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## Dairy Association Meets Friday

The Panhandle Plains Dairy Association will hold a meeting at Tulia next Friday, December 16, to discuss better plans of management and marketing dairy products. County Agent Reynolds is hoping that a number of our farmers will attend this meeting. This is a great movement and will be very profitable to all the farmers engaged in the dairy business in our country. It is a fine thing for farmers to meet and discuss their problems as well as for any other class of business men.

## Spur Commandery Elects New Officers

Spur Commandery, No. 76, Knights Templar, held a meeting Tuesday evening and elected officers for the ensuing year. T. C. Ensey was elected Commander; Jim Sample, Generalissimo; L. E. Lee, Capt. Gen.; W. F. Godfrey, S. W.; W. R. King, J. W.; Geo. S. Link, Prelate; E. C. Edmonds, Treas.; Jack Rector, Rec.; J. L. King, Standard Bearer; F. W. Jennings, Swd. B.; Ned Hogan, Warder; W. C. Presley, Sent.

The orders were conferred on Judge C. B. Whitten and Prof. A. J. Spangler, both of Matador.

### CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of expressing our appreciation for the nice gift that was contributed by the teachers and pupils of the Grammar School and Freshman Class.

Also the Presbyterian Ladies Aid. We thank you every one, and may God repay you a hundred fold.

Your words of consolation will always be remembered, too.

Mrs. Shown La Rene and Pauline

## Santa Claus Letters

### NOTICE TO CHILDREN

We are not able to print all Santa Claus letters this week, but they will appear next week. Children, Santa Claus received your letters, and wants all children who have not written a letter to be sure to get them in for next week's paper. Santa Claus appreciates your letters of love, don't forget him, for he will remember you.

Spur, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:

We want you to come to the third grade, Dec. 22, 1927. We are going to have a program and a Christmas tree and we want you to come and see it. My room is the top room in the right hand corner. My teacher is Miss Cross.

Your little friend  
Harold Spivey

Spur, Texas, Dec. 3.

Dear Santa Claus:

Bring me a little desk and a sleepy baby doll.

Bubbles Mott.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a coaster wagon and a trombone horn, or a little car I can ride in.

I think I have been a good boy.

Love,  
Gordon Dale Mott

Spur, Texas  
Dec. 11, 1927.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl nine years old. I want a big doll and a desk with a little chair. And a set of dishes and some candy.

Love,  
Marion Welborn

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## Hyatt Property Damaged by Fire

The residence property belonging to Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt, and located on Carroll Avenue, was badly damaged by fire last Saturday afternoon. A fire of unknown origin seems to have started on the east side of the building and before it was discovered was well under way to destroy the entire building. Spur Fire Company answered the call and soon had the blaze extinguished.

From all indications it looked that the property was damaged around one thousand dollars or probably more. The paper and ceiling is badly damaged not to say anything about the portion of the building that was burned. Mr. Hyatt stated he had a small amount of insurance.

The building had been converted into an apartment house and was occupied by O. E. Brooks and T. R. Cauthon.

### NOTICE

There will be no shooting of fireworks in the Business Section of Spur.  
C. W. DENSON, City Marshal  
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## Moved to The Country

W. R. Lewis is now living on a farm wearing blue overalls and jumper and feeding the cows and hogs, while Harrison Albin has donned a starched shirt and collar and moves about like a real New Yorker. These two gentlemen traded property some weeks ago and gave possession to each other the last of the week. The transaction consisted of Mr. Albin coming into possession of the Lewis home on Burlington Avenue and Mr. Lewis now owns the forty acre farm just west of town where Mr. Albin has been living. We are very glad these good people did not become discontented with the country and move away from here.

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## Girard Bank Open For Business

The First State Bank of Girard opened doors for business Monday December 5th, with very glowing prospects. The first two hours after the doors were opened the deposits amounted to fifteen thousand dollars.

The Board of Directors are: Dr. D. R. Couch, Aspermont; W. H. McKenzie, Peacock; J. D. Patterson, Sr., Peacock; J. W. Mathews, Peacock; Will A. Foley, Girard; J. A. Parkes, Girard; and Marvin Carlisle, Girard. The officers are: W. H. McKenzie, President; J. D. Patterson, First Vice-President; J. A. Parkes, Second Vice-President; and Marvin Carlisle, Cashier.

### LOOK! LOOK! LOOK!

We will be in Spur, Saturday, December 31, with 50 head of good young mules, weighing from 1200 to 1600 pounds. These mules are coming from the Midland Valley Stock Farm at Liberty, Mo. Will be sold at auction, by L. Z. Lutze.

Watch for further notice.  
C. R. ELLIOTT.

### BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

"It won't be long now."

We can almost hear the subdued whispers of the children as Old Santa comes peeping around to see if the kiddies are all tucked in bed and sleeping soundly. "It's a grand and glorious feelin'," to just crawl out of our old shells and feel that for a time we are children again. Now won't Christmas be fine if it will just snow. How we like to watch it fall and just get out in it and let the big pure heaven born flakes of pure whiteness cover our hats and coats until we look like living snow men. It brings an inspiration that makes us feel that it is a "Good Old World" and we are glad that we are living. How we like to get down the old gun and go hunting in the snow, but we can't tell whether we will have snow or not. Anyway it's going to be a great Christmas. Santa will be moving around in our big Christmas store on Christmas Eve. You better hurry and select your Christmas presents while stocks are full. Furniture, Radios, Graphophones, Toys of all kinds, wheel goods, oh! just too much to mention. Come and see.

Say, folks, it is all very well to know how Henry Ford made a billion and why Napoleon met his Waterloo, but what should interest us most is how we are living. Do those with whom we are closest associated believe in us? Is our home happy? Are we laying by a bit to build a house of our own? Are we prepared to die? Some one has said: "On our ability to get along with wife, husband, parents, children, friends, associates and society, hangs the difference between heaven and hell on earth."

We are all builders; each one of us is building today the house we must live in tomorrow. We can build a palace or a hovel, a mansion or a jail or a pig pen, but we must live in it.

Don't forget the Big Store on the Corner. It's the best in the West. Here you find room good and warm, clerks the very best, hospitality like old times. Make it your loafing place when in Spur.

"Lots more men would leave their footprints

Time's eternal sands to grace, Had they gotten mother's slipper At the proper time and place."

Now, folks, the time to buy your Christmas goods is now; the place we think is the Big Store on the Corner, where you get Blue Profit Sharing Stamps, and the best grade of merchandise. Yes, it's a big world, lots of sunshine and we will get our share if we keep our faces turned towards its golden rays.

### BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

## Former County Officer Passes

Crawford C. Cobb departed this life at his home in Dickens last Friday. Mr. Cobb had been in ill health a number of years but through his determination had managed to keep going until just a short time before his death.

Funeral services were conducted at Dickens Cemetery at three thirty o'clock Saturday afternoon. Rev. P. A. Stokes, of Afton, made the funeral oration bringing out the chief characteristics of the deceased and picturing his useful life. Interment was made in Dickens Cemetery, under direction of Campbell Undertaking Parlor.

Mr. Cobb had been a resident of Dickens County for a long time. He lived an honest and upright citizen and stood for the progress of the whole country. He served his community zealously as clerk of the County and District Courts for a number of years and proved to be very faithful to his trust.

He leaves his wife and six children to mourn his going.

### SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given of the Shareholders Meeting of the Spur National Bank of Spur, Texas, to be held in the Directors Room of the said Bank the second Tuesday in January, the same being January 10, 1928, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 3 P. M. for the purpose of transacting any business to properly come before said meeting.

C. A. JONES President.  
W. T. ANDREWS, Jr., Cashier

## Students Form Dickens Co. Club

The Dickens County Students, attending Simmons University, at Abilene, have organized a Dickens County Club. Only those are members who have attended school in Dickens County, the purpose of the club being to perpetuate old friendships and to continue old associations. This is the first year that the attendance in Simmons from this county has been large enough to merit such an organization, but much interest was shown at the first meeting, and no doubt the club will be a permanent one.

