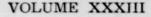


# THE TEXAS SPUR and THE DICKENS ITEM



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Services Held For Mrs. T. G. Rankin **December 24th** 

**Texas Home Guard Meeting Nights Have Been Changed** 

Beginning Thursday night, January 8, the Spur company of the Texas Defense Guard will meet regu-Funeral services for Mrs. T. G. larly on Thursdays instead of Tues-

Commanding officer Jack Christ-

ian annonunced this week that there

are now openings for nine men who

Mr. And Mrs. W. J.

**Conaway** Celebrate

50th Anniversary

Rankin were held at the Red Mud days as in the past. Meetings will Church at 2:00 p. m. Wednesday, be held in the high school gym, December 24, by Rev. H. L. Burn- where all guardsmen are requested to wear either tennis shoes, no

ian.

Mrs. Rankin died December 23 of shoes, or rubber crepe sole shoes, a heart ailment. She had been ser- so that the basket ball court will iously ill the preceeding two months. not be roughened.

Pallbearers were: Buck Taylor, OPENINGS AVAILABLE Henry Slack, Donnie Pace, Richard Self, Buran Jones, and Robert Cannon.

Flower bearers were: Doris Jones, wish to join the guard unit. Appli-Beatrice Smith, Oren Jones, Winona cation will be taken by Lt. Christ-Pace, and Opal Springer.

Interment was made in Red Mud Cemetery with Chandler Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Surviving are: her husband, T. G. Rankin, two daughters, Ida Rankin Rucker, Spur, and Mrs. Ada Springer, Brownfield; two sons, L L. Rankin, and Melvin Rankin, Spur; one sister, Mrs. Emma Rankin, Brownwood, a brother, Bert Wilson. El Campo, Texas, a cousin, S. D.

Rankin; twelve grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mattie Jane Wilson was born November 14, 1865 in Charleston, North Carolina. She moved with her parents to San Saba County, Texas, when she was about 10 or 12 years old, and later moved to the Indian Territory now Oklahoma.

She united with the Bapitst

# **Campaign Subscriptions** Still Being Taken--Prices To Advance Soon

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**GREETINGS RECEIVED FROM** EDWIN MORRIS IN COLORADO

Edwin M. Morris, former resident Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Conaway ob-1 served their Golden Wedding An-, of Spur now living in Colorado, niversary at their home Tuesday sent us a letter the past week from night, December 16. Several of their which we learned that he is sufferchildren and their families were ing from his feet being frozen while present and a number of friends cleaning ice out of a mine there. He explains that the snow was called and brought gifts, although Mr. and Mrs. Conaway did not hold about 10 feet deep around the mine, open house, Mrs. Conaway being ill. and the mine itself was filled with Children present were. Mr. and ice to a depth of 350 feet. He also

Mrs. T. L. Conaway and family, Mr. stated that deer, elk, bear and snowand Mrs. Wallace Conaway and shoe rabbits were plentiful.

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will this offer be withdrawn soon, but also, due to advances in price of all materials and operating costs, it

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as the substantial gifts.

## President Birthday **Ball Chairman** Appointed

Announcement was made this week of the appointment of Jack Christian as county chairman of the

Chairman Christian has already appointed a few committeemen, but IN ADVANCE, by SUBSCRIBING complete. Arrangements will be announced through this paper when

they are made. other various aids to the cause.



Former Marines who re-enlist The Spur Creamery gave each will be reappointed to the rank held rank held at the time of last dis-It was agreed by the employees charge was by virture of a special that this was a patriotic inspiration warrant for mess, baker, music, aid in our country's defense, as well pointment will be by similar war- with the Spanish influenza.

rant. Previous to this date a former Marine when re-enlisting took the Mrs. Robert Cunningham, of Cross rank of private, but with this new Plains has been spending the week authority he automatically will as- in Spur with her sister, Mrs. Oran sume rank held upon discharge McClure and family, all of whom when reenlisting for the present hove been sufferers of the influenza. Air Corps as a mechanic in Lubbock, years. The Marine Corps needs men H. O. Albin, of two miles north-Friday, December 26, and left Sat- as it plans to build the Corps to un- west of town, was in Spur one day urday for For Sill, Okla., where he limited strength. If you are between this week. This was the first time will be inducted. He will be trans- 17 and 30 years of age, without de- we have noticed him in town for fered to a training school at a later pendents and unmarried, call at the several days, therefore we judge Marine Corps recruiting office in that he or members of his family C. A. is a graduate of Spur High Abilene, Texas and see how you can have had the flu. best serve your country in its hour of need. If you want action, join the Marine Corps and you'll get plenty



CALL FOR AMERICAN COTTON

NUMBER 9

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

L. B., the little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilkes, is one of the number of sufferers of the influenza this week. It is hoped that the little man will soon be recovered.

