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January Second Is "Back To School" For Most Students

Monday, January 2nd, has a signal meaning for most students of county schools in that the bell will ring for "taking up for books," following the year-end holidays.

Although practically every school in the county has its post-holiday opening on that day, the Dickens schools are already under way with studies, having opened yesterday and concluding a one-week vacation from desks.

Earlier than Dickens, however, was the opening of the Antelope school on Monday of this week. Mr. Sharp of the Dickens schools and Mr. and Mrs. F. C. London of the Antelope school selected earlier turn-outs than some of the other places.

Simultaneously with O. C. Thomas' clank of the bell for Monday opening of Spur schools will be that of Misses Launa and Alba Cozby "calling books" at Wilson Draw; Miss Virginia Elliot's Spring Creek roll call for resumption of study; H. U. Butts' assembly of students at McAdoo schools; M. L. Kelly's gathering of the classes at Patton Springs; Tom Porter's "taking up call" out at Dry Lake.

Although no official statement comes in from some of the other schools in the county it is likely that they will resume their school work January 2nd.

Windham Family Have Xmas Holiday Gathering

The Windham home in Spur was the scene of a happy family gathering when members of the family and a number of relatives met here to spend the Christmas holidays.

Those present and enjoying the reunion were Mrs. Maud Windham and daughters Jettie Grace Windham, and Mrs. Leo McIntire of Lubbock, Miss Tally Windham of Spur; Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Darden of Breckenridge; W. S. Darden and family of Lovington, New Mexico, brothers of Mrs. Windham and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Treywick of Silverton, a sister and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wise of Quitaque. Mrs. Wise is a niece of Mrs. Windham.

BACK TO CALIFORNIA

Bill Gruben, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gruben, is leaving tomorrow for California to resume his school work. Bill was the Texas winner for honorary scholarship in the University of Southern California at Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lieb spent Christmas in the homes of their parents, Mrs. R. L. Haney and Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Leib, in Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Godfrey spent Christmas day and Monday in Matador with her mother, Mrs. Luckett; returning Monday night to Spur accompanied by Mrs. Luckett who is spending the week in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Godfrey.

The B. H. Connallys journeyed to Stamford to visit Mrs. Connally's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Vann, for the holidays. Mr. Connally returned to Spur to look after his market business, but Mrs. Connally and children will remain there until Sunday.



Another year is almost here. Perhaps you will make many New Year's Resolutions . . . some you will break. But one you shouldn't break . . . a resolve to eat BELL'S BETTER FOODS.

BELL'S CAFE

WPA Adult Educational Classes....And So 55,000 Texans May Go "Back To School"



(Story on Back Page)

Typical students in a rural East Texas adult education class are the members of the Patterson family, residents of Hardin County. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Patterson and their children have

all attended WPA classes.

(1) Mrs. Patterson, a native Texan, has had time after her household duties to attend classes regularly. The instructor declares that her progress has been remarkable in a class where all of the attendants are eager stu-

dents.

(2) Horace, an oil field worker and oldest of the Patterson children, Mickey Patterson, a nephew, and Mrs. Patterson listen attentively to the instructions of Mrs. Henrietta Marshall, WPA teacher. Mrs. Patterson's

married daughter also attends WPA classes and three younger children of the family are in public school at Kountze.

(3) Jack Patterson, head of the family and veteran of eleven months service in France during the World War, also attends

WPA classes after his work cutting railroad ties and red oak staves in the East Texas woods. Members of the Patterson family walk the two miles daily from their rural home to the adult education class which is held in Kountze.

SUPERSTITIOUS? THEN WHAT MEANING DOES AN EGG WITH THE FIGURE '2' ON IT HAVE?

Of course it isn't necessary that you come under the heading of "the superstitious" to muse upon the meaning of an oddity, but it seems that such would lend a little flavor when ruminating an omen, signficantly, or what-ever-it-is.

You know there are dream books that tell what dreams mean; they define omens, and enlighten us generally. For instance, if tonight we dream of running with great speed . . . and then running some more . . . that means a bill collector will be after us in a day or two. If we dream of a great body of water, we'd guess that to mean we must take a bath (Saturday night) in cold water. Dreaming of raising cotton probably means a hand-to-hand battle with the Devil—that is, if the price stays like it has been.

B. H. Connally, of Connally's Market at Johnstons Grocery, found an egg in his hen-house that has attached at one end a perfectly formed figure '2'. The egg is apparently all right, and the figure, of shell material only, is extended from the small oval of the egg.

Mr. Connally is now trying to figure out the meaning of the oddity, and thinks he may get some help from omen-authorities. He has several solutions—but can't prove them. Maybe it means that the hen that produced the egg is going to take a couple of days off from work during the holidays; or maybe she's just forecasting some event. Of course, not being up on this subject, we couldn't solve the mystery—except that maybe it would be a good idea to check up on the hens and see "who's who in the hen-house."

Mr. and Mrs. Homer A. Marcy and daughters, Edith and Jewel, of near Lubbock, are spending the Christmas holidays visiting in the home of their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilson and Homer and Leonard, Jr., and with their son, Homer Marcy, Jr., and Mrs. Marcy.

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Roberts had as their holiday guests Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jones and family, Haskell; Bob King, Mr. Roberts' uncle, from Lovington, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Roberts and family; and Mr. and Mrs. John Lawrence of Lubbock. Mrs. Lawrence is Mr. Roberts' sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Rowe L. Sanns and young daughter, Julia Maria, of Waco visited her sister, Mrs. Cecil Godfrey and Mr. Godfrey, Thursday while in Spur enroute to Matador to visit her mother Mrs. Luckett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Thompson spent Christmas day in Albany with her parents, Mr. Thompson returning the first of the week to Spur while Mrs. Thompson in company with her parents went to Santa Anna to visit other relatives and friends during the week.

Miss Christine O'Kelly of Fort Worth is a guest of Jack Jones at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones, since Monday.

Yours for a Happy New Year

In expressing an appreciation to its patronage, it is a very conservative statement to say that The Texas Spur has been accorded a nice business. It is doubly important to us to note not only the business made possible by county business establishments, and professionals, but as well to pay tribute to the hundreds of new and renewal subscribers on our list . . . an enormous increase over the list of one year ago.

So, in deep appreciation for the friendliness and interest, cooperation and business accorded, we say greater success and happiness to all . . . a greater mutual interest between the communities and the people, and a greater Dickens County for the prosperity of all.