Simmons University has recently been admitted to the Southern Association of Colleges, which brings her literary rating up to the standards of the best schools in the South, and insures Simmons graduates admittance to the graduate department of any school in the United States.

The majority of the members are of Spur High School. Those graduating last year secured entrance in Simmons without taking any entrance examinations, as Spur High School is now fully affiliated.

Members of the club from Spur like Simmons well, and all are taking an active part in student activities, as well as passing their courses. Alton Chapman, a graduate of Spur High School, was recently selected as one of the twelve from which the inter-collegiate debating team will be chosen. Cleo Hazel made the Cowboy Band an organization which supports itself making trips over the country each year.

The following are the officers and members:

Alton Chapman, President; Cleo Hazel, Secretary; Rachel Langston, Edith McCulloch, Thelma Marsh, Beulah Copeland, Tandy Legg, Royce Hawk, Jerene Cooper, Velma Cudi, Rubinele Johnson.

## Funeral of Man Killed in Car Wreck

The funeral service of John Picture, who was killed in the car wreck which occurred Monday morning on the Spur-Dickens highway, was conducted at the Spur cemetery Friday mornng, L. H. Perry, Roy Harkey and Davidson, pastor of the Methodist church.

Mr. Picture was born Aug. 9, 1884, and was 44 years old. He leaves a mother, age 65, who lives in Channing, Texas. Also six brothers and seven sisters. He was a construction laborer on the railroad. He was burned to death in a sheet of gasoline fire when the car turned over in the wreck. Two others met death in the same way.

Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Barber have moved back to Spur. After having been away two years.



## FRIDAY ONLY



IN  
"Running Wild"  
Bring Your Programs For Prizes



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SYNOPSIS
Enrico de Solano y Vasquez, proud and romantic Spaniard, claims in 1776 for King Phillip of Spain the land bordering on what is now San Francisco Bay. The Vasquez hacienda is erected on the beautiful and extensive acres overlooking the bay, and life moves along in the indolent, carefree manner of Old Spain. In 1848 two grandsons and their mother are the last of the proud line. The discovery of gold disturbs their calm existence.

CHAPTER II—Continued
"Gold!" gasped Don Hernandez in unexpressed eagerness, smiling happily at his brother.

But the head of the house replied sadly, "No, my brother, a gold rush is to be deplored. Gold awakens greed and lust—it spares no one—our laborers will leave—it will mean a social upheaval."

The youth's enthusiasm waned with his smile. He had thought only of the adventure and nothing of the disastrous consequences.

But his Mother knew and sighed, "Gold and money mean so little, my sons, they cannot buy dreams, a good name and peace."

However, these fine immaterial notions of life meant nothing to red blooded men. Practically every able bodied male in the state, thrilled with the news and prospects of gold, pulled up stakes and hit the trail to Sutter's Mill. That is, with the exception of the Spaniards, who with their usual love of lazy indolence and ease, failed to

One loyal and courageous little servant grasped the bridle of his Master's favorite horse when he saw that Captain Stoner was about to mount and ride him away without permission.

"Spawn of the Devil!" cursed Stoner, "cast off!" and he knocked the peon backward with a cruel blow.

The helpless heap of abused humanity rolled and fell unconscious at Vasquez's feet.

"Captain Stoner! What does this mean?" demanded the young master, his Spanish eyes flashing with righteous fury. "It means we've worked for you long enough." Stoner eyed his youthful employer with deadly calm. "You'll find your ship at anchor in the bay. We've resigned and are taking our pay in horses—understand?"

The sailors mounted on saddled steeds, gave mute evidence of the fact.

Like a true son of a long line of proud aristocrats, Vasquez stood his ground. "Stoner, you forget that I am head of the House of Vasquez." His eyes took on a deadly glint. "I order you to replace my property and return to your ship at once."

He waited with all the assurance of a small child who has asked a cow to give him a glass of milk and is surprised when his bidding is not immediately obeyed. "You jellyfish!" hissed Stoner in contempt, "we're going to the gold fields and you can't stop us—this is a new era—the world's turned upside down, and now you and your family glory don't mean a damn thing."



"You shall not leave the Vasquez estate on stolen horses unless you ride me down."

join the new profitable enterprise or sell their aristocratic finery in gold digging.

As soon as the news was passed on by galloping horsemen the gold rush became an actuality.

Unwilling to admit the invasion, Senora Vasquez turned into the hacienda with her sons. Their guests were few, shortly and they must be ready to extend every hospitality.

No sooner had they left the patio than a faithful peon came running in breathless and stopped before them to whisk off his soiled cap and gasp in great agitation. "In the stable yard, señor—Captain Stoner and his sailor men—steal your horses!"

"The fiends!" snapped Vasquez angrily.

Don Hernandez agitated by an equal anger, leaped to his feet and raced headlong down the stairs. It was a call to arms.

"Wait, my brother," called the elder, "I am the head of the house of Vasquez! You remain with our Mother and leave weighty matters to me."

With this reminder he disappeared in the house. Hardly a moment elapsed before he returned brandishing the great sword of the Vasquez. The same splendid blade that had been passed into San Francisco ground by their illustrious ancestor seventy-two years earlier.

For Hernandez was crafty and disappeared as being denied a chance to share the loot. Stoner and Vasquez were the only ones to see and avenge their loss, but Stoner's presence to the head of the family had always been the first sign of Spanish life. He reluctantly remained at his Mother's side.

Coming across the border with grim determined face the man brother halted at about a hundred yards activity in the stable yard.

A stiff, dark, bearded man of forty was Captain Stoner, and he appeared as much in command of the situation as if he had come on the bridge of his ship at sea.

"You greedy scound!" he thundered at the terrified peon, "throw some saddles on those horses' backs and tighten up the saddle straps!"

"They cowered before this verbal lash and waited upon the impatient Captain and his sailors like helpless slaves."

INSTALLMENT TWO

Mother: You've been fighting with the boy next door again. I'll have to buy a new suit now. Tommy: Gee you oughta see him. His mamma will have to buy a new boy.

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J. L. JONES & COMPANY'S



TO OUR MANY FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

As this year, with all of it's good things is drawing near to a close, we want you to know that you have made it possible for us to enjoy a nice business.

We would be glad indeed to present each one personally with a nice Christmas present as a token to you for your patronage, but this we can hardly do.

BUT LISTEN! Beginning Dec. 17th, Until Christmas Eve Day

We are going to give you the profit, and many items of our merchandise, more than the profit on our goods. We feel that we owe this to you. Our margin will be forgotten during this sale and given to you, if you wish it.

Our Prices Will Be Bound to Please SHOES SHOES SHOES

Star Brand and Billikens Big Stock and Prices that you can't afford to miss.



LADIES' AND MISSES' COATS WONDERFUL BARGAINS

Also Ladies' and Misses' Hose, fancy and plain, most any shade you want at prices that will save you money.

SWEATERS SWEATERS

Men's, Ladies' and Children's, a big stock that must go in this Sale. Many real values in these. Knit Goods, Headwear and Infants' Caps, very pretty assortment. Don't forget our Goods are Snappy, with prices that will please you.



BLANKETS BLANKETS

Something that will keep you warm these cold nights, at prices that you will appreciate

MANY MANY MANY

Useful items that you will need in your home; also a nice assortment of goods that you will want, and remember, we are going to help furnish you the money to buy them.

Men's Suits, Overcoats, and Leather Jackets. Many other items in this line at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Christmas Comes Only Once a Year; We Want to Help You Enjoy This One

Our Grocery Stock will be complete. We want to sell you your Christmas Groceries. You will find our Quality high and Prices Low. Our sales force will be glad to assist in any way. We have plenty of good coal, a good stove, so come right on to town and make our store your headquarters.

