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Hunters From Spur Bring Back Fine Deer

Tuesday afternoon, W. M. Malone, Levi Meadors, Mr. Leach, Walter Carlisle, Mr. Duncan and A. Biggs returned from the Chisos Mountains in Brewster County where they had been on a deer hunt. They were successful in bringing in a fine 8-point buck. Mr. Meadors made the lucky shot that brought the animal down. This was one of the largest and fattest that has ever been brought to Spur in a long time.

In talking about the trip, Mr. Malone stated they would have staid one or two days longer but they were snowbound and unable to hunt. He stated they left Talingua in a snow storm and had to drive through snow all the way back to Spur. As we were enjoying our first snow of the winter Tuesday afternoon they arrived just in time to be in that snow shower.

DICKENS COUPLE MARRIED SUNDAY

A very quiet wedding occurred at Dickens Sunday, the contracting parties being Mr. John Gay and Miss Maude Slough. Just a few friends witnessed the ceremony.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Slough and has spent her life in Dickens community. She is a graduate of Dickens School and has been actively engaged in Girls Club Work in the past two or three years, winning honors in this work.

The groom is a son of Mrs. M. Gay who has resided at Dickens for several years. He has been employed by the State Highway Department the past year and has given good service. He is industrious and possesses a determination to make good, and with the life partner he has chosen, it looks as if he is well on the way towards success.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay will make their home in Dickens where he will continue his work with the Highway Department. Friends join in wishing them happiness and the best of success.

Mrs. Ruth Morrison of Happy, arrived here Tuesday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Love.

Mrs. H. V. Link and little son, who have been here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith, left Wednesday for their home in Aspermont.

J. M. Davis merchant at Red Mud, was in our city Tuesday buying more goods for his store.

C. D. Copeland of Red Hill, was in Tuesday attending to business matters.

—Blue Profit Sharing Stamps—

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY MAKING THE BEST USE OF YOUR TIME

It is not time,—seconds, minutes, hours, even years,—but the use that man makes of time that makes the difference in men's futures. Nature is absolutely impartial in the distribution of her hours. She gives to no man time that she does not give another. The same morning gives every man an equal start with his fellow man and the same night finds each another day further on the journey or lost by the way side. But all the time that Nature gives to any man is the present. Man dreams of the past and imagines what the future will be but the golden present is opportunity to make the soon to be past a happy memory and prepare to get more joy out of the future. And now it's Christmas. Many will be happy giving and helping, doing little deeds of kindness, forgiving and feeling that there is good in all; while others will be saying it's the dullest Christmas they have ever seen, and wishing for the good old days when there was a saloon on every corner ready to serve liquid fire to burn away manhood. Surely nobody will get drunk this Christmas. Men are getting too intelligent for that. You know a dog has too much sense to drink booze. We have never seen a dog drunk at Christmas time but we have seen some animals walking or rather wobbling on two legs, just drunk. And they were some mother's boys to whom a fond mother had given her very life believing that she was raising a great and good man. We are happy. Last night we sat by a good warm fire, turned on the radio, turned out the lights and listened to a wonderful Christmas program rendered in Los Angeles, California, and it sounded as perfect in every tone as if you had been in the hall where it was being rendered. A "Kloster" was the reason of such perfect reception. We looked out upon the earth as the snow flakes came down so softly as though some hand was guiding each one of them and placing them side by side so as to make a perfect carpet for Mother Earth. Oh, it was grand and glorious feeling. No, all this didn't just happen as some claim to think.

Folks, we are glad we live now this very Christmas and we are looking for old Santa to come snooping around because we know some friends who won't forget. At this joyful season our thoughts react gratefully to those whose courtesy, good will and loyalty have made possible our progress. We extend our heartiest wishes for your happiness and prosperity throughout the New Year.

Your friend,
BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

C. N. Kidd of Dry Lake, was looking after business affairs in our city Tuesday.

J. R. Maeson of Lubbock, was greeting friends in our city Monday. Mr. Maeson owns a very fine farm near Roaring Springs.

Students Coming Back Home To Spend Holidays

There is one thing that the people of Spur should be proud of, and that is the representation of young men and young ladies we have in different colleges in the State. All of these students are coming home to enjoy the holidays with their parents. Some of them are here and others will be here by the time this issue of the Times gets to our readers.

Among those who are at College from Spur are:

W. B. Lee, Jr., A. & M.
Ben Murray Hale, Tech.
Thelma Caraway, Tech.
Lucile Lucas, Tech.
Rachel Langston, Simmons U.
Cleo Hazel, Simmons U.
Thelma Marsh, Simmons U.
Jack Hogan, S. M. U.
Hill Perry, S. M. U.
Annie Mae Hale, Randolph.
Ludelle Perry Randolph.
Ira Lassette, N. W. T. C.
Ottie Maude Lassetter, N. W. T. C.

Jim, Cloud, Tech.
Olliebell Slaton, N. W. T. C.
Annis Albin, Tech.
Kelmans Hargrove, N. T. S. T. C.
John Bell Hargrove, N. T. S. T. C.
We fear there are others whose names we have failed to secure, but should be included in the list above, for they are nobly representing our community in institutions of higher learning. What a Christmas it will be to them and to the respective families to once again gather around the fireside and enjoy the Christmas festivities. Spur should be glad to be represented by the young men and young ladies, for their training means a better Spur community.

JOI DE VOI BANQUET HELD WEDNESDAY

The Joi de Voi Club held its usual Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening at the Spur Inn.

The banquet table was unusually beautiful with a centerpiece composed of a tiny chimney over which Santa Claus presided. Ribbons of red and green led to each poinsettia name card, and were a means of drawing the lovely gifts from the chimney. Tall red candles in crystal holders shed a soft glow over the merrymaking.

Those who enjoyed this Yuletide occasion were: Mmes Dan H. Zachry, Floyd Barnett, Murray Lea, Thomas Morrison of Haskell; Malcolm H. Braumen, Cecil Hicks, Charlie Powell, Thurman Harris, Cecil Fox, H. P. Schrimsher, W. E. Flint, J. E. Hall and Jack Rector.

Mesdames Love and Twaddell Joint Hostesses

Mmes C. A. Love and S. H. Twaddell entertained on Thursday evening with a delightful Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Love.

"Progressive 42" was the diversion for the evening. A delicious salad course, with miniature "Santy" stickers was served to the following: Mmes. G. R. Elkins, J. H. Busby, T. A. Johnson, R. R. Wooten, W. F. Godfrey, Williamson, M. A. Lea, Geo. Williams, E. L. Adams, E. J. Cowan, Tracy Gorham, C. L. Love, V. C. Smart, M. C. Golding, Kellam, D. Y. Twaddell, Bill Leavitt, of Stamford; Herbert Wilkes, Otto Mott, Luther Hindman, Sol Davis, Cal Martin, R. C. Forbis, E. C. Edmonds, Frank Goff, F. W. Jennings and Oran McClure.

Mrs. Harkey Hostess At Christmas Party

A pretty Christmas party was given by Mrs. R. S. Harkey Friday afternoon. Tables were arranged for "42."

The rooms, tables and score sheets carried out the various holiday decorations.

After playing several interesting games, a lovely refreshment plate was passed to: Mmes, Bill Brown, J. Boyd, F. B. Crockett, S. L. Davis, P. C. Ensey, Leonard and Irl Joplin, F. F. Vernon, J. C. Payne, Abb McClanahan, John Hazelwood, G. H. Stack and Dennis Harkey of Dickens.

Ralls Begins Erection of Fine New Auditorium

RALLS, Crosby County, Texas, Dec. 17.—A municipal auditorium is being constructed in the center of the City Park in Ralls at a cost of approximately \$17,000. Completion of the building is expected by the middle of January, according to J. J. Biffle, construction superintendent.

Construction of the building was made possible by the formation of a stock company and shares set at \$10. All of the stockholders are either residents or property owners in the Ralls community. A mass meeting of the citizens was called by the Chamber of Commerce and an explanation of the needs of such a structure given. They immediately decided that they would build.

A finance committee composed of F. L. Robbins, M. G. Hargrave, Roy Cooper, Ed McLaughlin and William McKee was appointed to see the people. Within one day's time the committee had raised sufficient amount of money to assure the building. Through the influence of the city and the lumber yards all of the materials have been placed on the track in Ralls at absolute cost.

Farmers have taken stock by labor in hauling tile, cement, lumber, brick, sand, and gravel to the building ground. The boys of the local high school moved the trees in the park and have dug the ditches for the foundation. Carpenters, plumbers, contractors and common laborers alike have taken stock.

The grounds on which the building is being erected was donated to the use of the public by John R. Ralls, the founder of the city of Ralls. Through the influence of P. B. Ralls, executor for the Ralls estate, the grounds are being used for the above mentioned purpose.

