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## Church Of Christ To Have New Pastor

The membership of the Church of Christ have arranged for a new minister to begin work with them January 1, 1935. The church has been without a minister since Albert Smith accepted the call to a Lubbock church in October.

Earl Wood, of Tennessee, has accepted the call and will be here to assume his duties the first Sunday in January. He has had three years experience in preaching and at this time is completing a course in a college in Tennessee. He is a brother to Guy N. Woods, formerly at Post, who held two meetings for the local church.

## 'Judge Priest' Great Role, Says Player

Irvin Cobb Delights Rogers by Giving Him Another "Old Clothes" Part

The most successful pictures Will Rogers has made are those in which he has worn old clothes. On many occasions these have been the identical overalls and jumper he wears on his ranch.

Rogers says so himself, pointing to "David Harum," "State Fair," "Lightnin'," "Mr. Skitch," "Handy Andy" and now "Judge Priest."

"I feel more comfortable in old togs," declares the comedian, "and feeling at ease, I can give a better performance."

"What about 'They Had to See Paris,' one of your greatest pictures?" asked an interviewer. "In that production, as I recall it, you wore evening clothes and several tailor-made outfits."

"Well," drawled Rogers, "that's the one that proves the exception. Some said I suffered from microphone fright, but it wasn't so. I was afraid the people would laugh at me instead of at the character."

**A GREAT PICTURE**  
"I admit it was a great picture, but you must remember it had a human story and there were a lot of good actors in it and I'm not including myself when I say this. I'm not an actor and never have claimed to be one. I just go in there and play my natural self and if people like me I'm satisfied."

So far as his pictures are concerned, Will admits that he regards most highly his newest, "Judge Priest," which will be shown at the Palace Theatre Sunday and Monday.

"Now there's a picture with a world of humanity in it," says the sage of Claremore, Oklahoma. "Irvin Cobb wrote flesh and blood into the 'Priest' stories—and they've been given a mighty fine treatment at the studio. 'Judge Priest' comes to the Palace on Sunday and Monday. A preview of the picture will be screened Saturday midnite."

## Store At Croton Burned Monday

The store owned by T. J. Randolph in Croton community, was completely destroyed by fire about five o'clock Monday morning. The origin of the fire was caused by a gasoline stove. Mr. Randolph and his family lived in the rear of the building, and the report is that everything in both the dwelling and store were destroyed.

Mr. Randolph purchased the business about two years ago from John A. Hale and was doing a good business. The store was established in 1927 by G. L. Starcher who sold the property and business to Mr. Hale in 1929.

Clemmons Insurance Agency carried insurance on both the building and stock and are making the proper adjustment of the claims. All parties concerned are well satisfied with the adjustment.

J. E. Sparks, of West Pasture community, was attending to business matters in our city Monday.

H. J. Parks, of Highway community, was transacting business in our city Monday.

## J. P. Caudle To Move To San Angelo

J. P. Caudle, who has been associated with the Spur Truck & Tractor Company here recently sold his interests to his partner, E. D. Engleman, and has accepted a position with the International Harvester Company at San Angelo. In his new field, Mr. Caudle will represent the Harvester Company over a large territory with headquarters at San Angelo.

Mr. and Mrs. Caudle plan to move to San Angelo the last of this week. They stated that they regret to leave the large number of friends in Spur and appreciated the many kindnesses shown them while here.

Mr. and Mrs. Caudle came to Spur about four years ago when the International Harvester agency was moved from Sagerion to Spur, and during that short time have added to their acquaintances many friends who sincerely regret their leaving.

Mr. Engleman, who has been associated with Mr. Caudle in the operation of the Spur Truck & Tractor Company announces he will continue the business, selling International Harvester products, McCormick-Deering farm machines and will still be known as "The Farmall House." The firm for the present will be operated as "E. D. Engleman."