THE TEXAS SPUR

W. C. Hagan Buried At Vernon Last Friday

William Campbell Hagan, 47, member of the state highway engineering department, who died in a Matador hospital last Friday morning as the result of injuries received in an automobile wreck near Matador on Tuesday, December 20, was buried Friday afternoon in a Vernon cemetery.

Many Spur and Dickens County people were well acquainted with Mr. Hagan, he having been located here last summer during the time of construction of the highway link of hard-top between the City power plant and the highway just east of Spur.

The deceased is survived by his widow, five sisters and four brothers.

Mrs. W. A. Lee Gets Turkey In Word Contest

In the final check-up of the Misspelled Word contest that completes its run of four weeks in The Texas Spur, the winner for last week is Mrs. W. A. Lee, Dickens, for first place in the Turkey award.

Others to be awarded passes to the Palace Theatre, courtesy of Mr. Hardwick, are: Mrs. A. M. Walker, Spur; Bob Weaver, Spur; Paul Dale Hagens, Route Two; and H. L. Morris, Calgary.

The picture that may be seen by use of the passes is "Just Around The Corner." The tickets are good for Sunday or Monday, January 1st or 2nd. An especially good show has been booked for New Year's Day, and winners are requested to remember that the passes are good for those two days mentioned only—January 1st and 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fox left Spur Sunday afternoon for Prairie Hill where they will visit his mother, going by way of Abilene where they received a new Plymouth, bought of Berry Motor Company. From Prairie Hill they will go to Wheeling West Virginia and spend several days visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Carney and family.

Jack Moore, student in Brantley-Draughts Business College, Fort Worth, came in to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. White Moore, and brothers Jack and Thurmond Moore and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings returned Tuesday from Anderson where they spent Christmas in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Thomas. Mrs. Thomas is the former Virginia Stuart, niece of Mrs. Jennings. En route to Anderson they spent the night in Sweetwater with Mrs. R. A. Stuart and Fredrick who accompanied them to Anderson for the Christmas visit.

Mrs. John Ivey, of Stamford, and Miss Pearl Matthews, of Dallas, were visitors in Spur the first part of this week, spending the time in the homes of their sisters, Mrs. W. C. Gruben and Mrs. T. C. Ensey. They also visited a brother, Raymond Matthews in Lubbock before returning to their homes.

WITH the Churches

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES
 Sunday School, 9:45 a. m.
 Morning Worship Service, 10:00.
 Intermediates, 6:30 p. m.
 Seniors, 6:30 p. m.
 Evening Service, 7:15
 W. M. S., Monday, 3:00 p. m.
 (Installation and Pledge Program)
 Wednesday Night Service, 7:15.
 (Begin Study of Parables in New Testament).

Called Meeting of Board of Stewards, Monday night at 7:15 in the Round-Up.

A New Year's Sermon on "Sowing Seeds" will be delivered by the pastor at the Sunday Morning Service. Special music will be rendered. All singers are urged to meet in choir room immediately after Sunday School.

A Watch Night Service is being planned for Sunday Night. Watch the Old Year out and the New Year in as Christians should. Attend this Service and you will be made Happy and Hopeful.

Visitors are welcome.

MRS. TIDWELL ENTERTAINS BIBLE BAND

Mrs. Tidwell entertained the members of the Bible Band and their husbands Thursday evening Dec. 22. Chinese Checkers and "42" were the entertainment for the evening.

A lovely Xmas tree was decorated and loaded with gifts, each one present receiving a lovely gift.

A delicious refreshment plate was served consisting of apple pie with whipped cream, sandwiches, pickles, and Sanka. Plate favors were red gum drops and green candles. The candles were lighted at all five tables and some one at each table making a wish before blowing them out.

Those enjoying the occasion were Messrs. and Mesdames Lewis, Wood, Cauthen, Ellis, Mims, Sauls, Simmons, Ericson, Dyess, and Tidwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Salem and children spent a short time in Spur Tuesday while enroute to their home in Sudan from Breckenridge where they spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Harkey. Accompanying them home was her brother, Curtis Harkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Oldah Harrington and daughters, Alice Brady and Johnny Brown, of Crane, were here during the Christmas holidays visiting his mother, Mrs. F. R. Harrington and friends, returning Wednesday to their home.

Buster Roberson, of Highway was transacting business affairs in Spur Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John King and Mr. and Mrs. A. O. White returned Monday night from a visit since Sunday morning with their father, R. W. King at his home in Lott, Texas.

NEW YEAR

Happy greetings to enter 1939, and wishes for Good Luck throughout the year.

We would like to thank personally our customers and friends for past patronage, and bid you to come see us often throughout the coming year—

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For Women and Clubs



MR. AND MRS. C. V. ALLEN ARE CHRISTMAS PARTY HOSTS

One of the lovely Yuletide social affairs was the 84 Club party Thursday evening at the C. V. Allen home 703 North Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Allen hosts.

Games of 42 and 84 were enjoyed for a time then the exchange of gifts from a beautifully decorated Christmas tree were distributed.

Popcorn candy balls were made and enjoyed; the popcorn was a courtesy by Mr. C. H. Hardwick.

The guest list included Messrs and Mesdames M. A. Lea, R. C. Brown, Cal Martin, J. C. Payne, J. F. Graham, Allen A. McKimney and Vascoe H. Ward.

At a late hour the guests departed acclaiming Mr. and Mrs. Allen as most delightful hosts.

ELLIOT'S ENTERTAIN MONDAY WITH ANNUAL HOLIDAY FIRESIDE DANCE

Bringing an evening of pleasant entertainment to approximately half-a-hundred guests, the W. J. Elliot ranch home was the scene Monday of their annual Holiday Fireside Dance entertainment, when friends from a wide area in this section attended to enjoy the mid-season gathering.

With that supreme manner of entertaining, the host-masters, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliot and daughters, Misses Margaret and Virginia, presented a fore-evening dance to a fine musical program, with a service of cake and coffee for the parting of a full house of happy guests.

BARCLAYS HAVE FAMILY REUNION CHRISTMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barclay had as dinner guests Christmas day, his father, W. B. Barclay, Curtis Barclay of Spur; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Barclay, and sons, Winston and Joe Max, of Petersburg; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Barclay and daughter, Frances Ann, of Lubbock; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Black and children of Spur. One brother, B. P. Barclay and family of Arizona were unable to be with the family on this happy occasion.

MISS MARTHA AND JOHNNIE NICHOLS ENTERTAIN

Miss Martha and Johnnie Nichols entertained a number of the younger set with dancing at the Nichols home 714 North Parker, Tuesday evening.

