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Mrs. R. T. Middlebrook, of California, has been the guest through the Christmas holiday season, of her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Swaringen and Mr. Swaringen, of Dickens and in company with Mr. Swaringen was a Spur visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Spraberry, recently of California, arrived in Spur last week to again make this their home. Mrs. Spraberry, the former Miss Billie Myers, will be associated with her sister, Pearl Myers, in Pearl's Beauty Shop.

Misses Pearl and Ruth Myers and Mrs. Thelma Morgan spent Christmas day in Aspermont the guests of their sister, Mrs. Tom Rutherford and Mr. Rutherford.

Roy Trammell, business man of Aspermont, was greeting friends in Spur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Jones, of Paducah, were guests during the Christmas holidays of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Garner and family.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander had as guests during the Christmas holidays their children: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alexander, Colorado City; Miss Bernice Alexander, Sweetwater; Ted Alexander, Kirksville, Mo.; Joe Paul Alexander, Waco; Rex and Max at home; Dr. and Mrs. Bob Alexander and daughters Janie and Nan L., city; and Mrs. Dolly Mingus, of Fort Worth, sister of Mrs. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blendon, of the irrigated farming belt near Floydada, combined business with pleasure in a trip to Spur Wednesday.

Wallace Smith, of the Air Corps, Brookfield, San Antonio, arrived Wednesday to spend a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Smith, of Red Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fredricks, students in TCU, Fort Worth, spent the Christmas holiday vacation in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hale and Marian, and his aunt, Mrs. Mary E. Johnson.

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Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 — NEW YEAR—Janus was an old Roman god equipped with two faces, one to see where he was going, the other to see "where he'd just been." What's that got to do with business? Nothing except that our month of January is named after him, and along with everyone else, our business and industrial leaders about this time of year do quite a bit of looking, both backward and forward, to review and preview the business scenes. So—

IT'S NO SECRET that industrial activity in the U. S. soared to the highest levels in all history during 1940, stimulated by the government's gigantic defense program and by the huge inflow of British war orders. The speed-up was most terrific in the final three months, so far surpassing any previous period that it lifted the average output for the whole year to 10 per cent above the previous best year—1929, of course.

PROSPECTS for 1941 are even brighter, in terms of production gains. The general level of predictions by economists is for another 10 per cent gain in the coming year, with the rearmament factor looming even more importantly as the driving force.

NATIONAL INCOME for 1940, according to estimates of the Alexander Hamilton Institute, fell short of the all-time peak of \$82,885,000,000 chalked up in that same year of 1929. Lower prices partly accounted for that. But, even so, our '40 income was right around \$76,000,000,000 for the second-best year on record . . . and that's six-and-a-half billions higher than for 1939, and 36 billions ahead of the "bottom" depression year of 1932. "National income" embraces the total monies that all of Uncle Sam's nieces and nephews gather in during a year—from wages, salaries, commissions, income from investments, rents, insurance annuities, royalties, everything . . . In this statistics, too, the general prediction is for another 10 per cent of rise in 1941. If that comes true we'll really go ahead of good old 1929 by about two billions.

THEY SAY — Week by week through this column endeavors to spotlight and interpret the business news trends as they may be expected to affect prospects of the butcher and baker, the dry goods merchant, the furniture man, the auto sales man, and other units of the economic life of the American community. But since the prosperity of all these is indisputably "keyed" to the operation of the major industries—bearing in mind the economic laws regarding buying power and all—let us summarize some of the year-end statements of leaders in key industries.

TWO OBJECTIVES—Says Alfred P. Sloan, chairman of General Motors: "The trend of production for industry as a whole during 1941 can be expected to reach higher levels and, in all probability, establish a new all-time record . . . We must bear in mind that part of this rise is artificial, since production for defense adds nothing to our standard of living . . . An economy devoted to that sort of production is not self-supporting. There is sure to come a time when the bill must be paid. No one can escape . . . There are two objectives to be kept in mind in 1941—the aggressive prosecution of the defense material program; that comes first. But second,

an active discussion and intelligent planning of what is to come after. That is a matter of prime importance. It is essential if we are to minimize what is certain to be a critical situation."

DISTRIBUTION — John A. Hartford, president, Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company:

"The national defense program and the unusual strain imposed on our economy by a changing world have created a greater need for efficient distribution than in any previous era. All distributors are faced with a two-fold responsibility: To prevent repetition of the inflationary price trend of the World war, and to move merchandise with a minimum of costs.

"We know that new battleships, airplanes and guns must be paid for, somehow, by all of us. Every economy that distributors can effect in their own operations will be contributing to the defense program by helping to increase the purchasing power of the dollar that consumers have to spend for food, clothing and other necessities. The farmer, on the other hand, deprived of his normal export market by the European war, will need increased domestic distribution of his products . . .

"The industry is intensifying its conduct of producer-consumer campaigns, the aim of which is to increase, during specified periods, distribution of individual fruits, vegetables and other crops in which a surplus exists or threatens. Among the activities which chains are undertaking in order to reduce retail operating expenses in the food field is the extension and refinement of super market technique."

POWER PLUS—With all types of industries stepping up manufacturing schedules to meet increased defense needs, the question of adequate electric power to carry the load is obviously an important one. Indication of the willingness and ability of a utility holding company to do its part in this regard is seen in a letter Edward L. Shea, president of the North American company, has sent to the N.D.A.C. sub-committee on electric power, giving reassurance that no "power bottlenecks" would be permitted to develop in the various operating areas of that system, which serves a number of highly industrialized sections. Mr. Shea's letter advised the commission that the company had decided to install an additional 80,000 kilowatts of generating capacity for the St. Louis area. "With this latest expansion,"

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the letter said, "and the substantial construction increases reported to you in our letters of June 25 and July 15, the North American System's program provides additional generating capacity of 540,000 kilowatts at a total cost for new power plants and other utility facilities of approximately \$104,000,000. This will increase by one-fourth the total capacity of more than 2,100,000 kilowatts which the North American System had available at the beginning of 1940."

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS—Said Lewis S. Rosenstiel, chairman of Schenley Distillers corporation: "With disbursements of about \$1,200,000,000 the distilled spirits industry in 1940 took its place among the major industries to which America looks for heavy economic contributions and employment stability in times of national stress . . .