## ODESSA CITIZENS VISIT IN OUR CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Dee Corder, of Odessa, passed through our city Monday enroute home after visiting with Mr. Corder's parents at Jayton. They were returning by way of Lubbock where both have friends and where they will visit with the Avalanche a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Corder were married in Fort Worth last Friday and their trip through the country was somewhat of the nature of a honeymoon. Mrs. Corder's people live in Fort Worth where the wedding ceremony occurred.

Mr. Corder is chief operator of the Odessa News-Times where he has been employed the past five and one-half years. Some years ago he was with the Dickens Co. Times where he served as operator and pressman for several months. He is one of the best operators in the state at this time and the Odessa News-Times is fortunate in having him on their force.

Mrs. Corder, who was formerly Miss Mabel Landers, is now teaching her eighth year in the schools at Odessa. She is a lady with a good personality, just the type of lady to help a young, industrious young man like Mr. Corder make a success in life.

The Times joins other friends in wishing them the best of success.

## SAID THEY CAME BACK HOME

Mr. and Mrs. C. Evans, who have been in Lubbock for several months, were in our city Saturday greeting their many friends. These good people taught school in this country many years and completed their career at Duck Creek where they were very successful and were held in high esteem by the people.

They have purchased a farm four miles north of Lubbock and will take possession of it January 1. They came for their household goods Saturday and say they expect to live at home from now on.

## COUNTY JUDGE OF SCURRY COUNTY DIES

R. T. Curnutte, County Judge of Scurry County, died Sunday afternoon in an Abilene hospital four days after he had undergone an operation. Funeral services were held in Snyder Monday afternoon, Rev. H. C. Gordon pastor of the Methodist Church, officiating.

He is survived by his widow, one son R. H. Curnutte of Snyder; three daughters, Mrs. Harold Enfield of Hollywood, Mrs. Ivan Dodson and Miss Mary Curnutte of Snyder; two brothers and three sisters.

Judge Curnutte, who had served two years as County Judge of Scurry County, spent his early days in Limestone County. He graduated from the law department of the University of Texas in 1901, married and moved to Snyder the same year. After practicing law a few years he engaged in the banking business and became associated with the First National Bank of Snyder until 1927. He was elected County Judge in 1932 and re-elected the past summer without opposition. He was 59 years of age.

Billy Cooper of Santa Fe, New Mexico is visiting his mother.

## Grandma Morris Died In Fort Worth

Mrs. Minnie Morris, many years a resident of Spur, died in Fort Worth about noon Monday. Mrs. Morris met with an accident September 16 while living in Spur in which she suffered a broken hip. She was taken to Fort Worth where she could secure the aid of a specialist and she seemed to be getting along fine. However, a malignant condition of the kidney and intestines which had been developing for a long time became prominent and that seems to have caused the fatal results.

Funeral services were held at Anson at three o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. Carter, of Haskell, a long time friend to the family, read the rites. Interment followed in an Anson cemetery beside the grave of her late husband.

Five children survive, four daughters and one son. They are: Mrs. C. L. Wright of Anson, Mrs. J. M. Woodson of Haskell, Mrs. Fred C. Neal of Fort Worth, Mrs. Birl Hight of Spur, and Edwin M. Morris of Eagle, Colo. Mrs. Kate Morris, of Spur, is a daughter-in-law. There are 14 grandchildren and four great grandchildren in the family.

Mrs. Morris was born at Gilber, Texas, September 23, 1849. She grew to womanhood there and married C. P. Morris there in October, 1870. Her maiden name was Miss Minnie Hollanquist. She passed her 85th birthday last September. She was very active for a person of her age until she suffered the fall which rendered her unable to go about.

She became a member of the Methodist Church when she was nine years of age and lived a devoted member until her death. She had many friends as a result of her sweet motherly attitude and always manifested much interest in people.