A most enjoyable occasion was reported by those attending.

SALON OF PHOTOGRAPHY AT CANYON

Entry forms are ready for the first annual Panhandle-Plains Salon of Photography sponsored by the department of art at West Texas State College.

These blanks will be mailed free on request by Olin E. Hinkle, director of the salon.

The exhibit of photography prints will be held at the Mary E. Hudspeeth art room of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum here from January 18 through January 31, 1939. The last day for entering prints will be Sunday, January 15. On this day they may be delivered, if desired, at the museum.

SAM HOUSTON'S LIFE DESCRIBED AS VERY COLORFUL

Complication of all available writings of Sam Houston has been started by Dr. Amelia W. Williams, editorial assistant in the University of Texas Bureau of Research in the Social Sciences, and Dr. Eugene C. Barker, professor of American history. The first volume of the six-volume book, entitled "The Writings of Sam Houston," has just come from the press and is being distributed through the University Official Publications Office.

The volume includes materials written from 1813 to 1836 and touches upon the career of Houston as a lieutenant in the United States Army, as a member of Congress from Tennessee and governor of Tennessee, as United States Indian agent in the Southwest, as commander-in-chief in the Texas Revolution, and as president of the Republic of Texas.

Mrs. H. C. Peterson is a guest in the Elliot home this week.

Miss Beatrice McKnight of Dallas spent Christmas in Spur a guest of her grandmother, Mrs. S. E. Garner and Miss Ella Garner.

Miss Syble and Melba Jo Hazel were business visitors to Jayton Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Enloe, of Roaring Springs, visited Mrs. Enloe's mother, Mrs. Kinney, in Spur Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Dee McArthur and son returned Monday from a visit during Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Gist of near Big Spring.

MR. AND MRS. C. D. COPELAND ENTERTAIN EXTENSIVELY DURING YULETIDE

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland have been entertaining rather extensively during the Yuletide season, having as guests their children, Miss Mary Copeland of Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Copeland and children, Mr. and Mrs. Shorty Copeland and little daughter, Ella Mae, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Snodgrass and son George, of Spur; and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Copeland and children of Meadow.

Mr. and Mrs. Copeland have only recently established residence in their new and modern farm home and this is their first real house warming. Here are good wishes that they may spend many other Merry Christmas and Happy New Years in their new home surrounded by loved ones.

PEP SQUAD PRAISED FOR WORK DURING FULL SEASON

If we would pause for a moment at the suggestion of public opinion, it would not be to get the impression that Spur High Bulldogs do not deserve the great credit given them for the big year in football, nor to discredit the coaches, who have indeed put forth some effort and hard work—because they have all contributed to the great success of the team in many ways—but perhaps not enough credit is given to the Pep Squad, really instrumental in the onward march of the Bulldogs and Spur High.

A lot of credit goes to the pretty quartet, Misses Dick Arthur, Peggy Hogan, Pauline Shugart, and Jerry Willard, headmasters of the Pep Squad, as well as to the splendid following from whom they had fine cooperation, and to the band.

"The Spirit of the Thing," has truly been one of the guiding factors in creating interest and support for the footballers—and you know it just gives players that old "bulldog grit" when they know they are being backed to the last ditch.

Hundreds of people have complimented the Pep Squad this season for their fine work . . . and The Texas Spur joins in the chorus of saying "fine work—and here's to more of it."

Mr. and Mrs. Hill Perry and son and daughter, James Hill and Mrs. Roy Harkey, are leaving today for Fort Worth to visit the E. F. Lavertys.

Mrs. Nell Davis and Lewis Green, visited their sons and brothers, Lee and Rob Davis and their families in Post City for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. Ware Higginbotham and two children of Fort Worth were in Spur during Christmas visiting her father, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ensey and family.

Miss Thessa Godfrey of Matador visited her brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Godfrey, Miss Jane and Fike at their home in the city the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bond stopped over for an hours visit in Spur with her grandmother, Mrs. H. T. Garner while enroute to their home in Odessa from Nocona where they spent Christmas with his parents.

Lub Hyatt spent Christmas day with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt at their home in the city while Mrs. Hyatt and little son visited her mother, Mrs. Walker at her home at Meadow.

Mrs. Hamp Collett and granddaughter, Ruth Estelle, spent Christmas day and Monday in Lubbock with her husband and daughter, Mr. Hamp Collett and Mrs. Edna Jones, returning Monday night to Spur.

W. J. Bryant and son, W. J. Jr., of Stamford are spending several days in Spur this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joe. S. Link and getting in some hunting before the season closes.

Henry Albin of Oklahoma City spent the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shugart of Canadian spent the Yuletide season the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shugart and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stotts and daughter Jo Ann, of Lubbock, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin and family.

Miss Hope McClain, home economics teacher in the Lazbuddie school, is here visiting her parents through the holidays. On Christmas Day Miss McClain was a guest in the home of her brother and family in Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalton Johnston and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kinney went to Quanah on a Christmas trip to visit Mrs. Johnston's brother, W. S. Newman.

PERSONALS

Mrs. Joe Collier has had as guests the past several days her daughters, Miss Mildred, teacher in the Dumont School; Miss Mary Jo, freshman in A. C. C. Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. Dail Phelps and little daughter, Pennie Sue, of Stamford who stopped over for an hours visit Monday while enroute home from Clovis, N. M. where they had spent Christmas with his parents.

Miss Fay Jamison, of Kermit, spent Christmas day and Monday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jamison of the Swenson Ranch and her many friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Rector had as guests during the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Barron Chapman and sons, Richburg and Warren White, of Borger, Texas.

Miss Pauline Harrell, teacher of Public School Music in the Hamlin Grade and High School, is spending the Christmas Holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. James E. Harrell.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Morris and children, newspaper publishers of Ropesville, were holiday visitors in Dickens, the guests of Mr. Morris' sister and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Burks and Mrs. W. H. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hannsz, of Ralls, visited in Spur for a while Monday afternoon. They were enroute to Haskell to spend a few days with Mr. Hannsz's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. David Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Towel went to Amarillo Saturday night to visit Mr. Towel's and Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Pearl Towel and family. Vesta Marie, a niece, made the return journey with them to visit in the Wilson home through the New Year holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall Pendleton and children of Borger returned home Monday following a visit since Christmas day with her mother, Mrs. Callie Denson and sisters Miss Flora Denson and Mrs. John King, Jr. and Mr. King.

