones. Music will be furnished by the choir, the Men's Quartette, the Girl's Quartette, and a solo by Cecil Ayers. After the Program and Dedication of gifts, the pastor will bring a brief message on: "The World's Joy Bringer."

Sunday Night the pastor's Christmas message will be: "The Great Light." Special Christmas Music will be rendered. Christmas carols will be sung.

We are always glad to have visitors and extend to you a special welcome to worship with us at this Christmas season.

SERVICES SUNDAY AT THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Announcement is made that church services will be held at the Episcopal Church here at the morning hour, 11:00 o'clock, next Sunday, December 18. The Rev. J. W. Heyes, minister from Colorado City, will be in the pulpit.

Visitors are invited out for the seasonal services.

GRACE DODSON HARDIN-SIMMONS HONOR STUDENT

Grace Dodson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dodson of Spur was one of thirteen freshmen on the honor roll of the mid semester according to a bulletin from Hardin-Simmons University.

Grace Dodson was an honor student throughout her four years in Spur High School, receiving a scholarship to H. S. U. for making highest average for girls of the 1938 graduating class. Grace made the highest average of the entire class and is maintaining her high average in Hardin-Simmons University.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wilmon and baby of Afton community were among the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday.

YOUNG PEOPLES SOCIAL AT DUCK CREEK

The young people of the Duck Creek Church were entertained at the Duck Creek school house, Wednesday night, December 7th. Games and stunts were enjoyed for an hour or more and then refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and hot cocoa was served to the following:

Wibur D. Hagins, Paul Hagins, Lee Roy Walden, Rufus Kitchens, Marvin Hagins, Louise Clower, Charlene McClellan, Mary Kitchens, Melva Joe Swarengen, Pete Swarengen, Nellie McClellan, Robbie Lou Driggers, Lloyd Robinson, Donnie Taylor, Bill Swarengen, Charles McClellan, Mary Louise Puckett, Christine Kitchens, Mamie Lee McClellan, Jessie Hagins, Mrs. Emma Hagins, Zora Mae Swarengen, Ira Clower, C. F. McClellan, Mary Pearl Hagins, Mrs. Rufus Kitchens.

ATTEND HARVEST DAY MEETING AT HASKELL

Mrs. J. E. Harrell, Mr. J. R. Laine, Mrs. J. C. Payne and Mrs. W. F. Gilbert attended the Harvest Day Meeting at Haskell last Thursday.

Mrs. Rutherford, District Secretary, presided and Rev. Barcus of Stamford, Mrs. Rollins of Abilene and Mrs. Morris Randall, Conference President, gave inspirational messages during the day. Good reports of the work over the district were given.

BIBLE BAND MET WITH MRS. TOMAS CAUTHEN

The Bible Band met with Mrs. Tomas Cauthen, Friday, December 9th with 8 members present. Mrs. Tidwell led our opening prayer. Mrs. Wood brought an interesting devotional. Mrs. Tidwell brought a very interesting lesson.

A delicious refreshment plate was served, consisting of sandwiches, cookies, olives and coffee. Those present were Mrs. Ericson, Sauls, Tidwell, Wood, Simmons, Lewis, Mims and the hostess.—Reporter.

HARVEY GIDDENS HONORED WITH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

In one of the loveliest affairs for many weeks, falling upon the threshold of the Yuletide's merry season, Mrs. Harvey Giddens was hostess to a group of friends at a dinner Monday evening, honoring Mr. Giddens on his birth anniversary.

Following the delicious three-course table service, a round of bridge gave enjoyable diversion to climax the evening.

Guests for the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Neal Chastain, Miss Jean Day and Spencer Campbell, with Mr. and Mrs. Giddens speaking the graces of honored host and hostess.

WRAY CARLISLE MARRIED JAYTON GIRL

A marriage of interest in this area is the recent uniting of Wray Carlisle son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carlisle, pioneer Dickens County family, and Miss Dessie Mae Taylor of Jayton.

The marriage ceremony was solemnized on Wednesday, November 30th, at Jayton, with the Rev. Scoggins of that place speaking the words for the single ring union.

Wray is energetic and progressive farmer of the Gilpin country, having lived there for many years, and has a host of friends throughout this entire territory. He is a graduate of Girard High School.

Mrs. Carlisle is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Taylor of Jayton, her father having held a place with the Ichita Valley railway company at that town for many years. She is very popular with the younger set of Jayton, charming and accomplished, and is a graduate of the Jayton Schools.

Portraying a sacred loveliness for the holy occasion, the bride wore a royal blue frock, deeply accented by black accessories, and the nuptials attended by only close friends, including Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thomas of Jayton, Wilson Hagins of Spur, and Miss Inez Rollins of Jayton.

The newly weds will make their home out on the Carlisle farm in the Gilpin community.

MRS. NELL DAVIS HOSTESS TO 1925 BRIDGE CLUB

One of the lovely pre-holiday season parties was that of Wednesday of last week, when Mrs. Nell Davis entertained with contract bridge at an afternoon party at her home on North Trumbull.

Mrs. F. W. Jennings was awarded as high club score a beautiful musical powder box and a similar prize was awarded to Mrs. Mark Wadzeck who played high for guests. At the close of the bridge games the hostess served a lovely fruit salad refreshment plate to her guests: Mesdames R. E. Dickson, W. R. Lewis, Mark Wadzeck, Young Childers, Wm. O. Leach, H. P. Gibson, Harvey Giddens, M. H. Brannen and club members, Mesdames W. T. Andrews, Della Eaton, M. C. Golding, F. W. Jennings, L. H. Perry and R. A. Taylor.

SO-SUM CLUB MET WITH MRS. ROY STOVALL

The So-Sum club met in regular session at the home of Mrs. Roy Stovall on West Harris street on Wednesday afternoon, December 7th. In the business session presided over by Mrs. Stovall, president, the annual election of officers was held. Mrs. E. S. Lee was elected president; Mrs. J. P. Carson, vice-president; Mrs. A. M. Walker, secretary; and Mrs. W. R. Weaver, reporter. Mesdames E. L. Caraway, B. F. Hale, and Earl Bailey were selected as new members.

Following the business session, the remainder of the afternoon was spent in sewing. A refreshment plate of date and fruit cake and coffee was served to the following members: G. J. Lane, E. S. Lee, W. B. Lee, J. P. Carson, P. C. Nichols, A. M. Walker, and W. R. Weaver.

CARL ARTHUR IS MEMBER OF FRESHMAN ORGANIZATION

One of the largest clubs at The University of Texas is the Freshman Fellowship Club sponsored by the University Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations. The club has more than five hundred members and its council numbers one hundred and twenty.

Carl Arthur of Spur is a member of the freshman mixers committee of the organization. Membership in the club is open to all University freshmen.

WESTFALLS OF RED HILL HAVE REUNION NOV. 22

Although we managed to get this bit of rural news late, the pretty affair deserves mention for its congenial place of transpiring, and that really fine dinner.

On Sunday, November 22, Mr. and Mrs. Tobie Westfall, out in the Red Hill community, staged a family reunion—and from what we can learn, quite a lot of us who don't happen to be related to the Westfalls missed quite an affair out there. Just another one of those things when you just can't quit—and you get the stomach-ache—and you want to go right back again for more.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Clint Grantham, of Swenson; Mr. and Mrs. Alf Parks, and two daughters, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parks and Miss Betty Jo Cooper, all of Girard; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Grantham and two sons, with two grandchildren, of Red Hill; and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey Kimmel and three children, Spur.

Here's to more and happier reunions, Mr. and Mrs. Westfall—but maybe we shouldn't say more food.

REUNION HELD FOR MRS. SARA FRANCES SCOTT

Mrs. Sara Frances Scott, Anson, occupied the chair of honor at a family reunion held last Sunday, December 11, in Anson, when children and several guests enjoyed the celebration of her 79th birthday.

A big dinner was featured, and a day of visiting enjoyed.

Those to attend the reunion from here were Mr. and Mrs. Boney Scott, Murray Scott Clay, Mrs. Roy Winkler, Mrs. Dolph Shield, Mrs. Weldon Cannon, and Mr. and Mrs. Dave Taylor and son and daughter.

MEMBERS OF BLUE BONNET CLUB AND HUSBANDS ARE ENTERTAINED THURSDAY

Mesdames O. L. Kelley and W. R. Weaver were hostesses to the members of the Blue Bonnet club and their husbands Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Weaver on West Second Street.

Clever Yuletide greeting cards cut in puzzle fashion were passed and partners were matched for games of forty-two and eighty-four.

Seven tables were in play during the evening.

At the conclusion of a number of interesting games, a colorful refreshment plate carrying hot mince pie topped with whipped cream and a cherry with coffee was served. Plate favors were candy icicles tied with red ribbons.

Those attending were Messrs. and Mesdames W. S. Campbell, E. S. Lee, O. M. McGinty, O. C. Arthur, C. H. McCully, H. C. Foote, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hale, J. P. Carson, Mesdames Kate Morris, E. L. Caraway, W. F. Gilbert, A. M. Walker, Messrs. Kelley and Weaver.

METHODISTS HAVE SOCIAL AND VISIT FROM SANTA

A social and a visit from Santa Claus were enjoyed Monday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Watson.

The Bible story of the birth of Christ; "How Christmas is observed in other lands" and "My most thrilling Christmas" were some of the subjects discussed.

Thirty three people enjoyed the occasion.