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W. F. Shugart, of eight miles east You are urgged to aid this worthy of Spur, was in the ctiy Monday cause, the fighting of infantile pa- after more medicine. Only nine ralysis, by attending the President's members of his family have been Ball or by subscribing to one of the suffering of the influenza and its effects the past week.

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J. C. McNeill, of the Alamo Stock Farm west of Spur, has been one of the many who have suffered the effects of the epidemic of influenza. He is now reported recovering, we are glad to note.

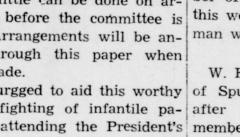
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Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Sr., of Stamford, who has been spending several employee a bonus, equal to a week's upon discharge, provided they have days in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. salary, in the forms of U. S. Defense not been out of the Marine Corps W. T. Andrews, Jr., both of whom Stamps and Bonds ranging from for more than four years. If the have been sick of the influenza, returned this week to her home.

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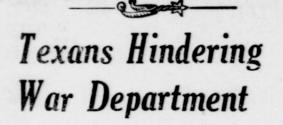
Mrs. Daniels, of Hico, is in Spur on the part of Mr. Stovall, as it af- aviation, quartermaster, communica- with her daughter, Mrs. W. T. Anfords each one a further chance to tion or paymaster duty, the reap- drews, Jr., who has been quite sick

will be necessary to advance the selling price of the paper. Take advantage of this addition saving by



Church in her youth and was a member at the time of her death. She taught school in Texas a few years before her marriage to T. G. Rankin, December 28, 1889 at Buffalo, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankin and children moved West in November 1913, and settled on the present home place in the White River community.



Whether they realize it or not, thousands of Texans are hindering the War Deparment's national defense efforts, State Police Director Homer Garrison declared today.

The Highway Traffic Advisory Committee to the War Department, of which Garrison is Texas chairman, sent inventory cards to all owners of trucks and busses in Texas several months ago. The survey was designed to provide the War Department with complete information on the availability of vehicles which might be used to transport troops, materials and evacuees in case of need.

"The owners of about 100,000 vehicles still have not filled out and returned these cards," Garrison said today. "Texas, which has the highest ration of men in the armed services, is lagging far behind other states in the simple matter of a truck and bus survey. If our young men are willing to offer their lives for their country, surely the truck and bus owners should be willing to say whether they will agree to lend or lease their vehicles to the government."

The cards should be returned to the War Department, 1222 West Commerce, San Antonio. Any owner who has not received his card should write that address and ask for one.



Mrs. C. Fite, Miss Etta Fite and Mrs. Lela Evans of Spur had as Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Mathews and son, Bill, of Lovington, New Mexico. They spent Christmas day and returned to their home on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred File and children Fredda and Frank of Lubbock spent Christmas Day and Mr. and Mrs. Rayburn Evans were here for Christmas Day and returned to their home in Pampa the following Sunday.

family, Mrs. B. H. Black and children, of Muleshoe; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, and old time friends L. R. BARRETT FAMILY HAVE Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Burnham. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Conaway, of

Christmas.

living children.



Members of the J. A. Marsh family who spent Christmas in Spur

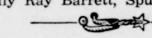
and Roy Marsh of Abilene.

CHRISTMAS REUNION Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barrett enjoy-

Arlington, though not here on the ed the company of all of their childanniversary, arrived later to spend ren during the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Horton Barrett, of

Mr. and Mrs. Conaway were mar- Santa Fe, New Mexcio, Mr. and ried in Hill county, Texas, Decem- Mrs. C. W. Barrett, of Stamford, ber 16, 1891. They have eleven Clinton Barrett, of the air corps,

Norton Barrett, of Stamford, and Billy Ray Barrett, Spur.



Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Powell of THACKER-GODFREY CO. TO were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh Sr., Dickens are parents of a daughter Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh Jr., Mr. weighing 5 pounds and 15 ounces, and Mrs. Kelley Marsh, Mr. and born in West Texas Hospital, Lub-Mrs. Alton Barker, all of Lubbock, bock, at 10:10 o'clock Sunday morn- closed today, Thursday, January 1, were week end visitors in the home epidemic of influenza which has and Mr. and Mrs. John O. Gilbert ing, December 28th. Mr. Powell is a in order to complete their yearly of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Myers on the been sweeping the whole country teacher in the Dickens Puble School. inventory.

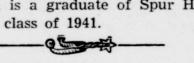
C. A. DENSON, JR., ENLISTS

IN ARMY AIR CORPS.

C. A. Denson, Jr., enlisted in the emergency or for a term of four

date.

School, class of 1941.



## BE CLOSED THURSDAY

Thacker-Godfrey Co. will be

of it. -05-00

Swenson Ranch near Dumont.

\_\_\_\_23\_\_\_\_ L. C. Arrington, of west of Dickens, was in Spur Monday. He, too, came in after the doctor and for more medicine, several members of

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Myers, of Spur, his family being sufferers of the the past few weeks.

F. A. Bird was in town one day this week from his ranch home west of Spur.

-23-----Sheriff Barber had a very light attack of the influenza this week, he having stayed in the bed only one day to take his course of treatment.

-23----Rob Davis, who has been attending a military school in Oklahoma, has been spending the Christmas vecation in Spur.

-23 -E. J. Cairnes, who rendered aid to many during the rush incident to the epidemic by preparing prescriptions, is now a sufferer of the disease himself. However, we are very glad to report him doing well at this time and should no complications arise will soon be recovered.

W. K. Harvey, of Camp Servier, South Carolina, arrived in Spur last week on a furlough, and will spend the holidays with relatives and friends in old Dickens county.

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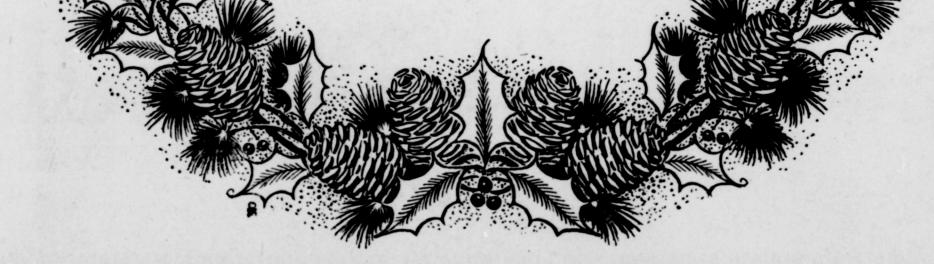
Mrs. J. A. Koon and children left Spur last week for the Croton country where she will visit relatives before leaving for Amarillo where she will join Mr. Koon who has a position with a wholesale concern. \_\_\_\_23\_\_\_\_

J. J. Albin, of the Hgihway community, was one among the number in town this week.

-23. Mrs. G. H. Connell and daughter, of Fort Worth, are in Spur this week



Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Dodson and young daughter Joanne, left the first of the week to return to their home in Brady after spending the Xmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dodson and family, of Spur, and Mr. and Mrs. Em. Bilberry and family of Jayton.