"During the past year the industry made tax payments of approximately \$650,000,000. Other expenditures included more than \$400,000,000 in wages and salaries to employees of distillers, wholesalers and retailers, \$35,000,000 for the purchase of supplies from farmers, \$35,000,000 for bottles and barrels, and \$27,000,000 for transportation."

"DEFENSE FIRST" was also emphasized in the statement of I. W. Wilson, vice-president in charge of operations, Aluminum Company of America: "Highlights of developments of the year, of importance to the company, were (1) its decision to carry out now, at a cost of more than \$150,000,000, in the interest of

national defense, a program of expansion which would normally occur in the next two decades; (2) the announcement by the N.D.A.C. that the program of the company, together with that of others in the industry, makes present and planned production adequate for all estimated defense needs, and (3) continued price reductions by the co. at a time when the price trends of most commodities were distinctly upward."

SOLVED PROBLEM — Langbourne M. Williams, president of the Freeport Sulphur company, reported: "Provision of adequate supplies of sulphur for thousands of operations vital to the arming of the nation, far from being a major worry as it was for the War Industries

Board in 1918, is today a solved problem in the mobilization of resources by the N.D.A.C. for our vast defense program. This is in striking contrast to the situation in the spring of 1918 when domestic production of sulphur, at an annual rate of only 1,200,000 tons, was more than 250,000 tons short of actual minimum requirements. In 1940, sulphur shipments reached a new record high of 2,600,000 tons."

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Social Happenings

Coleman Dodson And Miss Mary Lee Bilbrey Married December 26

A wedding of interest to their many friends was that of Coleman Dodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dodson, of Duck Creek, to Miss Mary Lee Bilbrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Bilbrey, of Jayton, Thursday, December 26.

The ceremony took place at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett in East Spur, with Rev. Bennett, Baptist minister, officiating.

Mrs. Dodson attended school at Jayton and is a charming and accomplished young lady. She resided in Spur, with her parents, for a short time during the summer of 1940.

Coleman Dodson is a graduate of Spur High School, and since graduation he has been employed in the printing trade, having worked at The Texas Spur until recently when he moved to Stamford to accept a job with the Stamford American.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodson left immediately following the ceremony for Stamford where they are at home to friends.

The Texas Spur joins the many friends of Coleman and Mary Lee in wishing them many years of happiness and prosperity.

John Hiner Wilson And Miss Eloise Smith Married

Of interest to friends of the family here as well as in Lubbock was the marriage Christmas day of John Hiner Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wilson, and Miss Eloise Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, both of Lubbock.

Marriage vows were read Wednesday, December 25th at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon in the First Christian Church, Wichita Falls.

Rev. J. B. Blunk read the marriage rites.

Mrs. Blunk, a cousin of the bride, was matron of honor.

Mrs. Wilson is a graduate of Texas Technological College, where she was a member of the D.F.D. social club and is a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

She is employed by the New Wrinkle Shoppe.

John Hiner Wilson is a native son of Spur, Dickens County, Texas. He is a graduate of Spur High School and holds a degree from Texas Tech College, Lubbock, where he was a member of the College Club.

He is associated with the Star Engraving Company of Houston.

After a short trip Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will return to Lubbock and establish a home at 2124 16th St.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hawley and son, Bobby, spent Christmas day in Sweetwater the guests of relatives and friends.



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Mr. And Mrs. W. O. Garrison Honored Sunday, Dec. 29

Sunday, December 29, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Garrison, of Red Mud, were honored with a surprise dinner and shower. Upon returning home from church Sunday morning, they were much astonished to see numerous cars being parked around their. The many friends had well filled baskets of food and gifts for the Garrisons, who are moving from the Red Mud community.

The afternoon was spent visiting and playing games. Much regret was expressed at the Garrisons moving, but all wish them much happiness and success in their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh had as guests during the holiday season, their children, Kelly Marsh, J. A. Marsh, Jr. and wife, of Brownwood, and Mr. and Mrs. John O. Gilbert, of Amarillo.

Spencer Sullivan, of Lubbock, spent the Christmas holidays here, visiting his mother, Mrs. Fannie Sullivan, his daughter, Davie Sue, and his brother and sister, Burnice Sullivan, and Mrs. Elmer Shugart and family.

Mrs. R. G. Whistler returned Saturday from a Christmas visit and family reunion of her sister and brother in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Coach and Mrs. Rob Simmons, of Rule, were guests of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell and sons, Jack and Ned, during Christmas week.

Martha Jane Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bryant, and Earl Aubrey Russell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Russell, Sr., were married Friday, December 27th at Saint Johns Methodist Church, Stamford, Texas.

Rev. W. Carl Clements officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mrs. Welby Callicoate, the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Bryant, served her sister as matron of honor.

Norris Russell was his brother's best man.

Bob Bryant, brother of the bride, and Billy Joe Bryant, a cousin, served as ushers.

Mrs. Charles English, the former Miss Lavada Bryant, Mrs. W. J. Bryant, and Mrs. Sarah English McDonald were members of the house party at the Bryant home where the reception was held.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Russell are graduates of McMurry College, Abilene, where both were listed among the 20 outstanding students in 1939, their senior year.

After a brief trip Mr. and Mrs. Russell will return to Stamford where Mr. Russell is employed, and establish their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh, Jr., of Brownwood, spent the Christmas holidays in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh, Sr. and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stovall spent Christmas day in Lubbock with their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Stovall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Howard spent an overnight visit Christmas Eve and Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bishop, of Crosbyton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murray were dinner guests Christmas day of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mat Smith, of Crosbyton.

Pat Hogan returned home Thursday of last week from Amarillo where he spent Christmas with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clemmons and family.

Carl Randolph, of Afton, was trading and visiting in Spur Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Grace is spending this week in Stamford the guest of her sister, Mrs. Burrow.

Misses Dorothy Cornelius and Jane Huddleston, of Crosbyton were guests in the Cowan home last week end.

W. M. Hunter and Carl Arthur were business visitors to Lubbock Wednesday.

Davis Hagins is in Spur for a several weeks visit with his mother, Dena Davis, and other relatives and friends.