Dr. Thos. L. Phillips

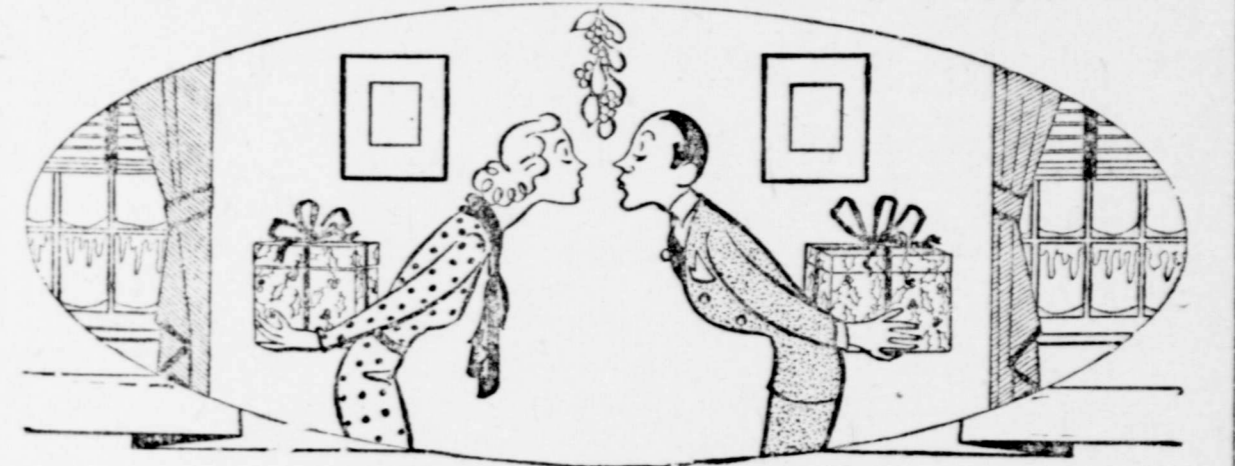
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ITCH SPREADS

to all members of the family unless stopped quickly. At the first sign of ITCH between the fingers use BROWN'S LOTION. You can't lose; it is GUARANTEED and sold by

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS



It's a lot of pleasure to know that we have been just a bit helpful in bringing good cheer and happiness to many during the past year . . . and to many for this Christmastide.

Dignity and charm is all-important to life today. Pride boosts humanity onward . . . and we believe that we have brought pride to the hearts of many. It isn't too late now to go through Christmas with a new permanent. May we help you?

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A special message for you who plan to extend out-of-town Christmas Greetings by telephone...

The Telephone Company feels that many persons, who have been in the habit of calling out-of-town relatives and friends on Christmas Eve, would really prefer to extend their Christmas greetings on Christmas Day. For this reason, we are glad to call your attention to the fact that, again this year, the low night and Sunday Long Distance rates will be in effect all day Christmas.*

To take care of the increased volume of calls, our switchboards will be "manned" to capacity. Even so, there will likely be periods—especially on Christmas Eve—when it will be impossible to put through calls to a few distant cities with normal speed. If you should be one of those inconvenienced by delay, we ask your indulgence in advance.

Thank you—and a very Merry Christmas.

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*The low night rates will also be in effect all day Monday, Dec. 26, New Year's Day; and Monday, January 2.

Going To Have A BIG CHRISTMAS DINNER ?

Most of us are . . . and we want it to be good. Pure, fresh meal is the life of your dressing. And cornbread—well, just try to beat it! Ground fresh daily. Demand it at your grocer's.

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Phone 32

THE AWFUL PRICE YOU PAY FOR BEING NERVOUS

Check Below And See If You Have Any Of The Signs

Quivering nerves can make you old and haggard looking, cranky and hard to live with—can keep you awake nights and rob you of good health, good times and jobs. Don't let yourself "go" like that. Start taking a good, reliable tonic—one made especially for women. And could you ask for anything whose benefits have been better proved than world-famous Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?

Let the wholesome herbs and roots of Pinkham's Compound help Nature calm your shrieking nerves, tone up your system, and help lessen distress from female functional disorders. Make a note NOW to get a bottle of this time-proven Pinkham's Compound TODAY



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Dickens County-Girard Sing-Song To Be Held December 18th

The Dickens County-Girard Sing-Song will be held in the Highway community this coming Sunday, December 18th, beginning at 2:00 p. m. You singers who missed the last sing-song at Red Mud really missed a good meeting. People were there from all parts of Dickens County and several adjoining counties. Good singing groups are always present, such as quartets, duets, solos, and specials. The officials of the Dickens County-Girard organization are anxious that everybody in Dickens County and Girard community come to these singings and urge your neighbors and friends to come. If we will pull together in this undertaking, we can make it one of the strongest and best in West Texas.

A good singing organization is made up of the following groups, namely good leaders, good special groupings, good listeners and boosters, a fine group of young people, willing children who participate, and older folk who stand behind it all and boost and boost.

Not only do we want our own people to support these sing-songs, but we are anxious to have the support of our neighbors and friends of adjoining counties and communities. Come on over and help us. We will return the favors as the months go by.

Be sure to come to Highway this coming Sunday. If you fail to come, you will miss a good sing-song.

The officials of the above mentioned organization are anxious that all songs and parts of the program be kept on a fine, noble, spiritual basis. The meetings are really spiritual in nature, and good old gospel songs are sung. All participants are as k to keep their selections on the highest plane and really make these meetings song services.

New books will be off the press shortly after the first of the year. Get your book early and join the singing group of West Texas.

It is hoped that people from all communities of Dickens County will be present Sunday.

"BOSTON BLUES" TO BE PRESENTED FRIDAY NIGHT

The Senior Class of Spur High School will present their annual play, Friday night. The title of the play is "Boston Blues."

The cast consists of: Margaret Ellsworth, Mozelle Arthur; Dan Ellsworth, Bill Haralson; Antoinette "Tony" Ellsworth, Ruby Cowan; George Ellsworth, Hansford Ousley; Mrs. Daniel Preston Peabody Ellsworth, Regina Lee; Phillip Ellsworth, Earnest Kearney; The Reverend Dr. Aylwood, George Murphy; Michael Young, Andy Hurst; Clifford Haines, Presley Powell; Rita d'Alvarez, Joyce McCulley; A Maid, Jo Edd Wade; Cora, Mozelle Holloway; Tim Rooney, Pete Wilhoit; M. Duval, Charles Hurst.



We don't just say Merry Christmas... we really mean it. We think our Christmas will be rather nice, and we truly hope yours will, too. Come in and see us during the holidays.

Good Eats Cafe Fox and Turner, Proprietors

ITCH Mrs. DDD STOPPED QUICKLY



SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Spur, Texas Dec. 10, 1938

Dear Santie Clase:

Please bring me a doll that cries and some little dishes, apples, candy and nuts and please don't forget my mother and Daddie. Santie I will be a good girl. Your little friend Joyce Gragson

Spur, Texas

Dear Santa:

I am a little girl four years old. I will hang my stockings on the radio. Please bring me some fruit, candy, and nuts, but most of all I want a desk and chair or a table and chairs. I have been kind to everyone and a very good little girl.

I am going to give some of my old toys to other children, so please bring me some more.

I will be very glad when you come. Love, Annette Lee

P. S. If you do not have the other things—bring me a ring. A. L.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a Bitsy Witsy doll and a set of dishes and a little table.

Please be good to Mother and Daddy and Mama and Papa. With Love Alpha Jo Bilbery

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a big rubber doll and a blanket and some doll dishes to go with it. I have been good. Please be good to my sisters and Mother and Daddy. Thank you Roxie Faye Hoover

Dear Santa Claus:

Please send me a set of aluminum dishes. Please be good to Mother and Daddy. Much Love Loretta Hoover

Dear Santa:

Please give me a big doll and her clothes in a chest and some doll dishes and a blanket of wool too.

I have been good. Be good to my Mother, Father and brothers. Love, Lella Jean Young

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll, doll clothes and a buggy and some nuts, fruit and candy. Much love Alene Stanley

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a gun and scabbard and some nuts, fruit and candy also a fire truck. Love, Clinton Stanley

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a bicycle and some fire crackers and a clown doll. I am 10 years old. Love Clifford Stanley

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a cowboy suit and a train also some candy, fruit and nuts. I am a good little boy. Love Jack Frazier

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a tractor that costs \$9.98 and a waggon. Please bring my little brother a rattle and bring Mother and Daddy lots of nice things. Love Billy Smith

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a good girl. I wish you would bring me a big doll and her clothes in a chest. Please be good to my brother and sister, Mother and Daddy. Love Lera Lou Frazier

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a machine, a set of dishes and a broom and some fruit, nuts and candy and a handkerchief. Please remember the rest of my family. Love Zilla Maida Watson

Spur, Texas Dec. 14, 1938.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a bicycle for Christmas. I have studied my lessons in school. 310 East Second Street, Spur, Texas. Jimmie Koon

Spur, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am four years old. I live at Red Mud. I cannot write so I am having my sister to write for me. But I will tell you what I want. I want a express truck, a farm set & a watch. I also want some nuts & candy. I will not ask for anything else because I do not want to be greedy.

Love T. F. Baze P. S. I am expecting you Christmas night December 24.

Letters From The Antelope School

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a Bicycle and some Skyrockets.

Please bring me some candy, nuts and a Gene Autrey gun and a box of fire crackers.

Your friend Roy Carr

Dear Santa:

I am a good boy. If you will bring me a Lone Ranger scabbard and gun I will not ask for anything else.

Your friend Billie Charles Sellers

Dear Santa:

I want a doll that sleeps and cries and some candy. Your Friend Ora Fay Vick

Dear Santa:

I want a air gun and some fruit and nuts. Your friend Clifford McDonald

Dear Santa Claus:

I tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a buggy, a pair of house shoes, some candy, nuts and fruit. Bring my family a big Christmas. Remember all the poor children. I am eight years old.

I go to school at Antelope. My teacher's name is Mrs. London. Your friend Erma Willis

Girard Texas Dec. 9, 1938

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a good girl. Please bring me a doll and a buggy and a suit case. I want some candy and nuts and some fruit. Your friend Oletta Joy Burks

Dear Santa:

I have been a good girl. Please bring me a sewing machine. I want a rubber duck and a teddy bear, and a piggy bear also. I need some candy, nuts and fruits. I go to school at Antelope.

I am 8 years old. My teacher is Mrs. London. Please bring mother a pink bowl. My brother needs a baseball. Bring Daddy a pocket book. Your friend Margie Stanley

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a pair of skates, some nuts, candy and fruit. A gun and scabbard. Please bring me four packages of fire crackers. I am eight. Your friend Kenneth Brasher

Dear Santa:

I tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a doll, a bottle of hand lotion, some fire crackers. I go to school at Antelope. I am nine. Do not forget my mother and papa, brother, sisters, or my friends. Your friend Mary Lea Willis

Dear Santa:

I am a good girl. Please bring me a doll with muff, a bottle of hand-lotion, some candy, nuts and some fruits. I am 7 years old. Your friend Tressie May Willis

Dear Santa:

I am a good boy. Want a bicycle and gun. Your friend Dan Harrison

Dear Santa:

I am a good girl. Please bring me a doll, some dishes and a suitcase. Your friend Maudine Sellers

Dear Santa:

I want a coat, a box of fire crackers, 4 sky rockets, a tool set and a car. I am a good boy. I want a box of caps, 4 Roman candles, a Lone Ranger gun also. Your friend Robert Cherry

Dear Santa:

I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a pair of house shoes, a Doctor and Nurse set, a Cooking set. Do not forget daddy and brother. Please bring my teacher something nice. Bring all good children something nice. Jo Ann London

NOW WHAT WILL SANTA SAY TO THIS?