The dimensions of the building will be 90x108 feet. The floor will have a four-inch concrete base, then ship-lap, and on top of that will be hardwood flooring. In the center of one end will be a large stage, on either side of which will be a dressing room, showers and lockers. Running lengthwise the building will be a basketball court 45x80 feet. In the other end of the building will be office spaces for the city's offices and the Ralls Chamber of Commerce. The approximate seating capacity will be nearly 2,000 people.

The Ralls Jackrabbits last year won third place in the State basketball tournament. This accomplishment was made with nothing but an outdoor court. This year the boys will have protection from the weather and a hardwood floor on which to perform.

The city officials of Spur have been looking forward to the erection of a city hall and auditorium and have made a very substantial preparation by providing a building site. The city owns a lot 165x165 feet just south of the Spur Hotel, which provides plenty of room for a large building, driveways and parking space.

Many people of Spur have spoken of the need of a city auditorium while others have spoken of the present quarters for the city officers as the "city's old shack." The plan that has been followed by the citizenship of Ralls might be a good one for our people to consider, and we might secure a city hall and auditorium without a bond issue.

RED MUD NEWS

Mrs. Mat Howell is planning an entertainment for the old maids and bachelors of Red Mud during Christmas holidays.

The Cattfish people and Miss Maggie Mathews, teacher of the Higgins School, gave a play entitled "The Arizona Cowboy," Friday night. The house was crowded and many had to stay outside. Everyone enjoyed the play and praised the cast highly.

Mr. Mat Howell killed five large hogs this week. He is preparing to hang plenty of meat for Santa and his Christmas company.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thornton and little son are taking Christmas with friends at Ballanger.

—Club Reporter

E. R. Prince north of town, was in Tuesday doing some trading.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

A prosperous New Year to all. Our prayer is; that every member of the church may make a new start by coming to all the church services on New Year's Day. What better start could you make? The New Year is a new opportunity. Remember that the non-church-goers will never be reached by non-church-going members. Will you be one to make it 100 per cent of church members at church on New Year's Day, the first Sunday and the first Day of the New Year. "What a grand and glorious feeling," that would be. Why not make this the one supreme resolution for the New Year. "Come to church every Sunday, not once, but twice." Give your immortal soul a chance. It deserves it, since God has made it immortal, and redeemed it with his own blood.

Sunday School at 9:45.
G. S. Link Supt.
Epworth Leagues, 6:30 and 3 p. m.
The Unusual midweek service, Wednesday night Make a new resolution to attend the "Unusual" service. The "Reds" and "Blues" have a contest on for the midweek service. Are you a "Red" or a "Blue?" Rev. Hibbert leader next week.

Preaching morning and evening, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Morning subject, "Two Startling Questions for the New Year." Night sermon subject, "The Right Way, and the Wrong Way to Resolute."
Of course you are coming to church on New Year's day. A cordial invitation is given to all strangers.

A. B. DAVIDSON, Pastor

W. T. Lovell of Wichita community, was in our city Monday greeting greeting friends and looking after business affairs. Mr. Lovell has been with the Highway Department the past year and has built some very fine roads through the Wichita community.

N. E. Booth of Duck Creek, was attending to business in our city Tuesday.

B. J. Howell of Espuela, was marketing some produce in our city Tuesday.

Exhibition of New FORD In Spur Monday and Tuesday

Godfrey & Smart, local dealers for Ford cars, trucks and Fordsons, had a Sport Model Coupe on the floor of their show room Monday and Tuesday. The time for this exhibition had been well advertised and about fifteen hundred people inspected the new car during the two days. Wednesday the car was returned to Dallas to remain in the Ford Motor Company's plant until after the holidays.

The new Ford is a very beautiful car. It contains all the late body lines, nickel plated radiator, nickel plated bullet styled lights and nickel plated bumpers. According to those who operated the new car while here, the appearance make up only about twenty-five per cent—the other seventy-five per cent constitutes the performance.

It is equipped with Hooteye shock absorbers which makes it a very easy riding car. There is practically no road shock felt by the driver. It was stated by those who know that this car can be driven 40 to 50 miles per hour with as much ease and safety as the old Ford could be driven 20 to 25 miles. Again, the speed of the new car at fifty miles per hour still retains an ease in riding that exceeds the old car at a speed of twenty miles.

Everybody who saw the new car expressed a delight at its appearance and those who are in the market for new ones are more anxious now than ever before to secure their New Ford.

CLASS MEETING

The Dickens Junior Class of 1927-28 held a meeting Tuesday of last week and elected class officers.

The following as: Miss Gladys Arrington, President; Miss Estelle Armstrong, Vice-President; Miss Mildred Terry, Sec. Treasurer and Miss Benney Warswick, Reporter.

Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Davidson are leaving today for Austin to visit their daughter. They expect to be away most of next week.

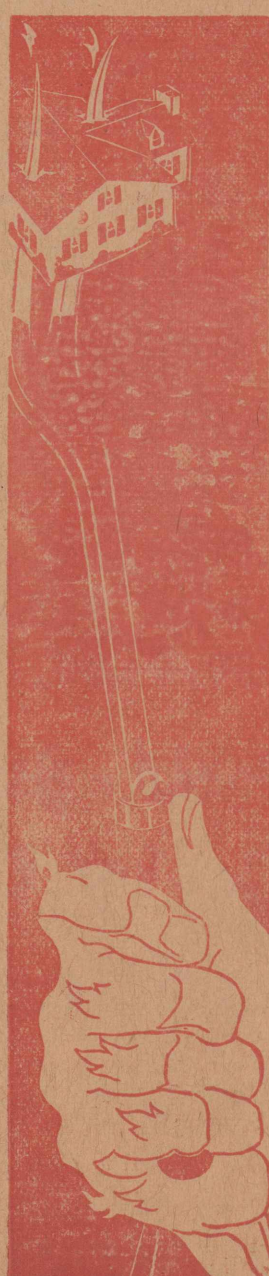
"Collegians"

Don't provide his Christmas dinner

Fire licks his chops over many a home at holiday time. Don't ask him to your house. Light your tree with safe lights. Put a screen in front of the bright fire. Keep candles away from curtains. Don't give Fire's red tongue a single taste, for even a taste may mean a feast of your home.



But your personal care is not enough. You must also protect yourself from the carelessness of others. The only way to do that is to insure—to buy policies covering your home, its furnishings, your car. Insure in a strong, sound company!



This agency of the Hartford Fire Insurance Co. can help you make sure that you are adequately protected.

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SPUR, TEXAS

BAKED GOODS Let Your Appetite Rejoice

After the call for dinner is made and everybody has settled into the very serious business of eating everything in sight—the conversation is principally about how good it is to be alive and to have so many, many good things to enjoy.

Many hostesses buy all the baked goods for the meal at our bakery. And very often they must say, "Oh, I didn't bake it—no really I didn't. You'll have to thank Spur

Bakery."
Mince Meat Pies
Cranberry Pies
Pumpkin Pies
Cookies
Layer Cakes
Fruit Cake
Cream Cakes
Bread, etc.

SPUR BAKERY

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll, and a ring and a pair of beads and a pair of skates, apples, oranges, nuts and candy. I will be in Spur, Texas. I will close now.

Ruth Culbert
Spur, Texas

Dear Santa:
Where do you live now? Dear Santa, please bring me a doll for Xmas, and bring my little sister one too, and bring some candy, nuts and apples and oranges.
I will be a good little girl if you will. I hope to see you at Speer's

Variety Christmas Eve.
Good bye Dear Santa Claus,
Iva Oleta Smith

Dear Santa Claus:
I think everything I want you will find at Speer's Variety Store, A big red wagon, a good football, a bicycle, an air gun and some B B's, a cowboy suit, a gold watch, a drum, a fire truck, a hatchet, and all the candy, apples and oranges you want to bring me.

Watson Phillips
Spur, Texas
Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a writing desk, a machine, a pair of gloves, and pretty ones, and

a ukelele. I want some clothes and a trunk. I will be in Stamford.

Marjorie Burrow

Dear Santa Claus:
I want an air gun and some B. B's, a fire truck, a dump truck some gloves, a watch, a knife, some fire crackers and a steam shovel.
This is from Burrel Phillips

Spur, Texas
Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a ring, a bath robe, a pair of skates, a box of candy, a doll dress, a doll trunk, a doll cabinet, a doll bed, a doll car. I want a doll and a doll coat. I love you so much.

Frances Gibson

Dear Santa:
I love you, I've been good, help my mother. I want a little car, tricycle, candy and nuts and a ball.

I am nearly seven years old and I've been a good boy.

Stanley Allen Russell

Now my twin brother want to write to you.

Dear Santa:
I want a tricycle a fire wagon and a ball and bat. a little yellow roadster and a baby boy doll with overalls on and a little bull dog.

I've been a good boy and help daddy scatter feed for the mules, and I want a scooter too.