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All A Happy

And Prosperous

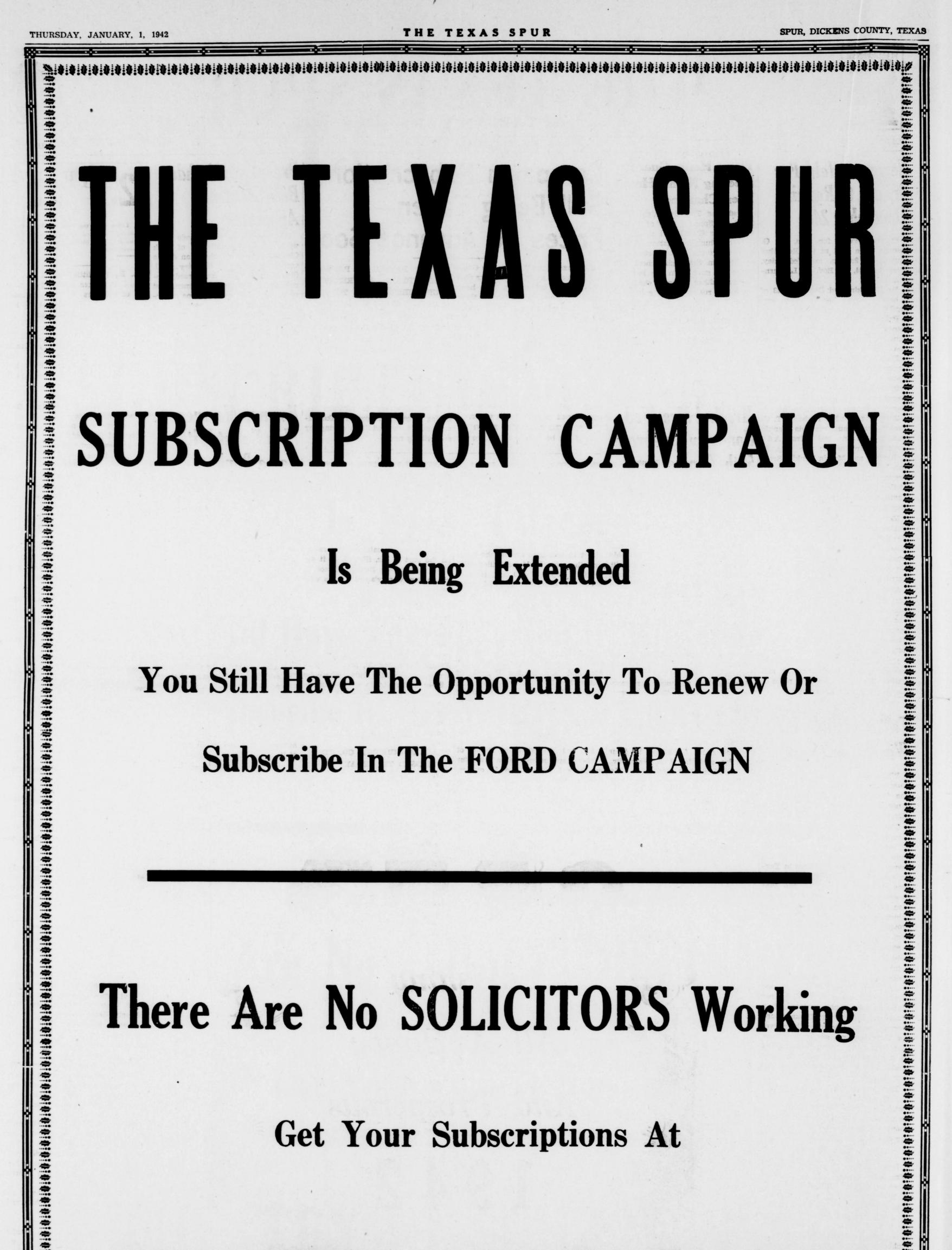
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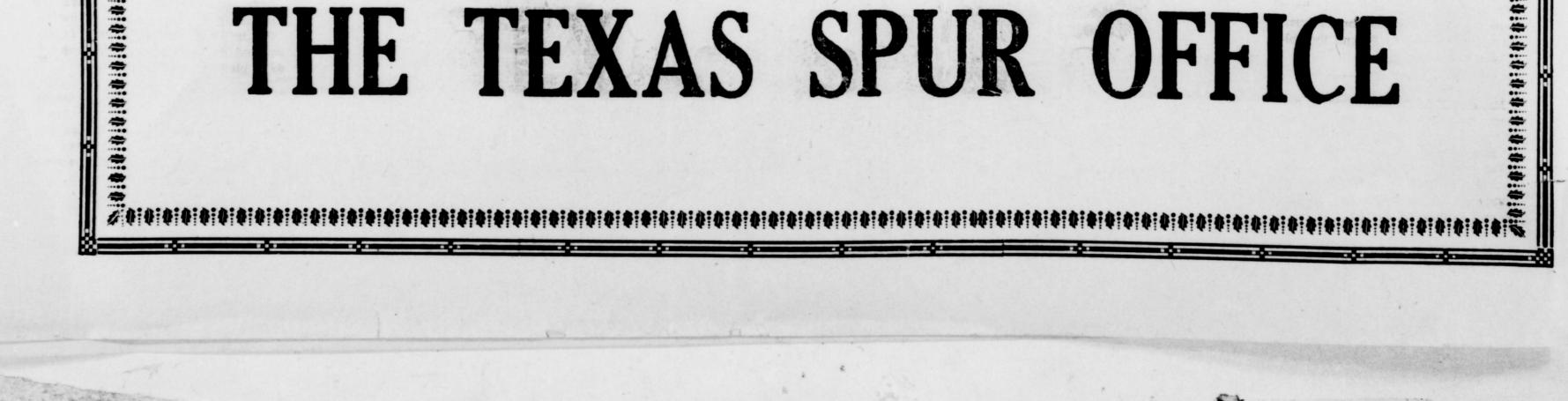
with Mrs. E. C. Edmonds who is suffering of pneumonia following the influenza. Mrs. Edmonds is reported doing nicely at this time we are glad to report.