## WHAT ABOUT THE NEW YEAR?

The Times force desires to join your many friends in wishing you the best of success during 1935. The beginning of each new year seems to be a starting point for new accomplishments, and most of us accomplish more when we live in the hopes of the future rather than in the memory of the past. To be able to forget at the right time is a great factor in life, one which many of us have not cultivated very extensively.

We want to join the good people of this country in a forward movement for progress during the next year. Let's all work together to make this a greater country, to make Spur a greater town, and to keep pace with the growth of the Great West. Most of us who become dissatisfied with this country will find that any other country has its drawbacks the same as this one. If this country is not as good as we think it is, then let's get to work to make it what it should be. If the town of Spur is deficient, then suppose we outline plans and make it a great Spur and a better Spur. Cooperation will accomplish much. If we have run out of ideas of progress, then we will do well to visit our neighbor towns and get some different ideas that we may apply to the growth of our town. Spur is a good town and one way to make it better is to make it larger.

We should join efforts, cooperate, get new ideas and go forward with a hope that we can accomplish great things during the year. Too many of us think too strongly of our little selves and waste too much energy at making stars of ourselves. Try to cooperate with your neighbor in community progress and see if your personal interests do not progress just about as the whole community goes forward. Let community progress stop and individual progress seeks a low ebb at once.

We wish you the best for 1935, but what you secure will be just about in proportion to your interest in making

## Local Creamery Sells Butter In Fort Worth

Roy Stovall, manager of the Spur Creamery, left Monday for Fort Worth where he will dispose of a truck load of that fine Espuela butter. The load netted about 6,000 pounds which was already engaged to be sold before leaving the factory. However, this was just the regular consignment of butter which the Spur Creamery delivers to Fort Worth market each week.

Espuela brand butter has always been in demand on account of its excellent quality. Many times the local creamery has been unable to fill its orders because of the great demand for the products it manufactures. The capacity of the Spur Creamery has been increased many fold the past few years and still it has to run at full time in order to meet demands.

Mrs. Stovall accompanied Mr. Stovall and they spent Christmas visiting a brother, Phillip Stovall, and family. They were scheduled to return to Spur last night.

## New Officers To Assume Duties Next Tuesday

All the new officers elect for Dickens County will assume their duties next Tuesday. An entire roster will take the oath of office January 1. All members of the County Commissioners' Court will compose the next court. The new officers will be:

Sheriff, Assessor and Tax Collector, J. L. Koonsman, new.

County Judge, Jim Cloud, second term.

County Superintendent, Madge D. Twaddell, second term.

Clerk of County Court, Fred Arrington, new.

Clerk of District Court, Mrs. Nettie Littlefield, second term.

County Attorney, L. D. Ratliff, Jr., new.

County Treasurer, Mrs. Alice Murphree, new.

County Surveyor, H. H. Terry, second term.

Commissioners' Court—Austin C. Rose for Precinct 1, E. N. Johnson for Precinct 2, W. F. Foreman for Precinct 3, R. L. Mimms for Precinct 4; all re-elected.

A. J. Folley, present District Attorney, will assume the duties of District Judge of the 110th Judicial District.

Alton B. Chapman, present County Attorney, becomes District Attorney for the 110th Judicial District.

## A WORD OF APPRECIATION

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks for the many kindnesses extended to me during the time I was suffering from my injuries, and for the many courtesies extended to my parents while in Spur.

(Miss) CLARA PRATT.

## WANTED TO SELL—or to trade for a tractor; two mules, two horses, harness and plow tools. D. Y. Twaddell.

Mr. Vonson, of Girard, was attending to business affairs in our city Saturday.

D. D. Hagins, of Duck Creek, was transacting business in our city Monday.

Mrs. George Gabriel is in Oklahoma visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cohlma.

Sam Clemmons returned Sunday from Dallas where he had spent a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. Polly Clemmons. Mrs. Clemmons and daughters, Polly and Robbie, came back with him to visit relatives and friends in Spur.

## For Sale

All of my Furniture and Household Goods.