Charles Allen Russell
Roaring Springs, Texas

Dear Santa:
I love Stanta Claus. I want some candy and peanuts, a 'cooter and a doll.

I'll be a good girl.

Margie Nell Russell, age 3
Spur, Texas
Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a wagon and a good football and some apples and some oranges and candy.

Please bring me these things if you please.

Floyd Cullom

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy seven years old and eleven months. I have tried to

be a good boy.
I want you to bring me an air gun some candy, nuts, oranges and apples Santa I will be good until Christmas, Good-bye, your friend
Sidney Hubert Watson

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy three years, and three months old. I want you to bring me a set of A. B. C. blocks, and a little gun, candy, chewing gum, oranges, nuts, apples.

I have been a good little boy and saved my money and bought me a little red coaster wagon. I want ask you for that.

Good-bye Santa,
Samuel Carleton Watson
My nickname is Punk Watson

Spur, Texas
Dec. 10, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a set of dishes and a pair of skates and a doll.

Inez Teague

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a doll, curly hair, and four dresses, a little car and a little stove. I showed you all of these things at Speer's Variety Store Saturday. I shall be expecting you so please do not disappoint me. If you can possibly spare me these things.

Love,
Dorothy Fuqua
Spur, Texas
Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
We want you to come to our Christmas tree, Dec. 22, at the Grammar School. We are going to have a program. We sure want you to come to it. I want you to bring me an air gun.
Your little friend
Halbert Smith

Spur, Texas
Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle, a car, a gurf, a big apple, a big orange, a big car, a big box of fire crackers, a cowboy suit, and be sure to go to the orphans home. I will close now.

James Lee Johnson

Dear Santa:
I love you and I want you to bring me a doll and a purse for Xmas and also some good things to eat, such as oranges, apples, grapes bananas and candy and some nuts.

CHILDREN'S FATAL DISEASES
Worms and parasites in the intestines of children undermine health and so weaken their vitality that they are unable to resist the diseases so fatal to child life. The safe course is to give a few doses of White's Cream Vermifuge. It destroys and expels the worms without the slightest injury to the health or activity of the child. Price 35c. Sold by
SPUR DRUG COMPANY

I am mamma's best girl as I'm the only girl, and you know I'm not spoiled. I'm trying so hard to be a good girl. As ever,
Your little friend,
Elene Scott.

Spur, Texas
Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little boy and go to Sunday School most of the time.

And I want you to bring me a wagon, a little red car and a nice little top and lots and lots of candy, apples and nuts. Santa don't forget my little sister, she is 2 years old and wants a doll and lots of little things to play with. She is a good little sister and dear Santa remember I love you, oh so much.

Your little friend
Grady B. Wamm

Spur, Texas
Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a trunk, Xmas, and a steam shovel and a cow-boy suit.

Sylvan Golding

Spur, Texas
Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a good little boy, I stay inside when it is cold. I am three years old. Santa Claus, I want a football, horn, fire works, fire truck, lots of good things to eat. Santa, I guess that is all you can bring to me as there are lots of little boys and girls who want things.

Santa Claus, please don't forget my little brother, Leonard Jr.

Lot's of love,
Smitty Blackmon
P. S. Don't forget my little boy friend, Asie Perry Brown.

Spur, Texas
Dec. 12, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a wrist watch and a ring for Christmas.
Do not forget the little orphan children.

I have tried to be good and will try to be better.

Yours truly,
Juanita Justice

Spur, Texas
Dec. 12, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. I have been making good grades and my name is on the honor roll. I have been good to my mother to my father, to my brothers and to my sisters, and to my teacher.

Santa Claus I want a desk and I want it to have a blackboard on it, and I want candy, fruit and nuts.

Your little friend
Melbajo Hazel

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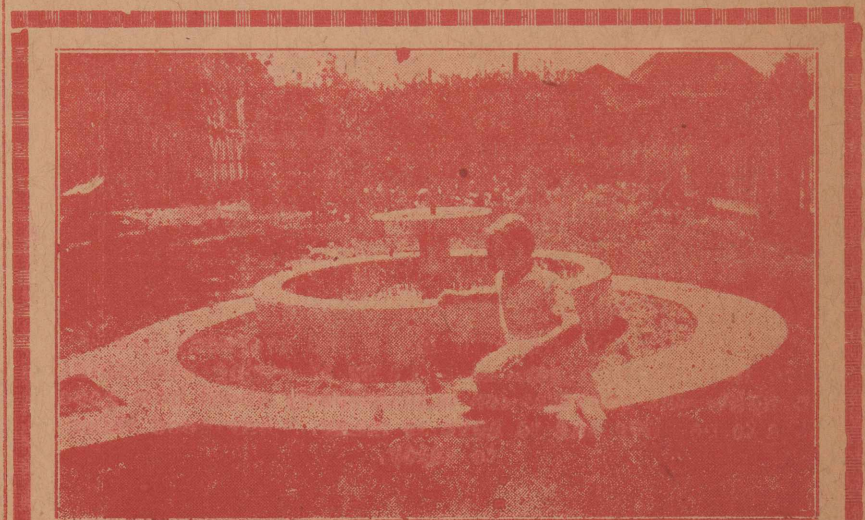


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for your concrete work and your troubles are over. Specifications, surveys and estimates made upon application
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and
Many Thanks For Your Friend-
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Very Best Wishes For a Pleasant
and Enjoyable Christmas.

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**A LARGE INCREASE
HONOR ROLL HAS**

Roll Jumps From 23 First
Time To 43 Names

One will notice immediately that the honor roll for this last period (six weeks) greatly increased in number. The last honor roll had only twenty-three in number; this one has forty-three, showing increase of about fifty per cent.

On the Honor Roll the Juniors were far in the lead last time in both A and B class. Their challenge to the other classes was accepted and it seems as if they are going to have some real competition before the year's work is finished.

This time the Juniors led in A class and Senior in B class. Unless otherwise indicated, the students in the above list are taking four subjects as required.

First place on the honor roll this time goes to a Senior girl, who is taking more than the required number of subjects. For second place there is an unusual situation, two sisters tie for honors.

Thus far, the honor roll is proving to be an excellent incentive for work. The Sophomores promise more competition next time.

HONOR ROLL

Second Period, First Semester

A Class

Charis Hays, Five subjects	93.3
Pauline Oliver	94.00
Marie Oliver	94.00
Mable King	93.25
Edith Ince	93.00
Jane D. Wilson	93.00
Morris Laine	93.00
Lucy Blair	92.75
La Rene Shawn	92.75
Robbie Lee Abernathy	92.00
Melvia Ensey	92.00
Louise Rogers	92.00
Cecil Wolfe	90.75
Morris Collett	90.00
Odis Holly	90.00
Ruby Rae Williamson	90.00
Peyton Legg, three subjects	90.00
Donald Ensey, two subjects	98.5
Billie Cooper, two subjects	92.00

B Class

Mary Elizabeth Hogan	89.5
Wilma McArthur	89.5
Lanette Hefner	89.00
Juanita Hopkins, five subjects	85.2
James Yeakley	88.75
Lois Grantham	88.5
Dudley Wooten	88.5
Virgie McMahon	88.33
Leona Denson	88.00
Valois Reeves	87.75
Jewell Murray	87.00
Nell Goff, three subjects	87.66
Dink Arthur, three subjects	87.00
Marshall Formby, Jr.	86.75
Alva Ince	86.5
Pauline Karr	86.5
Sylvia Denson	86.25

Daisy Franklin	88.00
Icile Slaton	86.00
Redah Maples	85.5
Hope McClain	85.5
Archer Powell	85.5
Estelle Collett	85.00
Lynn McGaughy	85.5

**Mrs. C. A. Love Hostess at
Christmas Bridge Party**

A very pretty party was that given on Thursday afternoon by Mrs. C. A. Love.

Decorations suggestive of the Yuletide were used throughout the rooms where tables were arranged for bridge.

Mrs. W. D. Wilson made high score, while Mrs. Oran McClure received second high favor. Mrs. Houston Scarborough was lucky in cutting.

Tiny Santa Claus figures stuffed with candies graced the refreshment plates.

Those present were Meses Oran McClure, William Manning, Weldon McClure, Jim Edd Hall, Houston

Scarborough, F. W. Jennings, W. D. Wilson, Nellie Davis, S. B. Scott Jr., H. P. Schrimpscher, Cecil Fox, Charlie Powell, Murray Lea, Hill Perry, C. E. Flourney and Thomas Morrison of Haskell.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 10, 1927

Dear Santa Clause:
I am writing to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a wrist watch and a ring.

I go to school at Wilson Draw am in the seventh grade and am 12 years of age, my teachers' name is Miss Iva Richey. I certainly do like her.

Do not forget to visit our Christmas program as we want to have a Christmas Tree. Yours truly,
Juanita Justice

Spur, Texas,
Dec. 14, 1927.