\_\_\_\_23\_\_\_\_ L. H. Perry, of the Spur Hardware and Furniture Company, has been one among the many sufferers the past week of the influenza, but we are glad to note that he is now able to be at his post of duty again.

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#### **S S S S S S S S S S**

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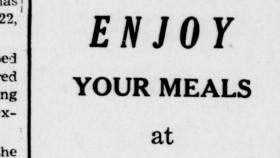
Mrs. Marion Jordan entertained the young people of the Steel Hill Sunday School with a Christmas social Monday night, December 22,

in her home.

Each person brought a wrapped gift and registered as they entered the home. Later in the evening names were drawn and gifts exchanged.

Refreshments were served to the

E. L. McAlpine, of Ballinger. spent Christmas in Spur with his daughter, Mrs. Pauline Clemmons and family and son. Bill McAlpine and family.



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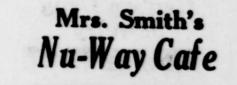
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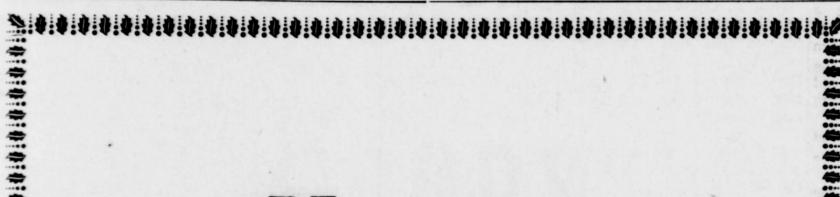




**Behind The Scenes In American Business** 

JOHN CRADDOCK NEW YORK, Dec. 29-PRACTI- production did. That is, the heavy CAL - Holiday shopping reflected durable goods - things that take markedly the sobering effect of U. goodly amounts of metals and other S. entry into the war, in two ways. materials needed for the sinews of Not only did total volume of Christ- war-will be first affected. You mas buying slacken below the ex- know this list by now: refrigerators. pectations as of December 1, but washing machines, vacuum cleaners, stores unanimously reported a strong radios. It looks now as though some swing toward purchase of "practi- of these would be going under cal" and "useful" gifts, with much rationing orders about in April. less emphasis on luxury and "typi- Naturally, Washington officials are cal holiday" merchandise. Sheets, determined to confine rationing to blankets, kitchen ware, appliances, as small an array of consumer goods clothing, small rugs and the like as possible. It may be a long time moved well, while demand for furs, before goods not in the "metallic" jewelry, cosmetics and other fancy category are given this treatment. goods-even toys-dropped off. It is However, it is pointed out that still possible that December will rationing might eventually be exprove to have set a new all-time tended to textile goods. This will de- be somewhat lower, because milirecord in dollar volume of sales- pend largely on the size of the army tary machines, especially airplanes, but it won't be by a big margin, if that has to be clothed. State and come first in tetra-ethyl priorities. at all, and in terms of actual vol- local board to handle rationing are They need higher and super-highume of goods moved it probably will now being set up by OPA, in most octane fuels; that for planes runs up fense councils and similar agencies. \* \* \*