We were walking along behind Joe Wolf the other night, when lo and behold a note fell out of his pocket. Well, we tried to return it to him, but he would not claim it—so, naturally we read it; and of course you can, too.

"Dear Santa:

These nights are colder than the devil; please bring me some ear-muffs. And while you are in the bringing mood, you may as well fetch along a pair of goats and a red wagon; this would save me having to walk from key to key in punching my clock. And please bring my blonde . . ."

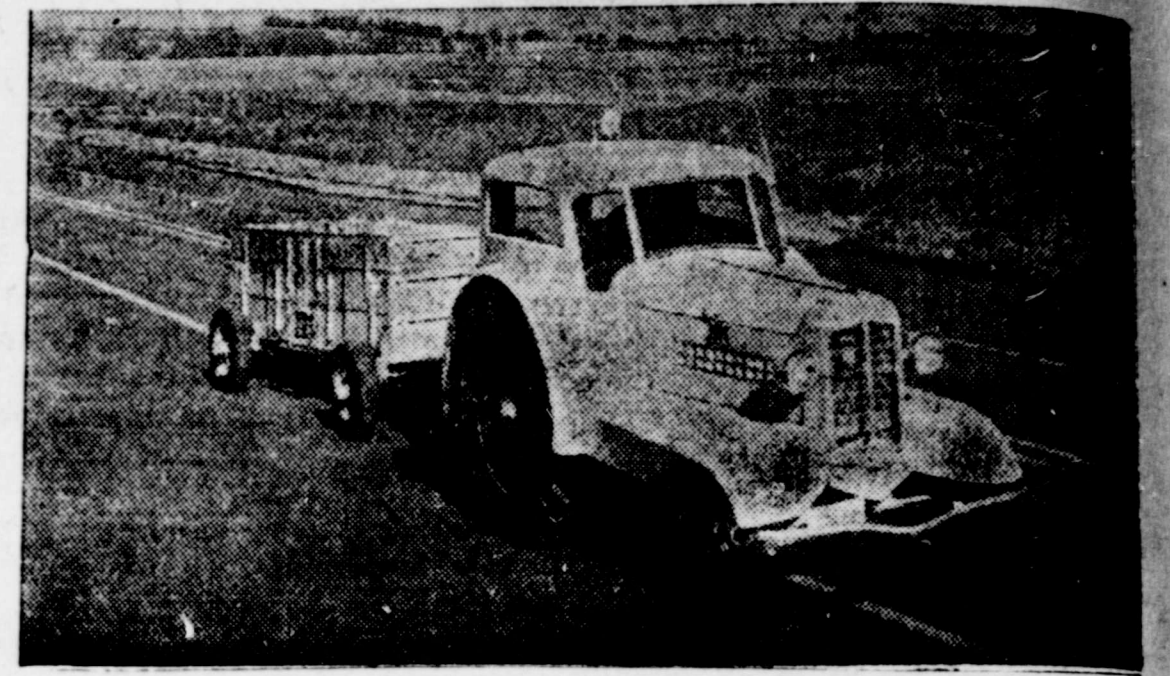
Wope—since Joe is night-watchman, and carries a gun, we'd rather not reproduce any more of the letter.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a book satchel, a dolly and anything else you want to bring me. Love Pearla Jo Arnold.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a dolly and some little dishes. Your friend Emma Jean Erasher

Dear Santa: Please bring me a Book Satchel, a wagon and a pair of gloves. Your friend Jack Carr

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a Book Satchel and a wagon and some fire crackers. Your friend Billie Vick



COMFORTRACTOR COMES TO TOWN

Wonder what great-grandfather would have said if he could have seen the ultra-modern Comfortractor that Spur Motor Co., local MM dealer presented here on December 10. In all probability he would have muttered "Tain't possible!" and walked away. But the fact remains that Minneapolis-Moline's newest tractor creation is a reality, fully equipped with all the modern luxuries enjoyed only in pleasant cars, yet able to perform all the functions on the farm that the ordinary tractor can, including use as a stationary power unit. It may have been dreamed of by some artist visualizing the tractor of the future, but it remained for Minneapolis-Moline, the Pioneer of the modern tractor industry, not only to have that vision, but to bring it into existence. The Comfortractor protects the farmer from the weather, dust and elements, it's better for his health, as well as more comfortable. This tractor offers real protection. The safety glass all around and air circulation and temperature control features indicate clearly that it's built for safety and comfort of the operator as well as to get work done. It costs more than open tractors, but good farmers well realize its worth.

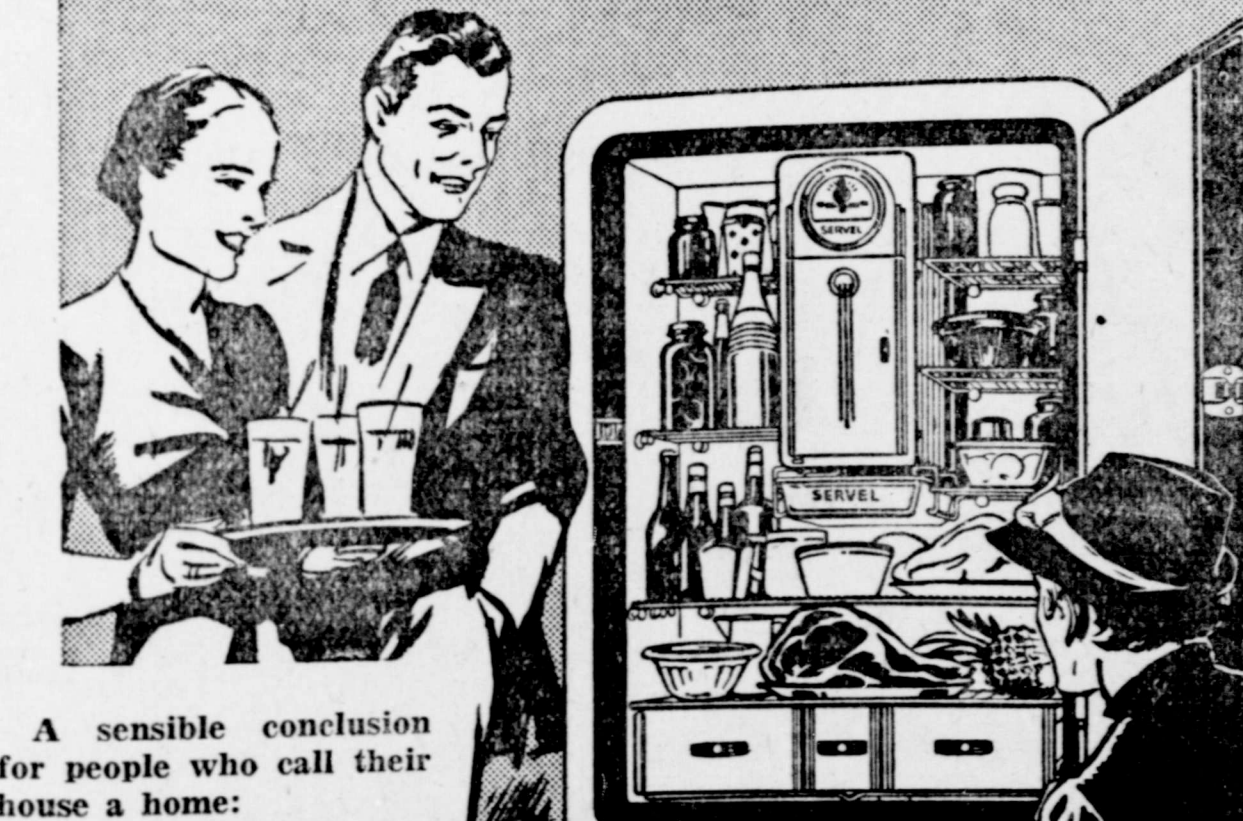
The amazing thing about this tractor is its versatility. It combines the functions of the ordinary farm tractor with a powerful farm truck and an efficient passenger vehicle and is streamlined in the 1939 mode of trucks and automobiles. It has all the power required to pull fourteen-inch bottoms under ordinary conditions. By simply removing the front fender which takes less than a minute, this supertractor is ready for full load belt work; and when the farmer wants to go to town, he simply puts the tractor into high gear—it has five forward speeds—and high-tails down the highway at about forty miles per hour. Rain or shine, hot or cold, this "Prairie Limousine" is always ready to go. With an all-steel, dust proof cab equipped with a heater for winter and an air circulation unit for summer, a radio, self starter, electric lights, deep cushioned seats, instrument board, windshield wiper, cigar lighter and many other luxurious features it can truly be called the "World's Most Modern Tractor." You missed something if you didn't see it, but no doubt you'll have a chance to see more of them soon if the enthusiastic interest of the 500 farmers who attended Spur Motor Company's show is any indication of what farmers want.



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SERVEL ELECTROLUX THE Gas REFRIGERATOR FREEZES WITH NO MOVING PARTS

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ONLY one automatic refrigerator can match the silence of nature's own freezing method. That's Servel Electrolux. For this different refrigerator has no moving parts in its entire freezing system. Nothing to make noise, nothing to wear—now or years from now. A tiny gas flame does the work, circulating a refrigerant that produces steady, constant cold and plenty of ice cubes.

Call today at our showroom and see the beautiful new models now on display.

Save WITH THE REFRIGERATOR YOU HEAR ABOUT—BUT NEVER HEAR

Elliott Appliance

The Turkey Goes To Town This Week

Reversing the winning hand on the Misspelled Word Contest this week from the last, the free turkey goes to a winner here in Spur this week. Last week the Christmas Bird went to Mrs. Tom Porter out on Route A; and this week, the announcement being made from the contest of last week's page on The Texas Spur, goes to Inez Stinnett.

Other winners of free passes to the Palace Theatre are Mrs. Velma Roberts, Miss Bonnie Campbell, Miss Mattie Howell, and Mrs. Curtis Smith.