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a doll, a big rubber ball, also some fruits and candy.

I am a good little baby girl. Santa don't forget my grandmother at Ranger. I am going to hang up brother's stocking 'cause mine is little and will not hold much.

With love to you,
Betty Raye Murphy

**Suggestions
for the
Late Shopper**

from the "TREASURE HOUSE"

Table after table—aisle after aisle—the entire store fairly teeming with Gift ideas for the last minute shoppers. Gifts of exquisite Quality that will convey a subtle compliment to the recipient. Make your selection from this inexhaustible gift collection which has been chosen in accordance with Kellam's policy, with an eye to value, quality and good taste

**CHRISTMAS
HANDKERCHIEFS**

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CANDIES

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SPUR DRUG COMPANY

That Real Good Drug Store



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Variety of

Nuts, Fruits and Fresh
Vegetables

For Your Salads
Cranberries to Make
the Meal Complete



SPOT CASH GROCERY

FALSE VALUES AND TRUE

The circulation of spurious coin is bad for a community, but the broad casting of false values is worse. To detect false currency is comparatively easy; to search out and eliminate counterfeit values is a much more formidable task, for they lurk where they are least suspected, and possess a luster which hypnotizes reason. The only true test of values, either of men or of things is the test of their ability to make the world a better place to live in. The only title worth having is that which is built upon merit. If that which has been extravagantly appraised does not assay a fair percentage when passed through the crucible of experience, it will be pronounced a failure.

Some people place a fictitious value on things that are of no importance. If they were very young children this would not be remarkable. In the age of innocence an illusory value is attached to the most trifling things: perhaps a smooth round pebble, a fragment of shell, or a piece of brightly tinted paper. A little girl collects bits of cloth, broken crockery, and glass beads; a boy hoards up marbles, bits of string, and dilapidated penknives. In these things one sees the instincts of primitive man—the desire to possess that which is of brilliant hue, which shines or sparkles, or which to the unsophisticated mind bears an exaggerated importance. Of the intrinsic worthlessness or lack of utility of the objects thus accumulated the child has no conception, although by means of such trifles it derives an extraordinary amount of gratification. But this plea is innocuous; parents look on indulgently and say to themselves that the child will know better when it arrives at the age of reason.

But this does not always follow. The characteristics of extravagantly appraising things that are useless is not peculiar to either children or savages, and sometimes the motive that underlies this characteristic is of a more questionable kind.

The experience of the ages has shown that the only true test of value is usefulness, and by usefulness is meant the faculty of being of real service to mankind.

The setting up of false values when estimating men is even more common than the appraising of things. Sometimes one man will call attention to a passing citizen and in substance

exclaim, "There is a splendid fellow." Both assertions may be without foundation. The laudation may be mere sycophancy or the result of a desire to appear broad and generous-minded. In the majority of cases it means nothing at all.

Titles are sometimes tacked onto men just as labels are attached to goods for sale. A high-sounding designation gives an illusory value to men just as a tag often does to merchandise.

If a man is not of the true metal, no amount of gilding will make him otherwise. If his standard of intelligence is low, no flamboyant title can raise it. Much polishing may make pewter look like silver and brass like gold, but the false luster soon fades. The most skillful horticulturist has not yet succeeded in making grapes grow on thorns or figs on thistles.

But certain titles, whether falsely assumed or otherwise, undoubtedly exercise a fascination over the simple-minded. The more extravagant or fantastic the title, the greater its power over weak intellects. Since the beginning of time quacks and charlatans have been sustained by the very audacity of their pretensions until truth and justice have torn aside their mask.

The uninitiated have been deceived by the glittering yellow of iron pyrites on a lump of coal or clinging to the pebbles at the bottom of a clear stream, and have rushed off to tell the world of their supposed discovery, only to find it pronounced "fool's gold." The actual value is in the coal, not in the glittering pyrites.

Illusory aspirations must also be included in the category of false values. There are people who are still crying for the moon as they did in their childhood; who are chasing rainbows or pursuing gaudy creatures with painted wings that continually elude their grasp. This faculty of purpose and misguided energy lead to nothing but disappointment and disillusionment.

The true road to happiness lies not in seeking those things that merely gratify the senses, but in those which may serve as solid foundations upon which ideals may be built. True value lies in that which will endure, that which is useful, that which is real, but above all things, that which will be most beneficial in promoting the happiness of the greatest number. There is more true gratification in

attaining the goal that has been slowly and steadily striven for than there is in the accidental discovery of a gold or silver lode. In the one case success has been reached in the pursuit of something the value of which lies in the widespread benefits which it will confer, while in the other it is merely the discovery of something that has been hidden for countless centuries, and which brings into the service of man nothing that he did not formerly possess.

—Dearborn Independent

Dodge—the car sold by McGee & Berry.

LYRIC PROGRAM

Last Time Today
HARRY LANGDON
IN
"Long Pants"

FRIDAY ONLY
BEBE DANIELS
IN
"A Kiss In A Taxi"

Saturday
HOOT GIBSON
AS

"The Rawhide Kid"

Monday-Tuesday
"Convoy"

WITH
Dorothy McKaill

Wednesday-Thursday
"Rolled Stockings"

with

The Paramount Junior Stars



A Million Christmas Candles

On multiplied tens of thousands of Christmas trees around the world tonight will twinkle a million Christmas candles whose light will shine less brightly perhaps than the millions of sparkling baby-eyes that reflect their mellow radiance.

A million Christmas candles to warm again a million human hearts with the old, sweet glow of Christmas joy

A million Christmas candles MILLIONS of Christmas candles

And in great power plants all over this broad land and other lands quiet, steady-eyed men will carefully watch and tend the whirling wheels of great machines, keeping a Christmas vigil all their own that those sparkling Christmas lights may not flicker and die.

For the Christmas taper, like the tallow dip, has gone the way of Grandmother's spinning wheel, and Electricity, the Faithful, the Efficient, the Safe and the Sure, has entered in, to add new lustre to the Christmas fireside.

Christmas tapers were delicate, dainty and beautiful things and sentiment clings round them with a fair, sweet fragrance of half-forgotten childhood days. But practical minds if minds are ever practical at the Christmas season turn back to more painful pictures that have left their lurid scars upon Time's canvas through years gone by pictures of blasted, blackened homes ravaged by the Demon Fire, whose heart remains untouched by Christmas mercy pictures of broken, cindered baby-bodies infinitely precious baby-lives caught up and snuffed out in the red terror of a Christmas-tree holocaust

What a Christmas benediction, those softly glowing little electric bulbs that cheerily wink on a million Christmas trees tonight.

What a Christmas gift from the minds and hands and hearts of patient toilers in laboratory and power plant to the younger generation and to generations yet unborn

It is something for the quiet men who keep their Christmas watch in the power plants tonight to think about.

West Texas Utilities Company

—To its Fifty Thousand friends and customers in One Hundred towns and cities of West Texas the men and women of the West Texas Utilities Company extend their sincerest wishes for a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous, Happy New Year.



BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

The Holiday Season affords an opportunity to express again the pleasure we derive from our business relations with you and on behalf of our entire organization, we wish for you and yours A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

Santa Claus Letters

Spur, Texas
Dec. 12, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a sled so I can ride in the snow.
I want you to bring me a good sled.
Yours truly,
Bernice

Spur, Texas
Dec. 10, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a basketball, some nuts and some candy.
Yours truly,
W. L. Law

Spur, Texas
Dec. 12, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl 11 years old. I have tried to be a good girl, will you please bring me a ring and candy and some apples and oranges.
Your friend
Beatrice Garner

Spur, Texas
Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a little wagon and a set of dishes and a ball and sleepy doll. I have been good most of the time I love you,
Mary Pauline Shugart

Spur, Texas
Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you a letter telling you what I want you to bring me I want you to bring me a ten story

book and a croquet set, a little wagon, a football, and an electric train and ten pounds of mixed candy, an automatic cap pistol and I guess that is I want or need.
Yours truly,
Gorman Smith

Spur, Texas
Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I'm a little school boy 9 years old. I want you to bring me an air gun and a little slide trombone, some B. B. shots, candy, apples, oranges, nuts and a coconut. I'll try and be a pretty good boy. Please don't forget other little boys and girls, with heaps of love.
Your little friend
Joe Ed Mallory

Spur, Texas
Dec. 9, 1927

Merry Xmas:
Dear Santa, I am so glad you are coming back. I want you to bring me a wagon and a little story book, also a knife and a nice big top, and lots of oranges, apples and nuts. See, Santa, a boy likes to eat as well as play. Don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Your friend
Ernest Wamm

Spur, Texas
Dec. 10, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good little boy and I want you to bring me these things for Christmas; a coaster wagon with rubber tires, a little car large enough for me to ride in, a little toy truck,

some fire crackers, pistol caps, and some fruit, candy and nuts.