Don't forget your tickets. Be on hand December 23rd and see who is lucky. It might be you. The Ladies of the Girard Cemetery Association, have asked that we announce that on the 24th, Christmas Eve day, they will serve dinner in furtherance of funds for the Tabernacle

Sale Begins Saturday, December 17th. Sale Closes Saturday, December 24th.

J. L. Jones & Co.

GIRARD, TEXAS

First Christian Church To Render White Gift Program

Sunday night December 18th, at 7:30, the Bible School of the First Christian Church will render "The White Gifts for the King," program. There are four important features which will make this service a service you will want to attend.

FIRST, It is a reverent, worshipful service commemorating the birth of Christ.

SECOND, It is constructive in that it teaches and creates the true giving spirit of Christmas.

THIRD, It teaches the gift of Self to Christ. Service to the church, and Substance to needy causes.

FOURTH, It is evangelistic and we hope it will enlist all who come to do bigger things in The Master's Service.

You are cordially invited to attend this program and you will receive a blessing by coming. A. G. ABBOTT, Pastor.

HIGHWAY NEWS

Most of the cotton in this section is gathered, just a few late bolls are being gathered.

Most of the farmers of this community have their meat and lard put up for another year, many of them have corn for bread, with lots of yams, fruits and vegetables for winter use.

Mrs. T. L. Denson says their orchard acre netted them about one hundred dollars this year.

Virgil Greer is making his Christmas spending money by cracking and selling nuts every Saturday.

Mr. Reynolds met the boys at the school house last Wednesday and organized their club workers.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Garrett of the Cross Plains country were in this community Saturday, prospecting and visiting with relatives.

RED HILL NEWS

Everyone has most all of their crops gathered. There is still some cotton in the fields. Owing to the fact that hands have been plentiful and the weather has been so good every one got through with their work earlier than usual.

A boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Burnice Watson of the Red Hill community last Monday.

Mr. Clee Frazier who has been in California for the last two years is back home to spend the Christmas Holidays, and will probably stay here.

There were several at the birthday party at Mrs. Garner Youngs, Saturday night, given in honor of Bertha Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Brewster are the proud parents of a baby girl born Friday.

It seems now as if everyone was going to get a good rain. It is very dry in the community as there has been no rain to speak of this fall.

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He: Are you in town for good? She: Well, I hate to commit myself. Editor: Who wrote these jokes? Contributor: I did, sir. Editor: Hm. You must be older than you look.

## What's Doing In West Texas

(By W. T. C. of C.)

An article giving publicity to Texas and West Texas' Turkey Industry in general and to Brady's Turkey Trot in particular, released by the publicity department of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was given play in the December issue of "National Republic" magazine, a Washington, D. C., publication. Two pages were devoted to reading matter and illustrations, besides editorial mention made of the article, and two pictures on other pages directing attention to the story.

The Jean Lafitte Hotel has opened for business in Galveston. It was built on a plan thought to be unique in hotel construction. Instead of selling shares, rooms in the building were at \$1,000 each to various citizens.

The Olton Chamber of Commerce was recently host to a Father and Son Banquet, honoring the local stock judging team of Olton High School, which won premier honors in stock judging at Texas Technological College in a recent competition.

Representatives from fifteen South Plains towns attended the secretaries association meeting at Lubbock, December 6. Manager Wade of the West Texas Chamber, Joseph Leopold, manager of the Southern Central Division of the United States Chamber of Commerce, and John Boswell, manager of the Extension Bureau of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, were principle speakers. Ralls won the prize for having the largest delegation of chamber officials present.

Small grain around Copperas Cove is thriving. The cotton crop was completely picked by the last of November, as there was no "top-crop" this year. Turkeys in the section have been particularly profitable and the holiday markets are being supplied with many birds from there.

A systematic tree planting program has been underway at Big Lake by the commissioner's court. Much improvement on the Reagan County Court House has been made by sodding grass, setting evergreens and flowers.

Movements of cattle to the Corn Belt and other sections are being made daily from Marfa and adjoining towns of the Big Bend District. Record shipments are underway all over the West.

A two hundred thousand dollar paving program in Plainview for 1927 was completed December 1, which gives the city 20 additional blocks of high type brick on concrete pavement, making a total of seventy-five blocks of pavement in the city at this time.

Tribute to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce for a "Banner Year of Service," especially reflected on the South Plains and Lubbock country, is paid in the initial issue of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce magazine, termed "The Hub." The magazine will make its appearance the tenth of each month.

The six-story Thomas oil office building at Midland was filled one week after it opened and now has a waiting list. Midland now has 29 oil companies with either offices or representatives in this city. A second petroleum building of 12 stories is to be erected especially for oil companies using Midland as operating headquarters. T. S. Hogan, wealthy operator who recently bought over \$450,000 worth of property in Midland will erect the building. Wyatt C. Hedrick, prominent Fort Worth designer, will draw plans for the structure.

Dodge—the car sold by McGee & Berry.

Blake is Coming

Dodge 4-Door Sedan, \$995.00 delivered!

### RED TOP CLUB NEWS

The Red Top Ladies Home Demonstration Club met Monday evening at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Mat Howells. The guests were ushered into a room beautifully decorated in Christmas scheme of autumn leaves strung to represent holly, and a small Christmas tree hanging full of gifts for each one present.

The house was called to order by the president, the minutes were read and roll called by the secretary, then the nominations for new officers for the coming year were put before the house. Mrs. Susie Henson was re-elected president, Mrs. Joe Thornton elected vice-president; Mrs. Farent Harrell re-elected secretary and Treasurer; Dessie Maye Cross Club reporter and Mrs. Mat Howell club leader. All business settled the house was turned over to the entertaining committee, Mrs. Lura Rhodes, Mrs. Joe Thornton and Mrs. Causby. Many games of interest were played, for which prizes were awarded. Several made some good New Year's resolutions and if carried out will help our club grow stronger, as all grew impatient for Santa to come. Mrs. Rhodes gave each a star cross word puzzle and let them work out the name and number corresponding with the ones on the presents on the tree to receive their gifts, each present having a small verse attached to it, telling why the one receiving it, caused much laughter and fun.

Last but not best came the refreshments, planned and served by Miss Daisy Gordon, Dessie Maye Cross, Mrs. Howell and Miss Willie Davis. Each were passed a plate consisting of chicken salad on lettuce, two sandwiches, marshmallow whip and one white muffin decorated in holly leaves and berries.

Those enjoying the afternoon were: Miss Daisy Gordon, Mesdames Susan Cross, Joe Thornton, Fount Harrell, Cousley, W. C. Childress, Susie Henson, Edd Fuqua, Rhodes, Kay Broutner; Misses Willie Davis, Dessie Maye Cross, Ray Brautner, Mattie and Fannie Howell, Dorothy Rhodes and the hostess, Mrs. Mat Howell.

The pie and sandwich party at the Higgins School last Friday night was a success, the proceeds exceeding forty dollars.

There will be a box supper given by the Parent-Teacher Association at Red Top School Friday night.

Brother Cooper filled his regular appointment Sunday afternoon and a large crowd attended in spite of the cool spell.

Brother Luther Bilberry filled his regular appointment Sunday morning.

Mr. Wallace Heuson who has been sick for some time is now improving and up.

Miss Ray Brautner is back with us again in club work and we are hoping she will remain.

The community as a whole took spite on the hogs and tried to see just how many they could kill Monday.

The farmers are all very busy trying to get out remainder of the cotton crop before time for Santa Claus to come.

The club girls regret so much having to give up their secretary but their wishes are that she have a happy future.

The little Charlie McClain children have been sick but are reported better.

The Red Top Club members are very busy making Christmas gifts.

—Ladies Club Reporter

A small boy had fallen into the creek and a kind old lady had stopped until he was rescued and safely on the bank.