See Tom Dickey

Must Be sold at once

## JUDGE CLOUD MARRIED SATURDAY EVENING

The marriage ceremony of Judge Jim Cloud and Miss Opal Brant was read Saturday evening at Post by Rev. M. C. Bishop, pastor of the First Baptist Church in that city. The marriage occurred in the home of Mrs. Vida Brant, mother of the bride, in the presence of a few immediate friends.

Judge and Mrs. Cloud left immediately after the ceremony for a wedding trip to San Antonio and other points. They will return soon and will make their home here.

Judge Cloud is now serving his first term as County Judge of Dickens County and next week will be inaugurated into his second term. He was re-elected County Judge this year without opposition and has made a very splendid record in office. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cloud of the Soldier Mound community and is one of the finest young men in this section of the state.

## Geo. S. Link Honored By Church

At the Sunday morning services of the First Methodist Church Geo. S. Link was shown appreciation for his 25 years of service as Sunday School Superintendent for the church. Dr. Stewart, first pastor of the Church who preached at the Sunday morning hour, made the presentation address for the church. All the teachers present who had worked with Mr. Link, were with him around the chancel when the presentation was made. He began as Sunday School Superintendent in 1909 and served for 25 years in that position.

The bronze plaque presented in his honor contained the following inscription:

To Geo. S. Link, Sr., from

The Spur Methodist Church in appreciation of twenty-five years of efficient service and exemplary living as Superintendent of our Sunday School

1909—1934  
Presented at the Silver Anniversary of our Church December 23, 1934.

## AGENTS OF OOUT OF STATE GASOLINE BEING PROSECUTED

AUSTIN, Dec. 26—Gasoline racketeers in the boundary counties, who haul motor fuel into Texas by night from Oklahoma, Louisiana or New Mexico and pay no tax on it to Texas highways or schools, are marked for extermination by Comptroller George H. Sheppard.

"First blood" in his enforcement drive was drawn recently at Perryton, in Ochiltree county on the northern fringe of the Panhandle, where a motor fuel dealer was convicted of selling tax-free gasoline, hauled from Oklahoma under cover of darkness, to farmers for six cents a gallon. The dealer was fined the minimum of \$100, and two other charges against him still are pending in district court.

Since this test case was finished, numerous other boundary dealers have remitted voluntarily the state's four cents per gallon tax on gasoline bought under similar circumstances. One check covered taxes due on more than 1700 gallons of gasoline.

The comptroller said Oklahoma tax authorities are giving full cooperation in the campaign, providing documents and witnesses.

Meanwhile the enforcement staff of 70 persons is "bearing down" against other types of violators, Mr. Sheppard said, and has been responsible for 18 court actions in widely scattered sections.

Gregg county, in the East Texas oil field, saw one conviction and four more indictments. One dealer in Dallas and another in San Antonio were convicted of selling gasoline blended with tax-free agents such as

## Former Pastors Spur Methodist Church

At the Silver Anniversary services of the First Methodist Church in Spur which closed Sunday evening, it was revealed that there have been nine ministers who served the church as pastors and this number does not include the present pastor. In 25 years nine different pastors have come and done their work well and have gone on to other fields, and probably larger fields than this one. It seems that Spur Methodist Church has always afforded a means of promotion to practically every pastor when they left it.

Dr. R. A. Stewart organized the church in December, 1909, and served as pastor until the conference of 1913. Dr. Stewart served Vernon District as presiding elder for four years and is now presiding elder of the Abilene District.

G. J. Irwin followed Dr. Stewart in 1913 and served until the conference of 1914. He was an able minister and did a good work according to reports. He died not long after leaving Spur, his home being in Amarillo when he passed away.

E. E. White came as pastor of the church in 1914 and served four years, doing good work. Dr. White is now pastor of the First Methodist Church in Denton.

J. O. Haymes served as pastor from 1918 to 1921, doing three years of excellent work. Since then he has served the Vernon Church, the Lubbock Church, and is now presiding elder of the Amarillo District.

