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# Merry Christmas To All



### SUBSCRIPTIONS CONTINUE TO COME IN

Although the weather has been very unfavorable for picking cotton, yet the people continue to bring in their subscriptions. We want you good people to remember that until January 1 we can let you have the Star-Telegram seven days per week for a year and the Dickens County Times a year, both papers for only \$5.95. The Star-Telegram six days per week a whole year and the Times one year, both papers for \$4.95. Also you can secure the Abilene Morning News which is published at 2 o'clock each morning except Monday and arrives in Spur at 11:30 the same day, and the Times, both papers a whole year for \$3.95. Don't you think these are bargains?

### "THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER"

We should all feel that this is the greatest Christmas of our lives, because it is now. We may feel that most, if not all, our material values have perished but does it not teach us that there are things of finer worth that depressions can not destroy? Think of our friends who have remained true through the years. Those who really know us and love, forgetting our imperfections. Think of our own home folks, how much they mean to us and how true they remain during adversity as well as prosperity.

Love—what is it? That something that was born in the manger at Bethlehem. We can't see it, we can't explain it. We can feel it—Mother's love. She may be in Heaven now but how those memories of her linger, in our minds. When in childhood she softly came at night and tucked the cover close about us in our little beds and planted a gentle kiss upon our cheeks and prayed that God might keep us 'til the morn. We think I feel her gentle hand upon my brow just now, her touch in hours of pain was like an angel and made me forget the fever's burn. Love has a value too great to place upon earthly ledgers—our mothers our brothers, our sisters, our friends. We are rich and forget it. God's love—that was so great that he gave this Son for us. Think what it means. He knows when the sparrow falls how much more He cares for us.

Christmas calls us again to the birth of our Savior. The one who lived and showed us how to live by his unselfish example. How beautiful His life, how much it has purified this old world. All the charity, love, and sympathy has come from His example. When we think on these things we know the things of spiritual value are worth while and will last through eternity. Now is the time we all feel like forgiving and helping. How happy we are when we have good will for all. Even those we may have felt did not understand us and maybe we consider they have mistreated us, how sweet is forgiveness and how happy is the forgiver as well as those forgiven.

Can't we, as the Christmas spirit comes to us feel that after all perhaps the depression has been a blessing? Just testing us, seeing if we really can stand when temporal things decay and can't we see that material prosperity will come to us again when we learn not to serve them but to make them secondary to spiritual things that really endure.

We have had health, most of us. Some have said good-bye to loved ones but even sorrow strengthens those who love and see beyond this world.

As I've watched some of the men preparing baskets to give to the

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Mrs. B. J. Little of Purcell, Okla., is the guest of her mother Mrs. Dela Eaton. Mrs. Little and Mrs. Eaton leave today for Fort Worth where they will meet Mr. Little and all enjoy Christmas together.

### MRS. DONNELLY'S CAPTORS CONFESS

Lacy Browning and Paul Schiedt who have a lease on the farm on which the cottage is located that held Mrs. Nell Donnelly a kidnapped prisoner for a ransom of \$75,000, have confessed their guilt in the crime. The place is located near Bonner Springs, Kans., where Mrs. Donnelly was held several days under threat of death unless her husband would pay the ransom. Mr. and Mrs. Donnelly are garment manufacturers in Kansas City. The work of three detectives tracing down laundry marks found on towels used to blindfold Mrs. Donnelly resulted in the arrest of Browning and Schiedt.

### THEATRE PROGRAM WILL APPEAR EACH WEEK

Beginning this week and continuing throughout 1932 the programs of the Palace Theatre will appear each week on page 8 of the Times. The Palace has been having some wonderful programs which would be a pleasure to any one, and since they have lined up a wonderful series of programs for next year it is the purpose of the management to give the public the advantage of knowing about them. So, if our readers will turn to page eight each week they will find the outline of programs for the week.

For Christmas holidays the Palace is featuring Will Rogers in a picture, "Young As You Feel". Everybody knows that Will Rogers is the comedian of philosophy and tells a lot of truths in a funny manner. He holds to the slogan that "All I know is what I read in the papers," and but little gets by that he does not read. See this wonderful character during the holidays at the Palace.

New Year's eve night the Palace will run a midnight matinee for the people, and you may watch the old year out and welcome the New Year in by enjoying a fine picture.

### BUSINESS HOUSES CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

As has been the custom for years all business houses in Spur will be closed Friday, Christmas Day. People will want to pass the day in other ways than coming to trade and the business people will want the day to spend with their families. Saturday will be a big day in Spur with fine bargains for everybody. Come to Spur Saturday and make your money go a long way.

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### President Signs Veteran's Bill

Monday President Hoover signed the veterans bill of \$200,000,000 to replenish the funds which had become exhausted practically with several thousand World War soldiers yet to receive their bonus loan. The additional appropriation which has been made by Congress is not intended to give additional loans to those soldiers who already have received a bonus, but to be able to extend to World War veterans who have not yet received a bonus an opportunity to secure their claim. Many veterans have applied for a bonus and have not received it because the funds had become exhausted.

### Moratorium Plan Attacked In Senate

The President's moratorium plan stirred the ire of Senator Hiram Johnson, Republican from California, before crowded galleries in the Senate Monday. Senator Johnson stated that the President had exceeded his authority in granting a moratorium to foreign countries on the war debts without the consent of the Senate. Senator Johnson said, "this is the sort of thing that makes dictatorship, and this is the sort of thing that arouses rebellion. Abolish the Senate. Why have a representative body if certain leaders may be taken into the White House, and upon their ipse dixit, legislation may be enacted. They are symptoms that always precede upheaval and if things don't change to a degree you may look forward anxiously."

It is thought the moratorium plan will pass the Senate, but opposition by certain members is very strong. The House ratified the plan in their session last Friday. The vote was 317 to 100. 18 members either were not present or did not vote. However, the House placed an amendment on the plan which in effect said that no revision in war debts be sanctioned.

J. E. Sanders, a former resident of Spur, now of Abilene, was visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Everts will leave Thursday for Abilene where they will spend their Christmas with Mrs. Evert's mother.

### Centralized Local Charity Plan Suggested

Dr. T. H. Blackwell, county health officer, is in receipt of suggested plans for carrying on charity work that were sent out from the state department at Austin recently.

The plans as sent to him suggest combined organization for an individual county rather than leave the work up to several organizations. Dr. Blackwell's explanation of the suggestion is as follows: "The State Department of Health has suggested that all the charity funds be placed into one fund and a committee be appointed to apply it on employing people who need help. The plan is to clean up the city and any improvements as seems wise.

"There are hundreds of surface toilets which should be done away with and most of these people cannot afford sewers. So the pit toilet solves the sanitary problem and is the best substitute for the sewer. The price of these toilets is two or three dollars where they have the house. E. R. White here from the state department has demonstrated the advantages of this type of toilet over surface toilets. He will help with this work.

"There are quite a few places that need draining, and ditches and clearing. This can be done the same way. All of this kind of work is a great protection to health and should be done.

"Whatever the cost is to be charged to property owners and is to be paid back to the organization in monthly installments, so it becomes a revolving fund. We can raise the money in various ways. This to be worked out. We will have quite a few who will need help and many don't like to accept charity, so this plan enables them to go along during the winter and earn what they get.

"This committee can distribute all laborers in the county and by so doing they would know every day the situation and needs of all who need help. This plan does away with the dole system."

Coal with less slack or waste, two sizes.  
SWAFFORD & HILL  
Phone 32

C. W. Barret of A. & M. is here for the holidays. Durward Woodard is here from Simmons also.

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### Christmas Is A Great Time

To everybody, both the rich and the poor, Christmas is more than a normal season. There is something about the day called Christmas that every one irrespective of creed or nationality that makes it dear to us. It should be a sacred day to all Christendom—to all Christian believers. It should be a day of rejoicing and thankfulness. It is recorded that when Christ was born in Bethlehem that wise men from the East, bringing gifts, costly and precious gifts to Him. We sometimes wonder if that example is not overlooked by Christian believers today. We are anxious to bestow gifts upon our friends, either sincerely or otherwise, but few of us remember to bring any gifts in honor to the event which Christmas is expected to celebrate.

If the wise men saw proper to bring gifts unto the Lord, why would it not be a good custom for us today to bring gifts to promote the program which the Lord outlined while here on earth. What ever church denomination may be you could pay that gift at Christmas time through the treasury of your church. If Christmas is a time to promote the spirit of giving, would it be a good plan to make those gifts toward the promotion of a spiritual world?

At the advent of the first Christmas it is said that the angels in heaven sang and that people on earth rejoiced. Probably if we would direct our gifts in the right manner that again the angels would sing and people rejoice on earth. If we are selfish in our customs of Christmas giving, we cannot expect anything but to lose the joy that should be ours. Probably it might pay us to get a new conception of what Christmas should be.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Jackson of Roaring Springs were in our city Tuesday transacting business.

### High School Gets 12 to 14 Victory Over Fire Boys

Staging a last minute attack in the final quarter, the Spur High Bulldogs came from behind in the fourth quarter Monday afternoon to score another touchdown that gave them a victory over the Fire Boys All Star team 14 to 12.

A good crowd witnessed a game that was hard fought throughout. There was plenty of mud and plenty of chances to score were missed.

Too much Washam and Jimmie Hahn proved the undoing of the All Stars. Washam did the passing with Hahn, Chapman and Powell on the receiving end. The All Stars with Rickles, Jordan, John A. Davis and Brode Puckett as backs and Manning on end furnished the offensive power of that side.

The first quarter was scoreless with neither side making a first down. The second quarter opened with the All Stars having the ball on their 18 yard line. A passing and driving attack featuring Davis Rickles, Jordan and Puckett placed the ball on the high school five yard line when they were forced to punt. Washam then made 15 yards through the line and passed to Jim Hahn for another 55 yards. On the third attempt to score Washam passed to Hahn over the goal line for the first touchdown.

Attempted place kick for goal was blocked.

The third quarter was another scoreless battle with both teams taking to the air in attempts to score. Several penalties on both sides were assessed in this quarter.

At the opening of the fourth quarter the All Stars received the ball on a punt on their 40 yard line and began a drive which netted them their first touchdown. Puckett did most of the ball carrying and bucked the line for the counter. No goal.