Dear me, how did you come to fall in? she asked of the unfortunate boy? I didn't come to fall in, he explained. I came to fish.

### AN EXHILARATING EFFECT

A bottle of Herbine on the shelf at home is like having a doctor in the house all the time. It gives instant relief when the digestion gets out of order or the bowels fail to act. One or two doses is all that is necessary to start things moving and restore that fine feeling of exhilaration and buoyancy of spirits which belongs only to perfect health. Price 60c.

Sold by SPUR DRUG COMPANY

# FURNITURE

-the Gift to the Family from the Family

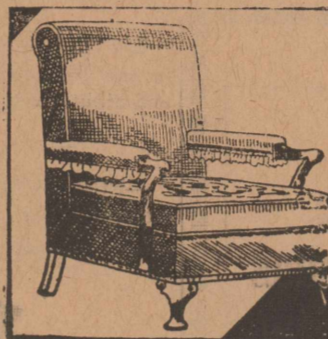
Why not make your Christmas Presents practical, useful ones! Furniture is always appreciated and is something that brings back thoughts of the giver every day. Here are some suggestions.

### SUGGESTIONS FOR FATHER

- Rocker
- Coxwell Chain
- Radio
- Records

### FOR DAUGHTER

- Hat Box
- Phonograph
- Records
- Bed Room Suite
- Sofa Pillow
- Rockers
- Console Mirrors
- Cedar Chest



### FOR SON

- Wardrobe Trunk
- Chifforobe
- Hand Bag
- Smoking Set
- Records
- Wagon

### FOR THE BABY

- Baby Swing
- Baby Bed
- Baby Rocker
- Baby Wagon
- High Chair
- Baby Cedar Chest

### SUGGESTIONS FOR MOTHER

- Living Room Suite
- Bed Room Suite
- Sonora Phonograph
- Floor Lamp
- Sellers Kitchen Cabinet
- Cedar Chest
- Pictures
- Raido
- Rugs
- Rockers
- Cabinet Mirrors
- Footstool

### FOR SWEETHEART

- Overnight Bags
- Sonora Portable
- Wardrobe Trunk
- Sofa Pillows
- Cedar Chest
- Bridge Lamps
- Pictures

Any of the above suggestions are indispensable presents, and we have many others that are just as pleasing and appropriate

Come to our store and look over our line for your Christmas Selections

## BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

Furniture Department

Come On With the Crowd and Bring the Children

### The Wichita Valley Railway Company

VISIT THE FOLKS AT HOME

Low Round Trip Holiday Excursion Rates

TO TEXAS AND LOUISIANA

Dates of Sale To Texas and Louisiana Points

December 16th to 26th, Inclusive

Again December 31st and January 1st

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### Careful

### Consideration

In regard to preserving the fiber and lengthening the life of your clothes should be considered in selecting a tailor.

Try our shop and see how you enjoy the service we give—not a scrubbing process, but real tailoring.

### Quality Cleaners

Otto Mott's Shop

Drive the new Dodge!

## Tire Specials!

During the month of DECEMBER we will be able to Save You Money on your next purchase of Tires; Dayton, Thorobred and Federal Tires, mean Safety, Speed, Beauty, Comfort and Economy.

Try one and be convinced

## MOTORISTS

Save Your Money Now

We are going to give you these High Grade Tires at such a Bargain it will pay you to see our line before you Buy, and now is the Time to Buy.

## Sunshine Service Station

MRS. O. MOORE HALL, Prop.

Wanted—Clean Cotton Rags, Times Office.

Wichita Daily Times ..... \$3.70

Dickens County Times ..... \$1.50

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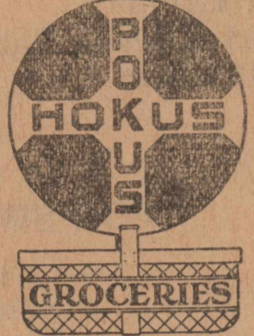
## DON'T MISS THIS GIGANTIC RED TAG SALE

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### AT Spur Theatre

CHRISTMAS EVE

Santa Claus will be with us all next week. We want all the children who attend the Theater to give Santa Claus your names next week.

### Saturday Night

at the Christmas tree he will deliver your presents to you.

### SPUR THEATER

### Santa Claus Letters

(Continued From Page 1)

Spur, Texas, Nov. 29, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:  
How are you by this time? Fine I hope.

Santa, will you bring me a Tom Mix cowboy suit, and a pair of roller bearing skates, and two pairs of hand cuffs, and a billy club, and a drum, and a bow and arrow set, and if you will I will give you two dollars.

I must close,  
Edward Adcock

Spur, Texas  
Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:  
Will you please come to the Third Grade to see the Christmas tree and hear the program, December 22, and bring me some candy and fruit to eat and lots of toys to play with.

The play starts at 1 o'clock and ends at 2 o'clock.

Your little friend,  
Juanita Wade.

Spur, Texas  
Dec. 5, 1927

Dear Santa:  
I've been a sweet little boy all year. I know you have lots of good little children to remember so I don't want to ask for much. All I want is two little cars in a shed and a little wagon.

Remember little  
Jessie H. Morrison  
Spur, Texas

Spur, Texas  
Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Santa Clause:  
I am in the third grade and love my teacher fine.

Her name is Miss Cross.  
I am nine years old. I think I have been a good girl all this year. Will you please bring me some toys.

I want a china set, a big doll with eyes that will open and shut.

My little brothers want a coaster wagon. I will not ask for any more, because some children are poor. Some want clothes and some toys.

Your little friend  
Nelva Louise Pritchett and brothers,  
P. S. And Santa, I want you to come to our room, December 22, 1927. I am sending you a card to show how well I love you.

Spur, Texas

Dear Santa:  
I will write you so you will know what we want. Purse, doll, dishes, fire crackers, fire engine and lots of fruit and candy. We have been real good this year, we love you a lot.

Yours truly  
Thelma and Curtis Kimmel

Spur, Texas

Dear Santa Clause:  
Please bring me a car and train and lots of candy and fruit. I have been very good.

Richard Thomas

Spur, Texas  
Dec. 12, 1927

Dear Santa Clause:  
I have been a good little boy this year. I have helped mother and father. I have me a little pony her name is Ribbon. I ride sometimes. She is to little to ride.

Santa I want you to bring me a Velocipede, an air gun and some candy, apples and oranges, also some nuts.

Don't forget to bring little sister, mother, father and big brother something.

By-by Santa Clause don't forget what I said.

Your friend  
Delmar Thomas

P. S. Santa I live 2 1-2 miles south-east of Spur. I know if you look down when you go by you will see our house.

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### Ready For Your Christmas Shopping

We invite you to bring your list here and let our obliging and experienced sales people help you in the right selection of Gifts for the whole family.

### Christmas Sale of Ladies Coats

\$24.50 \$27.50 \$29.50 values  
All at one Low Price

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\$10.95

These Dresses offer a selection of the Season's Newest Styles, Colors and Trimming treatments—Sizes include those for Misses and Women, 14 to 44. You will be amazed at the worth-while saving, as each offers a substantial Reduction

### A Better Gift For That Dollar Christmas

Gifts from B. Schwarz & Son makes Christmas brighter for the one who gives and for the one who receives.

Men's and Ladies' Bath Robes, Men's Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Christmas Sox, Hand Bags, Rayon Underwear, Gift Hosiery for Ladies, House Slippers, for Men and Women, Sweaters for Men, Women and Children, Wind Breakers, Gloves, Towels, Spreads, Table Linens, Luncheon Sets, Bridge Sets, Linens.

Many of the Christmas Gift Problems can easily be solved at this store

A Good Safe Place To Trade  
**B. SCHWARZ & SON**  
The Store of Little Profit  
SPUR, TEXAS

Wanted—Clean Cotton Rags, Times Office



Christmas Is Just Around the Corner

And what Grown-Up hasn't some friend—Some place—for whom they must select a Yuletide Gift?