Love to you, Santa,
Delmer Reece Miller
P. S. If you have enough room on your sled, please bring me a toy filling station.
Yours truly,
Gorman Smith

Spur, Texas
Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a wrist watch and a ring, some candy and apples and oranges, bananas, and all kinds of fruits and nuts.
From,
Beatrice Bell

Spur, Texas
Dec. 9, 1927

Little Boy Blue, come blow your horn; You're nearing the crossroads, The brake linings worn! Little Boy Blue didn't let out a peep, Now he's under a tombstone, fast asleep.
—Wesleyan Wasp

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little ring, wrist watch, piano, Bible, house, shoes, some candy and fruit and nuts. I am six years old and go to kindergarten.
Lot's of love
Margarine Boot

Spur, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy eight years old. I go to school and try very hard to have a good lesson, and I work hard at home helping mama and papa. Santa Claus I want you to bring me a bicycle and lots of candy, nuts, apples and oranges. Please Santa don't forget.
Your little friend
Alton Stewart

Spur, Texas
Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to please come and see me. I am a little girl five years old and live in the country.
I want a little dresser, a doll, a set of dishes. Some fruit and candy. Will be glad when you come.
Avanella Carlisle

Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Old Santa:
Will you please bring me an air rifle, some nuts, chewing gum and a fire truck. I will sure thank you.
W. S. Carlisle, Jr.

Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a baby doll that can cry and go to sleep and a baby buggy to push her in, and don't forget some dishes and of course bring me some nuts and fruit and candy, and please Santa bring all the little orphan children something nice.
I will be good little girl and thank Jesus for all the good things I get.
Your little friend
Adolphyne Spraberry

Dec. 8, 1927

P. S. Santa bring me a little cedar chest too

Dec. 8, 1927

Fydada, Texas
Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Santa:
For Christmas I wa a doll, a doll bed, a little stove, buggy and all kinds of fruit and cay.
I know you will beold so I will have you a warm fir
Yountle friend
elman Aston

Spur, Texas
Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa:
I am a little boyix years old and have been very go, so I want you to bring me a litt truck, a tractor, a train, a ball, sor marbles, a little red car, a wagon and lots of fruit and nuts.
our little friend
Jiggs Aston

Spur, Texas
Dec. 8, 1927

I am writing you to let you know what I want you to bring me for Xmas. I want attle wagon, you will find one at the pur Hardware Store. I want the largt one they have, and please don't fget to bring some baby giant fir crackers and some good things teat. I'm trying to be a good boy, ta, ta, your little friend
W. L. Scott
Kalgary, Texas
Dec. 8, 1927

Spur, Texas
Dec. 5, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I want to rite and tell you how much I love ou and all of your tiny reindeer, but can't commence to tell you, I love you so much.
I have ben a good girl this year I mind mydady and mother and help mothe keep house. I am just four years ld.
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Dear Santa Claus:
We are two little sisters who live away out on the cold plains. Our dear little auntie who lives in Spur has the Spur paper sent to mother, so we read about the good editor letting good little girls and boys write to Santa Claus through his paper, so we are asking you to please bring us a baby doll, a doll buggy, also a big doll for each of us.
Please bring our baby brother a tiny red wagon and a tiny doll. We thank you Santa.
Claudia and Ethel Irene Samford.

Spur, Texas
Dec. 14, 1927

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With love,
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Professional Cards

Spur, Texas
Dec. 12, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy 4 years old and try pretty hard to be a good little boy. Santa I want you to bring me a tri-cycle and a little car and lots of candy, nuts and fruits of all kinds. So good bye-Santa Claus,
Glen Stewart

Spur, Texas
Dec. 3, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a real good girl this year. I will tell you what I want you to bring me. I would like to have a pretty rocker, a pencil box with pencils and ruler, also some clothes for my dolly.
Virginia Fay wants a chair and doll and please bring us a little piano too.
Much love,
Juanita and Virginia Lummus

McAdoo, Texas
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Spur's Exclusive Hardware Store

To all the Boys and Girls that are wanting Tricycles, Wagons, Scooters and other Toys.—Tell Dad or Mother to bring you here to see our Toys; Santa has left just what you are looking for

Something For Mother or Sweetheart
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Dainty China is indeed an appreciated Gift. We specialize in Lovely China in Complete Sets or in Single Pieces.

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Silverware is a most welcome Gift—one that will insure grateful appreciation. Complete Sets of Table Service, Hollow Ware or Single Pieces are shown here.

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Gifts of Sparking Crystal Plates, Glasses, or Table Sets will be enthusiastically welcomed.

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Don't pass us up until we get to service your car with that
Good Pennant Gas and Oil
More for your money and the best service thrown in.
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Try our Service Once!

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.
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—when you know the success of your trip depends upon the permanency of a—
GOOD MICHELIN TIRE
Costs no more than others, yet the profit in service is much greater. See our line.
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Let us drain and refill your crankcase with that good
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SPUR, TEXAS
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Wichita Daily Times	\$3.70
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Total	\$5.20
Both Papers	\$4.00
At This Office	
Dickens County Times	

What's Doing In West Texas

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

A new 240 horsepower unit has been purchased by Canadian to be installed about January 1.

Building underway in Stinnett for the new year includes a \$75,000 school building and a \$300,000 courthouse.

The first carload of flour from Plainview to the new line of the Fort Worth and Denver South Plains Railroad Company went from the Harvest Queen Mills at Plainview to J. Calvin Young, grocerman of Turkey. Turkey and Quitaque are the first cities on the new line to receive train service.

A new house of worship together with a neat parsonage has been completed at Sagerton. Visitors from Albany, Abilene and Lorraine went there on the occasion of their dedication.

Alpine has been placed before the Texas Women's Press Association as 1929 convention city. Mrs. W. B. Hamilton of Alpine is treasurer of the organization.

Work is being rushed to completion on Crowell's new school building which is expected to be ready for occupancy by Christmas.

J. E. Biggs, field representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will leave Groom the latter part of Christmas Week for Stamford where he will attend the annual New Year's staff meeting of the regional organization.

Dumas and Moore county are going to be put on the map. The Dumas Chamber of Commerce recently organized and is at work on a program that will promote real agricultural diversification and that will prepare the city for oil development activities.

dairy products has been established at Baird with the opening of a local creamery by Ed Ivey. A 20x30 foot modern building houses the place of business.

The regular irrigation season in Carlsbad, N. Mex., has been closed for some time, and water deliveries from the storage reservoir have been discontinued.

C. S. Holland, formerly of Chillicothe, is now editing the Muleshoe Journal, owned for the past two and half years by R. B. Boyle, now of Plainview.

Hotel Pecos has been leased and is to be opened to the public as soon as it is complete and furnished. The building has twenty rooms, with hot and cold running water and circulating heat.

San Angelo will be host to representatives of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Oil and Gas Bureau, January 25. All interested in development of West Texas oil and gas industries are invited to be present.

The seasons greetings are extended to all West Texas by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce in the December issue of West Texas Today, just off the press.

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—Blue Profit Sharing Stamps—

Dodge 4-Door Sedan, \$995.00 delivered!

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Dodge—the Fastest Four in America!

"Collegians"

"Why did you call Mrs. Smith an egg beater?"
"Well, her husband an egg, isn't he?"

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AND

will reopen for business Wednesday December 28th.

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A Merry Christmas and a
Happy and Prosperous
New Year

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SYNOPSIS

Enrico de Solana y Vasquez, proud and romantic Spaniard, claims in 1776 for King Phillip of Spain the land surrounding San Francisco Bay. The Vasquez hacienda is erected on the vast and beautiful acres overlooking the bay, and life moves along in the indolent and 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 peaceful existence. The eldest grandson is cruelly slain.

CHAPTER II—Continued

At this moment the young Don Hernandez gained the stable yard. His intense fury must have shown in his face because the sailors suddenly spurred their stolen horses and galloped through the arch and away, leaving Stoner to face the consequences of his own brutality. Stoner realized he had come too far to retreat. One look into the young white face staring at him across the bullet torn body was sufficient to urge action. Clumsily swinging into the saddle he headed for the open road, cocked pistol in hand. With only a few yards between them he fired at this last remaining son of the house of Vasquez! But his mount stumbled and the deadly shot lodged in the earth.

Livid with fury young Vasquez

been standing by in awed silence, crossed themselves. Their master's soul had passed on to join his ancestors! One pook slipped away to the chapel and began fumbling with the bell ropes.

Senora Vasquez, with head erect, had watched the whole scene from the time her young son had whirled the lariat. She knew that her first born was dead. She watched with unflinching eyes while her last boy fought so valiantly to avenge their name. When the fight was over she calmly joined her sons and laying a gentle hand on the living boy's head said bravely, "You have done well, my son—a Vasquez avenges a Vasquez!" Through tear blurred eyes she looked beyond to their burial plot and saw the graves and crosses of other Vasquezs who had gone before. Ah, death did have a sting and her Mother's heart felt its cruel torture!