High school received the kick but lost the ball on downs. Jordan caught a pass for 33 yards and Puckett bucked the line for the All

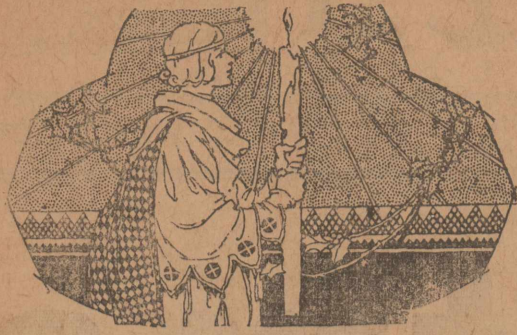
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Wichita

Mr. Beechley has been very sick with pneumonia. We had three inches of snow Wednesday and Wednesday night.

Mrs. Jessie Luman and children, of Muleshoe, spent Saturday night with her brother, Henry Lasseter and family. James Berry was badly hurt while crushing feed last Monday. The belt broke and hit him, crush-



A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR Spur Grain & Coal Co.



We're wishing you a real Old Fashioned Christmas, the jolly happy kind, with every blessing to make it complete.

SPUR TAILORS

MAY THIS CHRISTMAS BRING YOU

THE GREATEST HAPPINESS YOU HAVE EVER KNOWN BEFORE

S. M. SWENSON & SONS

Some Helpful Hints in Planning Church or Community Suppers



By JOSEPHINE GIBSON, Director, Heinz Food Institute

To the person not accustomed to quantities of food, planning the menu and purchasing for a church or community supper is often quite baffling. The menu must be good, the food well cooked and attractively served, and there must be plenty to take care of a large attendance. Two menus suggested below are practical for large groups. The quantities here are planned to serve fifty people and easily may be multiplied if a larger group is to be served. If you expect to participate in organizing a church supper, you will wish to slip these suggestions into your recipe file for future reference.

Menu I

- Chilled Fruit Cup, Ham Loaf with Potatoes, Jellied Carrot and Pineapple Salad, Rolls, Frosted Chocolate Cake, Buttered Peas, Butter, Coffee

\*Indicates recipes are given below

Ham Loaf with Potatoes—6 lbs. raw cured ham; 3 lbs. fresh pork; 3 qts. Rice Flakes; 6 eggs; 3 cups milk; 1 1/2 teaspoons pepper; 2 tablespoons Worcestershire Sauce; 1 pk. potatoes, sweet or white. Grind ham and pork together twice. Mix all ingredients thoroughly. Pat into loaves and cook in roasting pans, with a little water, for about an hour. After first half hour, place white or sweet potatoes around loaves. Bake until tender and brown.

Jellied Carrot and Pineapple Salad—1 institutional package (26 ozs.) lemon flavored gelatin; 3/4

cups boiling water; 1/2 cup Pure Vinegar; 3 qts. raw carrots, grated; 3 qts. water or pineapple juice; 1/2 No. 10 can crushed pineapple, drained; 2 teaspoons salt. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water and add vinegar. Add pineapple juice and chill. Add finely grated carrots, pineapple and salt to gelatin when slightly thickened. Pour into individual molds or shallow pans. Chill until firm. Serve in nests of crisp lettuce with Mayonnaise Salad Dressing.

Other Quantities to Serve 50—9 No. 2 cans peas; 100 rolls; 1 lb. butter (cut with butter slicer); 1 1/2 lbs. coffee.

Menu II

- Oven Baked Beans, Vegetarian Style, Fresh Cucumber Relish, Baked Ham, Cold Slaw, Hot Rolls, Fig Pudding (ready to serve), Butter, Coffee

Baked Ham — 2 hams, 10 lbs. each; 2 1/2 cups brown sugar; 1 1/2 cups Pure Cider Vinegar; Whole Cloves; 1/2 cup crumbs. Cook hams until tender. Peel skins, arrange in baking pans and stick cloves over surface of hams. Make a syrup of the brown sugar and vinegar, and pour over them. Sprinkle with crumbs, and brown in a hot oven.

Cold Slaw—2 gals. cabbage, shredded finely; 2 1/2 tablespoons sugar; 2 1/2 tablespoons salt; 1 teaspoon pepper; 1 cup Pure Vine-

gar; 1 qt. Mayonnaise Salad Dressing; 6 green peppers, chopped; 1 teaspoon onion juice. Add sugar, salt and pepper to shredded cabbage. Mix Mayonnaise Salad Dressing with vinegar and pour over cabbage. Add green pepper and onion juice. Mix thoroughly and serve on crisp lettuce leaves. Note: Boiled Dressing may be substituted for mayonnaise and vinegar mixture.

Other Quantities to Serve 50—2 No. 10 cans Oven Baked Beans; 2 qts. Fresh Cucumber Relish; 4 large size Fig Puddings.

ing and tearing his arm all to pieces. They rushed him to the Nichols Sanitarium at Spur where an X-ray picture of his arm was made. The arm was dressed and he is resting very well at this time but he is still in the sanitarium. Quite a few have killed hogs this week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Giddens were shopping in Spur this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Marchison were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Perrin, of Muleshoe, are down to take Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lambert and other relatives and friends.

Bill Sauls of the Colbert Ranch, was visiting in our neighborhood one night this week.

Kim Robiny and family of Brownwood spent the week end with Mrs. Robiny's parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Rainholt.

Bill Rainholt and family have gone to Brownwood to work for a month or more.

Mrs. J. J. South and daughter of Spur, visited her parents Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lambert.

T. S. Lambert and daughters, Mrs. J. P. Legg and Mrs. Don Perrin were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tandy Legg, of Wellington, spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Legg.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Puckett spent the week end at Posta with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Puckett.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Groner spent the week end in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Tandy Legg and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Legg were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Jurle Hawse of Prairie Chapel was in our community Wednesday.

Mrs. T. S. Lambert and Mrs. D. H. Giddens were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. David Clay has been pretty sick but is improving now.

Mr. and Mrs. Skinny Youngblood of Dickens, spent Wednesday night with her brother and family, Henry Lasseter.

A few Croton people enjoyed the carnival at Prairie Chapel Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Legg and son, Peyton, spent the week end in Lubbock with Mrs. W. M. Perrin.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Nickels and children of Matador were visiting S. L. Porter and family Sunday eve.

Mr. Groner is in Dallas having his arm treated.

Lower Red Mud

A large crowd attended the birthday party given to Marvin Smith by his mother, Mrs. J. Z.

noes, and hypnotizing.

Monday was a most beautiful day and several bales of cotton were taken to Spur. L. B. and Alfred Fuqua were in Spur Monday marketing cotton. Snow fell Wednesday and by Thursday morning the ground was completely covered.

This week closed the school term until after Christmas. The teachers left for their various homes.

Horace Wood was in Afton Friday evening.

Santa Claus Letters

Girard, Texas, Dec. 16, 1931.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a baby doll and boots and lots of good things to eat. And my little sister, Nancy Jee, wants a little wagon. She is two years old and she wants good things to eat, too. I am eight. Don't forget good poor boys and girls. Yours truly,

Werdna Lee and Nancy Jo Beaver.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a wagon, tricycle, and airgun. As this is my first attempt to write will run along. Don't forget the other little boys and girls. Lovingly,

Morris B. Hicks.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 11, 1931.

Dear Santa Claus: How are you? Fine, I hope. I am O. K. I have a fine teacher, and a fine school room. I have five teachers. Santa, I want you to bring little piano for Christmas and a little doll, and an apple, orange, and some candy. I have seven books Miss Hogan is making a Santa Claus Castle. I hope we have a Christmas tree over here. I went in the Christmas store and looked at the things in there. It sure is pretty. Well, I must close. So answer soon. With love,

Thelma Kimmel.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 11, 1931.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, candy and some oranges and some apples and some nuts. I am glad for what I got last year. I hope you a Merry Christmas. I will close.

Nellie May Dozier.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.

Dear Santa Claus: I am six years old. I started to school this year.

Santy, will you bring me a new doll with hair and eye lashes, also a set of dishes, little trunk and swing for the new doll. If you can't bring it all-bring the doll and dishes.

I love you lots and thank you very much for all my nice toys. Your friend,

Celesta Rav King.

P. S. Santa Claus, please ask Mrs. Santa to send my mother some of her doll patterns so my mother can make my dolls some new clothes.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.

Dear Santa: I am 4 years old and a big boy so will you please bring me a train, tricycle and a dump truck.

Also a lot of candy, nuts and fruit for I can eat lots. Love to you, Willis R. King, Jr.

Smith, Saturday night. They were entertained with forty-two, domi-



To you, our loyal friend and patron, we extend the heartiest Christmas Greetings, may peace, joy and prosperity be yours in the coming years.

SPUR SERVICE STATION

Homer Cargile, Mgr.



Accept our sincere Good Wishes for joy, happiness and prosperity in 1932.

Spur Hardware & Furn. Co.

"Spur's Oldest Store"

Spur, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.

Dear Santa: Please bring me a Testament and pair of skates and apples, nuts and candy. That is all for this time. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I will close. Ethel Dozier.

Midway School.

Dear Santa Claus: I wish I had a new pair of shoes, and more than anything a new coat. I am a good girl in the second grade and help my teacher and mother very much. Harry and come Helen Simmons.



To yourself and those dear and near to you may Christmas of this year mark the beginning of an era of peace, prosperity and contentment for all. That's our wish.

LOVE DRY GOODS CO.



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year This is just a little greeting, but it carries a big "Thank You" for your business during the past year.

Ramsey Garage & Ser. Sta.

1931 1932

TO GREET YOU WITH A WORD OF THANKS

For your good-will and Patronage AND TO WISH YOU

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Stone Department Store

SPUR, TEXAS

1931 1932



White River

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Slack were shopping and meeting friends in Spur Saturday.

Miss Ruby Spott, teacher of White River School, was shopping in Spur Saturday.

Little Joyce Walker of Meadow, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walker.

WE CANNOT LET CHRISTMAS PASS WITHOUT A MESSAGE TO OUR FRIENDS

Christmas affords us the welcome opportunity to broadcast to all our friends, wherever they may be, our good wishes and to say again that we appreciate your patronage

May the season be a most joyous one to you and yours.

With pleasant anticipation we look to the year ahead and assure you in advance of painstaking efforts to meet your requirements.