Jim Crump, who gets out of bed early it seems, brought the first corrected page to the Texas Spur, but he missed one word in his race for the Christmas turkey. Better luck this week, Jim.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Hardwick of the Palace Theatre, those getting passes to the show here will have an opportunity to see a really fine feature—"You Can't Take It With You." It's cracked up to be one of the best shows of the year. And please remember, your free pass is good only on Sunday, December 18, and Monday, 19. Mr. Hardwick urges you to see this picture, and we, too, believe that you will thoroughly enjoy the fine program.

We present the contest page again this week, and it appears for the last time next week, December 22. Get in on the fun.

MAKE TRIP TO CALIFORNIA AND RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Barber and daughter, Mrs. Clifford B. Jones, motored out to Bakersville, California, last week, leaving Spur on Friday. Another daughter of the Barbers, Mrs. Harrison, lives in Bakersfield, and she and the children returned home with her parents and sister to spend the Christmas holidays.

They arrived in Spur Tuesday.

BUT WILL THIS GIVE US A POPEYE THE SAILOR PHYSIQUE, EH?

Perhaps there are a lot of kids that don't like Spinick—or maybe the word is Spinach—but who wants to give up eating it, even if it doesn't have just the right tang to it. We gotta have muscles in our arms, ain't we?

The question is, can the full benefit of spinach be had through some indirect method of getting it into the system?

An article appeared in one of the dailies, carrying an Associated Press credit emblem, that says "Dr. Thurman B. Rice of the Indiana University School of Medicine says there's a remedy in case your child doesn't care for spinach.

"Feed the spinach to a cow and let the child drink the cow's milk."

Another angle appears—what about the cow?

SLATON VISITORS SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Scott had as guests Sunday Mr. and Mrs. E. B. English and daughter, Ernestene, and Mr. Joe Teague and son, Joe III, all of Slaton. Mr. English is Mrs. Scott's brother. They returned home Sunday night.

FUNERAL HELD TUESDAY FOR HUNT CHILD

Funeral services were held here Tuesday afternoon, 5:00 o'clock for J. W. Hunt, Jr., seven-month old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hunt of Seagraves, with C. H. Miles, pastor of the Church of Christ speaking the words of consolation.

Cause of the child's death was not learned.

Interment was made in Spur Cemetery, Campbell's Funeral Home directors in charge.

Otis Driggers, merchant at Gilpin, was transacting business in Spur Wednesday.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris were here Saturday from their home in the Espuela community, spending some time in the city shopping with the merchants and visiting on the streets with friends.

Among the shoppers and visitors in Spur Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Sandlin and children of Espuela.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Rose and family of McAdoo were among the visitors in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Brink Carlisle of Duck Creek community were here Monday shopping with merchants and mingling with the numerous visitors in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Henry of Duncan Flat were here Monday shopping and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Randall of Steel Hill were here Saturday shopping with the merchants and visiting with other business visitors in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Ola Miller of Dry Lake were among the business visitors in the city Saturday.

Fred Haile, of Dallas, spent Friday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Haile at their farm and ranch home in the Afton section. Fred was enroute to Amarillo on a business trip.

Miss Lillie Gentry, head of the Home Economics department of Patton Springs School, was shopping and visiting in Spur after school hours Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Swearingen and children were here Saturday from their home at Duck Creek, spending several hours in the city shopping with the merchants and visiting with friends shopping in the city.

Mrs. Dwan Mateer and Henry Albin, of Oklahoma City, arrived in Spur Saturday, to bring her small daughter, Patricia, who will spend an extended visit with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin, while Mrs. Mateer is in Baltimore, Maryland with Mr. Mateer, who is there under treatment of a heart specialist and who recommends an operation for Mr. Mateer. Mrs. Mateer will be with her husband through the operation and remain indefinitely. Mr. and Mrs. Mateer have many friends in Spur who will learn with regret of his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Minnix were here Tuesday from their farm home in the Croton section of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Haile of Afton spent Saturday in Spur shopping with the merchants and looking after his farming interests in the south end of the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Jones and small son, of White River, were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office while in the city Thursday.

Mrs. Burl Sauls and Mrs. Monk Rucker returned Sunday afternoon from Eliasville where they had gone to accompany Mrs. Harry Patton, who will spend a ten days or two weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. A. J. Allen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge McClain of White River returned Sunday afternoon from Seymour where they spent a week end visit with their son, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn McClain and son.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ellis of the Swenson Ranch, were shopping with the merchants and transacting other business affairs while in the city Saturday.

Messrs. Ora Lee and Valentine Pland, of Stamford, spent a few hours visiting their sister, Mrs. B. H. Connally, and family Wednesday evening of last week.

Miss Margaret Elliot, teacher in the Borger Schools, is expected to arrive home this week end to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliot, in the Spring Creek community.

Lon Fuqua, of Red Mud, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

Carl Hagins, from out at Duck Creek, spent several hours in the city Tuesday buying supplies from Spur merchants, and greeting his friends.

Mrs. D. N. Loe returned last week from Detroit, Michigan, where she was called six weeks ago to attend her sister, Mrs. B. E. Stinnett, who was critically ill. Mrs. Stinnett is greatly improved, and accompanied Mrs. Loe to Texas, where she expects to make her home in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Newberry, of Afton, were business visitors in Spur Monday, spending the day in the city shopping and visiting with friends.

Mrs. D. W. Simms, of Afton, was in Spur Monday attending to business matters and seeing friends.

Friends in Spur have received announcement of the birth of a son, Dale Houston, on December 1, to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hood of Lorenzo.

G. W. Justice and Claude Neaves, of Justice store, six miles east of Spur, made a business trip Thursday to Snyder.

Van Hairgrove, student in McMurry, Abilene, spent the week end in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hairgrove.

Mr. and Mrs. Bynum Britton and young son, Robert Bynum, of Ballinger, arrived in Spur Saturday. Mrs. Britton and son will visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Morgan, and other relatives and friends throughout the Yuletide season. Mr. Britton went home the first of the week, but expects to return to Spur to spend Christmas with his family and visit his many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Abernathy had as guests over the week end their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Abernathy and children, Patsy Ann and Ruth Lynn, of Pampa, and Mrs. Robbie Caldwell, of Crosbyton. Miss Flora Denson, of Hobbs, New

Mexico, who is here to spend the Yuletide season with her mother, Mrs. Callie Denson, and her sister, Mrs. John King, Jr., in company with Miss Rita Mecom, went to Ballinger Saturday for a week end visit with the former Sis Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Ab McClannahan returned Tuesday morning from Lubbock, where Ab had a tonsilectomy Monday. He is reported doing very nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Haile of Afton spent Saturday in Spur shopping with the merchants and looking after his farming operations in the south end of the county.

T. S. Darden, of Breckenridge, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Maude Windham, of Lubbock, stopped over in Spur for a few days visit with his niece, Miss Tally Windham, before returning home.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline Edmonds and children, Tommie Leon and Flora Love, returned to their home in Borger Friday, following a visit of ten days in Spur with Mrs. Edmond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love and Leon.

Mrs. P. H. Miller and Miss Jennie Shields had as guests over the week end, her nephew, Cicero Miller and sons, Bud, Carl and Freddie of Lorena, Texas.

W. J. Conoway was here Friday from his farm home west of Dickens. Mr. and Mrs. Conoway had returned from a recent visit with their son at Kilgore, and with relatives at other East Texas points. Mr. Conoway is suffering from rheumatism.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. London, teachers in the Antelope school were shopping, seeing friends, and attending to business in Spur Tuesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. London are the recipients of some very fine comment for their three years in guiding the destiny of the house of learning out there, and are well liked by the patrons.

Mrs. Odessa Britton, of Jayton, was shopping with the merchants

and visiting with friends in Spur Monday.

Mrs. R. L. Westerman returned Saturday from a ten day visit with her brother and family near San Antonio.

John L. Nichols, son of Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols of Nichols Sanitarium of Spur, is expected home for Christmas vacation about Dec. 18. Young Nichols is a student in the Junior College, and is one of the one hundred eighteen boys from Texas enrolled at New Mexico Military Institute, Roswell, this year.

Spring Creek School To Feature Xmas Program

Making finis to the pre-Christmas school period, the Spring Creek school will feature a special Yuletide program Friday, December 22, 2:30 in the afternoon, with a playlet entitled "Christmas Gold," and auxilliary by other pretty numbers.

The school, of which Miss Virginia Elliot is teacher, has extended an invitation to visitors and school patrons to come out for the program. Approximately eighteen children will be in the afternoon entertainment.

The Spring Creek school closes that day for the holidays, and will resume school work on January 2.

OPERETTA TO BE PRESENTED BY EAST WARD

On Monday night, December 19, the pupils of East Ward School will be presented in a Christmas Operetta, featuring more than 80 of the children, and very capably directed by Mrs. Carl Patton.

Admission is free to the Christmas program, and the name of the feature is "The Toys That Had To Wait." The public, and especially school patrons, has a special invitation out to the evening's entertainment. Remember the date and attend the splendid program.

STUDENT HOLIDAYS BEGIN EARLY AT A. C. C.

Mary Jo Collier, daughter of Mrs. Joe Collier, Annie Laurie Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lewis, and Nelta Pritchett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Pritchett, attending Abilene Christian College in Abilene, Texas will arrive here about the 17th or 18th for the Christmas holidays.

Granting a student petition for the holidays to start five days early, President James F. Cox the first of last week announced that the school would close the 17th and will convene again on January 2, 1939.

The A. C. C. catalogue lists two other school-wide holidays. A four day period was granted at Thanksgiving and the spring intermission

has been set for April 7 to 10 inclusive. A large number of the students go home for all three holidays.

MR. AND MRS. CLIFF BIRD BUYS SUBURBAN HOME

Friday of last week Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Bird moved into their suburban home west of the city; recently purchased of A. J. Ritchey of Croton.

Mr. Bird has made considerable improvements by adding more modern conveniences and repainting and redecorating.

Mr. Bird will continue management of his ranch ten miles west of here but will make Spur headquarters.

The Texas Spur joins their numerous friends in extending to Mr. and Mrs. Bird a hearty welcome as resident citizens.

CARD OF THANKS

Even though it is with us a time of sorrow, we can but feel the sincere urge to give in return our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to neighbors and friends for kindly acts and assistance in the loss of our loved one, our husband and father. Great consolation came from every word and deed, from the lovely flowers, and may God bless each and every one. We shall hold all as a loving memory.