RUPTURE Shield Expert Here

H. M. SHEVNAN, widely known expert of Chicago, will personally be at the Hilton Hotel, Lubbock, Friday, only, January 10, from 9 A. M. to 6 P. M.

Mr. Shevnan says: The Zoetic Shield is a tremendous improvement over all former methods, effecting immediate results. It will not only hold the rupture perfectly but increase the circulation, strengthens the weakened parts, thereby closing the opening in ten days on the average case, regardless of heavy lifting, straining or any position the body may assume no matter the size or location. A nationally known scientific method. No under straps or cumbersome arrangements and absolutely no medicines or medical treatments.

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Advertisement for EN-AR-CO featuring 'COLDS take 666' and 'FEEL PEPPY! RELIEVE THAT AWFUL BACKACHE'.

Advertisement for 'JUST HUMANS' by GENE CARR, featuring an illustration of a man in a suit and hat walking through a crowd.

Advertisement for PEARL'S BEAUTY SHOP, operators Pearl, Billie, and Thelma. Includes a 'Happy NEW YEAR' graphic.

Presbyterian Church John C. Ramsay, Minister. 10 a. m. Sunday School, Cap McNeill, Superintendent. 11 a. m. Morning Worship and the Word. Sermon: "Swifter than the Weaver's Shuttle." (A New Year's Meditation).

6:30 p. m. Kingdom Highways League, Bertha Nelle Walker, Acting President. 7:30 p. m. Evening Worship and Word. Sermon: "Healing for the Nations." Wednesdays Mid-Week Prayer Meeting at 7:30 p. m. Womans Auxiliary Mondays at 3 p. m. This church welcomes you.

Advertisement for CHEST COLDS using MUSTEROLE. Includes an image of a child and a box of Feen-A-Mint.

Large advertisement for Lowe Brothers ALUMINUM HOUSE PAINT. Includes an image of a woman covering her eyes and text about economy and durability.

FORMBY—

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... and pick up their check any time from the 25th of each month on. Paying officials in advance is not good and sound business, and I suggest this be cut to a minimum.

Third, I suggest that sound judgment be continued in the investment of the Permanent School Fund. There is no better investment than our own county warrants and bonds, so where it is possible, I suggest that the Permanent School Fund be invested in Dickens County bonds.

Fourth, I recommend that every bill not ordered paid on the minutes of the Commissioners' Court books be paid across the court table on second Monday as have been doing, and that no bills ever be paid in advance of this second Monday meeting unless signed by either one of the commissioners or the county judge. This plan has been working successfully and I hope you continue it.

Fifth, it is my recommendation that the sheriff, tax assessor-collector's office be run in the future as Mr. Koonsman has been running it. I suggest that Fred Christopher keep a fee account to which all earned fees will be added each month. From this fee account, he should pay his help, his car expense, and himself a salary not to exceed \$225.00 per month until the end of the year.

Sixth, I recommend that the County Clerk's fee account be kept likewise and that Mr. Ousley continue keeping his receipt book as he has been doing. I recommend that all earned fees be placed in this fee account, and that his deputy be paid each month from this account, and that the clerk pay himself a salary never to exceed \$200.00 per month until the end of the year. In this manner the clerk will have an equal income each month in the year.

Seventh, I recommend that the Treasurer start a fee account and all earned commissions be placed in this account. It is my suggestion that to equalize her salary throughout the year, she pay herself not to exceed \$135 per month until the end of the year.

In the three above fee accounts, of course, each official will be allowed to draw any earned income he has not drawn for the year. These suggestions will merely help each official have a steady income and should there be excess fees, the money will be there to pay to the county. Mr. Koonsman has cooperated with the Court during the past two years and the experiment has proven highly successful.

Eighth, it is my hope and suggestion that the same perfect cooperation which has existed between the Commissioners' Court and the County School Superintendent's Office and the County School Board be continued in the future.

Ninth, since the annual Christmas party during the past two years has been each time so highly enjoyable, I recommend that this affair be made an annual one and that next year more elaborate plans be made for the event, perhaps to the extent of having the tree in the District Court Room and have a special Christmas program.

The above recommendations are humbly made, with the kindest of feelings and with the idea in mind to help every one and not to hinder or hurt.

Again, it has been a pleasure to serve with all of you and I hope

you have enjoyed serving with me one-tenth as much as I have enjoyed working with you. I believe that the incoming officials are men capable of making good officials and I wish the very best of luck to all of you.

To the County Judge's Office, Judge Edwin Boedeker and all future successors in office, I leave a leather bound copy of the Holy Bible. In this Book I have marked a passage of scripture. I hope each retiring judge will mark a passage for the incoming judge, and that the Book will remain many years in the County Judge's Office and that each county judge will use it as his guide from time to time.

I hope that all of you will remember that it is your privilege to serve as an official in the government of the greatest government in the entire world. In no other country are officials elected and can serve as you have the privilege. This country is great because those who are governed have always been remembered by their officials. And it is great because this government was the first in the world to state in its formation that its power came from a Divine Providence. Remember that those who elect are usually fair with their officials, but that they also have the power to remove. May Divine Providence guide and bless you in the days to come.

Respectfully submitted,
MARSHALL FORMBY
County Judge, Dickens Co.,
Texas, January 1, 1937-
January 1, 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Gilbert, of Amarillo, spent Christmas Eve with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh and family, returning Xmas day.

Miss Beatrice Spivey left Monday for Lubbock where she has been transferred by the Hestan-Kimbell Company.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Henry, of Duncan Flat, were business visitors in Spur last Tuesday. They paid this office a very pleasant call and while here renewed their subscription, for which we express our appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wilson had as guests for an over night and Christmas day visit, her mother, Mrs. Pearl Towles and children, Misses Daisy and Ouita, and Tommy and Billy Towles, of Amarillo.

Sheriff Fred Christopher, was transacting business in Spur the last of the week and while here paid the Texas Spur a pleasant visit.

Paul Hagins, of east of Spur, was in town on business Tuesday morning. He came by to renew his subscription, for which he has our thanks.