Miss Onabell Wolfskill, accompanied by Clyde Schoolfield, a friend and companion student in the University of Oklahoma, at Norman, spent the holidays here with her parents, the Wolfskills, Kelsey Apartments. They will return to Norman Sunday to resume studies.

Mrs. Gertrude Brotherton and daughter, Miss Mary Kate, of Valentine, spent Christmas with relatives in Amarillo and Hereford, returning the first of this week to Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hagins, of Duck Creek community, were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office while in the city transacting business affairs Tuesday.

Crate Snyder, of New Orleans, La., has been a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Snyder and sister, Mrs. Neitha Campbell and son Sherman Campbell, during the Yuletide season.

Mrs. M. W. Chapman has as guests Christmas day, several of her children including Mr. and Mrs. Garlen Chapman and little daughter, Max; Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Johnson and son of Crosbyton; Mr. and Mrs. Eric Ousley and family; Judge and Mrs. Alton B. Chapman and sons, Brooks and George, of Spur; and Mr. and Mrs. Barron Chapman and two sons of Borger.

NEW YEAR SPECIALS

- \$5.00 Special Oil Permanent ----- \$3.00
- Two \$2.00 Oil Permanents ----- \$3.50
- \$2.00 Permanents Special ----- \$1.00
- Hair Set ----- 15c and 25c
- Oil Fitch Drenes Shampoo ----- 30c

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LACIE'S BEAUTY SHOP

Joe Potts arrived the latter part of last week to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. G. W. Potts and his brother, Ed, of Spur and sister, Mrs. Mary Gray and family of Southland, Texas.

Mrs. Neitha Campbell, who has been attending Draughns Business College in Lubbock the past several months, returned recently to her home in the city.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander have had as guests during the Christmas holidays their family of eight children including Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander and children, Dr. and Mrs. Bob Alexander and two small daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Alexander and Max of Spur; Jack of Colorado City; Ted, a student in Texas Tech; and Joe Paul, freshman in Wayland College, Plainview where he returned Wednesday to resume classes; and Miss Bernice Alexander, a member of the Sweetwater schools faculty.

F. L. Copeland, prominent stock-farmer, and two sons, Woodrow and Walter of Antelope in Jack County, were here last week buying cattle for his stock farm and visiting his brother, C. D. Copeland and family.

Mrs. Leonard Jopling, of Borger, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Pat Denson, here through the holidays. Pat is on a trip out in California.

Lawrence Compere and family returned Monday to their home in Weslaco after spending Christmas in Spur in the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols and family and his brother, Tex Compere of near Dickens.

JUST TO REMIND YOU
 A heart full of sincere good wishes for the New Year . . . and then a lot of years beyond 1939.
SMITH'S BEAUTY SHOP

GREATER HAPPINESS FOR THE NEW YEAR . 1939 .

Inventory....

This is the time of year when we all take inventory and make plans for another year . . . and we just like to state that our chief inventory is of friendly customers, loyal friends and the whole country around us as fine neighbors.

The past year has been kind to us . . . we realize that you, our great family of patrons, made 1938 to our liking. You, like the patrons of any other firm, will mold our 1939; and we believe that our courteous service and fair treatment, combined with good work, will bring you here again and again.

So, the best for you in 1939 is our wish.

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PROBAC BLADES

23 YEARS AGO

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

Chas. Windham was in Wednesday from his ranch home in Croton. Mrs. Fred O. McFall was in the city Wednesday shopping with the merchants. Mrs. I. G. VanLier came in Wednesday from her home in the Soldier Mound country. W. F. Godfrey and J. D. Powell made a business trip this week to Dallas and other points. Faust Collier, who has been attending school at Georgetown during this term, is at home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collier. Mrs. C. F. Cates and children left Spur Tuesday for Petersburg where they will spend the holidays with her sister and other relatives and friends. L. S. Scott, of several miles west, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Scott recently bought another place, a quarter section on Dockum, which is now being placed in cultivation for another year. The teachers of the Spur School will leave Thursday to spend the holidays with friends and relatives. Miss Ora Archer will go to Grandbury, Miss Lucile Horton to Denton, Miss Pearl Hensley to Canyon and Miss Ora Kennel to Eastland. T. A. Ham, of the Croton country, was among the business visitors to Spur Wednesday. While here he had the Texas Spur sent to Joe Ham at Stillwater, Oklahoma. H. T. Garner was in Tuesday from his Prairie View Stock Farm two or three miles northeast of Spur and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having some stationery printed for home use and also having the Texas Spur sent to his address. Ed Eldredge, of the plains country near McAloo, was brought to the Standifer Hospital the latter part of last week where he underwent an operation and is now reported doing well. He was accompanied to Spur by his wife and father, H. C. Eldredge, and W. D. Eldredge who remained with him through the critical stages of the operation. Uncle Bill Perrin, of ten miles east of Dickens and one of the old time frontier cowmen of this western country, was in Spur Monday shaking hands with friends. Miss Annie Douglass, daughter of Editor Douglas of Roaring Springs, is in Spur to spend the holidays with her sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Usry. J. Anderson Davis, of several miles northeast of town, was here last week and handed us a dollar to be credited to his subscription to the Texas Spur. J. H. Boothe, of about two miles southeast of Spur, called in at the Texas Spur office one day last week and had the paper sent to D. C. Woolverton, Milano Junction. S. B. Abercrombie, of Merkel, was here this week and while here purchased the cattle and dairying business of W. A. Craddock through the Spur Real Estate & Livestock Co. of which R. L. Collier is general manager. Mr. Abercrombie will move with his family to Spur about the first of January and take charge of his dairy business. Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Charles W. Post, widow of the late cereal king, has agreed to accept a cash settlement in lieu of her share of the Postum Cereal Company plant, thus terminating litigation among the heirs. Mrs. Post receives \$6,000,000 and retains ownership of the Post Tavern, the seven story office building, the Post residence at Santa Barbara, Cal., and other lesser properties. W. M. Winkler, of the Croton country, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday on business and shaking hands with friends. Mrs. Will Andrews left Spur this week for Stamford where she will spend the holidays with her parents and other relatives and friends. Rush Gilpin, who has been in Arizona for some time, returned last week to Spur to spend the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. M. E. Gilpin, and other relatives and friends. After the holidays he will return to Arizona where he is employed on a big ranch. Bert Brown, manager of the 24-Ranch in Kent County, was a business visitor in Spur last week. He reports everything all o. k. in Kent county. W. L. Thanisch returned this week from the eastern part of the state where he has been spending several days with relatives and friends. Marion Thanisch was in from the Draper country Monday to meet Mr. Thanisch and take him out home. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright and son, Earl, of the Draper country, were in Spur last week. Mr. Wright was on his way to Dallas to undergo another operation for his eye and head troubles. He was accompanied by Earl who will remain with him through the operation. E. J. Cowan left this week for Mart where he will spend the holidays with friends. Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Pierce left Spur Tuesday to spend the holidays with relatives and friends at Ponta. Doc Ellis, a leading citizen and ranchman of Kent county, was in Spur Tuesday on business. Robt. T. Dopson, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Saturday and handed us a check for three dollars on his subscription to the Texas Spur and which extended his time to December 1916. Joe Curry, of the Steel Hill country, was here Saturday on business and greeting his friends.