In our Ready-to-Wear Department you will find the Dress or Coat for some girl or child. Members of the younger set know that a Gift from this store is more than a Gift, it is an assurance of Style Correctness

<b>Gifts For Grown-Ups</b>	<b>Gifts For Friends</b>
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Holiday Towels	Pajamas, etc.
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Silk Scarfs	Holiday Bed Spreads

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### Worth Reading and Thinking Over

We wish everyone of our readers would look over the message the Spur National Bank is giving you this week, and accept it in the spirit in which was an eighty from Mrs. J. L. article and then have reread it, and we feel that it is very fine advice to us and we believe that it will apply in a measure to every other citizen of this country. How good it would be, should next fall present low prices in cotton, for every farmer in this country to have enough money in the Bank to care for his picking and ginning expenses and be able to hold his cotton until prices were more reasonable. We can't tell you how it is, people, but your Bankers know. We hope you will just take a few minutes and read that message inclosed on the front page of your paper, then tell your neighbors about it, or loan them your paper if they don't get one. Just think of the saving and satisfaction that is derived from a cash basis. If you have not had the feeling, now would be a good time to get it. Let's try it in 1928.

#### GREAT BIBLE LECTURE TO BE GIVEN AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Wednesday, Dec. 21st, at 7:30 p. m., Bro. Buie will give a Bible lecture, entitled, "God's Greatest Revelation to Man." He will use more than sixty very beautiful lantern slides to illustrate the lecture. Prof. Futterer, an Australian Bible teacher and lecturer, is the author of this lecture and has given it in almost all of the larger cities of this country and in many other countries. Many persons after hearing this lecture have pro-

nounced it the greatest Bible lecture they ever heard. Come and hear it for you will find it to be a help to you with the Sunday School lessons of next year.

This lecture is under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Presbyterian Church.

### New Ford Will Be Here Next Week

The firm of Godfrey & Smart, local Ford Agents, will have one of the New Fords on display in their show room next Monday and Tuesday. This is the long-looked for car that everybody has been wanting to see arrive, and everybody will get to see one the first of the week if they will be present.

Two weeks ago this firm had an opening day in regard to the new Fords and more than two thousand people visited their show room to see the fine display. It is thought people are just as anxious to see the car as they were to hear about it. This is a real automobile and Henry is not trying to fool anybody. The only reason he has been so slow in getting it to his customers is, that he wants to be sure it meets what he says about it, and don't forget, "Henry Knows". Be on hand Monday and Tuesday and see the real "New Ford."

#### BUYS MORE LAND

E. A. Glenn, of Duncan Flat, was in our city Tuesday getting some deeds written for a new farm he has just purchased. He secured the land when it is given. We have read that Law. This gives Mr. Glenn 240 acres of very fine land and he said he was going to try to farm it in a real up to date manner. And he will do it



### HOSIERY GIFTS To Match the Simplest or The Most Formal Gown

The smart woman's Hosiery Wardrobe around Christmas time must of necessity consist of all the Newest and Most Fashionable Shades for the Holiday Events are the most important ones. These Hosiery are perfectly fashioned of Sheer Lovely Silken strands, woven into a stocking of rare beauty at this Exceptional Price.

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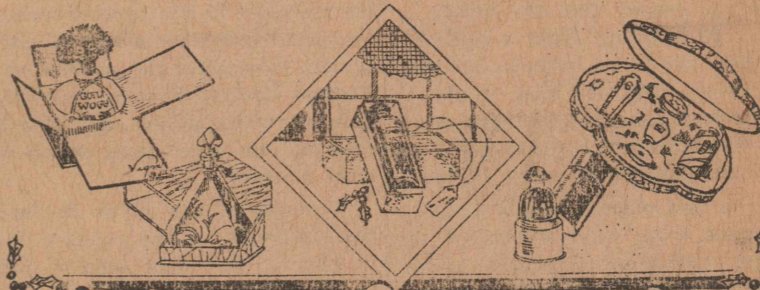
# A GIFT

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### What Gift Compares With a Diamond?

Christmas is Ring Time. The Supreme Gift is a Precious Stone. Something in Silver, in Gold or Necklaces of Pearls. There is satisfaction and assurance for you in a gift selected from our Fine Christmas Stock. And our store is filled with Gifts of Everlasting Charm.



For Better Gifts You Should See our Display

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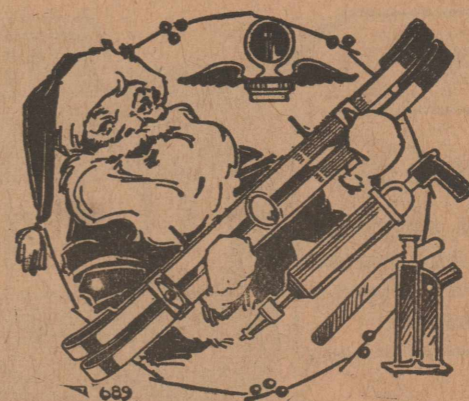
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THE NEXT PRESIDENT

Even at this early date and in both political parties there is a luxuriant crop of gentlemen willing to assume the arduous duties and well-nigh-impossible burdens of the presidency. In their respective degrees of receptivity they range from a rare if genuine modesty and hesitancy in thrusting their merits upon the public eye, to a vulgar and blatant use of obviously forlorn hopes for a slight and transient shred of self-advertising.

When there are many candidates for exalted office the politicians have hard problems of their own to solve, and contests sometimes develop which are not altogether seemly. Such situations may develop in a way to make the judicious grieve. Yet the man in the street, in the office and workshop—in places where average humankind meets—is not averse to a full field of pre-convention candidates. The personality of the men, their supposed capacity for high office, afford rich conversational material, and there is not lacking the feeling that perhaps the public business is to be well looked after when so many seek the position.

No one is quite so simple as to suppose that all presidential candidates are selected solely on the basis of their qualifications for serving the best interests of the nation. Time and circumstances, personal ambitions and rivalries, political strategy, all play their parts. We do not know, of course, who the two candidates will be, nor could we possibly enumerate in advance the causes that are certain to operate in bringing about a selection. Yet there can be no harm in mentioning certain qualities that would be admirable if found in the next president—qualities which would make for the sound conduct of public business.

In the first place it should make no difference from what section of the country the Chief Executive comes—that is as respects the conduct of the office. We are not speaking of the election itself. There are Easterners too narrow in their outlook to understand the West, and they are not to be desired; and there are Westerners so concerned in building up their own section that they have no time to interest themselves in any other.

Provincialism is not a question of residence; it is a state of mind. There are broad-minded New England vil-

lagers and narrow-minded plainmen. There are Eastern city dwellers with forlorn limitations and Western Mountaineers who embrace the world in their ken. Agriculture should not fear a candidate merely because he understands and is sympathetic towards the economics of large business operations; what agriculture needs is the genius of similar organization.

The previous profession of the candidate does not much matter. Business, engineering, public administration—all these and other occupations may train the mind and chasten the character sufficiently for the needs of the occasion.

Whether the next president should possess a magnetic and markedly gracious personality or should be able to write and speak with fluency is sure to be a disputed issue. We have had great Presidents notable for the presence of these characteristics, and extremely valuable Presidents almost as notable for their absence. This is not a point on which to become dogmatic. It should merely be observed that easy manners, friendliness and eloquent speaking do not in themselves make a good President.

Certainly we want no President in the next four years to whom the intricacies of modern industrial operations are a closed book. It will be a misfortune in the coming decade if the Chief Executive, or Executives, cannot muster at least a sympathetic comprehension of the marvelous technological and scientific progress which those years are certain to witness. He must not be the type of man who becomes bored when a subordinate attempts to explain the policies of the Federal Reserve System, of reclamation, of reforestation, and of a hundred and one other more or less technical matters.