The little chapel bells rang mournfully, and guests on their way to the Vasquez estate turned back, or came on only to offer sympathy.

And all through the night the chapel bells tolled their sad news.

Adventurous ruffians from all parts of the world began congregating in California to dig for their pot of gold; and San Francisco, the peaceful little home of the romantic Spaniards, became a seething cauldron of crazed activity. Houses were looted, stores were



His pistol fell from lifeless fingers and he sank to the ground.

grabbed a lariat from the belt of a vaquero standing at his side and whirling it skillfully over head let it coil through the intervening space, faster than a running horse, until it settled around Captain Stoner's body. Immediately he was jerked from the saddle and fell with a surprised thump to the ground.

Working laboriously, Vasquez pulled the body through the archway to his fallen brother's side and stood looking down upon the two men with his emotions torn between love and hatred.

"You have killed a Vasquez!" It was no longer a cry speaking. Stoner closed his eyes and shuddered at the cold, cruel expression on his captor's face; and a silver of fear went through him when he noted, from under half closed lids, that young Vasquez bent over his brother's bleeding body and gently took the sword from his clenched fingers.

For a brief moment a spark of recognition came back into the dying man's eyes and a smile of understanding and love passed between the two brothers. That last good-bye gave the youth renewed courage. His hand tightened around the sword. Holding it up he read from the inscription, "A Vasquez avenges a Vasquez!"

He belonged to the breed of men who cannot glory in cowardly revenge. Solemnly censing his bound adversary, he cut the lariat with his sword's tip.

Surprised at being released, but not man enough to accept it honorably, Stoner rolled over on his stomach and under cover of turning stealthily pulled his pistol. Leaping to his feet he whirled around and fired without warning.

Blood appeared on Don Hernandez's forehead and trickled slowly down his cheek. With all the ferocity of a wild animal directed in his aim he thrust his sword into the young man's body with fatal accuracy.

Captain Stoner, as if struck on a nerve, was so stunned that he lay motionless on the ground.

Stoner looked the youth three times, dispassionately then wiping off his blade and led to his brother's feet. Stoner knelt, bowed his head with one hand pressed against his forehead, his lifeless body.

Stoner's sword, and he lay motionless on the ground.

deserted, and Stoner was not the only captain to leave his ship.

Men gambled and consumed liquor in the rough care-free spirit of mining camp life. In short, the Spanish village had become the mecca of a gold mad world. The harbor was crowded with ships of all descriptions and many nationalities, and on the shores a myriad of tents appeared to shelter the shifting population. Frame shacks were erected over night and when not used as homes served as supply bases for tools and provisions.

A regular procession almost constantly passed by the Vasquez estate and Don Hernandez, the master of the house, was wont to watch from the balcony with folded arms and a frown upon his face, but in his heart was a boy's restlessness that was difficult to suppress. Senora Vasquez was always slightly contemptuous of the rabble and hated the rush because its lustful influence had been responsible for her son's death. Her aristocratic breeding and love for beauty made her senses rebel against the sight of wagons loaded with camping outfits, kitchen utensils, household furnishings and unkempt, red fannel shirted men as they passed her door and rub the beautiful serenity of life. To her it was obvious to be "back" to see Mexican Indians, negroes, splendid white men and Chinese all paving their hot tracks and vying off to the fields like breakers.

The general could not understand why these men were up at such an hour, and he would have been starting to scold if he had not seen the young man who never ceased to be amazed at the sight of husbands and wife straggling back under the weight of heavy packs and large young children by the harness in their efforts to make speed.

Vasquez and his monks were generally sitting on their doorsteps watching the world go by. A world peopled by creatures so remote as ambitions and desires from their own high minded and chivalrous

states that there was no mistaking of understanding.

In the distance, they saw a lady in a "Madam" drive past with a very of gold girls. Reckless of the gold diggers' stare, she called toward them and got the attention of the men on the other wagon who were sitting on the ground and playing cards while they looked along.

(To be continued)

Rotary Club Host To Football Boys

In order to show their appreciation for the successful football season that has just passed and the clean sportsmanlike attitude displayed, the Rotary Club, in honor of Coach Cluck, were hosts to the football boys at the last two-weekly luncheon.

The first group to be honored thus were the letter men. After the luncheon which was greatly enjoyed, a short talk was given by each of the following:

Bodie Stafford—"Loyalty of Spur Citizens."

Blackie Wadzech—"Review of Season."

Hub Hyatt—"Prospects for Next year."

Impromptu talks were given by Freeman, Edmonds, Coach Cluck and several members of the Rotary Club.

Guests at this time were: Freeman, Edmonds, Bodie Stafford, Henry Albin, L. D. Foreman, Blackie Wadzech, Brode Puckette, Bonnie Hisey, Odie Holly, Peyton Legg, Hub Hyatt, Donald Ensey and Mathis Chapman.

The second group to be honored thus were the merit letter men and Miss Morgan, sponsor of the Pep Squad. During the luncheon the guests were introduced by various members of the club, as usual. Afterwards a short talk was given by each of the following: Brittan Forbis on "Sportsmanship," J. J. Mecom, "Life of a Sub;" Miss Morgan "Just Anything," and Coach Cluck, "An Appreciation." Those indebted to the Rotarians for this pleasant hour were: Brittan Forbis, Bodie Stafford, Hardy Mecom, Reuben Morgan, Harold Karr, Adrian Riekles, Junior Ensey, Durward Woodward, Hubert Carr, J. J. Mecom, Huley Horn, Oran McClure, Don Perrin and Miss Morgan.

Spur, Texas. Dec. 14, 1927

Dear Santa:

I have tried to be a good little boy and I am glad it is almost time for you to come to see us.

I would like for you to bring me an air gun and Santa I want a Hudson bus like my Daddy's line car and a pile driver also some fruits and candy. Hoping to see you at the Baptist church.

Bobby Murphy

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LOST—A Black leather bill fold containing 150.00 to \$200.00 in currency, mostly \$20 bills, also California Auto Operators license, either in Spur or road from Spur to Croton. Good reward for return. Notify Times office or call John Youngblood, Croton Community.



GREETING

We are now nearing the last days of the year of 1927, and while it is true with many of us that we have had various kinds of time during this period with its sweets and sorrow; we are indeed happy to state that as we are nearing the end we are glad to be able to say that for friends it would be impossible to stem the tide of misfortune without their aid. We want to thank you one and all for the kind consideration and friendship and are trusting for you a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year and hope for you that 1928 may bring to you and yours a year of plenty and may blessings of ten fold be your fortune.

NOTICE

Promptly or near the hour of 2:30 p. m. Friday, December 23rd, we will give to someone or to those holding the proper coupons, the Diamond Rings, and wish to advise you to have your coupons with you, and suggest to have same placed on a slip in proper form that you may not overlook any of your numbers

During the last hours before Christmas which are now nearing the close we want to tell you we have a bountiful supply of the needs you will desire in purchasing for Gifts and for your own use; may we have the pleasure of serving you in our lines of novelties of the newer kinds, Dresses, very cheap to close during the last remaining days. Ladies Hats, Silk Hosiery, or any other desired item.

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Spur, Texas. Dec. 17, 1927 Dear Santa Claus: Are you coming to see me Christmas. I want a baby doll and a set of dishes and I want some candy and apples and oranges, and I want a little doll stand and a little chair to Santa. I believe that is all I want for this time. From Mary Blackman Oh yes, Santa Claus don't forget

to come see my two little sisters, and my little friend Asey Brown. Spur, Texas. Dec. 15, 1927 Dear Santa Claus: I want a little car, a big doll, candy, apples, oranges, nuts and all kinds of fire works and goodies you have to eat. Don't forget the poor children. Your loving friend Billie Benk Hisey



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Say it with eats,
Say it with jewelry,
Say it with drink,
But always be careful
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Rev. Percy Jones will hold services in the Presbyterian Church morning and night, Sunday, December the 18th.

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Many young men spend a lot of time tinkering with a miss in their motor. —Reserve Red Cat.

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Variety of Conditions That Constitute a Menace to the American Home

By REV. W. A. SIMMS, Chicago.

AN UNFORTUNATE condition is found in the myriads of clubs and luges which claim the assistance of both parents and children. I have no objection to clubs or lodges, as such, when they remain secondary to the home, but the fact is that today the home is being "clubbed" to death. A new type of widower and widow and orphan has appeared on the horizon; it is the lodge widow, the club widower and the club and lodge orphan.

Other enemies of the home are modern education and publicity, which place emphasis upon independence, making the individual the final unit of society instead of the family. The result of these conditions is that there is little parental authority or filial obedience in the home. Modern parents have assumed largely the attitude of passing the buck to the church and public school teacher.