HER TEN COMMANDMENTS

- 1. Remember that I am thy wife, Whom thou shalt cherish all thy life. 2. Thou shalt not stay out late at night, When lodges, friends or clubs invite. 3. Thou shalt not smoke indoor or out, Or chew tobacco round about. 4. Thou shalt with praise receive my pies, Nor pastry made by me despise. 5. My mother thou shalt strive to please, And let her live with us in ease. 6. Remember 'tis thy duty clear, To dress me well throughout the year. 7. Thou shalt in manner mild and meek Give me thy wages every week. 8. Thou shalt not be a drinking man, But live on the prohibition plan. 9. Thou shalt not flirt, but must allow Thy wife such freedom anyhow. 10. Thou shalt get up when baby cries, and try the child to tranquilize. These my commandments, from day to day Implicitly thou shalt obey.

—Exchange.

(From The December 24, 1915 Issue of The Texas Spur)

Paul Douglass and wife were among the many in town Saturday shopping with the merchants. Mrs. and Mrs. Mace Hunter, of several miles east, were among the many shoppers in Spur Saturday. Mrs. C. D. Copeland and children left Spur the latter part of last week for Mart, Texas, where they will spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Thursday evening of last week Prof. Frank Spear, of the Afton School, was brought to Spur where he underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Standifer Hospital. He was accompanied to Spur by his father, J. F. Spear of Dickens. W. W. Waldrup came in Monday from his ranch home in the Draper country after a shipment of thorough bred Hereford Bulls with which he will stock his ranch. W. T. Lovell was in from Draper and spent Monday and Tuesday in the city recuperating from the labors of the year just ending. We are not informed as to his love of labor, but as a result of the harvests on his place this year he now has not only money in the bank but has several bales of cotton stored to await the price of fifteen cents which is sure to come at a later date. W. C. Cartwright was in the city the latter part of last week and handed us a dollar to have the Texas Spur sent to H. J. Koch, St. Jo, Mo. Max McClure left Tuesday noon returning to Raymondville where he has employment in the First National Bank, following a visit since Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Oran McClure, Oran and Wynell. Hugh Verner was here from Odessa Sunday to spend Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Cora Verner and Billie Jean. Carl and Doris Arthur and Tom Stevens, Jr., spent last week-end in Lubbock. Mrs. Kate Morris spent Christmas in Haskell visiting relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland left Tuesday for Austin to accompany Miss Mary after spending the Xmas holidays with her father.

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Patton Springs School News Notes

NEW YEAR'S EVE COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

All Hail! People of Patton Springs School District! Arouse yourselves from the Christmas dinner aftermaths and be on hand on the night of December 31st. The closing celebration of 1938 will be staged on the Patton Springs School Campus on the above mentioned date. The Old Year is failing fast. Let us put the Old Gentleman away with honor and glory befitting one who has served us well, while at the same time, let us welcome the Young New Year for all he means to us in hopes, desires, and longings. Fail not to be at the gathering! We need every man, woman, and child in the school district to help us stage this crowning event of the Old Year and the Initial Event of the New Year! Be sure to come! You will miss one more good time! Fail not!

Theatre Party The first event of the celebration will be a theatre party at the Afton Picture Show. The manager is closing out his season's run, and is offering a good picture for all who will attend. The admission is only 10c and 15c or whole family for 50c. You will remember the Patton Springs School Athletic Association receives 5 percent of the total receipts of the pictures shown. Bring your family and let us fill the house to overflowing capacity. Patronize your home picture show in its final run of the season! Everything you do to help the school in anyway will help the community. If you are planning to attend the picture show, you will want to be on hand by 7:00 p. m., so you will be able to see the whole show before the evening events begin on the school campus.

Big Bon-Fire On School Campus The Big Bon-Fire will be set off between 8:30 and 9:00 p. m. following the theatre party. If you do not plan to attend the theatre party then leave home in time to arrive at the school campus by 9:00 p. m. The fire will be bright enough to light up the whole countryside and warm enough to put good cheer and happiness into the hearts of every one present. Plenty of mesquite stumps have already been arranged for the fire, however if you have anything you want to burn, bring it along and watch it go up in smoke as the Old Year departs. The bon-fire will be located midway between the flag pole and the front entrance to the school grounds. Help swell the crowd moving toward the Big Light that will be shining in the northern part of Dickens County on the night of December 31st. Incidentally, the Patton Springs School District encompasses 225 square miles. This is slightly over one-fourth of Dickens County. Remember, we must bear our share of the burdens of Dickens County. To do this, our hearts must beat as one! We must work together! Let us warm our hearts and renew our friendships and good neighborhood around the Big Bon-Fire. Look for the good in everyone you meet

and let us be boosters for Patton Springs School. Events of the Evening (9:00 to 12:00) As the last three hours of the Old Year pass, the crowd around the bon-fire will be busy. Every family or everyone representing a family is asked to bring along a few packages of marshmallows, a dozen or more weiners, pop corn and poppers, peanuts, bread, sliced ham or bacon. A big pot of black coffee will be available for those who enjoy a hot drink to warm their "innards" on a cool, fresh night. Pop corn will be popping, peanuts will be roasting, marshmallows will be toasting, weiners will be sizzling and bursting, ham and bacon will be frying, and the black coffee will be boiling. Everybody eat a light supper early and then bring the rest to the big bon fire. Bring a good measure of what you have of the above mentioned foods or anything else you think will be good for the occasion. We will eat and be merry as the Old Year vanishes, for we know not what the New Year will bring forth. This does not mean that we are to lose our self-control in any way, but to be clean, fine, and noble in our actions of the evening. We shall not lose sight of the community we represent nor of the place we hold in Dickens County. Let us do nothing that will reflect a dark spot on our Patton Springs School District. Honor and self-respect are the things we seek!