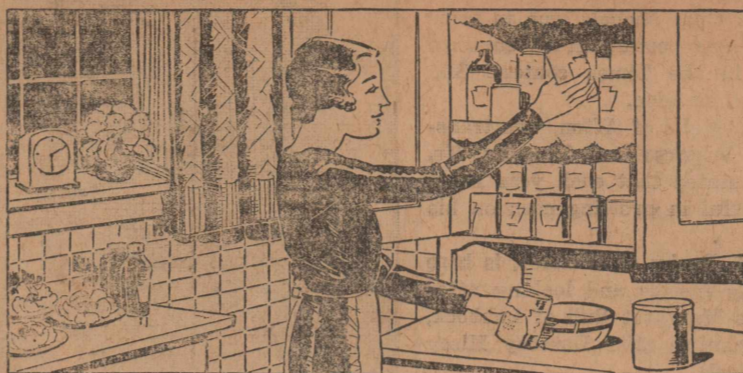
Palace Theatre Horton Barrett, Mgr.



During this season we never fail to realize that it has been the patronage of our friends, who have contributed to our success.

SPUR LAUNDRY PHONE 344

Last Minute Luncheon Ideas That Have Genuine Appeal



By JOSEPHINE GIBSON Director, Helax Food Institute

ONLY an hour until luncheon or supper time! How the hours have flown! And we have no plans as to menu, so we scurry about frantically to produce the best possible meal in the time remaining.

Deviled Rarebit: Two tablespoons butter; 2 tablespoons flour; 1 medium can Cream of Celery Soup; 1 5 oz. can deviled ham; 2 hard cooked eggs; buttered croutons or crisp crackers.

Winter Supper Salad: One medium size can Oven Baked Red Kidney Beans; 1 cup very finely diced carrots; 3 tablespoons India or ranch cucumber relish; 1 tablespoon finely chopped onion; 1/4 cup mayonnaise Salad Dressing.

in our community Thursday. B. M. Blackmon was transacting business in Abilene Friday.

Quick Supper Stew: One can Oven Baked Beans (Boston style); 1 can tomatoes; 1 cup canned corn; 1 large potato, finely diced; 1 medium size onion, finely diced; 2 tablespoons butter; 1 tablespoon sugar; 1 teaspoon salt; 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

ing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks. Willie Smith was in Spur Saturday.

Santa Claus Letters

Dear Santa Claus: I want a little gun some fruit, and candy. I have been a good boy and worked hard pulling bolls.

Dear Santa Claus: I am four years old and like to play. Will you please bring me a baby doll in a swing.

GREETINGS

The Spirit of the Season prompts us to express our sincere appreciation of your friendship and to wish you an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.

IVES BAKERY

CHRISTMAS DINNER



For that Christmas Dinner, why worry about preparing it, we will serve you Turkey and all the "Fixin's" just for 50c.

SPUR COFFEE SHOP OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

1931

"HE PROFITS MOST WHO SERVES BEST"

WE WISH YOU THE MERRIEST CHRISTMAS AND HAPPIEST NEW YEAR YOU HAVE EVER SPENT.

IT HAS BEEN A real pleasure to us to serve you in whatever ways we were able to do so during the year that has just passed.

IT WILL BE A source of continuous satisfaction should we find within our power to render you material service during the months to come.

CITY OF SPUR

"WE OWN OUR OWN AT HOME"

W. A. HART Chief Engineer ALF GLASGOW, Plant Engineer O. T. STEPHENSON, Lineman J. O. ADCOCK, Water Supt.

MISS HELEN GRACE, Cashier W. M. MALONE, City Marshall E. L. SMITH, Night Watchman MISS SYBLE McDANIELS, Bookkeeper

E. J. COWAN, Mayor W. M. HAZEL, Commissioner J. E. JOHNSON, Commissioner L. R. BURROUGHS, City Sec. and Mgr. of Utilities

1932



THE BEST CHRISTMAS EVER

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poor it makes me think maybe God arranged it so that some be poor that some have sorrow, that others might give and sympathize. How happy these big, strong fellows seem to be as they fix the baskets that will bring a bit of Christmas cheer to others.

I do not know what the future holds for us but I believe we are being tried and most of the men and women of this country, are proving to be pure gold. So I'm looking for things to be better in 1932. As I write this I can truly say that in my heart there is love, and good wishes for every man on earth, the white, the yellow, the black, and not the least will be harbored if I know. Can't we all make this a great Christmas by forgiving, and seeing the good in all from our president down to the one in the lowly walk of life? What I have said comes from my heart. I want it to help some one as I wish you all a HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Your friend,  
Geo. S. Link, With  
BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

WE MIGHT USE PART OF THE  
70 PER CENT THIS WAY

A few years ago the writer experienced the planting of corn of which some of the seed grew in the State of Iowa and the remainder grew in Texas.

All of the corn was planted within a period of four or five days and all was cultivated in about the same manner.

We found that the corn planted from the Iowa seed was matured and ready for harvest some five or six weeks before the Texas corn was ready. We were still plowing and chopping weeds out of the Texas corn when we could have been harvesting the Iowa corn. Both varieties were planted side by side in the same field. A neighbor experienced the same thing that we experienced and during the same year and on a farm adjoining our farm.

Considering the very excellent rainfall that has come this winter if we were farming some of this fine bottom land, we would select some good seed for corn from Iowa or other far northern state and plant it next spring. We would try to have our land in a good tilth and plant the corn about the first of March. The hardness of corn grown in a northern state would sustain it during our early spring temperature and it would start growing at once. Since it had been produced in a short growing season it would mature several weeks earlier than the corn just as it did for us some years ago.

The present moisture would hold up until the spring rains begin and the fine showers in April and May and first days of June would mature the corn. By first days of June the corn will have matured before the hot wind season would burn it. With fine rich soil such as is found in our fields along Duck Creek and Duckum we see no reason why good corn cannot be grown if it is cultivated.

Some may ask "Why grow corn here?" Well one reason is that it will consume part of the acreage which will be left from cotton under the 30 per cent law. Second, this country ships in many carloads of meal each year made from corn grown in East Texas and other sections. Farmers could produce that corn here and our local mills an manufacture better meal than that produced in East Texas. The meal can be placed on the market while it is fresh and sweet and while it contains baking life. Third many substitutes may be used, but no grain has ever proved to be as good feed for hogs when properly balanced with other materials as corn has proved to be. Other grains are used, but the best hogs grow in the corn producing states and they have been considered as producing the best quality of meats.

Some say you cannot make a success with corn every year. Quite true. But there are times when all of us must use our reasoning ability and not depend on instinct. If the seasons during the fall and spring are favorable, corn may be planted with success. None of us would consider planting wheat unless we had a reasonable assurance of a good fall season.

It will cost but little to make an experiment on the above plan. The corn falls there still will be plenty of time to plant the land to grain sorghums. But the farmer who never works out any experiment for himself usually ceases to be a thinker and reverts to a one team system of farming.

Mrs. Sidney Mayfield of McAdoo was shopping in Spur Monday.

AFTON

Wednesday night of last week the Stone brothers had a collision on the highway between Afton and Dickens during the snow storm but no one was seriously hurt.

There was about six inches of snow fell here Wednesday night and Thursday of this week which gave plenty of moisture for fall wheat.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Brown of this section are the proud parents of a baby born the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Norris and family were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bateman were shopping in Spur Saturday.

U. S. Ford and family were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Coker and family and Mrs. O. K. Baswell were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Jim Brown was in Spur on business Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bennett were trading in Spur Saturday.

Ross Morris, Charlie Mossie, W. M. Scott, H. U. Williams were on the streets of Spur Saturday.

J. B. Willmon and family were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Mr. Fretwell was in Spur Saturday.

Tipton and John Stokes and the Winfield brothers were in the streets of Spur Saturday.

Miss Opal Nichols was in Spur Saturday reporting on her subscriptions in the Times contest. She lives at McAdoo.

C. C. Haile of Afton, was transacting business here Tuesday. Mr. Haile stated that each year he is successful in growing corn on his farm.

J. H. Busby of Weslaco, is here visiting friends and looking after Rush McLaughlin of McAdoo, was looking after business in Spur Monday.

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WILL ROGERS ATTRACTION  
FOR CHRISTMAS

Will Rogers famous bangs and cow lick underwent the influence of pomade for the first time in the life of this world famed comedian while he was filming "Young As You Feel", his latest starring Fox comedy drama which opens Christmas at the Palace Theatre. Appearing as a modern well-dressed business man, it was imperative that Rogers slick back his hair in keeping with his fashionable wardrobe.

SALESMEN LEAD IN AUTO  
SLOGAN WRITING CONTEST

Salesmen seem to know how to put punch into their words for 22 of the first 150 winners of automobiles in the Cremona cigar contest are engaged in sales work, according to the American Cigar Company. The contest has shown, too, that housewives not only know good advertising when they see it but also how to prepare good copy, since eight housewives, the second largest group by occupations, have been awarded automobiles by judges. Awards are based on twenty-word slogans explaining the merits of Cremona cigars. One automobile is awarded each day, except Sundays, the winners being announced every night at 7:15 for the East and 11 o'clock for the West eastern standard time during the Bing Crosby program over the Columbia network. Two newspaper reporters, one of them a woman, and the editor of a weekly newspaper are also among the winners.

SENIORS 1931

The Senior Class of 1931 had a banquet, Tuesday night, December 22, in the Campbell building. This class has the honor of being the largest class to graduate from Spur High School to date, Miss Lora Barrett was their sponsor. Miss Barrett was here from Waco and all except one of the class were present. The only one absent was Truett Hutto, who is attending school in Oklahoma and did not get out of school in time to be here. The Spur Club has invited the class to the In nafter the banquet.

SENIORS 1930

The Senior Class of 1930 are planning a theatre party next Monday night, December 28th, at 7:30. The class will meet at the appointed time at Sanders Pharmacy and then go to the show. Miss Annabel Haralson, former Home Economics teacher, who was their sponsor will be here from Angleton where she is teaching to attend the reunion. Most of the class are expected to be there.

W. J. Conoway of Croton, was attending to business affairs in our city Saturday.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE OR TRADE—160 acres in New Mexico. Also, a house in Corpus Christi. See or write Miss May Bell Thornton, Spur, Texas. 12-12-31 3tp.

FOUND—A Masonic emblem. Owner may have same by paying for this and describing emblem. Call at Times Office. 12-12-31. 3tc.

FOR SALE — Work teams and Jersey cow. BryantLink Co. tf.

FOR SALE—50 mules and horses ready to work. J. C. Bolding, Floydada. 2tc

J. J. Twaddell, of Dallas, who has been visiting his brother, S. H. Twaddell for the past week returned to his home Saturday.

Mrs. J. T. Wylie left Sunday for Snyder to spend the holidays with her mother and other relatives.