WASHINGTON - More rationing CUSTOMERS CALMED - The will follow the initial move, which was, and is, concerned with auto stampede to grocery stores in many tires. In general, the order in which sections-mostly metropolitan onesconsumer articles will go under this right after war's outbreak has slowkind of control will follow the same ed down considerably. The cause of chronological pattern that cuts in such customers rushes, and the



fall below 1940.

hoarding ideas they have in mind, usually is consumer concern regarding availability of goods and fear of rising prices. Government officials were quick to give assurance as to plentiful supplies of food, while food retailers gave similarly reassuring word about the price picture. John Hartford, the A & P President, cover

ed the ground thoroughly in a public pledge on behalf of his company to 'cooperate unhesitatingly in every effort of authorized government agencies to prevent unwarranted rises in food prices." Other points in his pledge were: continued help to farmers in the orderly marketing of their products; constant efforts to reduce the spread between prices paid farmers and those charged consumers; and maintenance of inventories at the lowest point consistent with good service (because "hoarding, whether by wholesalers, retailers or consumers, will cause higher prices.")

ANTI-KNOCK properties of gas you buy at the filling stations may cases being built around existing de- to 100-octane. Refineries have agreed to a voluntary plan for lowering their regular 75-octane brands to

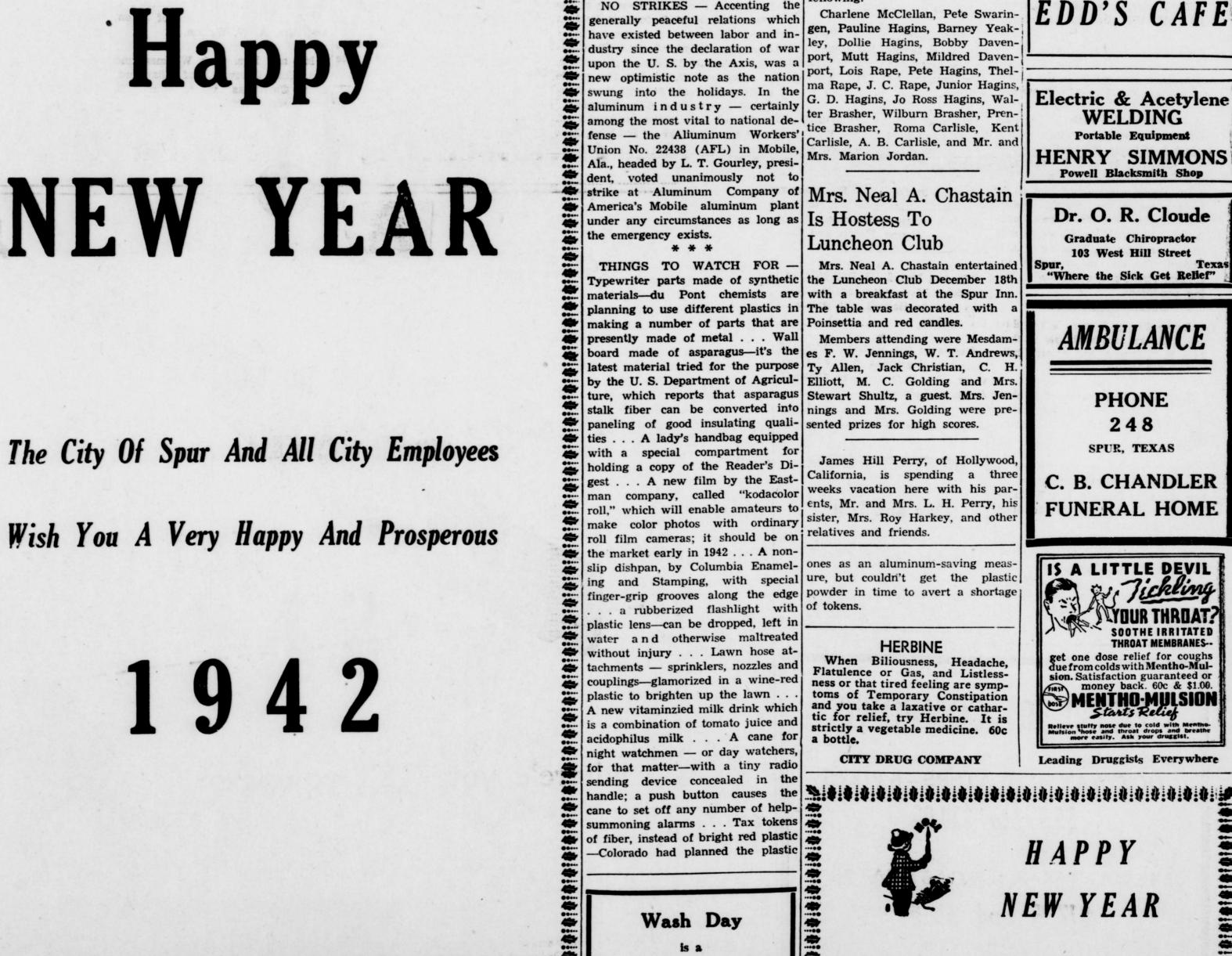
about 721/2, though oil industry technicians claimed that reducing it to 70, as first proposed by OPA, would mean a considerable reduction in miles-per-gallon, besides less Hill S. S. Class knock-protection. In line with the general emphasis on careful use of