Following the evening cooking spree, we will open up with the fireworks. Everyone is asked to bring along his or her own fireworks. Also, everyone is asked to wait until after the cooking spree to start the fireworks. A large number of school patrons have requested that the fire-crackers be fired off the school ground, since they are so dangerous in a crowd. May we urge you to do this. Shoot the fire-crackers, chasers, etc. out in the public road in front of the school campus. It will be safe to shoot the Roman candles, burn the sparklers, and shoot the sky-rockets on the school ground. However, care should be exercised in shooting all fireworks. May we ask the parents to help the children to select the fireworks for the occasion, bearing in mind the danger of reckless handling. Let us have a good time, but be careful! Be careful! Be careful! Ring Out the Old Year Ring In The New Year As the hour of 12:00 draws near, everyone is asked to have his or her bell to ring, horn to toot, whistle to blow, or noise to make in some manner. Be sure to bring your bell, horn, whistle or squawker! A few minutes before 12:00 everybody will stop the fun and get quiet under the spell of

the passing year. Before the clock strikes twelve, all of the accumulated noise in the Patton Springs School District will be turned loose to ring out the Old Year and ring in the New Year. The celebration will be over following the striking of twelve, for it will be the beginning of the Sabbath Day. Let us be reverent and wend our ways quietly, peacefully to our homes. Happy New Year to all! Shout! The weather be cold, blustery, and disagreeable, the whole celebration is automatically called off.

Honor Roll for 2nd 6 Weeks FIRST—Mrs. Jackson—Billie Bud Sims, La Nelle Christopher, Dee Baxter, Alford Norris, Lester Rich, Harold Gene Richardson, Jovena Jackson, Kenneth Hicks.

FIRST—Miss Helen Porter—Betty Fern Altman, Charles Edward Haney, Ruth Atkinson, Druline Byrd, Larue Goodwin, Ruby Jo Gilmore, Wanda Duke.

SECOND—Miss Dobbs—Sinclari Hughes, Betty Claire Rogers.

THIRD—Miss Mildred Holt—Alfred Haney, Wayne McCarty, Gerald Franklin Yeates, Doris Baxter, Sue Jane Blendon, Mary Lou Donovan, Billie Galloway, Margie Nell Haney, Frankie Nell Kee, Valeria Faye Rich, Margie Ann Lindsay. FOURTH—Miss Cassle—Coez Putman, Willeta Dawson, Patsy Nell Gates.

FIFTH—Miss Hazel Trotter—Eulene Slaughter, Jo Nell Newberry, Jane Norris, Lavillas Alexander, Mary Helen Haney, Billy Joyce Johnston, Lucille Haney.

SIXTH—Miss Bess Thurman—Betty Hinson.

SEVENTH—Mr. Paul Pattillo—Loyd Hilton.

NINTH—Mr. Robin J. Clack—Delia Dean Baxter, Betty Jo Glazner.

TENTH—Mr. Manuel Ayers—Maxine Slayden, Josephine Johnston.

Beware Coughs from common colds That Hang On

No matter how many medicines you have tried for your common cough, chest cold, or bronchial irritation, you may get relief now with Creomulsion. Serious trouble may be brewing and you cannot afford to take a chance with any remedy less potent than Creomulsion, which goes right to the seat of the trouble and aids nature to soothe and heal the inflamed mucous membranes and to loosen and expel germ-laden phlegm. Even if other remedies have failed, don't be discouraged, try Creomulsion. Your druggist is authorized to refund your money if you are not thoroughly satisfied with the benefits obtained. Creomulsion is one word, ask for it plainly, see that the name on the bottle is Creomulsion, and you'll get the genuine product and the relief you want. (Adv.)

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 NURIFO. Dependable—no opiates, no narcotics. Does the work quickly—must relieve worst pain, to your satisfaction in a few minutes or money back at Druggist's. Don't suffer. Use NURIFO on this guarantee today.



BEGIN THE NEW YEAR With A Resolution . . .

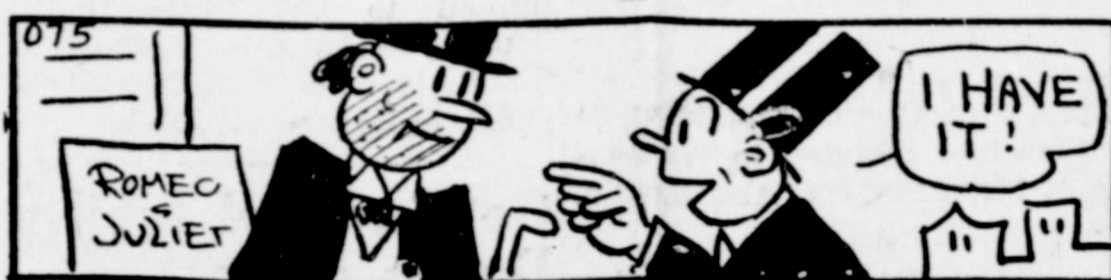
to raise better chicks from better stock in 1939. It pays to be particular about the kind of chicks you buy. Our Hatchery begins operation Monday of next week. Begin preparing for your chick-raising by seeing us first.

HAIRGROVE MILL & HATCHERY Phone 32

LAUGHING AROUND THE WORLD A Close Shave Switched

By IRVIN S. COBB

A BARN-STORMING troupe, specializing in Shakesperian repertoire, was fighting its difficult way through the middle west. Business was bad, as usual. Indeed, it was worse than usual. For a month salaries had not been paid. One constable and two hotel keepers were now traveling with the company, mainly hoping to collect their claims.



Only the resourcefulness of the manager had saved the struggling outfit from complete financial disaster. On Tuesday morning of a certain week the leading man—the star, if there was any star in the aggregation—approached the manager: "Let me have half a dollar, will you?" he said. The manager gave him a hurt look. "Say, what's the matter with you people, anyhow?" he demanded; "always wanting money. What do you think I am—a National bank or something? It's only yesterday that the heavy man kept nagging after me for two dollars. Said he wanted to get his laundry out. What does he need with laundry? Am I bothering about my laundry? No! Here I am working like a tiger to dig up railroad fares for you people and square up hotel keepers and keep this show moving across the country until we run into some good territory. And now you come yelling for dough. What do you want with a half dollar, anyhow?" "I'll tell you what I need with it," said the leading man. "You announced 'Romeo and Juliet' for the bill tonight, didn't you?" "Yes. What of it?" "Well, you're expecting me to play Romeo, ain't you?" "Sure I am." "Well, how in thunder do you figure I'm going to play Romeo with a three-days' beard? I've got to have a shave—that's what I need that money for. I've got to spend the most of it in a barber-shop so Romeo won't come on with a quarter of an inch of black whiskers on his face." The manager considered the thick, dark stubble on his star's chops and saw the force of the argument. Slowly, he rammed a reluctant hand into his pocket, then, as a smile of relief broke over his face, brought it out empty. "I'll tell you what we'll do," he said briskly, "we'll change the bill for tonight to Othello!" (American News Features, Inc.)