Obviously it can never be for the best interests of the country for it to have a President who is obtuse to all except material values. But a knowledge of the real meanings of modern industry does not imply an obtuseness in this respect. Those closest to business development are most sensitive to its newer and finer values, to its associative or cooperative tendencies, and to its essential democracy involving the rights of labor and the public, as well as those of capital.

It goes without saying that common-sense people do not want a Pres-

ident who makes crude gestures at foreign countries or berates them after the manner of a participant in a free-for-all somewhere near the old gas house. But, of course the President swears to uphold the Constitution of the United States, and his foreign policy should not be based on the idea to Europe first. President Coolidge and his advisors have stood firm for the interests of their own country without a shade or trace of jingoism, either in its older forms or in its most modern version.

It is a sign of the soundness of American institutions that everyone takes for granted that the next President will be a man of high character. But should he be a politician? Ah, there is the question!

Our Government is conducted under the party system. Some men have a faculty for getting along with party leaders and others find the association distasteful. It is not easy to serve two masters. The interests of the people as a whole and of the political machines are not always identical. The President's position is therefore most difficult.

Clearly he must have a taste, an administrative flair for affairs. He must know men and be able to get along with them. He is useless unless he can command the loyalty of large numbers of associates and subordinates.

Whether in the presidency a man needs to be a politician in any sense beyond that of possessing an unusual measure of common sense, good judgment, ability to discriminate between the petty and the important, caution about making a fool of himself in little as well as big matters, and the courage of a lion in sticking to his convictions when the relatively few great issues arise, we seriously doubt. In any case these are the qualities the people of the country enjoy seeing in their President.

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Simmons U Coach Assumes Official Duties in Athletics

ABILENE, TEXAS, December 13—Frank Bridges, newly elected director of athletics at Simmons University, took over his first active duties here this week when he met a squad of 36 basketball men. Bridges, formerly an outstanding mentor of the Southwestern Conference at Baylor, will have seven letter men, including one all-conference man, with which to make the race for the T. C. cage pennant this winter.

Since Simmons, together with other applicants was refused admission to the Southwestern Conference at the Dallas meeting, Bridges will make every effort to lead out in the Texas Conference in the next year. He will have fourteen letter men with which to start his gridiron campaign next fall and the interest of all fans centers on football since Bridges has always been especially successful in that sport.

Games have been arranged with Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University, the latter to probably be played at Breckenridge, October 13, 1928.

Otis "Red" Moore, star wingman of the Cowboy squad, was elected captain at a meeting of the letter men this week and at the same time twenty letters were granted to members of the 1927 football team. Three regulars, Herring Bounds, one of the greatest ends the southwest has ever produced, Melvin Pittman, outstanding center of the Texas Conference, and Harold Walker, famed line plunger, will not return next year and three reserves, Jennings, Lynch, and McCullom are also on the retiring list.

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Love's old sweet song: When do we eat? Wife: Look at that adorable hat in the window, John. Let's go buy it. John: Certainly, dear, right by it.

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**IT IS A FINE THING TO DO THE BEST YOU CAN**

Better be able to appreciate what we have than to have what we can't appreciate.

That which is not valued at its best will not be used to the extent that it is capable. Without understanding the need of a thing one cannot place the right estimate upon its usefulness, and upon its usefulness depends its value.

The child reared to manhood in luxury will not have the appreciation of the comforts he has enjoyed, or the value of money that would be his, were he brought up in poverty, or with only the necessities of life provided for him.

It is necessary to feel the pinch of poverty to have the right apprehension of the uses for which wealth is intended.

It is hunger which makes us know the value of bread and its necessity to our existence.

It is thirst which causes us to realize the life-sustaining properties of the water we see in such abundance, about us.

It is the suffering the wintry blasts causes us when inadequately clad that brings us to a full appreciation of our clothing.

Even a short time spent beyond the reaches of the comforts of civilization serves to make us appreciate them to an extent we never knew before.

It is when in difficulty, distress or misfortune that the aid extended by relatives and friends becomes appreciated most.

It is lack of necessities and comforts of life, conveniences and friends which magnifies their importance to us. Until one knows from experience what it means to be without those things which are essential to life and happiness he can never feel the sympathy for those deprived of them that he should.

Only those who pass through the Gethsemanes of life can realize the suffering of those who are called upon to endure the sweat of agony.

Altruism and idealism, generosity loving kindness are incomprehensible to the selfish and crassly material person.

A great step toward happiness is attained when one begins to think more of what he has and less about what the other fellow has! This is greatly augmented when he begins also to think more about what he has and less about what he wants.

Often such a one makes the discovery that he has possessions he never knew of before; also that those he has are of greater value than he thought possible. It is not always so much the worth of an instrument used as it is the skill of him who uses it that satisfies. It is not so much the material of which the sword is made as the energy and courage of him who wields it that counts.

There is such a thing as capitalizing poverty. It is a school which teaches many useful lessons, but only too few of its pupils learn them.

Few who have never attended it learn the lessons taught from the textbooks in its curriculum. They seldom are learned in any other school, and it is probably because its students are forced to attend that they do so.

As a rule economy, industry, self-denial and self-sacrifice are not learned by students for whom they are optional studies.

These are a vital part of the education which best prepares one for the duties and activities of life.

Misfortune is another experience which does much to prepare the student for his life work. Its lessons are absolutely essential to his equipment when he meets conditions requiring sturdiness, self-reliance and patience.

He who has learned the lessons taught by poverty, misfortune and experience is not terrified into speechless helplessness when he finds himself surrounded by distress or difficulties. He does not throw up his hands in despair, collapse in panic or begin to look around for some one else to help him out of his unhappy condition.

He knows how to suffer, how to struggle and how to be patient when confronted by adversity or even calamity.

He who is self-denying is usually also courageous. He who has been made to feel for a considerable length of time the pinch of poverty has learned to capitalize what he does to the limit. This has made him resourceful. It has taught him initiative. He does not fold his hands and wait for some one to "show him how." He has been accustomed to doing things for himself, has acquired the virtues and the skill so essentially necessary and the needed self-reliance and courage.

Because of the very nature of things, the greatest among us are those who are most faithful in using to the best advantage whatever of power, capacity, wealth, talent or genius they possess.

These have no time to stop and

mope because they are only mediocres while their neighbors have talent, nor does he with talent waste his life in idleness because his friend is a genius whose light shines with brilliance while his is only a modest little taper.

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee."

"What Hast Thou in the House?"

This inquiry by the women who went to the prophet Elisha, crying in example in going to the prophet to ask ourselves when our resources of whatever kind run low. Also her example in going to the prophet to ask help through him of the Lord, is a good plan. He who filled all the vessels owned by both herself and her neighbors is still able to make much of little.

"What hast thou in the house?" Have you anything at all to begin with? How much of strength, courage, talent, patience, fortitude, initiative, energy?

One of the greatest and best lessons we learn in life is to make the best of what we have. There are many men and women who take things cast aside by others as worthless and convert them into valuable possessions. They have the initiative to devise ideas and plans that do not occur to those who have not this wonderful trait of almost "making something out of nothing."

Many allow money, land, implements, talents and even genius to lie unused or inactive to their loss and that of those about them. It is wise and practical idea to ask one's self, "What have I in my house—mental, physical, material—thoughts, strength, possessions?"

Everyone it may be said is endowed with resources of some kind far beyond what he is conscious of, if he would but find them out. They lie dormant until he is spurred by poverty or misfortune to make the best of any possessions he has. It is this thought, perhaps, which impelled the truism, "Necessity is the mother of invention." It is necessity which stimulates mental and physical effort, creates originality and initiative, spurs energy and activity, releases the pent-up powers so long kept dormant by outside aid and sets them to work in creative and constructive industry.