money and materials of all "strategic" kinds is the tip to motorists to keep a closer check on car mileage and knock performance, and have the garage man make the simple adjustments in ignition timing that may be needed to get maximum performance out of the kind of fuel that's available.

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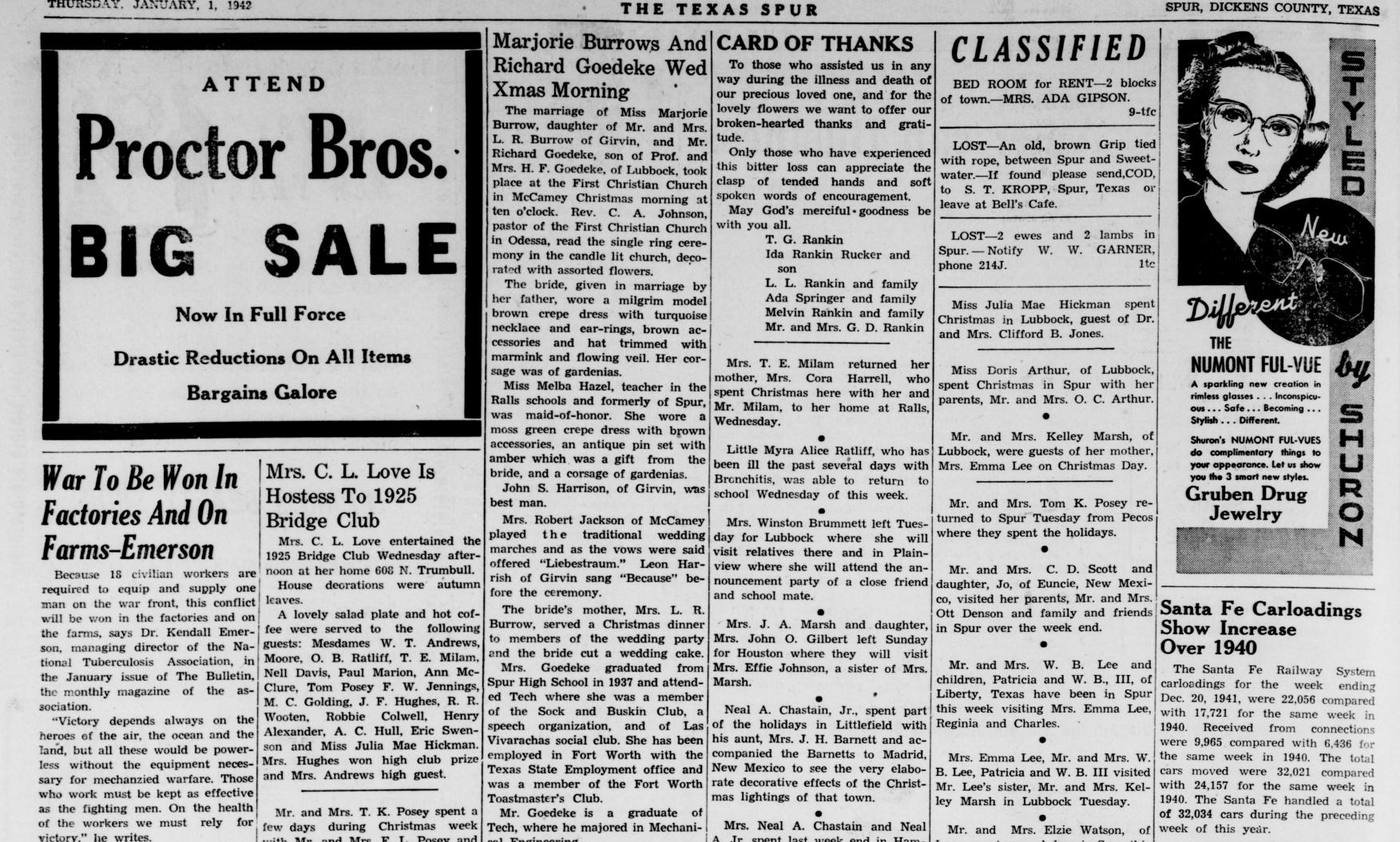
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with Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Posey and cal Engineering.