Mrs. J. N. Lawson

NEURITIS

RELIEVE PAIN IN FEW MINUTES
To relieve the torturing pain of Neuritis, Rheumatism, Neuralgia or Lumbago in a few minutes, get the Doctor's formula NURITO. Dependable—no opiates, no narcotics. Does the work quickly—must relieve worst pain, to your satisfaction in a few minutes or money back at Druggists. Don't suffer. Use NURITO on this guarantee today.

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To bring speedy relief from the discomfort of chest colds, muscular rheumatic aches and pains due to colds—you need more than "just a salve"—use a stimulating "counter-irritant" like good old warming, soothing Musterole. It penetrates the surface skin breaking up local congestion and pain resulting from colds. Even better than a mustard plaster—Musterole has been used by millions for over 30 years. Recommended by many doctors and nurses. In three strengths: Regular, Children's (mild) and Extra Strong, 40¢. Approved by Good House-keeping Bureau. All druggists.



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Taken from the files of The Texas Spur, published 23 years ago this week. Oran McClure, Editor and publisher.

Last week G. W. Dodson, of the Afton country was in Spur and sold to Spur buyers sixty bales of cotton at a price of twelve cents a pound.

This week we are authorized to announce Martin Gay as a candidate for the office of District and County Clerk of Dickens county, subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries to be held July, 1916.

Up to last week the Texas Spur had reported the sale of fifty-seven tracts of Spur Farm Lands during November and up to the present time in December. Since the last issue eleven more tracts have been sold by the Spur Farm Lands management.

We are authorized this week to announce G. L. Barber as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Dickens county, his candidacy being subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries to be held in July, 1916.

A hunting party composed of R. L. Haney and son, R. V. Colbert, Rev. Hodges, J. F. Pool and Mr. Hudson of Stamford, Mr. Fairless, representing the Peters Cartridge Co., and Messrs. N. A. Baker and Geo. S. Link, of Spur, have been spending several days of this week shooting quail in the surrounding country.

Mrs. Geo. M. Williams entertained the members of the Merry Wives Club and their husbands Tuesday evening at her home in the west part of the city. A number of progressive auctioneers were present at the conclusion of several games delightful refreshments were served.

The Texas Spur is this week authorized to place the name of G. T. Snodgrass in the announcement column as a candidate for the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector.

Mrs. W. S. Taylor and children returned last week from Hugo, Oklahoma, where they have been on an extended visit to relatives and friends.

John Selman came in Wednesday from the Spur Ranch headquarters and spent an hour or two in the city with his friends.

W. D. Thacker was here recently from the Draper country.

Al Sullivan was here Wednesday from his home in the Gilpin country.

Wayne VanLeer, a prosperous farmer and leading citizen of the Soldier Mound country was here the latter part of last week on business.

Rev. W. B. Bennett, of Gilpin, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Saturday. He reports everything in his section in a prosperous condition.

J. E. Sparks and wife returned Thursday from Cleburne where they spent some time at the bed-side of Mrs. Sparks' father who was quite sick.

Friday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. Neilson entertained the

members of the Merry Wives Club and their husbands at their home in the west part of the city. Progressive auctioneers were present and a number of tables were prepared for the games at the conclusion of which delightful refreshments were served. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Busby, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson, Dr. and Mrs. Grace, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bobo, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Richbourg, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Higginbotham, and Mesdames T. E. Standifer, M. L. Pierce, Will Andrews, and C. L. Love.

M. C. Hobson, of the Draper country, was in Spur Thursday and spent some time here on business. He reports everything in good shape in his section.

J. A. Murchison, of the Draper country, spent a day or two here the first of the week on business.

A. C. Lewis has our thanks for a dollar on subscription.

Mat Howell, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country, was among the business visitors to Spur this week.

Robt. T. Dopson, a successful farmer and influential citizen of the Dry Lake country, spent several hours in Spur this week on business.

N. B. Fuqua, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of the Red Mud country, was among the business visitors to Spur Wednesday.

L. C. Arrington, an extensive farmer and leading citizen of the Afton country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur this week.

W. P. T. Smith and wife, of seven miles west, were among the business visitors to Spur the latter part of last week.

W. F. Foreman was here last week from his home in the Dry Lake country.

Neal Holman, formerly of Spur but who is now manager of the Paducah Telephone Company at Roaring Springs, was here Monday.

Witt Springer, the popular manager of the Lyric Theatre, has installed a new picture machine.

Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

The Cat Needed Some Faith

By IRVIN S. COBB

ABOUT once in so often an old friend of mine from Missouri turns up with a bit of native Southern folk lore which has in it the savor of the soil.

He writes me that not very long ago the Baptists in his home town of Malden combined in a great meeting. The seven-year-old son of the local Baptist pastor imitated the parental example by organizing a revival in his back yard with a group of his little playmates in the roles of the converts. In order to give the proceedings an air of verity, the organizer announced that the rest must undergo the ceremony of



complete immersion. Here a difficulty arose. Some of the youngsters pointed out that their mothers and fathers might be fussy if they came home wringing wet.

In this emergency the minister's son had an inspiration. He ruled that the rite could be performed by proxy.

A rain barrel filled with water was found behind the kitchen. In this was dipped a reluctant puppy belonging to one of the children. Then an unhappy rooster was plunged deep, emerging with bedraggled feathers and protesting squawks. Two hens followed as vicarious sacrifices.

There yet remained one little girl. For her substitute she chose the family cat, a brindle Tom, who snoozed unsuspectingly on the rear fence. She captured him and brought him to the improvised font. But the sagacious animal seemed to realize what was in store for him. He wriggled and yowled; he scratched the little girl's hands; he bit at the officiating evangelist when the latter sought to baptize him.

"I'll tell you," piped up the little girl, "let's just sprinkle him and turn him loose. He looks like an old Methodist, to me, anyhow!"

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Patton Springs School News Notes

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS PRESENT OPERETTA

The high school pupils of Patton Springs will present Thursday night, December 22nd, 7:00 o'clock, a light opera in two acts, entitled "The Toreadors." The presentation is being prepared under the leadership of Mrs. Will Lee Clark, Music Director; Miss Walterena Russell, Physical Education Director; and Miss Mildred Holt, Piano Accompanist. A special cast of characters has been selected from all classes of the High School and supported by both boys and girls choruses. The setting is in old Spain and the event is the celebration of the birthday of the twin daughters of a wealthy Spanish farmer, Senior Dictorio, who admires Toreadors.

Cast of Characters

Senior Dictorio, wealthy Spanish farmer ----- Gilbert Ragland
Benita, one of the twin daughters of Senior Dictorio ---- Pauline Ford
Juanita, one of twin daughters of Senior Dictorio -- Melba Robnett
Juan, son of neighboring farmer and admirer of twins -- Albert Cates
Pablo, son of neighboring farmer and admirer of twins ---- Wiley Stark
Senior Swateo, beggar masquerading as toreador -- Randolph Robertson
Senior Whackee, beggar masquerading as toreador -- Horace Newberry
Dolores, friend of the twins -- Imogene Wilson
Maria, friend of the twins -- Helen Kelley

The High School Glee Club supports the cast as a Chorus of Spanish Girls and the 8th grade Music Class of boys supports them as a boys chorus.

Boys and girls will be dressed in Spanish fiesta costumes of bright colors. It is a celebration in Old Spain.

Be sure that you do not miss this crowning event of the first semester. You will enjoy it. You will appreciate it. It is the second of a series of operettas given thus far in the school year by the Music and

J. Carlisle, an old time citizen of Dickens county and one of the most prominent men of this whole country was in Spur the first of the week.

An editor who started in life with 55 cents to his name died recently worth \$1,000,000. This was due to his great frugality, honesty, perseverance, genius and the fact that his great aunt died and left him \$999,999.—S. O. Peters.

J. H. Reynolds, a prominent citizen and former postmaster of Dickens, was among the many visitors to Spur Tuesday.

Jeff Smith came in the first of the week from his home seven miles west of Spur and spent some time in the city greeting his friends and attending to business matters.

Physical Education Departments. The first was given by the Grammar School pupils Thursday night, Dec. 8th.

The Grammar School program was given as an open house program with no charges. The High School operetta mentioned above will be a charge program. The admission charges will be the small sum of 10c per person. Don't let this sum scare you off, for you will really miss a fine program if you are not present at the Patton Springs High School Auditorium on the night of December 22nd. Everybody come and bring your neighbor. Be a booster of your school and community. Boost your neighbors and they will boost you. Make it a point to see the programs of other schools. We get new ideas everywhere we go and in all contacts we make. We shall be looking for you.

McADOO PARENT TEACHERS MET THURSDAY

The McAdoo P. T. A. met Thursday, December 8, in the Home Economics Cottage.

The following program was rendered:

Little Theresa McLaughlin gave a Christmas reading; Doris McLaughlin also gave a Christmas reading; Mr. R. A. Butler gave a talk on the "Aims and Values of the P. T. A. Organization."

The program was followed by the President, Mrs. R. A. Butler, taking charge. Plans were discussed to send invitations to patrons of McAdoo, inviting everyone to take part and come out to the P. T. A. meetings.

The entertainment chairman, Mrs. Geo. Archer then took charge. The group enjoyed playing Christmas games for about forty five minutes.

The Christmas motif was appropriately carried out in the delicious refreshment plate which consisted of hot chocolate, date-nut cake, spread with a chocolate sauce and Christmas mints. The refreshments were prepared and served by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Archer.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, January 12, 1939 in the School auditorium at 7:30 p. m.

The next meeting date should be December 22, but due to the Christmas holiday rush, and many people

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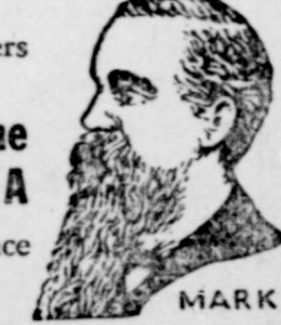
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leaving for holiday visits, there will be no meeting until January 12, 1939. Everyone is urged to attend these meetings. Come and bring your neighbor.—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hagins were shopping in Spur with the merchants and visiting with their many friends in the city.

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WESTWARD
CHAPTER XIX

Our last cow work in the year 1891, was late in October. The branding outfit, as well as brand-work, had to hold under herd what two year old steers we gathered. The holding of this herd made us somewhat short handed. A boy who happened to come to the wagon, was hired to herd the steers, with the help of one of the regular outfit, so with this help we made out.

We had reached Home Creek, the last round up in the West Pasture. Being troubled with saddle-boils, I volunteered that day to herd in place of Billy Spillman, and as this was o. k. with our boss, Handy Cole, Billy went on the drive in my place.