Mrs. Madge D. Twaddell, of Tiger, Arizona, was in Spur the past week end on business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding and daughter, Ida Lee, spent several days visit in Houston with their sons, Bernard and Sylvan, and other relatives this week.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means to thank everyone for their thoughtful deeds, words of comfort and kindness during the death of our little one. May God bless each of you is the prayer of

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kimmel

Ministers Alliance To Meet Mon.

The Ministers Alliance of Spur and vicinity will meet at 10 a. m. next Monday, January 6th. All ministers of Dickens County and neighboring counties are welcome. The meeting will be held at the Roundup, the S. S. building behind the Methodist Church.

C. R. Joyner, Pres.
Jno. C. Ramsay, Secy.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings spent Christmas in Sweetwater, guests of her sister and children, Mrs. Berta Stewart, Fredrick Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Thomas, and Miss Mary Stewart, of Houston. All came home with Mr. and Mrs. Jennings to visit over the weekend before returning to their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bingham left Wednesday to return to Columbus, Texas, where Mr. Bingham is employed with an oil company, after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bingham of the Spur Ranch.

J. A. Marsh and Orville Boothe are in Abilene helping to erect the buildings of the training camp to be located there.

Mrs. A. C. Hull visited in Stamford Tuesday the guest of Mrs. Bullock Tillotson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sullivan, of Rotan, were holiday visitors in the home of his mother and sister, Mrs. Fannie Sullivan, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shugart and family.

D. W. Hughes, of Duncan Flat, was greeting friends and transacting business in Spur Tuesday.

Miss Alberta Sturgeon, formerly a teacher in the Spur schools, was visiting friends here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sneed Twaddell and daughter, Lorelle, of Amarillo, spent Friday to Monday visiting in the home of Mrs. Twaddell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bowman.

Miss Anna Mae Lassetter returned to Monahans the first of the week to resume teaching in the public school there following a visit through the holiday vacation with her father E. J. Lassetter and wife and sisters Mesdames John Albin and Burford Johnson.

M. L. Jones, of Morton, was a business visitor to Spur Wednesday and Thursday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to each and every one who assisted in any way during the illness and death of our husband and father, our deep appreciation for your kindness and thoughtfulness of each word and deed.

May God bless each of you is our prayer.

Mrs. Frank Stephens
Lorella, Orwin and Walda
Stephens
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stephens
and son
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Millican
Glenn Skinner

SCHOOL RE-OPENS TODAY

The holidays are over now and the toys will have to be somewhat neglected for books and studies for, with other things, school starts again with the new year, and there are those New Year's Resolutions to live up to.

Mr. and Mrs. Buel McDaniel and family and Miss Loraine Bond spent Christmas day in Eastland, guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bond and other relatives. Mrs. McDaniel and Miss Loraine Bond are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bond. Mrs. Don Barrett and small son, Douglas Mack, of Monahans, another daughter, who was visiting in the Bond home accompanied the McDaniels to Spur for a few days visit in their home here.

Miss Jane Godfrey, Home Economics teacher in the Caddo school spent the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Godfrey and son, Fike, student in Texas Tech, home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland, of the Red Hill community, were Spur visitors Tuesday.

John A. Davis left Wednesday afternoon to return to his home in Philadelphia.



SOFT GINGERBREAD
Back in the days befo' de war baking day was a gala event on the Southern plantation. Fine breads and cakes galore were put into the hot oven, brought forth to grace heavily laden tables. A favorite then as today was
Soft Gingerbread
½ cup margarine
½ cup sugar
2 eggs, separated
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
2½ cups flour
1 cup molasses
1 teaspoon soda (dissolved in one cup boiling water)
Cream the cottonseed oil margarine, add the sugar gradually, creaming until light and fluffy. Add the well-beaten egg yolks. Sift the spices and flour together and add alternately with the molasses and soda water. Fold in the beaten egg whites. Cook in deep pan that has been well greased and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) until done (about 45 minutes).
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Annual Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is Hereby Given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Spur Security Bank of Spur, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 14th day of January, 1941, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. 7-5t

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hilly, who spent the Christmas holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson and her grand mother, Mrs. J. H. Grace, returned Sunday to Austin. Accompanying them on the return trip was her mother, Mrs. R. E. Dickson who will spend a few days visit with her sisters, Misses Nina and Helen Grace, before returning to Spur.

Dr. Clifford B. Jones, President of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, was a business visitor to Spur Tuesday.

J. T. Jones, of Dumont, was among the business visitors to Spur the first of the week. While in town, Mr. Jones was a pleasant caller at The Texas Spur office and handed us a dollar bill to "keep the paper coming."

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Engleman and daughter, Miss Jean, were guests during the Christmas holidays of her mother and sister, Mrs. J. W. Martin, and Mrs. Bill Richey, of Haskell. Mr. and Mrs. Engleman and Jean were among those from Spur attending the Cotton Bowl game on New Year's Day.

Jimmie Koonsman, of the Croton country, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

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It is reported, however, that Ben isn't doing so good, but will probably recover.

Mrs. Jim Fry, of Lubbock, was the guest of her sister and grand mother, Mrs. Nig Ycakum and Mrs. T. H. Gilmore respectively, at the home of the latter during the Xmas holiday season.



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Mrs. R. T. Middlebrook, of California, has been the guest through the Christmas holiday season, of her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Swaringen and Mr. Swaringen, of Dickens and in company with Mr. Swaringen was a Spur visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Sprayberry, recently of California, arrived in Spur last week to again make this their home. Mrs. Sprayberry, the former Miss Billie Myers, will be associated with her sister, Pearl Myers, in Pearl's Beauty Shop.

Misses Pearl and Ruth Myers and Mrs. Thelma Morgan spent Christmas day in Aspermont the guests of their sister, Mrs. Tom Rutherford and Mr. Rutherford.

Roy Trammell, business man of Aspermont, was greeting friends in Spur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Jones, of Paducah, were guests during the Christmas holidays of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Garner and family.

Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Alexander had as guests during the Christmas holidays their children: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Alexander, Colorado City; Miss Bernice Alexander, Sweetwater; Ted Alexander, Kirksville, Mo.; Joe Paul Alexander, Waco; Rex and Max at home; Dr. and Mrs. Bob Alexander and daughters Janie and Nan L., city; and Mrs. Dolly Mingus, of Fort Worth, sister of Mrs. Alexander.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Blendon, of the irrigated farming belt near Floydada, combined business with pleasure in a trip to Spur Wednesday.

Wallace Smith, of the Air Corps, Brookfield, San Antonio, arrived Wednesday to spend a few days visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Millard Smith, of Red Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fredricks, students in TCU, Fort Worth, spent the Christmas holiday vacation in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hale and Marian, and his aunt, Mrs. Mary E. Johnson.

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Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK

NEW YORK, Dec. 30 — NEW YEAR—Janus was an old Roman god equipped with two faces, one to see where he was going, the other to see "where he'd just been." What's that got to do with business? Nothing except that our month of January is named after him, and along with everyone else, our business and industrial leaders about this time of year do quite a bit of looking, both backward and forward, to review and preview the business scenes. So—

IT'S NO SECRET that industrial activity in the U. S. soared to the highest levels in all history during 1940, stimulated by the government's gigantic defense program and by the huge inflow of British war orders. The speed-up was most terrific in the final three months, so far surpassing any previous period that it lifted the average output for the whole year to 10 per cent above the previous best year—1929, of course.

PROSPECTS for 1941 are even brighter, in terms of production gains. The general level of predictions by economists is for another 10 per cent gain in the coming year, with the rearmament factor looming even more importantly as the driving force.

NATIONAL INCOME for 1940, according to estimates of the Alexander Hamilton Institute, fell short of the all-time peak of \$82,885,000,000 chalked up in that same year of 1929. Lower prices partly accounted for that. But, even so, our '40 income was right around \$76,000,000,000 for the second-best year on record . . . and that's six-and-a-half billions higher than for 1939, and 36 billions ahead of the "bottom" depression year of 1932. "National income" embraces the total monies that all of Uncle Sam's nieces and nephews gather in during a year—from wages, salaries, commissions, income from investments, rents, insurance annuities, royalties, everything . . . In this statistics, too, the general prediction is for another 10 per cent of rise in 1941. If that comes true we'll really go ahead of good old 1929 by about two billions.

THEY SAY — Week by week through this column endeavors to spotlight and interpret the business news trends as they may be expected to affect prospects of the butcher and baker, the dry goods merchant, the furniture man, the auto sales man, and other units of the economic life of the American community. But since the prosperity of all these is indisputably "keyed" to the operation of the major industries—bearing in mind the economic laws regarding buying power and all—let us summarize some of the year-end statements of leaders in key industries.

TWO OBJECTIVES—Says Alfred P. Sloan, chairman of General Motors: "The trend of production for industry as a whole during 1941 can be expected to reach higher levels and, in all probability, establish a new all-time record . . . We must bear in mind that part of this rise is artificial, since production for defense adds nothing to our standard of living . . . An economy devoted to that sort of production is not self-supporting. There is sure to come a time when the bill must be paid. No one can escape . . . There are two objectives to be kept in mind in 1941—the aggressive prosecution of the defense material program; that comes first. But second,

an active discussion and intelligent planning of what is to come after. That is a matter of prime importance. It is essential if we are to minimize what is certain to be a critical situation."

DISTRIBUTION — John A. Hartford, president, Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea company:

"The national defense program and the unusual strain imposed on our economy by a changing world have created a greater need for efficient distribution than in any previous era. All distributors are faced with a two-fold responsibility: To prevent repetition of the inflationary price trend of the World war, and to move merchandise with a minimum of costs.

"We know that new battleships, airplanes and guns must be paid for, somehow, by all of us. Every economy that distributors can effect in their own operations will be contributing to the defense program by helping to increase the purchasing power of the dollar that consumers have to spend for food, clothing and other necessities. The farmer, on the other hand, deprived of his normal export market by the European war, will need increased domestic distribution of his products . . .

"The industry is intensifying its conduct of producer-consumer campaigns, the aim of which is to increase, during specified periods, distribution of individual fruits, vegetables and other crops in which a surplus exists or threatens. Among the activities which chains are undertaking in order to reduce retail operating expenses in the food field is the extension and refinement of super market technique."

POWER PLUS—With all types of industries stepping up manufacturing schedules to meet increased defense needs, the question of adequate electric power to carry the load is obviously an important one. Indication of the willingness and ability of a utility holding company to do its part in this regard is seen in a letter Edward L. Shea, president of the North American company, has sent to the N.D.A.C. sub-committee on electric power, giving reassurance that no "power bottlenecks" would be permitted to develop in the various operating areas of that system, which serves a number of highly industrialized sections. Mr. Shea's letter advised the commission that the company had decided to install an additional 80,000 kilowatts of generating capacity for the St. Louis area. "With this latest expansion,"

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the letter said, "and the substantial construction increases reported to you in our letters of June 25 and July 15, the North American System's program provides additional generating capacity of 540,000 kilowatts at a total cost for new power plants and other utility facilities of approximately \$104,000,000. This will increase by one-fourth the total capacity of more than 2,100,000 kilowatts which the North American System had available at the beginning of 1940."

ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS—Said Lewis S. Rosenstiel, chairman of Schenley Distillers corporation: "With disbursements of about \$1,200,000,000 the distilled spirits industry in 1940 took its place among the major industries to which America looks for heavy economic contributions and employment stability in times of national stress . . .

"During the past year the industry made tax payments of approximately \$650,000,000. Other expenditures included more than \$400,000,000 in wages and salaries to employees of distillers, wholesalers and retailers, \$35,000,000 for the purchase of supplies from farmers, \$35,000,000 for bottles and barrels, and \$27,000,000 for transportation."

"DEFENSE FIRST" was also emphasized in the statement of I. W. Wilson, vice-president in charge of operations, Aluminum Company of America: "Highlights of developments of the year, of importance to the company, were (1) its decision to carry out now, at a cost of more than \$150,000,000, in the interest of

national defense, a program of expansion which would normally occur in the next two decades; (2) the announcement by the N.D.A.C. that the program of the company, together with that of others in the industry, makes present and planned production adequate for all estimated defense needs, and (3) continued price reductions by the co. at a time when the price trends of most commodities were distinctly upward."