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Inspirational Song and Sentiment  
Highly Favored by Radio Listeners



Chuck Haynes, Ray Ferris, Gene Arnold

Irma Glen, Organist

Radio listeners of America are in a mood for the more inspirational and uplifting offerings in music and literature. If the pronounced and widespread success of the "Beautiful Thoughts" hour sponsored by Montgomery Ward & Co., mail-order and retail-store concern, and put on the air by the NBC network of thirty-five stations, may be taken as an indication of this general feeling of appreciation for the more uplifting and uplifting programs of quality and character as exemplified by our daily broadcast, "said an executive of Ward & Co. "There is no doubt that many persons find solace and encouragement in these trying times in our radio offerings. Among those presenting our programs are Chuck Haynes, Ray Ferris, Gene Arnold and Irma Glen, and they are making the programs sufficiently diversified and interesting to maintain and extend the general attractiveness of the offerings.

"The Beautiful Thoughts" type of radio program evidently is here to stay. Some radio experts are seriously wondering if the jazz age isn't waning—wondering if the rank and file of our people aren't hungering for the nobler and more inspiring thoughts in music and literature. It is significant that on two mornings when Ward's closing "Prayer for Today" was the daily broadcast, there was a storm of disapproval, and the prayer was immediately restored to its place in the program."

Following a nation-wide poll of radio listeners for the popular choice of air entertainment, the "Beautiful Thoughts" type of program received many more votes than any of three other distinct types of program.

A school principal in Jersey City, N. J. plans to open the school day for her 800 pupils with the musical "Prayer for Today," which concludes the daily Ward broadcast. Ragan, Neb., has a history-in organization of 1800, who recently voted the "Beautiful Thoughts" hour the most attractive and helpful of all air programs.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Ensey, Rev. Percy Jones, of Stamford, was in our city Sunday and Monday looking after his work with the Episcopal Church.

Robt. Reynolds, our efficient County Clerk, was greeting friends and trading in our city Saturday.

Jeff Smith, of Dry Lake, was looking after business matters here Saturday.

Miss Alta Lancaster, one of the teachers of the county, was doing some shopping in our city Saturday.

W. H. Harris, one of the hustling McAdoo farmers, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

W. T. Harris, of Highway, was looking after business matters here Saturday.

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SOMETHING NEW in riding habits is being shown by pretty Peggy Shannon, Paramount movie star.



A SERIOUS JIMMY WALKER: New York's mayor calls on 83-year-old mother of Tom Mooney—serving life term for alleged part in Preparedness Day parade bombing in San Francisco—following his plea before Governor Rolph of California for her son's pardon. She collapsed, later, from the strain of her anxiety.

GREETINGS

THE TIME IS AT HAND, WHEN WE  
GLADLY WELCOME THE OPPORTUN-  
ITY, TO SAY

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

and to express our appreciation, for the invaluable asset, Good Will, that you have so kindly bestowed upon us during the past year and we fully reciprocate.

That we deem your friendship a privilege; your kind consideration a token. For your confidence our thanks, for your continued patronage our gratitude; for the many favors bestowed upon us during the year our sincere appreciation.

The year has taken its place in the history of the past. Let's forget, and face the future with hope and confidence. Remembering, . . .

That while our bank accounts may be shallower, we ourselves are deeper and broader.

That while some of us may be poorer in purse we are richer in personality.

We are not as proud, not as arrogant, not as reckless, but we are more sympathetic.

Christmas finds each and every one connected with the B. Schwarz & Son organization, stopping for the moment, the business of dry goods to extend to you our Christmas Greetings, and all of us hoping sincerely, that health and happiness will be yours . . . Always.

Sincerely yours,

M. C. GOLDING

Speaking for

B. SCHWARZ & SON

Highway

Ben Blackmon was in Spur Tuesday.

Guy Teague spent a few days of last week with his sister, Mrs. Conley Smith.

Miss Winnie Sparks spent Friday night with her sister, Miss Leona Sparks at Spur.

Quite a crowd from this community attended the dance at Espuela Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. George were shopping in Spur Saturday.

Henry and Willie Reece were in the Red Mud community Saturday.

Arvil George of the Red Mud community, spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives here.

Hubert Blackmon spent Friday night with Guy Teague of Espuela.

Paul Boren of McAdoo, spent this week end with his sister, Mrs. George Shaw.

Misses Nita and Dot Teague of Espuela, spent Saturday night with Miss Loretta Sparks.

The Highway school will dismiss only three days for Christmas. The school will turn out Wednesday afternoon and will take up again Monday morning.

Luther Denson was transacting

business in Spur Saturday.

Ben Blackmon purchased a Chevrolet car this week.

Willie Smith was attending to business affairs in the city Saturday.

Austin Frazier was in Spur Saturday.

Mr. Holly, principal of the school was in the city Saturday.

R. L. English was in Spur Monday.

Wiley Grubbs was in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. George Shaw spent the week end with her parents at McAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Boren.

SENIORS 1928

Mrs. R. C. Forbis will entertain at her home on Hill Street the Senior Class of 1928, on the night of December 23rd. It is uncertain whether their sponsor, O. C. Thomas of Post, will be present but most of the class will be able to attend. However, several are so far away that it will be impossible for them to come. This is the first time the class will have been together since their graduation but they hope to be able to hold a reunion every year from now on.



'Tis an old friend that greets you here and hopes that your Christmas will be running over with happiness and good cheer.

W. S. Campbell Furniture



Thrift Dinners Are Economical; They Save Both Time and Money



By JOSEPHINE GIBSON Director, Heinz Food Institute

BUSY Winter days often leave little time for preparation of elaborate dinners, and at such times we are especially thankful for the wealth of prepared and semi-prepared foods that enable us to serve delicious dinners at low cost and with little effort.

- Cooked Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce with Small Sausage Cakes\* Buttered Green Beans or Spinach Pineapple and Sliced Grape Salad\* French Dressing Whole Wheat Bread Refrigerator Gingerbread\* with Apple Butter Topping\* Coffee

\*Indicates recipes are given below

Cooked Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce with Small Sausage Cakes—1 medium can Cooked Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce; 1 pound sausage. Form sausage into small cakes and brown slowly.

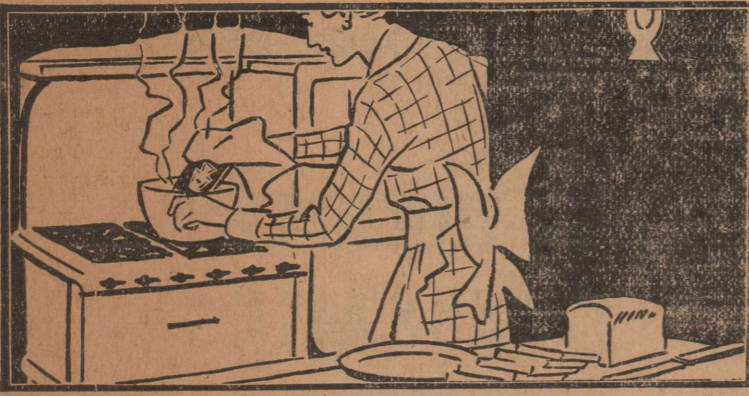
Pineapple and Sliced Grape Salad—6 slices pineapple; 1 pound Malaga grapes; 1 small head lettuce. In nests of crisp lettuce place pineapple rings.

Refrigerator Gingerbread with

Apple Butter Topping—1/2 cup granulated sugar; 1/4 cup butter; 1/4 cup vegetable shortening; 1 egg; 1/2 cup baking molasses; 2 cups flour; 1/2 teaspoon ginger; 1 teaspoon cinnamon; 1/2 teaspoon allspice; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 teaspoon baking soda in 1/2 cup hot water.

Apple Butter Topping—Beat until stiff 1 egg white, to which a few grains of salt have been added. Fold in 4 tablespoons Pure Apple Butter, adding 1 tablespoon at a time and beating after the addition of each tablespoon.

Oven Baked Bean Sandwiches Are Ideal for Winter Lunches



By JOSEPHINE GIBSON Director, Heinz Food Institute

HOT baked bean sandwiches, or sandwiches of baked beans in combination with other foods, form a substantial, appetizing main dish for winter lunches.

Broiled Bean Sandwich—6 slices bread; Butter; 1 medium can Oven Baked Beans (Boston Style); 1/2 package American cheese; 6 strips bacon. Place slices of buttered bread on a baking sheet.

Boston Bean Sandwich—1 medium can Oven Baked Beans (Boston Style); 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1/2 package American cheese; 6 strips bacon. Place slices of buttered bread on a baking sheet.

Baked Bean, Bacon and Olive Sandwich—3 slices toast for each sandwich to be made; 1/4 pound bacon, sliced thin; 1 small bottle Stuffed Spanish Olives, sliced; 1 medium can Oven Baked Beans (with Pork and Tomato Sauce). Fry bacon until crisp and brown.

Sailboat Sandwich—3 slices whole wheat bread for each sandwich; 1 small can Oven Baked Beans (Vegetarian Style); 2 tablespoons Tomato Ketchup or Chili Sauce; 2 to 3 tablespoons minced onion; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 1 large pepper, chopped; lettuce. Spread slices of bread with butter.

IDEAS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

Many of us have our ideas about Christmas. The following are a series of poems written by children in the Junior High School which give some new ideas about this season:

THE DAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the day before Christmas, And all through the town, The children were happy Because the snow was falling down

Pa was in the variety store, Looking at the toys, Wondering if an electric train Would be all right for the boys.

Mother was in the front room, Trimming the Christmas tree, Little brother was standing in her way Saying, "Mother, don't you need me?"

Sister was in her room, With a package tied just so. Because to night, you see, She would give it to her beau.

I was in the attic, Peeping into mother's things, And what do you think I saw? Two monkeys that run on strings.

'Twas the day before Christmas, Ah, what a sight! Everyone was getting ready For Santa that night.

CHRISTMAS

Dearest month of many joys, Especially dear to girls and boys; Christmas is the reason why Each is glad with hope so high!

SANTA CLAUS

Old Santa'll be here pretty soon, He'll stop at your door by the light of the moon; He'll come down the chimney and leave some toys,

He'll come very fast with his reindeer light, But won't stay long 'cause he might be late. He'll come and leave you very soon He must be back home just tomorrow at noon.

He drives down the street in the sleet and snow, And makes the children holler, Oh! He leaves then in a very great haste For he surely has no time to waste.