We had taken the steer herd on top of the divide, well out of the way of the drive, a place where we could see and be seen. The round-up was pretty well in, when I saw a small bunch of cattle go up a small draw, and a boy ride to turn them. Suddenly his horse fell, having broken through into an old badger den. He was soon missed, the riderless horse having been seen. That boy was Billy Spillman. The wagon was unloaded and he was brought to camp. In falling the saddle horn caught him and crushed in his breast. We soon started for headquarters with him, but Billy died long before we reached there. We buried Billy at Esupela.

This was the first major accident, and the second death on the ranch since it was established by Lomax and Brittan. The first man to die was Dan McClain, a nephew of Bud and H. H. Campbell. One night while in bed, when the wagon was camped on Red Mud, he was bitten by a skunk, (pole cat). He died at the ranch headquarters from hydrophobia. Dan McClain's grave is half-a-mile north of the White House near the division fence of the horse pastures.

Where is the marker? Never a stone
For the boy on the prairie, buried alone.

HARD TIMES
CHAPTER XX

To give in detail all that happened during the following years, would make a book of many pages, so I will try to touch only those things that I think would be most interesting.

The latter half of 1891 had been extremely dry, only in the West Pasture a few showers had fallen. On the first of January 1892 Mr. Horsbrugh ordered five hundred bushels of seed oats from Brennan and Gray, who had bought out Coleman and Sheer at Colorado City, and were now the agents for the Company there. These were the first seed oats to be planted in West Texas, and as you will see, they were a total loss.

By good luck the manager had contracted the sale of 3,500 head of two year old steers at \$16.75 per head. The actual number delivered was 3,492 head. This sale was extremely fortunate. They were delivered at Amarillo and at the same time, 27th of June 1892, 200 head of cows were shipped to Kansas City. At that time all cattle had to be inspected. The inspection fee was three cents per head, and the inspection fee for that herd was \$110.97.

The spring rains of 1892 failed to materialize. What rain we got was only in light showers. With the exception of Johnson grass, all the crops were complete failures. The range was in bad shape. Mid-summer might have been mid-winter so far as grass on the range was concerned. Only the small pastures that were kept free of cattle and other stock had any grass and these were used to winter the saddle horses on. The Rayner Ranch in Stonewall County was leased, and to it some four thousand cattle were driven. Fifteen hundred steers were shipped to near Eldorado, Kansas, rough fed and wintered there.

The worst drouth ever experienced was on hand. Law suits in connection with the County Seat business were being filed, and cattle buyers with money, hard to find when the banks had "dried up" kept the manager of The Spurs plenty busy. Late in August Mr. Horsbrugh found such a man, Mr. Winfield T. Scott. To him he contracted two thousand head of two year old steers at \$15.00 per head. I was sent to Childress the first week in November to meet Mr. Scott and bring him to the ranch. Mr. Horsbrugh gave me instructions to treat him the best I knew how, and to try to interest him in the yearling heifers (that is, they were coming two years old in the spring of 1893). Billy never had such orders before, and he did his best as you shall see. When I got to Childress a wire was waiting for me from Mr. Scott, saying "delayed, wait for me;" so I had plenty of time to arrange for Mr. Scott's comfort on his trip to the ranch.

I made arrangements with Jim Fullingim, of the Ocean Wave Saloon to put a lot of ice in the bottom of the buggy, with a dozen bottles of Blue Ribbon embedded therein, a quart of Bell of Nelson (whiskey), one of Hennessy brandy, and one of Port wine, which with plenty of chicken lunch fixed up by Colonel Donaldson of the Hotel Good, filled the back of the buggy.

Mr. Scott, I knew would have a small grip. The team I had were dandies, Chummy and L. B. The two days rest they had made them "step out" when headed for home. Mr. Scott was in fine spirits, but kept remarking about the poor grass. There was not a hatful of grass between Childress and the Spur Ranch except in Duck Creek pasture. I told him Mr. Horsbrugh had to sell the heifers, that they were very fine and would be a bargain. He replied "that the woods were full of bargains, but what did I think they could be bought for?" That got me, Mr. Horsbrugh had put no price on them so I said that \$8.00 would get them. He then said how about \$6.00. I replied that Mr.

Horsbrugh might entertain such an offer, but that was like giving them away. By that time we were about half-way to Matador Headquarters where we were to spend the night with Arthur Ligertwood.

At noon when Mr. Scott saw the ice in the buggy, he was mighty pleased, and catching sight of the canned cherries, asked me if I had ever tasted brandied cherries. I never had, so he made some by pouring out part of the syrup, and putting Hennessy in its place. I can heartily recommend this mixture as delightful, provided one is driving a buggy and team and not a Ford.

When we got to Duck Creek pasture, I opened the gate, but Mr. Scott got out of the buggy, and looking over the fence remarked, "I would never have believed a fence could have made that difference in grass unless I had seen it." I said it was pretty good grass for this year. The boys were putting the final touches to the steer herd, contracted for by Mr. Scott. The heifers also were ready, and under herd, not far off. As I knew Mr. Horsbrugh would be with the steer herd, I took Mr. Scott to it, and turned him over to the Big Boss.

After greetings were over, Mr. Scott mounted the horse Mr. Horsbrugh had been riding, to cut the herd. I then reported to Mr. Horsbrugh, my conversation with Mr. Scott in regard to the heifers. Mr. Scott looked at them and made an offer of four dollars per head, which London accepted.

Never before or since have I ever known of well bred, coming two year old, heifers selling for such a low price. The number of heifers in the herd was 3,976, and for them Mr. Scott gave his note for \$15,976.00, dated December 17, 1892. In regard to the note, more later.

When I returned to the ranch I drove the buggy up the creek, to a convenient place, where I made a cache for the loot left from the trip.

The branding, now the tanking outfit, was started as in past years, and for the rest of the winter they continued to build dams, where the water was most needed on the range. I wish to impress on the reader it was dry. None of the rain and snow we were in near Childress, had fallen south of there. With few exceptions all the tanks and water holes were dry.

About this time the newspapers were printing Hesters Weather Forecasts. We were all intensely interested to see if he would forecast any good news (rain) for us, and each day his letters were the first to be read. One day Mr. Horsbrugh told Mr. Flook to write him (Hester) and to send to him our latitude, longitude, and altitude, and to ask him if he could give us any hope of the drouth breaking. His reply was to the effect that it was against his rule to forecast except to the subscribers to his paper which was \$1.00 per year. The paper was subscribed for. His forecast was received. It was "that the horoscope showed no relief from present conditions for some time to come." He read the stars correctly, it remained dry.

The sand storms that year were the worst that this country had ever experienced since the cowmen had come to The Spur Country. Unlike recent ones (1936-7) they came from the West. In the morning, about eight o'clock, we would see a reddish cloud in the west and northwest. By eleven o'clock all outside work had to be suspended, and we "had to hunt our holes." Dust penetrated everywhere. The best and tightest built houses were not exempt. I doubt very much if they were any worse than the most recent one (May 30, 1938). It too was from the west, and it was soon over, but those in 1892 and 1893 lasted all day, dying down during the night, invariably returning next day.

Bill Hosea, who was one of the Trail Cutters (or riders), went to Colorado City for a short holiday, and while there got into a shooting scrape. He received a pistol bullet in his right hand, and never fully recovered the use of it. Soon after this, both he and John Jenkins (the other trail rider) quit, and in the following spring, Jenkins got the "Gold Fever," and left for the Klondike.

ON THE TRAIL
CHAPTER XXI

It may be that some few have the idea that the Old Time Cowboy always had a good time. The cowboy while working with cattle, had to take the weather "as is." In the summer, rain and hail when it came. When they could spare the time, or have the opportunity, I have often seen the boys in the Branding Outfit, get into their birthday suits, and take a bath, or plunge into the creek when it was up. Their work was often in the dust, but after the work was over they always cleaned up, and if possible took a bath. During the winter, while out with cattle, snow, hail, or sleet, did not wait for their convenience.

I will try to give a description of the delivery of those steers and heifers bought by Mr. W. T. Scott mentioned in the last chapter. The place of delivery was the Laurel Leaf Pasture, in what was then Greer County, north of where Mangum now is. I was one of the branding outfit who drove that steer herd. The heifers were driven by the trail outfit.

It was late in November during the drouth of 1892. There was no grass on the whole trip until after we had passed Childress. We had to stand guard every night around the horses, as well as around the cattle. This doubling of the night work made the guards around the steers much longer than would otherwise have been necessary. Often we had to go miles off the trail to find water with which to water the herd and remuda.

The weather was bad from the start, blue northers one after the other came up. In time we reached Childress, and there several of us, my-

self included, got new boots, leaving our old ones to be fixed up for us and get on our return. Just as we left Childress it began to snow and sleet. We had heard that it had rained heavily a few miles north. We soon came to where the rain had fallen, that with the fresh snow and sleet made mud. Soon the chuck wagon could go only a few hundred yards without the wheels having to be cleaned out, as they soon became one solid mass of mud, locking them to the wagon bed.

By good luck we found a section of railroad land with fairly good grass on it. It was fenced on all sides except at the corners. As this was the first grass we had found, the cattle simply stopped going, and got down to business. So Handy Cole, our boss, decided to camp there until the spell was over. We carried our beds to the corners, and two boys watched each corner. This was the first rest the boys had since leaving the Spur Ranch.

There was one great drawback to our enforced camp, at this time of the year. There was no firewood on or near it. As soon as this was realized, Handy Cole "pulled out" to see what he could do about it. In an hour or so he returned with a wagon following. On it was some cotton-wood logs and brush. Handy with \$5.00 persuaded a Nester to give up his woodpile. My Lord, how glad we were to see those logs, with the help of coaloil, we soon had a fire. As the steers now were no trouble, the gaps at the corners were easily held, so one boy would come to the fire and warm while the other watched the gap. I was just beginning to thaw out when Jim Robertson came in. He stood as close to the fire as he could, his teeth chattering with chill. Finally he burst out with "I wish I was in Hell." Some one laughed and asked him why he wished to be there. He answered "I would at least be warm for awhile." The weather was so extremely bad that several (three I think) of the horses we had ridden that day, were dead and frozen stiff next morning. They had chilled and died after the saddle blankets were removed, and they were foot loose.