We are to keep busy cultivating our virtues we should need to spend less time fighting our vices. Did we magnify our own possessions to the fullest we should occupy less time wishing we had those belonging to others.

Many refuse to use the capital they have, whether money, talents or the virtues, because they cannot shine as do those possessed of greater wealth, or as those endowed with greater talent, or with more resplendent virtues.

The man who kept the one talent covered up in a napkin and hidden in the ground probably would have kept the five in the same way had they been entrusted to him. He who is not great in small things will be no more so in great things. The really great are those who use whatever capital talents or genius they possess to the fullest. They make the best of what they have, be it much or little.

There are those who refuse to employ what powers they have to the best advantage because they are not endowed to an extraordinary degree.

There are vastly more one-talent

than five-talent men. More of them are needed. The world depends largely for its happiness upon the average man. Again we have occasion to remark, better dependable mediocrity than erratic genius.

Yet there are some who have more than genius. They are super-geniuses. These are those who are endowed with both genius and what we call Common Sense. It is they who have a genius for organizing, co-ordinating and directing geniuses. These are titans among men. They are few in number, but only a few are needed. Their vision, understanding and executive ability marshal into solid phalanxes brain and brawn, talent and genius, and set them to work at tasks which mean most to the welfare and progress of mankind.

The five-talent man would have deserved no more credit than his one-talent friend had the one talent been used to the best advantage by him who was entrusted with it.

It is a great thing that no one does it at all times and under all circumstances. There are many who come near it, but do not improve 100 per cent in the effort.

In the great drama of Duty the most we can do is the least we should do. The best we can do is the worst we should do.

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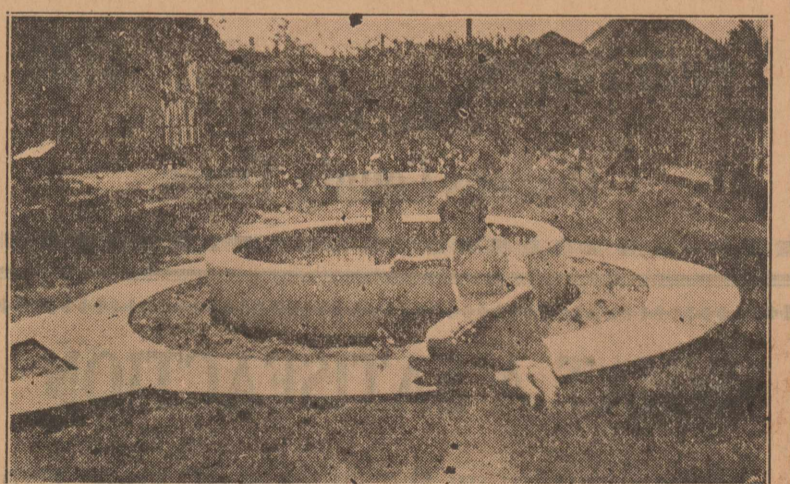
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OFFICEHOLDERS

Many holders of public office are among the best of American citizens, giving freely of time and devotion to their work. But there are inherent reasons in the nature of government why the number of public officials and employes should not increase indefinitely—reasons which go to the roots of public policy.

There is plausibility in the idea that if more things need to be done a new bureau or department of the state or nation is the place to dump the responsibility. It has been wisely suggested that the people learn how to own their present government before they create more of it to operate by default. But such is not the point we are seeking to make at this time.

A wholesome government and a sound economic system must rest upon a reasonable balance between public and private activities. A country thrown out of true when the relation of public employes and those for whom they work approaches a parity. It is as if a disproportionate number of men became waiters, or as if all women subsisted by taking in one another's wash. Government is paid out of taxes, and there must be direct producers who create the wherewithal to pay the taxes.

Then, too, political control naturally gravitates to officeholders. In a large city the district leaders can count on the public employes to vote in primaries, and thus go a long way in deciding upon the candidates for higher office. In cities like New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Boston and San Francisco many of the so-called best citizens live in suburbs and have no vote in the city itself. They may not be as good citizens in reality as the policemen, firemen and school-teachers who live and vote within the city limits, for certainly they abdicate of their own accord.

The motives of the officeholder are not necessarily questioned, but he and his relatives and friends naturally vote for candidates who will see to it that their jobs do not suffer. This is human nature, but government should not be given to large a dose of this particular element of it. In New York a substantial section of the business men are disfranchised by living in other counties, or even in other states. The vote of the hundred thousand officeholders, with relatives and friends, makes a fairly solid block which the district leaders can count upon.

If we keep carelessly permitting the creation of more commissions and authorities and bureaus, the time will come when the ordinary nonofficeholding citizen will have nothing to say about the election of candidates or the choice of public issues. That will all be neatly arranged for him by the employes of departments—well-meaning men and women, but with their perfectly natural instinct for self-preservation too intimately tied

up with the processes of democratic self-government for such functions to work at all.

Every movement for the creation of a new department, bureau or commission is able to attract a substantial following; for new jobs, increased patronage and new appropriations to spend are always welcome to those who get their living out of politics. No such enthusiasm greets proposals to overhaul old organizations, to cut out the dead wood and reduce the personnel of overmanned offices. Such efforts invariably meet with stubborn resistance all along the line. This is one of the fundamental reasons why state and municipal pay rolls often become so formidable and why even honest government is hopelessly handicapped in its efforts to approach the efficiency of private enterprise.

There are counties to the south of us where at times a hungry man had best be in the army and a presidential aspirant had best stand well with the army. In the same way, there are European countries where such an aspirant often needs the votes of the state-owned-railroad employes. This type of government is absolutely deadening in its effects.

There are many functions which government must perform, which no one can, that we always wonder how special pleaders find the temerity to urge the heaping of more burdens upon this overworked agency. But more than this the very essence of democracy is endangered as the public payroll mounts up. An officeholder will work well as long as he knows that there is a real substantial and powerful public holding him to account. But when the political balance of power shifts from the non-officeholders, good though their intentions may be, the very mainspring of democracy breaks.

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Where the first pioneers found dense forests, those who followed found good clearings. On these they built more substantial homes than the log cabins of the earlier visitors. Others following, transformed settlements into towns and towns into cities. The cry of bountiful land in the Ohio and the Mississippi valleys lured New Englanders on west. The rumor of cheap timber developed northern Lake states. Rich agricultural lands of the prairies and the Pacific Coast attracted additional thousands. In the wake of the pioneer came the farmer, the railroad surveyor, the trader; merchant, mechanic, and financier.

They are their heirs. The skeleton strewn trails are gone. The lonely farms have vanished, for the most part. The great central plains, once the home of roving bison, now feed millions of people. Character, intelligence, faith have converted a wilderness into a rich community.

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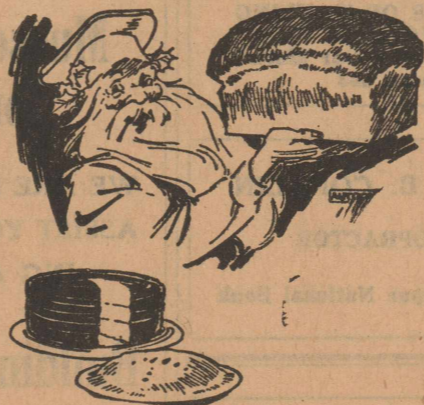
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**President of Simmons U Makes Announcement**

ABILENE, TEXAS, December 12—President J. D. Sandefer made a public announcement this week, setting forth the significance of Simmons University's admission to the Southern Association of Colleges. The Southern group is one of the five sections into which the United States is divided.

Schools over the nation are thus organized so that any student going from one to the other can be given full credit for all work. The senior group must have an endowment of at least a half million and must be well equipped with teachers carrying a certain maximum of work. All heads of departments must have a Masters or Doctors degree.

Simmons equipment was inspected by Dean Jennings of S. M. U., who said that the Abilene school had one of the best equipped plants in the south.