tion. "The home-front is the sphere duty January 3 at Kelley Field, San Antonio.

Dr. Emerson's article is in direct family in Pecos, Texas. Victor Joyner, son of Rev. and the past, he is now in the engineersociation, according to Dr. E. G. Mrs. C. R Joyner, has been notified ing department of the Allis-Chalby the Army Air Corps to report for mers plant in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. was a guest of Miss Reginia Lee

Having served as manager of the lin with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christmas visiting their parents, Mr.

A. Jr. spent last week end in Ham- Iraan spent several days in Spur this

Miss Julia Mae Albin, of Wash-

line with the plans for the coming year of the Texas Tuberculosis As-Faber, president of that organizaof immediate action of our association," says Dr. Faber. "Our part is to help raise the national level by fighting the spread of tuberculosis, which is still the chief killer of persons between 15 and 45-the very group this country most needs."

Dr. Faber pointed out that in 19 large cities in the United States, home last Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. where defense industries are concentrated, tuberculosis has already shown an increase. This, he said, is undoubtedly due to over-time, increased strain and overcrowded living conditions.

James Henry Cowan is spending his parents. the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. E. J. Cowan, and sisters, Ruth, Ruby, and Emily.

Miss Leta Underwood, of Denton, Adele, of Lubbock. arrived in Spur Saturday to spend several days visiting Miss Martha Nichols.

Miss Katherine Gardner, niece of Mrs. Neal A. Chastain, returned to her home in Hamlin last Wednesday after a few days visit in Spur in the Chastain home.

Mrs. Dwain Mateer and daughter, Patricia, of Oklahoma Ctiy, are spending the Christmas holidays here with her mother, Mrs. H. O. Albin, and other relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Duke Daniels of Dallas were guests of the W. T. Andrews and Mrs. Daniels on Christmas Day.

Guests in the W. T. Andrews Henry Andrews and Henry, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jayson Harris and Jack Harris, all of Stamford.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff, Jr. and daughter, Myra Alice, spent Christmas day in Haskell, the guests of

Guests in the Winston Brummett home on Christmas day were her sister, Mrs. Bergholm and daughter,

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Out of town guests included Prof. tin of Stamford, and Miss Nell Aus- Caraway and Mr. and Mrs. Bill several days was brought to Spur and Mrs. Goedeke of Lubbock, Mrs. tni of Austin.

and Mrs. A. W. Watson. R. C. Snively, of Colorado City,

Mr. and Mrs. Cash Wileman and thers. son, Cash Caraway, of Stamford, spent Christmas Day in Spur with ional Street, West Allis, Wisconsin. Johnson of Odessa, Mrs. H. P. Aus- her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. River, who has been ill the past Caraway.

and Mrs. W. R. Stafford, of Afton, ington, D. C., arrived Monday for several days visit here with her mother, Mrs. H. O. Albin, and bro-

> Ida Rankin Rucker, of White last week to be nearer medical aid.



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