As we had got our new boots wet, some of the boys slit their's in the instep, before they could get them on next morning, those who did so got their feet frosted. As I always had trouble getting new boots on and off, I rustled a gunny sack and wrapped mine up in it, and slept with them on for five days and nights. Yes we slept during the day when we could.

The last night out with the herd, we camped about a mile south of the Red River brakes. Those brakes are, except where the trails go down into the river, very similar to the cap rock of the plains here, in that they are almost perpendicular. Since we had fairly good grass, we were standing guard three at a time. My guard was the last guard, with Joe Humphrey and Martin Palmore, two top hands. Our guard was from 3 a. m. to 6 a. m., just before day break it started snowing and got intensely dark. The herd started to drift north, and continued to drift in spite of all we could do. I took off my slicker and with it, tried to turn them, but it was just no good. They would just turn their heads, like a bunch of milk pen cows, and keep going home.

Finally it got so dark we could not see what we were doing, or where we were drifting. Suddenly my horse stopped and stood still. I could hear the cattle going down a trail and entering running water. A Sixth or seventh sense kept me from urging my horse forward, so I just sat still and shivered till day light came. When it did come, I could see Joe, Martin, and Handy Cole were on a pinnacle about a hundred yards from me. We were all facing a drop of many feet. How I thanked the Lord my horse had sense. Not a steer was in sight, so we returned to camp for breakfast.

After eating and changing to fresh horses, we picked up the trail left by the herd and found them all in a field about a mile north of Red River. The Nester had not hauled in from the field his crop (sorghum) and what those 1900 odd head of steers left of it, you could have put in a gunny sack. They (the steers) were quite contented and full.

The Nester (I never knew his name) was "a white man," or an old cowpuncher, he never said a word out of the way, and was quite satisfied with \$50.00 for the damage done by the herd. He had to rebuild all his field fences. It was, I think, the most complete wreck I ever saw.

That evening just after dinner, we delivered the steers to Mr. Scott's man. It had taken us five days to go the thirty miles to the pasture from Childress. With the exception of the remark made by Jim Robertson, not once did I hear any of those boys "bellyache" about their work, or the most awful weather I ever was out in.

There were two very large steers named Jumbo and Chummy, that had been milk pen calves and which were raised at the old farm. Jumbo weighed 2,008 pounds and Chummy weighed 1,860. These two steers were included but not delivered with the herd. Mr. Scott sent a Negro from Colorado City on the mail hack, to drive these two steers to Colorado City. He did so afoot.

I had on my return from Childress, handed to dear old Mr. Flook, the bookkeeper, my expense account for the trip with Mr. Scott. When he saw the amount of it, he looked at me and grunted; so I remarked that there should really have been cigars and Kelly pool included, but that I was sure Mr. Horsbrugh would not allow them.

I was detailed that winter to feed the saddle and work horses at the ranch headquarters. One day Mr. Horsbrugh said "Bill what in the world did you get on that trip from Childress." (I had not itemized my account). I asked him if it was not worth it, and he replied, "I am not kicking, just curious." I then said come have a look. With that we walked up the creek to my cache which I had left undisturbed. Mr. Horsbrugh was not a man given to laughter, but when I uncovered the loot, it tickled him so that he then most certainly did enjoy a good laugh. He looked at me with a twinkle in his eye, and said "any champagne?" I said no, but please give this wine to Mrs. Horsbrugh from me, and take what you want of it. So we split what was left of the Blue Ribbon and other stuff.

(To Be Continued)

I Give You Texas
Boyce House

Wonder if the golden-voiced tenor is still in Nuevo Laredo? He went to Spain and sang in opera at Madrid but pined for his native land and returned to Mexico. He used to be in evidence a few years ago around the night spots in the city across the river from Laredo. We were introduced by a mutual friend and, upon request he sang. The melody was "La Paloma" and, at the first notes, the dancers quit dancing to listen. Afterward, he accepted a glass of wine.

Much has been appearing in the papers these last few weeks about freight rates that discriminate against Texas. Judge Ralph Yarbrough of Austin "pioneered" in bringing this unfair situation to the attention of Texans. Away back last spring, in opening his campaign for Attorney General at Tyler, Yarbrough declared: "It costs more to ship a box of manufactured goods from Texas to the North and East than it does to ship the same box of goods from the North and East to Texas. Conversely, it costs more to ship raw materials into Texas than it does to ship them out of Texas." Is it any wonder that the industrial development of our State has been retarded?

One by one, the landmarks disappear. A narrow, dingy office building on Fort Worth's Main Street recently was renovated and, in the process, a sign that had been on one of the upper windows was removed. It marked the former offices of an oil company that was organized—with scores of others—in the midst of the high hopes of the big Desdemona boom. Hometown long since has relapsed into its ancient calm and the company passed into oblivion long ago but the sign lingered. Passersby who invested were reminded no doubt of what "might have been."

Olin Cooper, mechanical genius of Rising Star, has spent three years in building an "animated theatre." Forty-five thousand bits of wood (187 varieties from 27 counties) were used along with material salvaged from typewriters, threshing machines, row-binders, baby beds and other contrivances.

The theatre is seven feet high, the same width and nearly four feet deep, inlaid with landscape pictures and embellished with carvings, scrollwork and molding. Eighty-five little electric lights flood the theatre and, when a button is pushed, the curtains slowly part, disclosing a stage with 25 little figures (including an orchestra). The entertainers play instruments, sing and dance. Cooper even composed the music that is played.

He gained fame, some years ago, with his "Twelve Apostles Clock."

Every now and then, Jefferson receives tidings of a former citizen, M. L. Baugh, who set out, years back, to see the world, taking a guitar and a pushcart along. He has walked 20,000 miles, visiting 43 states, and is now on his way to New York City to attend the opening of the world's fair next June. He sleeps in the cart and earns his living by playing on the guitar.

Mrs. D. W. Sims was here Monday from her home in Afton, spending several hours in the city looking after business affairs.

Guy Felmy, postmaster of Dickens, was transacting business affairs in the city Saturday.

WHO WROTE IT?
"My Blue Heaven"



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Special Jury Called For Monday Dec. 19

Following is a list of special jurymen called for Monday December 19, 1938:

Turner Harris, I. E. Wooley, A. C. Hull, Truett Hutto, Ivy Brown, A. J. Allen, A. C. Martin, L. R. Barrett, I. J. Hurley, T. M. Brantley, Jim Nickels, J. O. Morris, R. L. Edgar, Bill Middleton, J. R. Crosby, E. G. McInore, D. F. Robinson, C. E. Goodwin, C. C. Haile, Jones Wright, J. Derr, Lewis Daniels, Frank Forbis, W. I. Moore, M. E. Tree, L. B. Pipkin, M. D. Costello, D. W. Hughes, J. C. Miller, Buford Cooper, O. L. Holmes, G. W. Bennett, Lester George, J. O. Formby, B. C. Hardin, Forest Martin, W. M. Clark, Guy Goen, H. V. Nettles, Roy Arrington, W. A. Drennan, Ty Allen, L. L. Teague, H. S. Armstrong, D. J. Harkey, E. E. Hagin, Tobe Westfall, Lee Randall, T. H. Rigsby, C. F. Martin, M. A. Graham, Paul Baxter, H. E. Bennett, Joe Cornett, W. E. Armstrong, R. T. Roberts, John Morris, W. F. Gilbert, J. Vernon Powell, G. A. Benham, Frank Murphy, Weldon Cyfert, Willie Eldredge, F. F. Henry, V. S. Ford, W. J. Driggers, R. N. Richards, C. T. Boucher, Jerry Ensey, G. F. Smith, Joe Thornton, L. S. Harvey.

"Hello-Girls" Say Rush Caused By Gulf Well

The "Hello-Girls" of the local Southwestern Bell Telephone system declare that this stuff called off appearing from its hide-out over at the Gulf-Swenson No. 1 test gave good cause for some swift work at their exchange.

Of course everyone knows that the telephone operators have a very easy time. Simple job... answering these questions. John Doe wants to know... "did that Gulf well come in?" It would be quite amusing to say "No, sir, it is still out there," but they don't... just gave the best answer possible, and went on to the next question.

Henry Bozo McNooks wants to know how much the well's making; and others: "How deep is the pay streak?"... "Are they going to put down another well?" "Are storage tanks ready?" Then along with that comes the general routine: "Where would I find Bill Skillet's second cousin?"... "What time is it?"... "Who called my home while I was gone over the week end?"... and a constant stream of others.

Just a soft, easy job, if you have plenty of patience (and don't care what you call an easy job).

MR. AND MRS. JOE GIDDENS PURCHASE PERRY HOME

Mr. and Mrs. Jos Giddens probably decided that the best way to be sure of a home was to buy one. The house in which they were living sold recently to Pete Carney, located up on North Miller Street, and so Mr. and Mrs. Giddens trekked over to North Carroll and purchased the Wilbur Perry home.

Both are nice, cozy cottages—and it emphasizes the fact that if you have property in Spur you can either sell or rent it pretty quickly. And Spur especially needs more available apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Formby, from out in McAdoo, were in Spur Monday shopping and greeting friends. Mr. and Mrs. Formby, parents of County Judge Marshall Formby, want to keep posted on local affairs for the coming year, and left the long-green to keep the Texas Spur coming for the ensuing twelve months.

QUICK RELIEF FROM STOMACH ULCERS DUE TO EXCESS ACID

Free Book Tells of Marvelous Home Treatment that Must Help or It Will Cost You Nothing. Over one million bottles of the WILLARD TREATMENT have been sold for relief of Stomach and Duodenal Ulcers due to Excess Acid—Poor Digestion, Sour or Upset Stomach, Gasiness, Heartburn, Sleeplessness, etc., due to Excess Acid. Sold on 15 days' trial! Ask for "Willard's Message" which fully explains this marvelous treatment—free—at

Gruben Drug & Jewelry

Advertisement for STAR BLADES featuring a star on skates and a razor. Text includes: "A STAR ON SKATES! Smooth action makes him a star performer on ice! Smooth shaving makes Star Single-Edge Blades star performers on your face! Famous for keenness since 1880." and "STAR BLADES FOR GEM AND EVER-READY RAZORS".