SOLVED PROBLEM — Langbourne M. Williams, president of the Freeport Sulphur company, reported: "Provision of adequate supplies of sulphur for thousands of operations vital to the arming of the nation, far from being a major worry as it was for the War Industries

Board in 1918, is today a solved problem in the mobilization of resources by the N.D.A.C. for our vast defense program. This is in striking contrast to the situation in the spring of 1918 when domestic production of sulphur, at an annual rate of only 1,200,000 tons, was more than 250,000 tons short of actual minimum requirements. In 1940, sulphur shipments reached a new record high of 2,600,000 tons."

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Social Happenings

Coleman Dodson And Miss Mary Lee Bilbrey Married December 26

A wedding of interest to their many friends was that of Coleman Dodson, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dodson, of Duck Creek, to Miss Mary Lee Bilbrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Bilbrey, of Jayton, Thursday, December 26.

The ceremony took place at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett in East Spur, with Rev. Bennett, Baptist minister, officiating.

Mrs. Dodson attended school at Jayton and is a charming and accomplished young lady. She resided in Spur, with her parents, for a short time during the summer of 1940.

Coleman Dodson is a graduate of Spur High School, and since graduation he has been employed in the printing trade, having worked at The Texas Spur until recently when he moved to Stamford to accept a job with the Stamford American.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodson left immediately following the ceremony for Stamford where they are at home to friends.

The Texas Spur joins the many friends of Coleman and Mary Lee in wishing them many years of happiness and prosperity.

John Hiner Wilson And Miss Eloise Smith Married

Of interest to friends of the family here as well as in Lubbock was the marriage Christmas day of John Hiner Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wilson, and Miss Eloise Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Smith, both of Lubbock.

Marriage vows were read Wednesday, December 25th at 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon in the First Christian Church, Wichita Falls.

Rev. J. B. Blunk read the marriage rites.

Mrs. Blunk, a cousin of the bride, was matron of honor.

Mrs. Wilson is a graduate of Texas Technological College, where she was a member of the D.F.D. social club and is a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

She is employed by the New Wrinkle Shoppe.

John Hiner Wilson is a native son of Spur, Dickens County, Texas. He is a graduate of Spur High School and holds a degree from Texas Tech College, Lubbock, where he was a member of the College Club.

He is associated with the Star Engraving Company of Houston. After a short trip Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will return to Lubbock and establish a home at 2124 16th St.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hawley and son, Bobby, spent Christmas day in Sweetwater the guests of relatives and friends.

Miss Nell Francis Hostess To Dinner Party Friday

One of the lovely social occasions of the holiday season was the dinner party Friday evening in the W. B. Francis home, 512 North Carroll, Miss Nell Francis hostess.

The Yuletide motif was used in the house and the table from which the dinner was served buffet style.

Games of 42 and Ping Pong furnished diversions until a late hour.

Those present and enjoying the occasion were Misses Ruth Cowan, La Nelle Fallis, Ruby Cowan, Lona Joyner, Mary Marsh, Melba Jo Hazel, Elizabeth Wolf, Emma Joyner, Emily Cowan, Regina Lee, Pauline Joyner, Syble Hazel, and Jane Godfrey.

Messrs. Aber Johnson, Victor Joyner, Harrell Cole, W. B. Francis, Fike Godfrey, Everett Martin, John F. Moore, and James Henry Cowan.

Former Spur Boy And Stamford Girl Wed December 27th

In a church wedding of beautiful simplicity; marriage vows were read uniting by marriage two of Stamford's leading families.

Martha Jane Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bryant, and Earl Aubrey Russell, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Russell, Sr., were married Friday, December 27th at Saint Johns Methodist Church, Stamford, Texas.

Rev. W. Carl Clements officiated. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Mrs. Welby Callicoate, the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Bryant, served her sister as matron of honor.

Norris Russell was his brother's best man.

Bob Bryant, brother of the bride, and Billy Joe Bryant, a cousin, served as ushers.

Mrs. Charles English, the former Miss Lavada Bryant, Mrs. W. J. Bryant, and Mrs. Sarah English McDonald were members of the house party at the Bryant home where the reception was held.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Russell are graduates of McMurry College, Abilene, where both were listed among the 20 outstanding students in 1939, their senior year.

After a brief trip Mr. and Mrs. Russell will return to Stamford where Mr. Russell is employed, and establish their home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh, Jr., of Brownwood, spent the Christmas holidays in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh, Sr. and family.

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Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stovall spent Christmas day in Lubbock with their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Stovall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Garrison Honored Sunday, Dec. 29

Sunday, December 29, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Garrison, of Red Mud, were honored with a surprise dinner and shower. Upon returning home from church Sunday morning, they were much astonished to see numerous cars being parked around their. The many friends had well filled baskets of food and gifts for the Garrisons, who are moving from the Red Mud community.

The afternoon was spent visiting and playing games. Much regret was expressed at the Garrisons moving, but all wish them much happiness and success in their new location.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh had as guests during the holiday season, their children, Kelly Marsh, J. A. Marsh, Jr. and wife, of Brownwood, and Mr. and Mrs. John O. Gilbert, of Amarillo.

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Spencer Sullivan, of Lubbock, spent the Christmas holidays here, visiting his mother, Mrs. Fannie Sullivan, his daughter, Davie Sue, and his brother and sister, Burnice Sullivan, and Mrs. Elmer Shugart and family.

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Mrs. R. G. Whistler returned Saturday from a Christmas visit and family reunion of her sister and brother in Fort Worth and Dallas.

Coach and Mrs. Rob Simmons, of Rule, were guests of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell and sons, Jack and Ned, during Christmas week.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Milam were overnight guests Christmas day of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Collier, of Vernon.

Irvin Allen, student in TCU, and Lon Davis, student in OU, both of Floydada were overnight guests Friday of Bill Caraway at his home in Spur.

Joe Kidd was transacting business here Tuesday.

Morris Laine, reporter for the Midland Telegram, spent Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Laine.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Howard spent an overnight visit Christmas Eve and Christmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bishop, of Crosbyton.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murray were dinner guests Christmas day of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mat Smith, of Crosbyton.