SECRETS

The air is full of mystery, The secrets are a-swing; And if you happen to know one, Don't tell a single thing! And perhaps we've something hiding For each loved one dear, For Christmas day is coming, And will soon be here!

SEASON'S GREETING

May Christmas come bringing Such gladness you way It will stand out from others A Red Letter Day. May the New Year be happy And so full of cheer You'll remember it always, A Red Letter Year!

Santa Claus Letters

Midway School. Dear Santa Claus: I wish you would please bring me a gun, firecrackers, fruit and candy. Come soon. Dalton Overstreet.

Midway School. Dear Santa: I want a coaster, air-gun, and candy. I live in a store at the school house. I am in the second grade and like school and you, too, please remember my baby brother. Skee Williams.

Midway School. Dear Santa: I want a little toy car and some candy. I am six years old and have just started to school and love my teacher. I have been pulling bolls hard all fall. Hurry and come. Weldon Havens.

Midway School. Dear Santa: Hurry Santa and come to school and bring me a baby doll and a dough board with animal cutters. I am just six and just started to school but am a smart girl so my teacher has already put me in the first grade. Mable Blakely.

Books for the Children

Lawyer Goes Milne One Better With "Funday"; David Putnam Recounts His Latest Adventure; Alida Malkus Turns Out Another Historical Novel.

FUNDAY is in many ways the outstanding book for children in this generation. Its author, Ho Orleans, is a prominent New York attorney whose literary efforts have been limited to the amusement of his own children, Julian, aged 3, and Judith, aged 8.



My scooter and my bicycle My wagon and my sled I put away at night but before It's time to go to bed I set them in the big garage But leave the doors ajar So father—if there's space to spare Can use it for his car.

Each evening, Mr. Orleans, who is known to his children as "Mister Funday," writes a verse and illustrates it for his two youngsters. FUNDAY is a collection of 368 of these verses and illustrations and it reveals a prodigious talent for amusing little folks.

The author, says The Parents Magazine, reveals an understanding of the simple things that children enjoy, and gives an interesting picture of family life. "Poetry for children," said Angelo Patri, "should include Stevenson, Milne, and that new Mother Goose, FUNDAY."

Martin & Company, New York, \$2.50.

WHAT pleased warriors when saga-makers sang to them is exactly the thing that pleases healthy-minded boys, says Charles J. Finger, book critic of The New York Herald Tribune. "The book that comes nearest to this ideal is A FIFTH FOR THE KING by Alida Sims Malkus."

Harper & Brothers, New York, \$2.00.

THE "David" books by David Binney Putnam have become classic for countless adventure-loving youngsters—and their elders—who have enjoyed this series. Each is a real boy's story of the stirring adventures every boy would like to have.

This new book is the story of the summer's adventures on a 47-foot Nova Scotia schooner, the Jehu. In it five men, David the youngest, voyaged north along the Labrador coast to Hebron. Thence, bound for Iceland, they sailed eastward to Greenland, to retruce the Viking trail pioneered by Leif Ericsson a thousand years ago.

In this record of the 5,000-mile voyage David has captured the spirit of life at sea on a small craft.

Brewer, Warren & Putnam, New York, \$1.75.

NOTE TO OUR READERS: If you cannot obtain these books through local bookstores, we will be glad to order them for you on receipt of the sum listed as the price of each book.

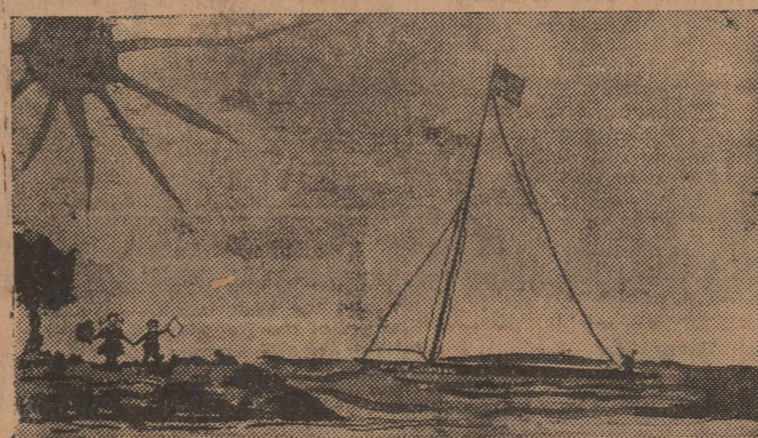
Midway School. Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me one orange, apple, candy and nuts and if you can, bring me a dress and coat. Bring my baby sister, Inez, a little doll I love you, Santa. Faye Sizemore.

Midway School. Dear Santa: I want a dress, a hat and a little doll. I would like to have some candy, fruit and nuts. I just started to school here today and am going to like it fine. Don't forget my two little sisters and brother Lucille Dawson.

Midway School. Dear Santa: I have just started to school and like to come. I want a watch, some candy, apples, and oranges; also nuts: Be sure and come to see me for I am a good boy and get a star every day for being clean. Billie Adams.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 17, 1931. Dear Santa: Please bring me a little doll, a set of dishes, some fruit, candy and nuts. And please, dear Santa, don't forget my brother. Euton Stephenson.

TOY SAILBOAT SERVES AS DIPLOMATIC FORCE



The Good Ship "Uncle Stimson" visits America on a good-will voyage to Funday.

WHEN Ho Orleans was writing FUNDAY, a daily diary for his two children, Judith and Julian, he did a drawing and a verse for every day in the year—365 in all. But he quite forgot that there was such a thing as Leap Year.

On his birthday this youngster received a toy sailboat from Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State, and the letter of thanks written by the boy's family, pointing out that the gift was symbolic of the affection and friendship of the two nations, received wide publication in America.

Soldiers fight by land and air, And sailors fight by sea, But I can think of other things That I'd prefer to be. I'd rather build a bridge or house, I'd rather print a book, I'd rather make a ship or plane, I'd rather bake or cook.

bed and a chair and some nuts, candy, fruit. Your little friend, Janice Lavern Garner.

JANE BRANNEN ENTERTAINS ON THIRD BIRTHDAY

Mrs. M. H. Brannen entertained the little folks at her home in honor of Miss Jane's birthday. The house was decorated with Christmas decorations, and each little guest was given a Santa Claus containing a handkerchief as a favor.

MAC WILSON JUNIOR HOST AT THIRD BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Mac Wilson made her home very attractive with Christmas decorations on Thursday, when Mac, Jr., was host to a number of his little friends. A Christmas tree containing all kinds of gifts and to each guest a sack of candy and an attractive gift was presented.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hufsteler of Roaring Springs, were in our city Monday. They made the Times office a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Smith of Roaring Springs, were shopping in Spur Monday. They stated that conditions around Roaring Springs were not so bad.

J. P. Meek, proprietor of the Red and White Store at McAdoo, was in Spur Monday He incidentally called at the Times office and we enjoyed a pleasant visit.

GREETINGS FRIENDS

Wherever you may be we hope this Christmas will be one continued round of happiness for you and that the hopes you have cherished in the past may be realized during 1932.

Whatever we can do to add to your pleasure and satisfaction during the coming year will be a genuine satisfaction to us.

A. B. (Shorty) HOGAN

1931 1932

OUR HEARTIEST GREETINGS

May all the merriment, the joys, the glamor, the thousand and one lovely and sparkling thrilling little things combine with all the smiles and handclaps and heart throbs and greater things of the season to yield to you a most happy Christmas and a New Year filled with life's richest blessings—Health, Happiness and Contentment—

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# THE DICKENS COUNTY TIMES

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### WATERWORKS SCHOOL AT MINERAL WELLS

L. A. Grimes, President of the Texas Water Works Association, has announced that the Fourteenth Annual Water Works School will be held in Mineral Wells, January 18-21-1932 inclusive. This is a combined school for water and sewer plant operators, water superintendents and city officials of Texas towns to acquaint them with the solution of problems of operation and management of water and sewer plants. Among the outstanding papers scheduled for the Mineral Wells meeting are such items as demonstration of centrifugal pump efficiencies, factors effecting corrosion of service mains, ammonia chlorine treatment of water, evaluation and water rates, use of activated carbon for water purification, and taste and odor control in public drinking water supplies. Papers on well water pollution,

water sanitation, satisfactory water for ice making, boiler feed and water softening, as well as discussions on common practices in making service installation and meter corrections, installation of water mains, and pipe jointing compounds are features of the program. The recent work of the United States Geological Survey in Texas will be discussed under the title of "Co-operative Federal and State Investigations of the Underground Waters of Texas." Also problems of mineral water production and handling of bottled waters, reports on recent development in sewage disposal, sewage sludge digestion, and installation of sewer pipes are part of the papers scheduled for the sewer plant operator's session.

Among the prominent speakers at the meeting are Dr. J. C. Anderson, State Health Officer, E. L. Filby of Kansas City, Missouri; O. A. De Calle of Chicago, W. J. Orchard of New Jersey and Walter

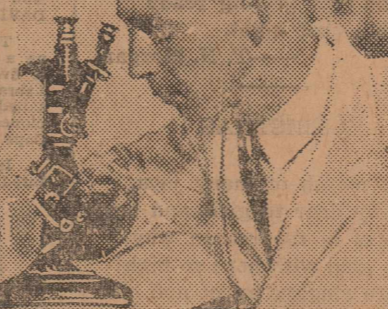
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**COCONUT CRACKERS:** Gordon Brawner, Paul Strachwick, and Capt. Elmer Pallister (shown above) have no doubt eaten more coconuts than any living persons the past six months. They were marooned on Cocos Isle and had little else to dine on. However, they probably didn't crack as many coconuts during their exile as the expert (at right) does in one day. He opens 2500 every 8 hours in the Baker plant, Hoboken, N. J.

**A GRAND SMILE:** Recent among America's distinguished foreign guests is Signor Dino Grandi, Italy's young foreign minister. The subject of disarmament brought him here.



**"TASTES BY SIGHT":** G. E. White operates a device which tells difference in cooked foods beyond the range of human taste. Here it is "tasting" minute tapioca. Proof of the pudding may now be in the sight, yet little Mary Marsh (below) thinks enjoyment will always be in the taste.



**THIRD TIME CHARM?** Gloria Swanson, one of the screen's popular charmers, has signed in her third matrimonial act. Michael Farmer, non-actor, is her new partner.