L. H. PERRY Insurance

For Sale

A good set of blacksmith tools

Also a good farm for sale or lease

L. H. PERRY

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. For the past 60 years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has helped grateful women go "smiling thru" trying ordeals. Why not let it help YOU? Make a note NOW to get a bottle of this time-proven Pinkham's Compound TODAY!



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Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK

BEHIND THE SCENES IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

BUSINESS—With their cash registers ringing pleasantly from the splurge of heavy Christmas gift buying, American retailers are confidently wishing themselves a "prosperous New Year." Builders, lumber dealers, glass retailers and other building material suppliers should find sales considerably better next year, for the F. W. Dodge Corp. reports to the building trade predicts that American families will spend \$415,000,000 for labor and materials in building new homes as compared with \$360,000,000 this year. Other trade surveys reveal that Mr. and Mrs. America will spend more money next year in department stores than they have since 1936. Both of these influences should help to boost general business in 1939 at least 10 to 15 per cent ahead of this year.

WASHINGTON—Congressmen returning to their work on Capitol Hill are discovering that a measure to be presented for their consideration in the coming session has encountered public opposition, spearheaded by two of the nation's most popular groups. The Patman anti-chain store tax bill, after suffering a mortal wound at Houston when the A. F. of L. sternly denounced it, has now been given the coup de grace by the American Farm Bureau Federation. At the organization's New Orleans convention, delegates representing 2,000,000 farmers, denounced "discriminatory and punitive taxes of all types designed to favor or penalize a selected group," and declared "such unnecessary taxes and restrictions have a damaging effect by increasing costs of distribution, increasing costs to consumers, reducing total consumption and limiting production in agriculture as well as industry."

AMERICA'S SANDWICH BILL—Drug store and lunch counter owners probably never think of the ham and chicken sandwiches they serve as units in a "big business." But according to the latest figures the sandwich industry definitely deserves the title of "big business," a recent estimate revealing that quick lunchers in American drug stores alone spend \$322,009,000 annually for sandwiches. This amounts to \$2.50 for each man, woman and child in the country, and does not take into account all the sandwiches sold in restaurants, roadside stands and other establishments. Here's how the estimate was made: The Department of Commerce figures that the nation's 38,000 drug stores equipped with soda fountains do a billion dollars worth of business yearly. An independent study conducted by Soda Fountain Magazine disclosed that \$460,000,000 of this volume represents soda fountain sales, and that 70 per cent of that sum, or \$322,000,000, goes for sandwiches.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR—For bicycle riders: sleds with a single ski instead of the usual pair of steel called "Jitterbuds" each package featuring a lesson on jitterbug dancing. . . . Electric cocktail shakers. . . . New office-size print machines for economical duplication of office records, correspondence and records, also makes positive copies of positive photographs. . . . Nursery mask for mothers to wear over the face so that babies are not infected by mouth germs. . . . Winter overcoats, insulated for cold weather by a cork lining. . . . Butcher shops offering turkeys not only fresh-frozen and plucked, but equipped with stuffing

and all the fixins' ready to put in the oven. . . . Return of the old fashioned ear-muff for ladies, because of the new up-swept hair-do.

HEADLINES IN NEW YORK—P. W. A. announces that 5,509 projects costing \$1,222,670,000 have been placed under construction in the 1938 works program. . . . Looking over the earnings reports—higher; Pennsylvania Railroad—lower; Caterpillar Tractor and Swift Packing reductions ranging from 1 to 10 per cent effected on 1939 farm machinery, exclusive of tractors, by International Harvester and other implement manufacturers. . . . Moving up in the Business World—Arthur B. Newhall, 55 years old, placed in charge of production and sales of the B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, with title of executive vice-president; Chester Mackay, selected as vice-president and controller of Western Union; Joseph L. Egan, appointed vice-president of Western Union Telegraph Company in charge of public relations. . . . Bank deposits insured by the FDIC increase 11.3 per cent. . . . Cooperatives located in 39 countries now have a membership of 71,500,000 and do an annual world business worth \$20,000,000,000, the Co-Operative League of the U. S. A. estimates on the 94th anniversary of the movement.

Best Wishes—for a very happy and prosperous New Year to all readers of this column.

John Craddock

WPA ADULT CLASSES ARE BEING WELL ATTENDED

During the month of December the fifty thousandth adult Texan started the talk of learning the rudiments of reading and writing in WPA literacy classes, it was reported today by Carl W. Huser, State Director of adult education for the Federal agency.

Currently enrolled in WPA literacy classes are 16,400 students, Huser said. More than 33,000 men and women, unable to read and write upon being admitted to WPA classes, have completed literacy courses. "These adults who have spent their evenings studying under WPA teachers are now able to read newspapers and are competent to perform the scores of normal every-day tasks which require the ability to read and write," Huser stated. "In short, this release from the bondage of illiteracy has opened a new world for the thousands of persons who have been able to obtain educational advantages after reaching adulthood."

Although emphasizing their efforts to diminish illiteracy in Texas, WPA officials pointed out that the adult education program in this state includes numerous other types of training. Courses are taught in homemaking education, vocational education, general adult training which ranges into early college level studies, and education in leisure time activities.

Huser stated that the major purpose of the education program is to provide useful work for needy and competent teachers and that there are now 1,116 teachers employed by WPA. Practically all of these instructors hold classes at night in schools and other public buildings as the majority of the 54,890 persons enrolled in WPA classes are men and women whose daylight hours are spent in earning a livelihood.

Also conducted in connection with the education program are 37 nursing school units in which 2,392 pre-school age children from low income families receive daily care.



WILLIAM DUBILIER, ONE OF THE PIONEER WIZARDS OF RADIO, AT THE AGE OF TEN INVENTED A PATENT "DOOR KNOB SHOCKER" AND ACTUALLY CAUGHT A BURGLAR.