Pat Hogan returned home Thursday of last week from Amarillo where he spent Christmas with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Clemmons and family.

Carl Randolph, of Afton, was trading and visiting in Spur Monday.

Mrs. J. H. Grace is spending this week in Stamford the guest of her sister, Mrs. Burrow.

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Misses Dorothy Cornelius and Jane Huddleston, of Crosbyton were guests in the Cowan home last week end.

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W. M. Hunter and Carl Arthur were business visitors to Lubbock Wednesday.

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Davis Hagins is in Spur for a several weeks visit with his mother, Dena Davis, and other relatives and friends.

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FORMBY—

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fice and pick up their check any time from the 25th of each month on. Paying officials in advance is not good and sound business, and I suggest this be cut to a minimum.

Third, I suggest that sound judgment be continued in the investment of the Permanent School Fund. There is no better investment than our own county warrants and bonds, so where it is possible, I suggest that the Permanent School Fund be invested in Dickens County bonds.

Fourth, I recommend that every bill not ordered paid on the minutes of the Commissioners' Court books be paid across the court table on second Monday as we have been doing, and that no bills ever be paid in advance of this second Monday meeting unless signed by either one of the commissioners or the county judge. This plan has been working successfully and I hope you continue it.

Fifth, it is my recommendation that the sheriff, tax assessor-collector's office be run in the future as Mr. Koonsman has been running it. I suggest that Fred Christopher keep a fee account to which all earned fees will be added each month. From this fee account, he should pay his help, his car expense, and himself a salary not to exceed \$225.00 per month until the end of the year.

Sixth, I recommend that the County Clerk's fee account be kept likewise and that Mr. Ousley continue keeping his receipt book as he has been doing. I recommend that all earned fees be placed in this fee account, and that his deputy be paid each month from this account, and that the clerk pay himself a salary never to exceed \$200.00 per month until the end of the year. In this manner the clerk will have an equal income each month in the year.

Seventh, I recommend that the Treasurer start a fee account and all earned commissions be placed in this account. It is my suggestion that to equalize her salary throughout the year, she pay herself not to exceed \$135 per month until the end of the year.

In the three above fee accounts, of course, each official will be allowed to draw any earned income he has not drawn for the year. These suggestions will merely help each official have a steady income and should there be excess fees, the money will be there to pay to the county. Mr. Koonsman has cooperated with the Court during the past two years and the experiment has proven highly successful.

Eighth, it is my hope and suggestion that the same perfect cooperation which has existed between the Commissioners' Court and the County School Superintendent's Office and the County School Board be continued in the future.

Ninth, since the annual Christmas party during the past two years has been each time so highly enjoyable, I recommend that this affair be made an annual one and that next year more elaborate plans be made for the event, perhaps to the extent of having the tree in the District Court Room and have a special Christmas program.

The above recommendations are humbly made, with the kindest of feelings and with the idea in mind to help every one and not to hinder or hurt.

Again, it has been a pleasure to serve with all of you and I hope

you have enjoyed serving with me one-tenth as much as I have enjoyed working with you. I believe that the incoming officials are men capable of making good officials and I wish the very best of luck to all of you.

To the County Judge's Office, Judge Edwin Boedeker and all future successors in office, I leave a leather bound copy of the Holy Bible. In this Book I have marked a passage of scripture. I hope each retiring judge will mark a passage for the incoming judge, and that the Book will remain many years in the County Judge's Office and that each county judge will use it as his guide from time to time.

I hope that all of you will remember that it is your privilege to serve as an official in the government of the greatest government in the entire world. In no other country are officials elected and can serve as you have the privilege. This country is great because those who are governed have always been remembered by their officials. And it is great because this government was the first in the world to state in its formation that its power came from a Divine Providence. Remember that those who elect are usually fair with their officials, but that they also have the power to remove. May Divine Providence guide and bless you in the days to come.

Respectfully submitted,
MARSHALL FORMBY
County Judge, Dickens Co.,
Texas, January 1, 1937-
January 1, 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Gilbert, of Amarillo, spent Christmas Eve with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh and family, returning Xmas day.

Miss Beatrice Spivey left Monday for Lubbock where she has been transferred by the Hestan-Kimbell Company.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Henry, of Duncan Flat, were business visitors in Spur last Tuesday. They paid this office a very pleasant call and while here renewed their subscription, for which we express our appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wilson had as guests for an over night and Christmas day visit, her mother, Mrs. Pearl Towles and children, Misses Daisy and Quita, and Tommy and Billy Towles, of Amarillo.

Sheriff Fred Christopher, was transacting business in Spur the last of the week and while here paid the Texas Spur a pleasant visit.

Paul Hagins, of east of Spur, was in town on business Tuesday morning. He came by to renew his subscription, for which he has our thanks.

Mrs. Madge D. Twaddell, of Tiger, Arizona, was in Spur the past week end on business.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding and daughter, Ida Lee, spent several days visit in Houston with their sons, Bernard and Sylvan, and other relatives this week.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this means to thank everyone for their thoughtful deeds, words of comfort and kindness during the death of our little one. May God bless each of you is the prayer of
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Kimmel

Ministers Alliance To Meet Mon.

The Ministers Alliance of Spur and vicinity will meet at 10 a. m. next Monday, January 6th. All ministers of Dickens County and neighboring counties are welcome. The meeting will be held at the Roundup, the S. S. building behind the Methodist Church.

C. R. Joyner, Pres.
Jno. C. Ramsay, Secy.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings spent Christmas in Sweetwater, guests of her sister and children, Mrs. Berta Stewart, Fredrick Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Thomas, and Miss Mary Stewart, of Houston. All came home with Mr. and Mrs. Jennings to visit over the weekend before returning to their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bingham left Wednesday to return to Columbus, Texas, where Mr. Bingham is employed with an oil company, after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bingham of the Spur Ranch.

J. A. Marsh and Orville Boothe are in Abilene helping to erect the buildings of the training camp to be located there.

Mrs. A. C. Hull visited in Stamford Tuesday the guest of Mrs. Bullock Tillotson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sullivan, of Rotan, were holiday visitors in the home of his mother and sister, Mrs. Fannie Sullivan, and Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shugart and family.