### IT'S NOT ENOUGH

For us to extend you the usual greetings of the season, and are wishing you—

**MORE**  
THAN A MERRY CHRISTMAS

**MORE**  
THAN A HAPPY NEW YEAR

—IN FACT EVERYTHING THAT YOU WOULD WISH YOURSELF!

### RITER HARDWARE CO.

Spur's Exclusive Hardware Store

### OUR GRATITUDE

We look back over the year now drawing to a close, we realize it could have been better, but we know also that it could have been worse. The year brought us much to be thankful for, chief among which was the continued loyalty of many old friends and addition of new ones. To all who have accorded us patronage, be it large or small, we extend our sincere thanks.

### GODFREY & SMART

### As 1931 Comes to a Close

We FIND MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR

We do not like to think of business as merely the exchange of merchandise or service for dollars. There is more to it than that with us. We have a heart-felt interest in our patrons. We enjoy our business. We hope we have been successful in making this fact evident to you.

In appreciation of your favors of the past we wish you a most joyous, prosperous New Year and pledge you the best we have in 1932.

### Spur Power Machinery Co.

J. P. CAUDLE L. WIENKE  
E. D. ENGLEMAN

### THE IMMORTAL MARY PASSES AWAY

Mrs. Mary Hughes, who said she was the Mary of the immortal story of "Mary's Little Lamb" that followed her to school, died at Worthing, England, a few days ago. According to a statement in the London Express she was 91 years old, but according to the opinion of her friends she had a heart as young as the day the little lamb followed her to school.

Her often repeated story of how a lamb followed her to school when she was eight years old, was put into verse by Mrs. Sarah Hale, wife of the late Senator Horatio Hale. Before her marriage Mrs. Hale was Miss Sarah Buel, who with her sister spent a period of time in the Hughes home in North Wales while they attended school. It was during this time that Miss Buel composed the verses that have been so dear to everybody. Mrs. Hughes died December 9.

### Santa Claus Letters

Spur, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.  
Dear Santa:  
I thought I'd write and tell you not to forget me Christmas Eve night. I want a dollie and a set of dishes and a piano. I'll describe myself so you won't forget me. I'm a little girl three years old, have black hair and brown eyes, and I live in a little white house on Harris Street. Now don't lose this letter or you might not find me.  
Your little friend,  
Shirley Nell Teague.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 12, 1931.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I would like for you to bring me a painting book and a 25 cent ring. I want some apples and nuts and candy and a package of chewing gum.  
Merry Christmas to you. Have a good time.  
Your friend,  
Evelyn Green.

Spur, Texas, December  
Santa:  
I am a little girl ten years old and go to school at Fry Lake. I am like other little girls and boys, I haven't any money. I will be thankful for anything you will bring me and I may think of something else by next Christmas.  
Nor Wetta Smith, Rt. A Box 14

Midway School.  
Dear Santa:  
Please bring me a little lamp, candy and nuts. I live by the road and you cannot miss me. I am six years old and this is my first year in school. I love my teacher.  
Earlene Ragsdale.

December 16, 1931.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
I know times are hard. I like for you to bring me a basket ball, a big one like they have at school. And bring me some candy and oranges. I want a dozen oranges, a dozen apples and a dime worth of candy.

Your loving friend,  
Van Bernice Smith, Rt. A. B. 14

Midway School.  
Dear Santa Claus:  
Do you have the money to spare to buy me a sleepy doll that will not break, if you do, I will be happy. You know I like lots of fruit and candy and love my teacher very much.  
Come to our Christmas tree on Wednesday.  
Pauline Ford.



The sweetest pleasures that Christmas sends are the kind remembrances of your friends.

CHAS. WHITENER

### THE PLEASURE IS OURS

As it has been our pleasure to serve in a business way a great many people of our community during the past year it is now our satisfaction to express to you our thanks for all favors shown and to wish for you an abundance of Christmas joys and New Years happiness.

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T. C. Ensey, W. M.  
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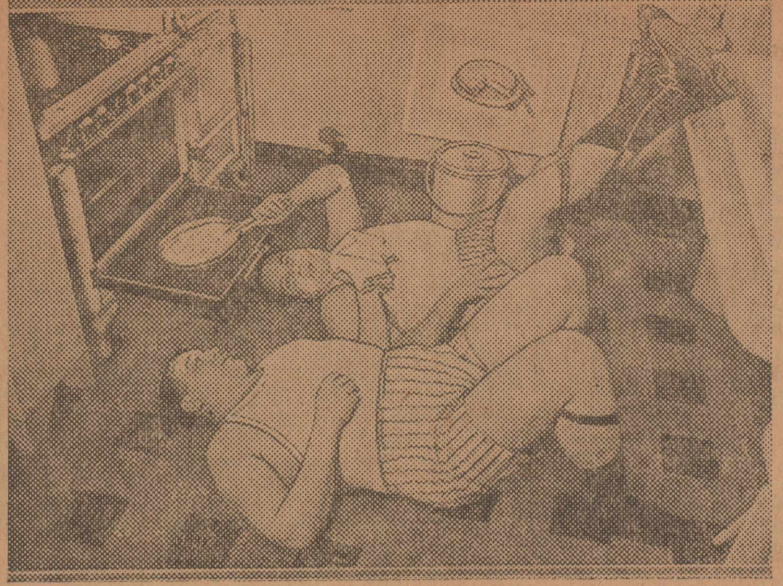
ROTARY CLUB  
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Meets every  
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No. 771 I. O. O. F.  
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Visitors welcome.  
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**Cake-Baking With All  
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BAKING is very simple—when you know how, according to the "Sisters of the Skillet", radio's favorite "household advisers". They are pictured above, stripped for action in the midst of a practical demonstration of how to bake without sacrificing comfort. Eddie East (front) and Ralph Dumke (rear) maintain that it is actual experiments of this kind that qualify them to dispense their creative "hints" on domestic affairs during their broadcasts on Tuesdays,

Thursdays and Fridays at 8:45 P.M. (E.S.T.) over WJZ and associated NBC stations and on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 A. M. (E.S.T.) over WEA-F and associated NBC stations.

Although kitchen problems occupy a large part of the attention of these indefatigable household scientists, they are equally well versed in all phases of domestic science from lawn mowing to furniture breaking.

**A Man Whom  
Neighbors Have  
Not Forgotten**

Melvin A. Traylor Set His Ladder Upon A Basic Industry and Has Climbed to the Heights in the Realm of Economics and Finance

From a little acorn a mighty oak will grow, and sometimes a boom started in a little city will spread and grow into a national demand for some man to assume the leadership of a great party.

A few weeks ago thousands of people assembled on the public square of Hillsboro and eulogized Melvin A. Traylor, president of the First National Bank of Chicago. A few days later another large crowd sounded his praises in Ballinger, Texas, a city of some two hundred miles west of Hillsboro. The first assembly was made up largely of black land farmers and of people from nearby cities. The Ballinger crowd was more than half ranchmen.

Rather out of the ordinary, a stranger would say, to see Texas farmers and ranchmen grow enthusiastic over the mention of the name of a Chicago banker. What had Melvin Traylor done to bring about such a situation? Had he endeared himself to the people of these two Texas cities and adjacent territory by the performance of some special service? There was nothing like that in the papers. True, Melvin Traylor has become an international figure and a power in the financial world, but others have occupied the same position without creating much of a stir among Texans. Then, there must be something else that aroused the enthusiasm of these people. Melvin Traylor apparently means more to these Texans than the ordinary banker. They think enough of him to want him to be the next President of the United States.

Candidates for the presidency are generally selected by party leaders who give much consideration to political activities and influence of the person in mind, and the section of the country from which he comes. These Texans, however, have apparently given these matters but little thought, being more desirous of promoting the cause of a man of business ability than one of political sagacity for the highest honor within the gift of the people. Their reason for this may be found in the present economic muddle, and their selection of Melvin Traylor may have been made because thirty years ago he was one of them, and has since proved his ability and capacity for doing big things well.

While Farm and Ranch takes no part in politics, and does not pretend to be a judge of Mr. Traylor's qualifications, for this high office, we feel that our readers will be interested in a short review of the life of this former Texan who has climbed the ladder of success to near its top most round without losing interest in his former friends or in agriculture as our basic industry.

Melvin A. Traylor is not a native born Texan. He came from Kentucky to Hillsboro, Texas, while yet a young man. We suppose his boyhood life among the Kentucky hills was similar to that of any other boy. When he reached Hillsboro he was just twenty years of age. He had not yet finished his education. Therefore he enrolled in the Carlisle Academy, delivering groceries for the firm of George W. Patterson and Son as a means of earning school expenses. While going to school he studied law and later was admitted to the bar and became assistant county attorney of Hill county. This was in 1905. Prior to that he was city clerk of Hillsboro. At the close of his term of office as assistant county attorney he accepted the position as cashier of the bank of Malone, a village in Hill county. Serving here two years, he left his Hill county friends, and became cashier of the Citizens National Bank at Ballinger. Three years later he became vice-president of the bank and when the Citizens National Bank and the First National Bank

consolidated, he became president of the larger institution. It was during this period that he became acquainted with the livestock industry and those who managed it, and that interest has remained with him to this day.

From Ballinger Mr. Traylor went to St. Louis where he became vice-president of the National Stock Yards National Bank of East St. Louis, serving there three years. He was then called to Chicago and became vice-president of the Livestock Exchange National Bank and president of the Chicago Cattle Loan Company. In 1916 he was elected president of the Livestock Exchange National Bank, now the Stock Yards National. By this time his genius for financial affairs and his keen judgment in solving problems and riddles had attracted attention of other bankers, and he was soon elected president of the First Trust and Savings Bank, now First Union Trust and Savings Bank, and vice-president of the First National Bank of Chicago. He was also made a director in both institutions. He was elected president of the First National Bank of Chicago in 1925.