Some misunderstanding has gone over the country due to press reports concerning the freshman rule in ath-

letics which applies to schools in this association. It is urged that members adopt this policy, but schools are given a chance to adjust their athletics before the ruling becomes compulsory. Simmons will not be required to rule out freshmen until 1930.

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How are you getting along with the typewriter?

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# Society News

MRS. JACK RECTOR—CALL 78-M—

## Mrs. Oran McClure Entertains Club

Mrs. Oran McClure was a charming hostess to members of the XXV Bridge Club and a number of guests on Thursday of last week.

At the close of a few games of bridge Mrs. B. Reed held high score for club member, while Mrs. Weldon McClure made high for guests. Consolation went to Mrs. S. C. Flourney.

Delightful refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Nellie Davis, R. E. Dickson, F. W. Jennings, C. L. Love, L. W. Perry, James B. Reed, Jim Edd, Hall, C. A. Love, Houston Scarborough, S. C. Flourney, Edwin Ripley, Jr., James Smith, W. L. Gibbs, Austin Putman, Thurman Harris, Chas Powell, R. C. Forbis, Dan. H. Zachry, Weldon McClure, and Miss Eleanor Harris.

## Mr. and Mrs. McClure Entertain Guests

On Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure entertained a few friends with bridge at their home on Hill Street.

Mrs. Will Perry and Mr. E. C. Edmonds held high scores and received lovely favors.

Those who enjoyed the hospitality extended by Mr. and Mrs. McClure were Messrs and Mmes. E. C. Edmonds, L. H. Perry, Roy Harkey and Weldon McClure.

## Mrs. Wilson Entertains With Christmas Party

A very pretty party of the Christmas Season was that given on Friday afternoon by Mrs. W. D. Wilson, when she entertained a number of friends with bridge.

Mrs. Thurman Harris made high score and also was lucky in winning the cut prize. Mrs. S. C. Flourney received consolation favor.

The refreshment plate was made beautiful with a sparkling snowfall and gay Santa Claus figure.

Those who enjoyed this occasion were Mesdames Dan H. Zachry, Murray Lea, F. W. Jennings, R. E. Dickson, Charlie Powell, S. C. Flourney, Nellie Davis, J. E. Hall, James Smith,

Houston Scarborough, Weldon McClure, C. L. Love, W. L. Gibbs, Jr., Thurman Harris, F. E. Ripley, Jr., and Jack Rector.

## METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

G. S. Link, Superintendent. All who are not in Sunday School, are urged to come and join some class next Sunday. Old Santa Claus is coming and he surely wants to see everybody in the Bible School. Come and bring a new scholar with you.

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the Pastor. Morning subject, "Conscious Power, and How to Use It." Night subject, "Two in One, and One in Two." or "The Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde Man in the Bible." Special music and Gospel singing at both services. Miss Nell Higgins, iDirector.

Epworth Leagues at 6:30 p. m. and 3 p. m. The young peoples meeting, Juniors and Seniors, are growing in interest. The work of the Leagues presents a great opportunity for the young people.

The Lord is broadcasting his Gospel messages from all the churches in Spur, but you must "tune in" if you are to get the benefit of them. Why not "tune in" next Sunday.

We extend an urgent invitation to all our members to be present at the Sunday services. Strangers and non-church goers, are especially invited to come and worship with us.

A. B. DAVIDSON, Pastor.

## NOTICE SEE NEW FORD

We will actually have a new Ford Car in our Showroom Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 19 and 20. Everybody invited to inspect the New Ford Car. GODFREY & SMART Spur, Texas

## AN APPEAL TO FATHERS AND MOTHERS TO HELP IN NEEDED REFORMATION

I was in Kansas last week, went to Halstead, and the most agreeable and pleasant scenes I saw while there was that women and girls had their dresses about three inches at least below their knees. The train stopped at Wichita, Kan. for dinner and all the waiting girls in the Harvey House

were dressed in white uniforms 3 inches or more below their knees and sleeves in their dresses.

I was told that all that improvement was brought about by the trustees of the public schools and the teachers demanding that all teachers and pupils should wear their dresses certain lengths below their knees.

Now I want to entreat the few fathers and mothers we have left in our country to make a strenuous effort to bring about an improvement in this part of the state at least.

Let's not be the leading flapper State in the U. S.

When I visit our schools here and see the frightfully dressed children, dresses so scanty and short and many times sleeveless my heart goes out in sympathy for these poor children with mummies and daddies instead of fathers and mothers.

Who will take the lead in this move. Let's make a united effort. I am seriously in earnest in this matter and want to hear from all who will help.

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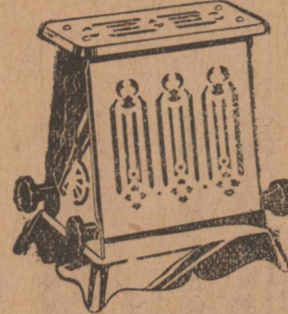
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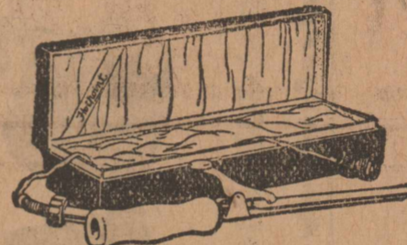
De Luxe Travel Iron Set. The dainty 3-pound Hotpoint in a gray leatherette travel case. Ideal for the girl away at school, too. \$6.95. Another set, \$4.95. Iron only, \$3.95.



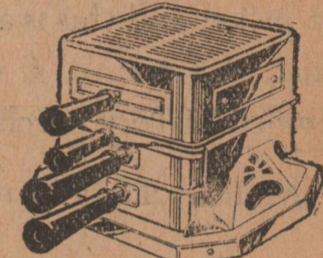
This Hotpoint Toast-Over Toaster makes a gift to be proud of. There is no greater beauty or higher quality. It is useful every day. De luxe model, \$8.00. Others, \$6.00.



Hotpoint Calrod Percolators make the finest coffee by their exclusive HOT DRIP method. Here, too, is a gift that will bring pleasure and remembrance every day. \$9.00 up. Complete sets from \$14.25.



Every sweetheart, wife and mother needs an electric curler. This Hotpoint gift set is the finest, most beautiful made. Patented parallel shield waves the hair evenly the full length of rod—\$7.50. Others from \$2.50.



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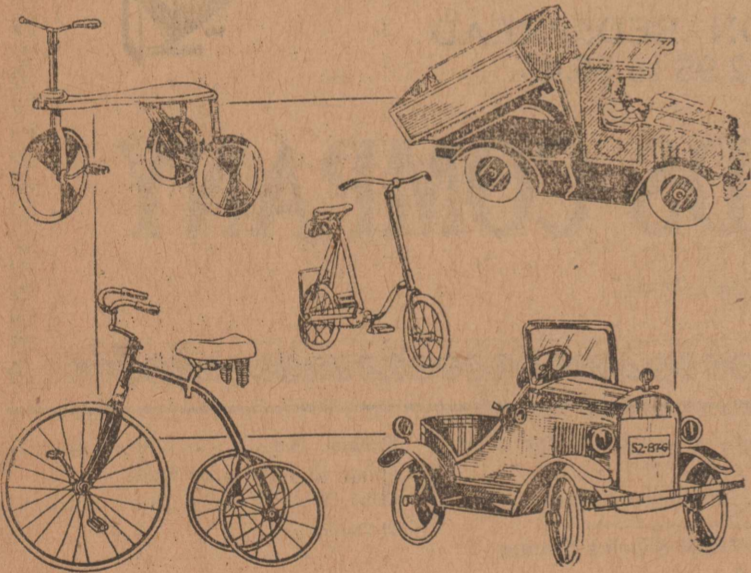
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FREE! FREE! FREE! FREE!

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