CLASSIFIED

LOST—Red-brindle 3-year old cow, one nub-horn; strayed from my lot Dec. 10.—Jack Gipson. 1tp

FOR SALE—Have several Greyhounds, good wolf dogs.—E. V. ARTHUR, Dickens. 1tp

WANTED—Position as housekeeper or caring for children. Good references.—Ollie Crow, care A. Biggs, 1 mile north of Spur. 2tp

FOR SALE—Full mineral rights on 4 1/2 acres land 3 1/2 miles south of Spur (for sale this week).—R. E. Darden, Girard, Texas. 1tp

NOTICE IN PROBATE THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County—Greeting: 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:

THE STATE OF TEXAS 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

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Elliott spent Christmas in Paducah with his mother, Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hisey and son Dan returned Tuesday afternoon from Corpus Christi where they spent Christmas with their daughters, Misses Roberta and Billie Burk Hisey.

Mr. and Mrs. George Shadid visited in Stamford Monday to Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Abe Shadid.

Mr. and Mrs. John Estes and baby, Rita Ann, were guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mecum and Misses Rita and Forestine during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Arthur Roberts is visiting here this week in the homes of Mrs. Cornelia Roberts and Mrs. Josie Venn.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglass, of Kermit, spent the Xmas holidays in Spur visiting her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, and their many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Grizzel, returned Wednesday of last week from a business trip and visit of several days with his uncle W. N. Perrin of Oklahoma City.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Milam spent Christmas day and Monday with her mother, Mrs. M. T. Harrell and family of Ralls, returning Tuesday morning to Spur.

required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

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

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

By Josephine Green, Deputy.

Mr. and Mrs. Kit Carson and young son are spending the Yuletide season with her parents in their home in Coffeyville, Kansas.

Otis Driggers, merchant of Gilpin, was a business visitor in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wilson had as guests during Christmas day and this week her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Marcy and family of Meadow.

Richard Ensey, of Odessa, spent Christmas in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ensey and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hooper left Wednesday for their home in Los Angeles after spending the Christmas holidays in Spur with his mother and other relatives.

PRECAUTIONS URGED BY SAFETY DEPARTMENT

With the most dangerous traffic season of the year, facing motorists and pedestrians state safety department officials pleaded today for close observances of traffic rules in December.

Homer Garrison, Jr., safety director, recounting that 230 people died in traffic crashes in December last year, pointed to the Christmas holidays as the heaviest traffic period of the year during which the death rate leaps upward.

Texas highway patrolmen—a force limited to 300 men—are working double shifts during most of the month to deter reckless drivers in a strict enforcement drive.

Cotton Bowl Jubilee At Dallas To Last Two Days

The Cotton Bowl Jubilee in Dallas was expanded into a week-long celebration today, when the championship game in the state high school football contest was scheduled to be played in Dallas Monday, December 26.

When the Buccaneers of Corpus Christi and the Westerners of Lubbock agreed to play in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas for the championship, the Jubilee program obtained its second big football attraction.

The Jubilee will begin with the high school championship game next Monday afternoon, and reach its climax at the third annual Cotton Bowl Classic the following Monday, January 2, when the mighty Red Raiders of Texas Tech (at Lubbock) will clash with the Gallopers of St. Mary's (San Francisco). By day, the Cotton Bowl Jubilee program now includes the following events: Thursday, December 29—Opal Hill,

West Texas Cinderella, textile engineer student at Texas Technological College who has been designated America's Cotton Girl, arrives in Dallas to be honored with a crowded calendar of entertainment and special events.

Thursday, Dec. 29—Charity boxing card to raise funds for refugees from Germany—three bouts.

Friday, December 30—Special train movements begin.

Saturday, Dec. 31—Four special trains arrive from San Francisco, bringing 500 California followers of the Gaels. Other special trains and automobile caravans from Texas points.

Saturday, Dec. 31—Dallas hotels night clubs and theatre schedule big New Year's eve celebrations.

Saturday, Dec. 31—Southern Methodist University Mustangs meet University of Oklahoma Sooners in spotlighted basketball game.

Sunday, Jan. 1—Special matinee of Dallas Symphony orchestra.

Sunday, Jan. 1—Texas Tech's 35,000 ex-students stage mammoth statewide pep rally in Fair Park Auditorium.

Sunday, Jan. 1—Miss Hill, the Nation's Cotton Girl, is honored by the Statewide Cotton Committee and the Texas Cotton Association, at a regal reception. Music by orchestra sections from the Texas Tech, St. Mary's and S. M. U. bands.

Monday, Jan. 2—Texas Tech's Red Raiders and St. Mary's Gaels meet in the third annual Cotton Bowl Classic before an estimated 50,000 fans.

Monday, Jan. 2—Cotton Bowl trophy and individual awards to players are presented at elaborate Cotton Bowl Jubilee Ball.

Monday, Jan. 2—Second basketball game between S. M. U. Mustangs and Oklahoma Sooners.

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MOISTURE CARRY-OVER FOR NEXT YEAR'S CROP IS DEFICIENT

Deficiency of subsoil moisture throughout West Texas, with the exception of localized areas, is of vital interest and importance to farmers, stockmen and business men. It is a well known fact that preseasonal subsoil moisture in this region has a decided influence on yields of wheat, cotton and feed crops produced during the following year.

For a number of years, the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, at Spur, Texas has been studying the relationship between the amount of subsoil moisture in the soil at the end of the growing season and its effect on the following year's crop.

The accompanying table shows the inches of available moisture (moisture which plants may recover from the soil) in the upper three feet of the soil at the end of the growing season.

Year	Soil Moisture November 29
1932	4.51
1933	3.38
1934	2.32
1935	1.74
1936	6.21
1937	2.48
1938	.75

It is readily evident from the moisture data that crops in 1939 will be almost entirely dependent on current rainfall during the next growing season. The average rainfall for January is 41, February 76, and March 91 inches, or a total of 2.08 inches. This indicates that the rainfall during the winter months very likely will not be sufficient to restore normal subsoil moisture.

Under these conditions it appears that every effort made toward conserving rainfall which may occur during the Spring and Summer months of 1939 will bring about substantial increases in crop yields.

Miss Anna Mae Jackson, operator at DeLuxe Beauty Shop, spent Christmas day and Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jackson at their ranch home 20 miles north of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ince of Brownfield were guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ince and family Christmas day and Monday.

Mrs. Donis Murphy and little daughter, Vandell, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Gay and family of Dickens, Christmas day.

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