Throughout his active career as a banker in Texas, St. Louis and Chicago he has found time to render patriotic service whenever occasion required. During the war he was in active charge of the Liberty Loan sales in the Seventh District. On many occasions he has given service in other ways, and has earned a nation-wide reputation for his clear cut speeches on economical questions. In 1929 and 1930 the Government drafted him to assist in forming the Bank of International Settlements, and he remained in Europe four months on this mis-

sion, and came back home with an international reputation for keen insight into the financial and economic problems of the world. His career has been brilliant and successful, but he has not forgotten his early day friends in Texas. That is one of the reasons why Melvin A. Traylor stands so high in the estimation of all those with whom he comes in contact. Another reason lies in the fact that as he made progress in the business and financial world, he lost none of his sympathetic understanding of the problems of agriculture and its related lines. All of his young manhood, during his preparation for a business life and his early business career, was spent in Texas. Here he came into contact with farmers and ranchers. Here he learned to appreciate the sterling worth of the men who till the soil and the rugged honesty of the men of the West who ride the ranges. He met them at community gatherings and participated with them in the development of both industrial life and civic life. He had dealings with them over the counter and he advised with them within the precincts of his office. And now, after years of separation, except an occasional visit to Texas, we find the black land farmers, business associates, the ranchmen and live stock producers holding mass meetings for the purpose of calling the attention of the Nation to his character and ability, suggesting that he, a business man of international fame, but unspoiled, be chosen to fill the highest office in the land. Such a compliment is not paid to any man under such circumstances unless those with whom he has associated feel that he deserves it.

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Other Texans and other Southerners have gone forth into the great industrial and financial centers of the country to be elevated to important positions of trust and influence. The most of them, like Melvin Traylor, had humble origin, but accepted their opportunities as they came along and made them when there were none in sight. There are many Texas boys who will have the same opportunities to become National and world figures, and no doubt many of them will surmount the obstacles always strewn along the pathway of success.—Farm and Ranch.

From two-fifths of an acre of strawberries, a Littlefield man reports he harvested seven hundred dollars worth of fruit this past

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Spur, Texas, Dec. 17, 1931.

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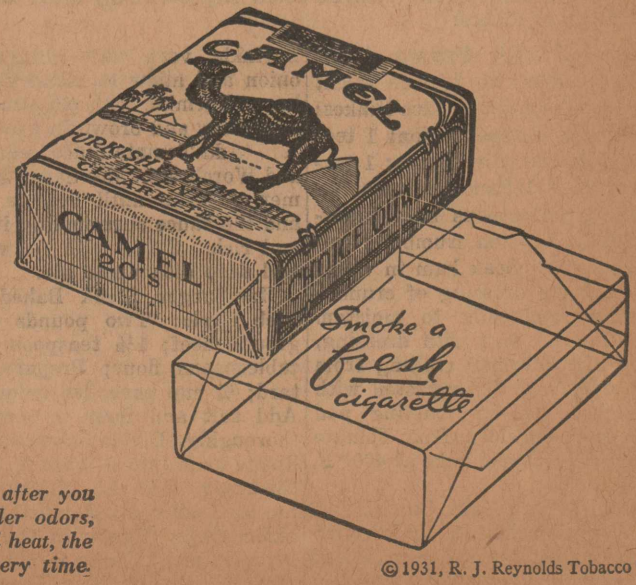
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Dec. 23-24

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Will Rogers

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SUNDAY - MON. - TUES.

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IN

"Bad Girl"

There's a little bit of bad in every little girl.

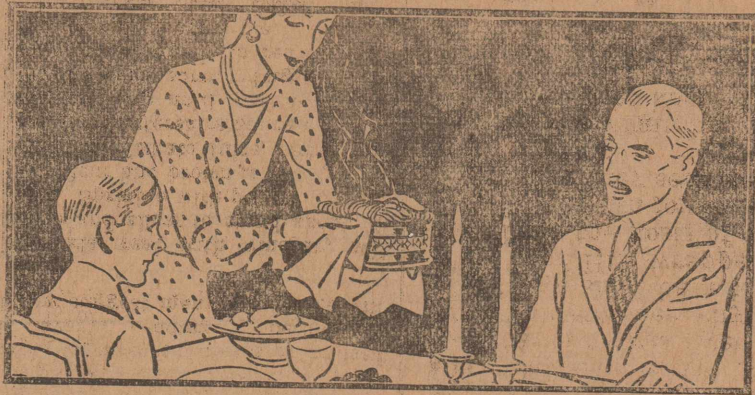
NOTICE!! Free Matinee to school children only Wednesday, Dec. 30. Don't forget boys and girls.

Thursday DEC. 31  
Midnite Matinee  
"Guilty Hands"

Other attractions, don't miss this treat—11 p. m. Thursday Dec. 31.

W. B. Miller, was among those in our city trading Saturday.

## Inexpensive Spaghetti Dinners Help to Vary the Week's Menu



By JOSEPHINE GIBSON  
Director, Heinz Food Institute

SPAGHETTI dinners never fail to please and offer a splendid means of varying the week's menus. Delicious Cooked Spaghetti in a flavorful Sauce may be served as it comes from the can or may be combined with meat in numerous appetizing, quicktime main dishes for economical dinner menus. At the end of a busy afternoon of shopping, or club or committee meetings, you will welcome the spaghetti dinners suggested below, as any of them may be prepared, with the exception of dessert, in about half an hour. Desserts may be made ready in the morning, or ice cream or other quicktime desserts can be substituted. Serve these nourishing, easily prepared, economical spaghetti dinners and note the enthusiasm of every member of the family!

Cooked Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce	Fried Apple Rings
Buttered Asparagus on Toast	Grape Jelly
Bran Muffins	Individual Caramel Custards
Casserole of Meat and Spaghetti*	Buttered Cauliflower or Cabbage
Mixed Fruit or Head Lettuce Salad	Hot Biscuit
Cocoanut Cream Pie	Pure Apple Butter
Cooked Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce	Small Hamburg Patties
Apple, Celery and Nut Salad	Rolls
Cherry Cobbler	Top Milk
	Butter
	Coffee

\*Indicates recipe is given below

Casserole of Meat and Spaghetti—1 tablespoon butter or bacon fat; 1 medium size onion; 1 pound ground beef; 1/2 teaspoon salt; dash of pepper; 1 medium can Cooked Spaghetti; 1/2 cup crumbled and buttered Rice Flakes. Cook minced onion in skillet with fat until very slightly brown, add meat and cook, stirring frequently, for a few minutes until meat is slightly brown. Season with salt and pepper. In a buttered casserole or baking dish, place a layer of the meat, add a layer of Spaghetti, then repeat using a second layer of each. Add 1/2 cup cold water. Sprinkle over top with buttered Rice Flakes and bake in moderate oven twenty minutes.

### FOOTBALL GAME

(Continued From Page 1)

Stars other touchdown. Washam came back into the game and the high school made a bid to tie the score losing the ball on the five yard line. Rickles received a bad pass from center (the mud was still there), and was tackled behind the goal line giving the high school two points for a safety.

The high school received the kick on the 50 yard line but lost the ball when Jordan intercepted a pass, but the All Stars were set back 25 yards for clipping. Rickles punted on fourth down and Washam returned to 38. Hahn made 3 yards and the All Stars received another 25 yard penalty.

## AT THE CHURCHES

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Wright Randolph, Minister  
Bible Study each Sunday morning 10:00  
Preaching and Communion service 11:00  
Senior and Junior young people meet for service each Lord's day evening 6:00  
Sunday night preaching service, promptly 7:15  
Ladies Bible Class Wednesday afternoon 2:00  
Mid-week prayer meeting service, Wednesday 7:15  
You are cordially invited to attend all of these services.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Regular services next Sunday. The pastor will use Christmas as his theme for the subject at the morning preaching hour.  
Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching at 11:00.  
Epworth Leagues at 6:00 and night preaching service 7:00.  
Mid-week prayer service every Wednesday evening. Ladies Missionary societies meet Monday afternoon. Announcements made each Sunday in regard to place of Society meetings.  
The public is cordially invited and urged to attend these services.—Reporter.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

F. G. Rodgers, Pastor.  
M. D. Ivey, Sunday School, Supt.  
Preaching services:  
Sunday Morning, 11:00 o'clock.  
Sunday night, 7:30 o'clock.  
E. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m. Sunday.  
Prayer meeting, Wednesday eve 7:30 o'clock.  
Umpire, C. W. Barrett.  
Head Linesman, Sample.

## NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Shareholders of the Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, will be held in the Directors Room of said bank between the hours of 10:00 A. M. and 3:00 P. M., on the second Tuesday in January, 1932, same being January 12, 1932, for the transaction of any business properly coming before said meeting.  
W. B. Lee, President.  
F. G. Collier, Cashier.  
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## Red Top-Catfish

Last Saturday, Matt Howell and wife, motored to Spur with Mrs. Leonard Ward and Leonard's mother, and as they were going one of the cans turned over. Fortunately the lid stayed on and lost only one and one-half gallons. Cream does not bring much, but when it gets spilled it sure knocks a hole in the check.  
Otis Garrison wife and sons came over to Mrs. Fuqua's on Catfish Sunday. Mrs. Howell had canned some products for Mrs. Garrison and they went back by Mrs. Fuqua's green patch for greens. They believe in the healthful diet too.  
Monday and Tuesday, people got to pull cotton, but on Wednesday morning got up to find it snowing.  
Gene Fry hauled cotton, to town three days this week.  
Ray Stoneman was up in the

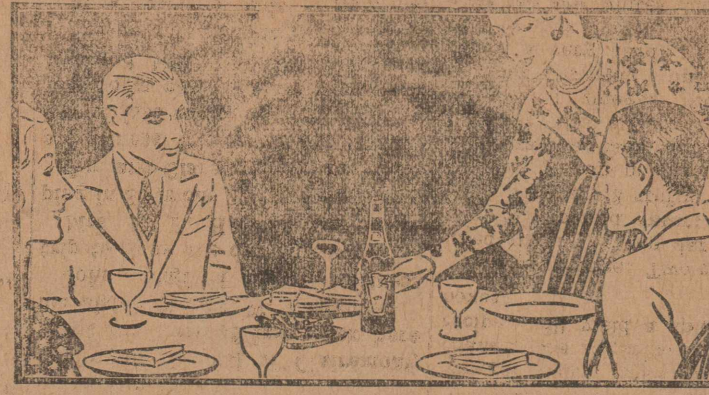
## THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

Travelworn and weary, heartsick and sore,  
He turned from the inn to the streets once more,  
He thought of fair Mary so patient and pale:  
"What will befall her if I should fail?"  
Sought again for lodging in grief and dismay,  
But again they scorned him and turned him away.  
At last in a stable where the oxen fed,  
In a lowly manger he made her a bed.  
"Mary—oh, my Mary—how I pity thee!"  
"All is well," she answered, "God will care for me."  
Suddenly a bright light flashed from overhead,  
And Joseph, terror stricken, bent over her bed.