The sins of the parents are far greater than the sins of youth. In the possible exception of Russia, America leads the world in the number of divorces granted for any one of fifty-two causes. We must draw a line between civil marriage and holy matrimony. The natural end of Cross Point marriages is the divorce court. To wipe out this menace to the home and morals of the country, our country ought to have strict marriage laws, which do not admit of evasions. Our nation would do well to refuse to recognize divorces secured in Paris and Mexico.

The breakup of the home places greater responsibility upon the church. Let us preach and teach the sanctity of wedded life.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 14, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl the age of eight. I am in school. I would be very, very happy with a dolly and a pair of skates and some pollyanna books and an orange, with lots of love

Isabell Campbell

Wait a minute Santa I want a joboy and some gun and some sparklers.

Spur, Texas

Spur, Texas, Dec. 13, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl seven years old. Please Santa I want a doll buggy, and a pair of skates, also some new clothes for my Bye-lo doll.

I would also like some story books to read and crayons.

Then there are the goodies of course I want you to leave me some.

Your little friend

Elizabeth Powell

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl seven years old. I go to school and am in the second grade. I wish you would bring me a doll and a set of dishes and a doll buggy. Please bring my little sister lots of toys too. We are both good little girls.

Your loving friend,
Cleo and Iva Smith

Spur, Texas Dec 14, 1927

Spur, Texas, Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:

You are invited to the third grade room for our Christmas tree. We are going to have a little program, Dec. 22.

Santa Claus I want a air gun, football and a scooter.

Your loving little friend

Johnny Hazelwood

Spur, Texas Dec. 9, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a little tool chest, a little car, candy, apples, oranges, baby giants, fire crackers, roman candles, sky rockets and all kinds of fire works, and also all the good candies and nuts you have. I am six years old and go to kindergarten and have been a very good boy.

Your best friend,
Dan Hisey

Spur, Texas Dec. 12, 1927

Dear Santa:

I want a bathrobe and a pair of house shoes, an da little machine and Miriam wants a pair of house shoes and a bathrobe and we want a dresser together. We have tried to be good girls, we want some nuts and some fruit.

Lots of love,
Julia Jo and Miriam

Spur, Texas Dec. 14, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:

I have been good in school and I want you to bring me a desk, a wrist watch and some fruit. My name is on the honor roll every month. I obey my teacher and my parents.

My little brother wants a cowboy suit. And my big brother wants a bicycle. I embroider lots. I won second prize in an embroidery contest at the Variety Store.

Your loving friend,
Winifred Bell

Spur, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl the age of nine. I am in the third grade. My name is Nedra Hogan. I would be very happy if you would give me a dolly and I want a pair of skates, a game of pollyanna and I want a joboy and lots and lots of candy and sparklers, and please dont forget all the rest of the family.

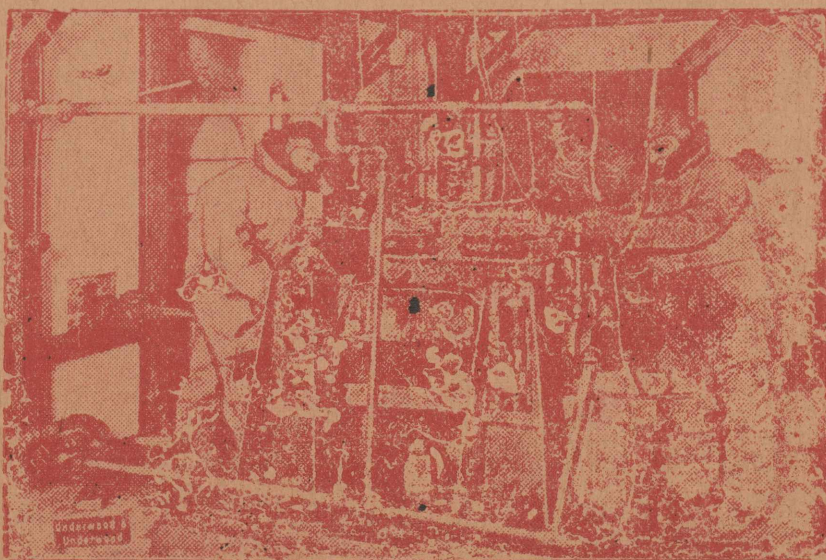
Lots of love,
Nedra Hogan

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RED TOP CLUB NEWS

The weather being bad the first of the week gave the farmers a rest, enabling them to work harder the rest of the time until Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Fount Harrell purchased them a new Chevrolet Touring car the past week.

Mrs. Susie Henson spent the afternoon Wednesday with Mrs. Susan Cross and Dessie Maye.

The Box Supper given by the Parent-Teachers Association at the school building Friday night brought over twenty dollars. They will use some of the proceeds to buy decorations for a Christmas Tree they will have at the school house Friday night. Everyone is invited to come see Santa Claus there.

Mrs. Susan Cross, Annie, Elmer and Dessie Maye took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Payne of Spur Sunday.

Mr. Fount Harrell took advantage of the cool spell and killed hogs Wednesday.

Miss Willie Davis was seen cleaning and disinfecting her chicken houses Wednesday.

Mrs. Susan Henson is making plans for the improvement of her living room. She having entered the living room contest.

Mrs. Susan Cross and daughter, Mrs. Rud, sold over one-hundred dollars worth of turkeys Saturday.

Mr. Tom Bigby is visiting Mrs. Perkins this week.

Mr. Elmer Cross sold two pigs the past week.

Mr. Joe Thornton sold three beefs last week.

School is going on nicely, and the prospects are that the school this year will be the best had for several terms past.

Mrs. Edna Fuqua sold four turkeys this week.

HIGHWAY NEWS

The Highway Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. Jno. D. Hufstetler Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Dec. 14. The club elected officers as follows: Mrs. T. L. Denson, President; Mrs. Walter Thomas, Vice-President; Mrs. J. Vernon Powell, Secretary and Treasurer; and Mrs. Jno. D. Hufstetler, Reporter, to serve the club another year. After which we had music on the victrola and played games, then served plain cake and paradise pudding to 21 members and visitors. The club will meet with Mrs. Walter Thomsson, Jan 13, at 2 o'clock.

The club girls have received their club pins which they are very proud of.

School dismissed last Friday until Jan. 2. They had a nice Christmas box and program.

Everyone in this community is very busy killing hogs and trying to get the scrap cotton picked. J. Vernon Powell killed 4 nice hogs for meat, they rendered out 50 gallons of lard and canned 25 one-half gallon jars of sausage tenderloin and spare ribs with the pressure canner.

Mr. Colbert of Stamford, Texas, has bought the Putman ranch, 3 miles north of Highway School house, and will stock it with full blood white face cattle.

Corinne Hisey has bought out Elmer Denson, and will farm Uncle Sam Vernon's place another year.

J. Vernon Powell and family have gone to Fort Worth to spend the holidays with Mrs. Powell's mother, brothers and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. Hufstetler left Tuesday to spend the holidays with Mr. Hufstetler's sisters, at Los Angeles, Calif.

—Ladies Club Reporter

HOG CHOLERA

(By Fred Reynolds, Co. Agent)

During September and October, an occasional death among the hogs in the town of McAdoo led to the belief that some contagious disease might be present. In October an examination was made. No hog was available for a post mortem examination but it was suspected of being cholera at the time.

Some three weeks later several sick hogs in a pen of 21 (hogs purchased from various farms by a hog buyer) led to a second examination. This time positive symptoms of cholera were present. Dr. D. F. Porter, Bureau of Animal Industry, stationed at Fort Worth, was notified by the County Agents office by wire, that suspected cholera was here and requested him to come and diagnose the disease. On the 10th of November he posted two hogs and pronounced it hog cholera and immediately advised that all herds in the vicinity of McAdoo be vaccinated. A private veterinarian from Ralls came over and vaccinated some 30 herds. So far as is known this put a stop to the trouble at McAdoo. One man there lost 20, another 10 and several others lost smaller numbers. Altogether 44 deaths are known to be traced to cholera. Five deaths from cholera

have been reported at Elton, 3 at Spur. Several other cases have been reported but an investigation led to the belief that cholera was not present due to the absence of any symptoms of the disease. Cotton seed is the cause of some of these deaths where no symptoms of cholera were found, according to the owners of the hogs.

Apparently cholera is now under control, at least no new cases are being reported.

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- Sweet Navel Oranges Special per dozen 25c
- Fancy Quailty Nuts Mixed, 3 pounds for \$1.00
- No. 2 1/2 Size Royal Cherries Per Can 35c
- No. 2 1/2 Size Sun Kiss Peaches Per Can 30c
- Large Size Jockeye Salmon While they last, per can 35c

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January 2nd

We will start our Big Incubator for custom Hatching. List your trays now. We have a line of fine baby chick for sale at all times.

SPUR HATCHERY

For the
Toughest Steak
In Town

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EAST SIDE MARKET

Where Fresh Means — FRESH!