FABLES IN SLANG

Comic strip by George Ade titled "FABLES IN SLANG". It consists of seven panels. Panel 1: "FABLE OF SOCIAL EMINENCE" shows a man in a top hat talking to a woman. Panel 2: "THE DELANCEY'S WERE THE SWELLEST PEOPLE IN TOWN SINCE THE ASTORS PASSED THRU IN A SLEEPER" shows a man in a suit talking to a woman. Panel 3: "IN FACT THEY GOT TOO BIG FOR THE TOWN AND PACKED UP TO GO EAST WHERE GENTLEMEN ARE SUCH AND SUCH AND LADIES MORE SO" shows a man in a suit talking to a woman. Panel 4: "THEY SOON LEARNED THAT A BIG NOISE IN A SMALL TOWN MAY BE AN EMPTY CIPHER EAST OF THE HUDSON" shows a man in a suit talking to a woman. Panel 5: "AT A DISTANCE THE OLD BURG DIDN'T LOOK SO BAD, AND THEY MADE UP THEIR MINDS TO GIVE IT ANOTHER TRY!" shows a man in a suit talking to a woman. Panel 6: "MORAL TO GET YOUR SOCIAL RATING, STUDY GEOGRAPHY!" shows a man in a suit talking to a woman. Panel 7: "ALL ABOARD" shows a man in a suit talking to a woman. The comic is signed "ART HELFANT" and "Copyright, 1938, by George Ade".

JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



A Little Pal's III

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—Boy's bicycle, good as new at reduced price.—ELLIOTT APPLIANCE, Spur.

PIGS FOR SALE—Jack Gipson, Dickens, Texas.

W. G. Abernathy, proprietor of the McAdoo Implement Company, was attending to business in Spur Monday. Mr. Abernathy says he has some real tractor bargains on hand—pretty nice present for a farm family.

NOTICE IN PROBATE THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County—Greeting:

New and used "JAY BEE" all-steel Hammer Mills. Very attractive prices and terms. Go into big paying business for yourself with "JAY BEE" Portable. Best, strongest, biggest capacity. Mounts on any 1 1/2 ton truck. "JAY BEE" Cracker Jack home grinding. Grinds every grain—roughage grown. Biggest capacity with any farm tractor. Saves 30 per cent to 50 per cent on feed bill. Write quick. "JAY BEE" of Texas, 302 So. Houston, Dallas, Texas. 3p

You are Hereby Commanded, to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice:

J. Robinett of Kalgary was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday.

To All Persons Interested in The estate of Roxie Kellar, Deceased; Louis Lovett, has filed an application in the County Court of Dickens County, on the 13th day of December 1938, for Partition and distribution of said estate which said application will be heard by said Court on the 26th day of December 1938, at the Court House of said County, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Harvey of 6 miles north of Spur were shopping and attending to business while in Spur Wednesday.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

WANTED TO BUY—A small farm with some grass land. Must be priced right.—L. D. CRAVEY, Box 22, Spur, Texas.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Dickens, Texas this 13th day of December 1938.

FOR SALE—Have several Greyhounds, good wolf dogs.—E. V. ARTHUR, Dickens.

Fred Arrington, Clerk County Court, Dickens, County, Texas.

Feeding Livestock In West Texas

By R. E. Dickson (Following is a radio talk made by R. E. Dickson, December 8 from Abilene over a West Texas Hookup)

There are six essential factors in profitable livestock feeding. West Texas is blessed with four of these and is rapidly developing the other two. No region has superior climate, water, feed or livestock. The other two, feed lot management and markets, are being improved from year to year through research, experience and education. The finishing of livestock for home consumption and market is making satisfactory progress and the future is very promising.

Climate West Texas climate, for livestock as well as people, is ideal. While the summer temperatures are frequently well over the 100 mark and the winter temperatures drop below zero they are accompanied by low humidity. It is not necessary, and possibly not advisable, to furnish shade in the summer or protection in the winter for cattle on feed. Many of the most successful feeders provide neither.

Water An abundance of pure water which is cool in the summer and warm in the winter is essential to high production on large grains. The underground water of West Texas is a distinct asset in any livestock program, and it can be made available at a minimum cost. The livestock man who makes the most of his opportunities to provide pure water at the proper temperature will be handsomely repaid for his efforts.

Feeds High quality products of all kinds are produced with the minimum water requirement for that particular product. It is very easy to supply too much water to the watermelon, cantaloupe, orange, grapefruit, peach, wheat, corn or cotton. Crop yields in West Texas, at times are cut short through lack of seasonal moisture, but they are always of a superior quality whether grass that matures on the range, grain that goes into the elevator, cottonseed meal that goes into the bag or silage that goes into the trench. Quality feeds have much to do with rapid gains and high finish. West Texas farmers have been more successful in producing high quality feed crops

than they have in converting those feed crops into cash.

Livestock West Texas has properly been referred to as "the birthplace of the nation's meat supply." This is especially true of beef and mutton. Throughout the years there has been a constant stream of choice feeder calves and lambs shipped from the region to fill feed lots in older agriculture areas. In more recent years however, there has been a marked increase in the number of finished animals shipped directly to meat consuming centers.

Management Possibly the biggest mistake that has been made in West Texas feeding has been adopting feeding practices that have been successful elsewhere instead of developing a program suitable to this region. The production of bundle feeds and silage is much more dependable in West Texas than in the production of grain. The region ships large quantities of cottonseed meal, the finest protein supplement to be found anywhere on the face of the earth. The problem, then, is one of selling the large rough feed crop and cottonseed meal through livestock with a minimum use of grain. This type of feeding requires more time to produce a high finish, but research and experience have proven it to be the more profitable, as it furnishes a market for a large amount of the quality feed that heretofore has been wasted. The trench silo is the key to converting rough feeds into profits.

Market The demand for well finished animals at the meat consuming centers has increased materially in recent years. These markets can use more well finished animals than are now arriving, but possibly the best and largest undeveloped market for superior meat is in the smaller towns and on the farms where it is produced. The Extension Service of the A. & M. College and other agencies working toward improvement of homelife on the farm have done much to increase the supply and improve the quality of fresh and canned meats in farm homes.

With all of the essential factors for producing quality meat, and with a potential market that may be developed with some effort, the strides that West Texas is making in farm and commercial feeding should provide the stimulus required to materially improve the diet of West Texas people and to very materially increase the revenues of farm and ranch operations.

Gulf Not Gauged; Humble Down 2480 Feet

Although interest over this territory centers mainly now on the Gulf strike just across the line in Garza County, Swenson lease, the No. 1 has not been put on gauge, and little activity is made public. Storage capacity is not yet sufficient to carry tests on production. Immediate set up for offset has been reported, but the company has given out no verification,—nor authenticated reports that another test would be started a few miles north of the present well.

A report last night stated that the Matadors, was drilling at 2480 feet in lime.

WILD LIFE

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fill the post of secretary and publicity man.

The meet was scored as highly beneficial to the county program, having district Game Manager Charles Friley, Abilene, and Jim Cannon, Game Warden, on hand for the organization and formulated plans. The body plans to meet once in each month, unless other meetings are deemed necessary, which may be called by the officials.

To complete the Board's acting committees, Chairman Cecil Fox will at a later date appoint an Educational Committee and a Legislative Committee, each composed of three members, to aid in workings of the County Board. Other practices and duties of the Board, it was stated, would be worked out in the near future.

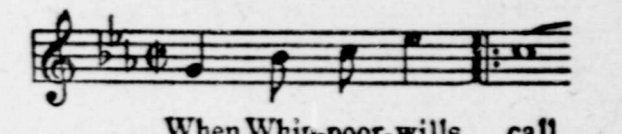
W. F. VANCLEVE MOVING TO ARKANSAS

W. F. VanCleve and family, who have resided on the J. J. Hilton place of East Afton for the past five years are moving this week to Rogers, Arkansas where they will make their home in the future. Mr. and Mrs. VanCleve have been residents of Dickens County for several years and have many friends in the county who will learn with regret of the moving, but hope for them much prosperity and happiness at their new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Orie Smith and Green Turner were business visitors in Lubbock the past week. While there Mr. Turner consulted specialists about an ailment which has been bothering him recently.

WHO WROTE IT?

"My Blue Heaven"



When Whip-poor-wills call.

HE was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., but he wrote "Carolina In The Morning", "Mamma" and other songs of the South. His mother was a music teacher, but he wouldn't take a lesson. Later, during school days and as a stock broker's clerk, he taught himself and started composing.

His first three songs sold eight million copies in the days before radio, when people were still buying sheet music. He has written musical comedy scores, film scores and popular songs. He became a music publisher, and a composer member of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers.

He wrote "My Blue Heaven" when he was still a bachelor, and says it represented his ideal of married life. Today, his home in Hollywood is graced by a wife and two children, a boy and a girl. He has collaborated in numerous songs with the leading writers of the country.

His name is Walter Donaldson

Nervous, Weak, Ankles Swollen?

Much nervousness is caused by an excess of acids and poisons due to functional kidney and bladder disorders which may also cause Getting Up Nights, Burning Passages, Swollen Joints, Backache, Circles Under Eyes, Excess Acidity, Leg Pains and Dizziness. Help your kidneys purify your blood with Cystex. Usually the very first dose starts helping your kidneys clean out excess acids and this soon may make you feel like new. Cystex must satisfy you completely or money back is guaranteed. Get Cystex (siss-tex) today. It costs only 2c a dose at druggists and the guarantee protects you.

Advertisement for THE MOST COMPLETE CHRISTMAS ever! featuring THE GREAT FEASTS at Christmas time. Text includes: "Deck the halls with boughs of holly 'Tis the season to be jolly... Here We Feature THE MOST COMPLETE CHRISTMAS ever! The great feasts at Christmas time play such an important part in the happiness of us all... and we are featuring everything that the housewife will need in cooking for the holidays. Check your list—Fruits, Nuts, Cranberries, Sauces, Spices, Cakes. Ingredients for Cakes. In fact, you name it, and we've got it. Perhaps you don't plan to have a turkey... and if not, there are many ways that you can prepare roasts and various other kinds of meats for the big feast. You will find it here. And for that salad—pick crisp vegetables and better fruit from our stock. We want to help you make this the Best Christmas of Them All! NEW DEAL GROCERY Ralph Lewis, Prop."

Advertisement for ALEXANDER-HURST BARBER SHOP featuring a woman in a dress. Text includes: "OUR Christmas GREETINGS" and "ALEXANDER-HURST BARBER SHOP".

Advertisement for HOMER CARGILE WOOD YARD. Text includes: "IF IT'S WOOD WE HAVE IT. —But we don't want to keep it. See us for pole wood cut to lengths you need. Homer Cargile WOOD YARD".