"Listen," cried the shepherds, "Whence comes the light?"  
Then a band of angels burst upon their sight,  
"Glory in the highest and good will to men,"  
"Peace on earth," they chanted, "conquered is sin."  
"A Saviour is given," they heard the angels sing.  
"In Bethlehem city today is born a King"  
"This shall be a token, do not be afraid;  
"Find Him wrapped in swaddling in a manger laid"  
Then the hosts of angels fled away from them;  
Filled with joy the shepherds went to Bethlehem,  
There they searched and found Him like the angels said  
By His virgin mother, swaddled in bed.  
There they kneeled and worshipped where the young Child lay  
Then the news in triumph with joy they bore away.

While in Herod's palace the nobles held a feast,  
Far away there journeyed Wise Men from the East;  
Guided by a bright star they found the Holy One;  
Kneeling they worshipped Him, Mary's little Son.  
Gave Him costly presents, then went on their way;  
But where were the Nobles? The pampered and the gay?  
Rich folks, proud folks, the favored and the fair?  
Kings, Queens, and Princes? None of them were there.  
"Mary dear," said Joseph, caressing her brow;  
"Let me hold the baby—a little while—now!"  
—Ella Kellum Bennett.

## Tang of Ketchup in Sandwiches Appeals to Winter Appetites



By JOSEPHINE GIBSON  
Director, Heinz Food Institute

IT is said that more than thirty million sandwiches are eaten daily in the United States. The famed Earl of Sandwich, originator of the sandwich, scarcely could have realized the popularity which his idea, with "variations," was to achieve. Sandwiches, eaten in such amazing numbers, are of varied types and are found in both packed and home lunches, in afternoon and late evening party meals and in supper menus. No matter how simple they may be, there is an art in making them varied and delectable. The secret lies in skillful seasoning, for the sandwich is made delightful and zestful by a spoonful of Tomato Ketchup, Prepared Mustard, chopped Pickle or Evaporated Horseradish. Tomato Ketchup particularly is fine in sandwich fillings of meat, egg, or fish.

Grilled Peanut Butter, Bacon and Ketchup Sandwiches—Toast slices of bread on one side only. Spread untoasted side with Peanut Butter, then with Tomato Ketchup. Top with slices of uncooked bacon; broil until bacon is browned and crisp. Serve immediately with slices of Genuine Dill Pickle.  
Toasted Cheese and Ketchup Sandwiches—1 cup grated American cheese; 3 tablespoons Tomato Ketchup. Mix grated cheese with Tomato Ketchup. Spread between buttered slices of white bread, trim crusts and toast. Serve hot. These are excellent when daintily cut and served with a fruit or vegetable salad for luncheon, or the sandwich itself may be served on a crisp lettuce leaf, garnished with Spanish Green Olives and served as the main dish of the luncheon.  
Tongue, Horseradish and Ketchup Sandwiches—1 cup minced tongue, ham, cold roast beef or other cold meat; Evaporated Horseradish to taste; 2 tablespoons Tomato Ketchup; 1 tablespoon Stuffed

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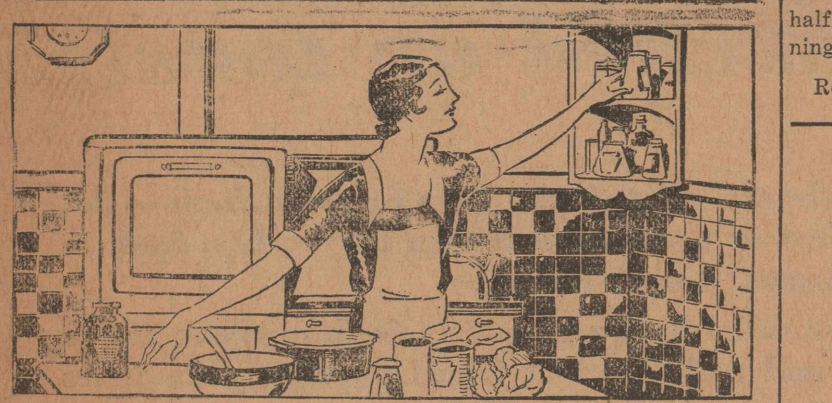
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Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Sunshine Service Station

G. P. Mayfield, Clanelle and R. B were in Spur Saturday.  
Glen Harvell and Glen Spradling spent Saturday night and Sunday in the Antelope community with Glen and Crockett Turner.

## New, Appetizing Meat Dishes For The Thrifty Housewife

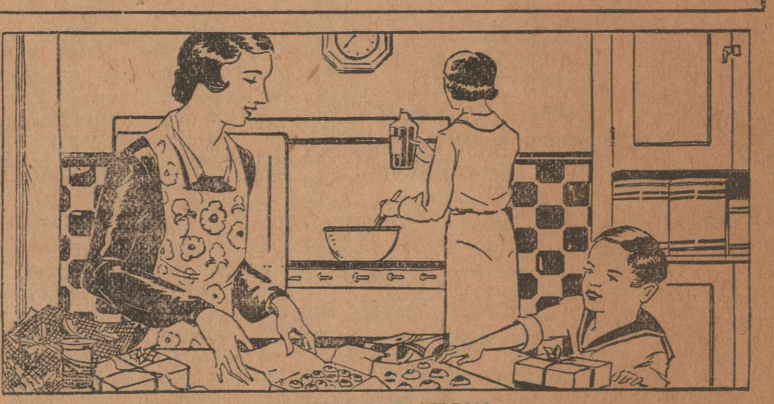


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MEAT dishes need not be expensive to be delicious. One of the most encouraging points about meat cookery is that a little ingenuity employed in their preparation produces pleasing variety of flavorful and highly palatable dishes. Success of the meat dish depends largely upon skill in seasoning, and the proficient woman keeps on hand sauces and seasonings necessary to make unusual dishes. Her pantry—or better still the shelf above her stove—contains Worcestershire and Beefsteak Sauce, Tomato Ketchup, Chili Sauce and Prepared Mustard. Even the most inexpensive cut of meat, when prepared in casserole dishes or braised with vegetables and seasoned with flavorful condiments, becomes a real delicacy. Tested recipes given below suggest many other excellent flavorful meat dishes:

<b>Ham Roll with Tomato Juice:</b> One large slice ham 1/2 inch thick; 1 cup bread crumbs or Rice Flakes; 1 tablespoon chopped onion; 1 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce; 1 teaspoon Beefsteak Sauce; 1/2 teaspoon pepper; 2 tablespoons melted butter; milk to moisten crumbs; 1 cup Tomato Juice. Soak ham in water if salty. Make dressing of crumbs, seasonings and milk to moisten. Cover slice of ham with dressing, roll up like jelly roll (rolling from broad side) and tie or fasten with toothpicks. Put in roasting pan and sear on all sides. Pour Tomato Juice over meat and bake at 400° F. until tender.	<b>Sprinkle veal with vinegar, add onion and allow to stand about 1/2 hour. Sprinkle with pepper, dredge with flour and brown in heavy skillet. Add Tomato Juice, water, salt and Worcestershire Sauce and simmer or bake until veal is tender and the sauce surrounding it heavy and rich. Serve with red cabbage and deep dish apple pie.</b>
<b>German Meat Steak:</b> One lb. veal cut 1/2 inch thick; 2 tablespoons Pure Vinegar; 1 thick slice onion; pepper; flour; 1 cup Tomato Juice; 1/2 cup water; 1 teaspoon salt; 1/2 teaspoon Worcestershire Sauce.	<b>Hamburger Steak Baked Sandwich Style:</b> Two pounds freshly ground beef; 1 1/2 teaspoon salt; 2 tablespoons flour; Prepared Mustard; 1/2 cup parboiled onion rings. Add salt and flour to meat, mix thoroughly. Divide into equal parts. Shape each into a layer 1/2 inch in thickness. Spread thickly with mustard and cover mustard with onion rings. Top with the second layer of meat. Bake in a hot oven from 1/2 to 3/4 hour, basting if necessary with a few tablespoons warm water.

## Helpful Hints That Will Aid In Making That Xmas Candy



By JOSEPHINE GIBSON  
Director, Heinz Food Institute

COULD Christmas be Christmas without making boxes of candy for neighbors and friends, or without having candy to offer holiday callers? There is real joy in making candies at Christmas, and many women who make little candy during the rest of the year, prepare pounds of it for the holidays. Packed attractively in dainty boxes, thoughtful gifts of this kind spread real Christmas cheer!

In each recipe given below a small amount of vinegar is used, because vinegar helps make candy uniformly creamy and fine grained. It changes the sugar to a form that does not crystallize readily. These recipes will yield a splendid assortment of delicious candies for gift boxes!

**Divinity Fudge:** Two cups granulated sugar; 1/2 cup dark corn syrup; 1/2 cup cold water; 1 teaspoon Pure Vinegar; 2 stiffly beaten egg whites; 1/2 cup nut meats; 1 teaspoon vanilla; candied cherries. Mix together the sugar, corn syrup, water and vinegar. Cook slowly without stirring until mixture forms a very hard, almost brittle ball in cold water. Pour gradually over the egg whites and beat until creamy. Add nut meats and vanilla. Pour into a buttered pan and mark into squares. Candied cherries may be added as well as nuts.

**Peanut Butter Fudge:** Two cups granulated sugar; 1/2 cup milk; 2 tablespoons corn syrup; 1 tablespoon Pure Vinegar; 1/4 cupful Peanut Butter. Mix together the sugar, milk, corn syrup and vinegar. Boil until a soft ball is formed when a few drops are tested in cold water, or that is at 236° F. Take from

## GIRARD

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kennon and Alphaeta were shopping in Spur Saturday.

School turned out Friday for the Christmas holidays and will not take up again until the 28th.

Mr. Land, Pentecost preacher, visited his folks in Crosbyton Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Dean Young, Mrs. Raleigh Beaver, and Aretta were Spur visitors Saturday.

Mrs. G. C. Dial of Claremont, spent the first of last week here her sister, Mrs. J. W. Waggoner.

John Langford made a business trip to Spur one day last week.

Mrs. H. F. Harwell was shopping in Spur one day the past week.

Jim and Clarence Edwards made a business trip to Lubbock Sunday of last week.

Reports came in last week that Mr. and Mrs. Slim Hood are the proud parents of twin girls.

Miss Pearl Edwards, of Lubbock, is here staying with relatives at this writing.

Miss Dottie Simmons who teaches school at Center Point, spent the last week end with her parents.

Clay, Ione, and Samantha Beaver and Frankie Stephens were visitors in Spur Friday.

G. P. Rucker made a business trip to Abilene Thursday.

B. P. Woody who has been in Fort Worth for the past few days