ANY ONE CAN SAY—

Fresh Vegetables

But delivering them to the trade—day in and day out —throughout the year—ah, there's the trick of it!

Our Fruits and Vegetables are ALWAYS FRESH—because we do not buy in large lots—mostly home-grown!

COUNTRY SAUSAGE EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON !!!

Blackmon & Son, Fruit Store
BY THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

BARGAINS IN LAND

Friends of ours have asked us to sell their unimproved land close to Spur. Subject to prior sale, we are glad to offer on terms of one-fifth cash, the balance on suitable time, the following—

- 1 Quarter Section, 2 miles from Spur—
At \$25.00 Per Acre
- 1 Quarter Section, 2 miles from Spur—
At \$29.00 Per Acre
- 1 Quarter Section, 2 1-2 miles from Spur—
At \$29.00 Per Acre
- 1 Quarter Section, 4 miles from Spur—
At \$32.50 Per Acre
- 1 Quarter Section, 4 1-2 miles from Spur, 90 Acres in Cultivation—
At \$35.00 Per Acre
- 1 Quarter Section, 5 miles from Spur—
At \$28.00 Per Acre
- 1 Quarter Section 5 1-2 miles from Spur—
At \$22.50 Per Acre

A FEW WELL IMPROVED PLACES

S. M. SWENSON & SONS
Clifford B. Jones, Manager

Santa Claus Letters

Spur, Texas
Dec. 14, 1927

Dear Santa:
I am writing you to let you know what I want you to bring me. I want a little wagon, a car, harp, gun, and some candy, apples, nuts. I have been a good little boy.

Goodbye Santa
MAYORS HAZEN
Spur, Texas
Dec. 14, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you to let you know what I want, a rocking chair, box of stationery, a nice pair of garters, box of candy, a nice box of handkerchiefs, a powder puff, some nuts, fruits of all kinds.

Effie Mae Haynie
Spur, Texas
Dec. 14, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you to tell you what I want you to bring me. I am three years old I have been a good little boy. I want a coaster wagon and a wheel barrow, a car and tractor and marbles and ball and some nuts and fruit of all kinds.

Little S. J. Haynie
Spur, Texas
Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a big doll, wrist watch, tub and rub board, stationery, dishes, iron, tricycle and candy, nuts and fruit.

With love,
Peggie Slaton
P. S. If you will please bring me a trunk and hat box I'll go home with you.

Spur, Texas
Dec. 13, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl and I want you to come to see me Christmas. I am going to tell you where I live. I live in Mister Perry's rent house, it is the second house on the hill, there is a hill on the right of it, now if you see it you know where I live. Now I am going to tell you what to bring me, a fountain pen and some candy, I want chocolates, my sister wants a dollie. Her name is Hazel. My name is Oleta, my little sister May wants

a doll and some candy of the same as the others ordered. My little brother baby G. S. wants candy of the same kind and so does my other brother, his name is Junior, well I will close for this time, as ever your friend,

Oleta Spraberry, Junior, G. S. Hazen, May Spraberry.

Spur, Texas
Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Santa:
I want an air gun, a car and a fire wagon. I will be in Spur, Texas. Please bring me these things.

Walter G. Johnson

Spur, Texas
Dec. 14, 1927

Dear Santa:
I am a little girl 7 years old. I go to school. I want you to bring me a doll, trunk, set of dishes, and lots of nuts and fruit of all kinds.

I love you Santa,
Pauline Hagins

Spur, Texas
Dec. 13, 1927

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy 7 years old. Santa I have been a good little boy. I go to school. I would like for you to bring me a gun, car, harp and any thing else you want to.

I love you Santa,
Paul Hagins

Spur, Texas
Dec. 8, 1927

Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you come to see me Christmas, and bring me a little wagon, a bugle and anything else you think I might like. I am going to hang up my stocking for some candy, nuts and fruit. Please bring baby sister a doll. Mother says I'm a good little boy, and I help her all I can.

Lovingly,
Jas. Thurmond Spivey

Spur, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a good little girl. I help my mother, and I want you to bring me two little dolls in a basket, a little

piano and a set of dishes and a little dresser.

Your little friend
La Fern Hazelwood

A. C. Hindman north of town, was in doing some trading Monday. Mr. Hindman is one of those farmers who believes in diversifying and usually brings something to town to sell every time he comes in.

J. H. Latham of Red Hill community, was looking after business affairs here Monday.

HIGHWAY CLUB NEWS

The 4-H club met Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Highway School. The day on the discussion of "The Care of the Teeth." It was discussed that each person is supposed, to brush their teeth thoroughly five times each day, inside to remove every particle of filth about them to prevent decayed teeth. If you will rub your gums it will start circulation and make them feel better, also brush your tongue twice each day; drink a glass of

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

water before breakfast and one after each meal. This makes one very healthy.

The 4-H club has elected a new president, Vice-president and club reporter. We hope our club will be a thorough success for we have determination and ambition to win the prizes there are for the members of the club.

Our best wishes to the Dickens County Times.

The Commissioners' Court of Dickens County, Texas, will receive bids at Dickens, Texas, on January 21st, 1928 for the purchase of one or more "60" Caterpillar road tractors.

H. A. C. BRUMMETT
County Judge Dickens County, Texas
At Dickens, Texas,
December 19th, 1927.

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MR. MAN!

The gift supreme at Christmas, for that good wife and family of yours, is a new car. Resolve now to have it standing at your door on Christmas morn. and of course—it will be

A
Hudson Super-Six
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Essex Super-Six

The best car on the market—Dollar for Dollar



See us at once

Spur Hudson-Essex Co.
Harkey & Manning

KELLAM'S
Millinery Department

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VELVET AND SATIN HATS**

The Holiday Millinery
Mode throws a new

and brilliant gleam—and metallics become the fashion for gay Christmas gatherings! A very brilliant showing of new versions of Velvets and Satins, gorgeously enhanced by Trimmings, Appliques and Hand Embroidery of Metallics. A truly enchanting mode which our designers have interpreted gloriously

\$2.95 to \$10.95
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Next Door to Post Office
SPUR, TEXAS

AUCTION SALE!

**FIFTY GOOD YOUNG MISSOURI MULES
WILL BE SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1927
SPUR, TEXAS**

**SALE
STARTS
PROMPTLY
AT
1 O'CLOCK**

These Mules are 3 to 6 years of age, will weigh from 1100 to 1350, and we have several nice pairs of Matched Mare Mules

Now do not miss this Sale for you have a chance to buy Mules in this sale at Wholesale instead of Retail Prices.

We especially invite Dealers who buy and sell again. You can do as others are doing, buy in Our Sale and Make Money. Every Mule Guaranteed to be as Represented. No Fake Sale—No By-Bidding.

C. R. ELLIOT, Munday, Texas.
J. G. LUTZ, Mgr.
Midland Valley Stock Farm, Liberty, Mo.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

At Christmas Time
Man Appreciates Most His
"HOME SWEET HOME"

Here are all the good greetings of the season to those men in Home Sweet homes of their own, particularly thanking those who have favored us with their patronage. Maybe they have new plans for the coming year—and if so we take this opportunity of soliciting their trade on the basis of first, Quality—and secondly, Low Price, for building material of all kinds.

If you are not in a home of your own this Christmas then you know the urge to have one—and we ask that you allow us to help in the fulfillment of that ambition. If you start now to that end, in the Spring or Summer you can be in a position to build—and that is where we can serve you. From plans to moving-in day, we can save you money at every turn.

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HAVE YOU LOOKED IT OVER?
I have two small houses for sale, small cash payments accepted; two large houses to sell or exchange for farm land; and team and all kinds of farm equipment to sell or exchange for city or farm property. D. V. Twaddell, phone, 247-Moon

FARMS FOR SALE—See or write J. P. Middlston, Spur, Texas.

FOR SALE—Residence lot, 50 by 165 ft. in Highway Addition. Closed in. Phone 73 or see T. J. Seale

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Two farms near Lubbock. Will sell on terms or will trade for land on the East Plains or under the Caprock. T. A. Johnson, Spur, Texas. 156-tn

WARNING—Positively there is to be no hunting on any of my land. W. A. Stearns. 3-tp

SAXAPHONS—FOR SALE, B-flat. Practically new. See or write (Miss) Lillian Williams, Spur, Telephone office. Th.

FOR SALE—320 acres wheat land. \$17.50 acre—\$1250.00 cash, balance to suit, write W. B. Melver, Gen Del. Lubbock, Texas. 2-t-p

SHEEP FOR SALE—140 ewes and four bucks; located 4 miles west of Roaring Springs. Apply to R. E. Long. 158-8tc

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to thank our friends, also Drs. Blackwell and Graham for their kindness and help during the illness and death of our beloved father and husband. May God bless you.
Mrs. C. C. Cobb and Children

"Collegeans"