D. W. Hughes, of Duncan Flat, was greeting friends and transacting business in Spur Tuesday.

Miss Alberta Sturgeon, formerly a teacher in the Spur schools, was visiting friends here the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sneed Twaddell and daughter, Lorelle, of Amarillo, spent Friday to Monday visiting in the home of Mrs. Twaddell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bowman.

Miss Anna Mae Lassetter returned to Monahans the first of the week to resume teaching in the public school there following a visit through the holiday vacation with her father E. J. Lassetter and wife and sisters Mesdames John Aibin and Burford Johnson.

M. L. Jones, of Morton, was a business visitor to Spur Wednesday and Thursday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to each and every one who assisted in any way during the illness and death of our husband and father, our deep appreciation for your kindness and thoughtfulness of each word and deed.

May God bless each of you is our prayer.

Mrs. Frank Stephens
Lorella, Orwin and Walda Stephens
Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stephens and son
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Millican
Glenn Skinner

SCHOOL RE-OPENS TODAY

The holidays are over now and the toys will have to be somewhat neglected for books and studies for, with other things, school starts again with the new year, and there are those New Year's Resolutions to live up to.

Mr. and Mrs. Buel McDaniel and family and Miss Loraine Bond spent Christmas day in Eastland, guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bond and other relatives. Mrs. McDaniel and Miss Loraine Bond are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bond. Mrs. Don Barrett and small son, Douglas Mack, of Monahans, another daughter, who was visiting in the Bond home accompanied the McDaniels to Spur for a few days visit in their home here.

Miss Jane Godfrey, Home Economics teacher in the Caddo school spent the Christmas holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Godfrey and son, Fike, student in Texas Tech, home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland, of the Red Hill community, were Spur visitors Tuesday.

John A. Davis left Wednesday afternoon to return to his home in Philadelphia.



Southern Cooking
From 100 Southern Recipes

SOFT GINGERBREAD
Back in the days before war baking day was a gala event on the Southern plantation. Fine breads and cakes galore were put into the hot oven, brought forth to grace heavily laden tables. A favorite then as today was
Soft Gingerbread
½ cup margarine
½ cup sugar
2 eggs, separated
1 teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 teaspoon ginger
2½ cups flour
1 cup molasses
1 teaspoon soda (dissolved in one cup boiling water)
Cream the cottonseed oil margarine, add the sugar gradually, creaming until light and fluffy. Add the well-beaten egg yolks. Sift the spices and flour together and add alternately with the molasses and soda water. Fold in the beaten egg whites. Cook in deep pan that has been well greased and bake in moderate oven (350° F.) until done (about 45 minutes).
Other favorite Southern recipes are presented in a large, full-color, 100-page free cook book, "100 Southern Recipes." Send to National Cotton Council, Box 18, Memphis, Tenn.

Annual Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is Hereby Given: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Spur Security Bank of Spur, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 14th day of January, 1941, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting. 7-5t

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hilly, who spent the Christmas holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson and her grand mother, Mrs. J. H. Grace, returned Sunday to Austin. Accompanying them on the return trip was her mother, Mrs. R. E. Dickson who will spend a few days visit with her sisters, Misses Nina and Helen Grace, before returning to Spur.

Dr. Clifford B. Jones, President of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, was a business visitor to Spur Tuesday.

J. T. Jones, of Dumont, was among the business visitors to Spur the first of the week. While in town, Mr. Jones was a pleasant caller at The Texas Spur office and handed us a dollar bill to "keep the paper coming."

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Engleman and daughter, Miss Jean, were guests during the Christmas holidays of her mother and sister, Mrs. J. W. Martin, and Mrs. Bill Richey, of Haskell. Mr. and Mrs. Engleman and Jean were among those from Spur attending the Cotton Bowl game on New Year's Day.

Jimmie Koonsman, of the Croton country, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

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FOR RENT—Good stucco house, 5 rooms. Close in. Partly furnished. \$15.00.—See S. R. BOWMAN.

FOR RENT—Bedroom, convenient to bath, gas heat. Phone 287J.—Mrs. J. A. Marsh.

DAUGHTER BORN

Mr. and Mrs. Ben McWatters are the proud parents of a seven pound girl, born Saturday, December 28. Mother and daughter are reported doing very nicely.

It is reported, however, that Ben isn't doing so good, but will probably recover.

Mrs. Jim Fry, of Lubbock, was the guest of her sister and grand mother, Mrs. Nig Yeakum and Mrs. T. H. Gilmore respectively, at the home of the latter during the Xmas holiday season.

Mrs. Smith's Nu-Way Cafe

HYATT'S FOOD MARKET

Specials for Thurs. - Fri. - Sat.
Friends, We Are Home Folks
We Appreciate Your Business
PHONE 59

BANANAS dozen 10c
ORANGES 2 dozen .. 15c
AND
TANGERINES Bushel . \$1.50
YAMS Bushel \$1.50
10 pounds 35c
GRAPEFRUIT Bushel 75c
Dozen 15c
SPUDS 10 pounds 15c
COLORADO
PINTO BEANS 10 lbs. ... 39c
GUARANTEED
COFFEE 4 pounds 59c
NEW RIBBON CANE and SORGHUM
SYRUP gallon 65c
O'KEENE'S - GUARANTEED
FLOUR 48 pounds \$1.39
BULK
GINGER SNAPS pound . 10c
BULK
SUGAR 10 pounds 49c
ALL - BUNCH
VEGETABLES 3 for 10c
SMALL WINESAP
APPLES 3 dozen 25c
BOLOGNA pound 10c
MRS. SAXON'S COUNTRY
BUTTER pound 35c
MAXWELL HOUSE
COFFEE 3 pounds 69c
BRING US YOUR EGGS - We Deliver

With the coming of the New Year 1941, I assumed the duties as your Sheriff . . . and I wish to again express my appreciation for the confidence place in me. If at any time I may be of assistance to you, do not hesitate to call on me or any of my departments personnel.

Wishing each and every one a very happy and prosperous 1941, and invite you to visit us often

FRED CHRISTOPHER
Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector

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