J. P. Patterson followed Bro. Haymes and served the church from 1921 to 1923. His work was very efficient and the church grew under his direction. He is now retired from regular work and is living at Seymour.

I. A. Smith came to the church in 1923 and served four years very efficiently. He was well liked by the church and was characterized for his ability as a preacher. Bro. Smith is now pastor of the First Church at Floydada.

A. B. Davidson was the pastor from 1927 until 1928. He did some very excellent work and the church made progress while he was here. He transferred into the Oklahoma Conference and is serving a church there.

W. B. Vaughn became pastor in 1928 and served until the conference of 1932. He was very successful, having a very practical method of attending to the church work. He is now pastor of the church at Perryton.

J. E. Boyd followed Bro. Vaughn and was with the church one year. He was sent to the church at Miami where he remains as pastor and people there feel that they could not get along without him.

Bro. Yets, the present pastor, is serving his second year and is meeting with excellent success.

During the work of the above pastors Geo. S. Link, Sr. served as Superintendent of the Sunday School at the church, being in service for 25 years.

Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Stewart of Abilene, have been visiting in the home Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jennings. Rev. Stewart was the first pastor of the Methodist Church here and returned for a few days to attend the Silver Anniversary of the church.

T. H. Dickey, a well known business man who has been in Spur for several years, recently accepted a position with the Intermedie Credit Bank of Houston. Mr. Dickey has been with the City National Bank here, and has taken an active part in many of the community affairs.

G. J. Lane, county agricultural agent, returned Saturday from Mineral Wells where he had been attending the District meeting of county agents and home demonstration agents

kerosene or naphtha and thus "chiseling" the motorist for the extra tax. Five similar convictions were obtained in Laredo, where a small refinery which had furnished the below-standard gasoline paid all the fines. Four more complaints have been filed in Runnels county, two in Galveston county.

The Management of the Palace Theatre wishes you and yours a Happy and Prosperous New Year and announces with pride the showing of—

WILL ROGERS as "Judge Priest" Saturday Midnite, Sunday Matinee and Monday, Matinee and Nite.



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Three hundred and twenty-one students in Abilene Christian College are listed in the second six weeks reports with honor grades in one or more subjects...

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Ruth Reese, Abilene; and Norvel Young, Nashville, Tennessee. The honor roll was posted last week in the bulletin board of the Hardin Memorial Building.

Students from this community who are on the list of honor students for this period are Mildred Collier, Spur, who has honors in Sociology 321.

McADOO School dismissed Friday afternoon December 22, for the holidays and will take up Monday, December 31. There were no lessons on Friday afternoon. The time was devoted to the annual Christmas tree preceded by a program. A number of visitors were present and much enjoyment was had by all of those present.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spencer of Dallas came in the first of last week to visit Mrs. Spencer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Robertson and family. Mrs. Spencer remained for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Spencer going to Galveston on a business trip.

Mrs. John Alexander was among the Christmas shoppers in Crosbyton Wednesday.

C. Gollihar was in Central Texas last week looking after business matters.

J. T. Parker and Bernard were transacting business in Lubbock Friday.

Mary Wooten, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wooten, came home Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents and her many friends here. Mary is a student of A. C. C. at Abilene.

John A. Allen was among the many visitors in Spur Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. A. O. Hood were in Spur Thursday.

Aline Allen, Tech student, is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Nettles were in Lubbock Wednesday.

Gladys and Dock Garvin came in Thursday night to spend the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. O. S. Harvey returned home Saturday after an extended visit at Baileyboro.

C. C. Neeley and family, Mrs. Lee Parker and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Holmes have gone to Roby to spend Christmas with relatives.

Clyde Moore was a business visitor in Crosbyton Wednesday.

Volley and Raymond Hodges are spending Christmas holidays here with parents and friends.

J. R. Robertson and Earl Spencer were business visitors in Crosbyton Wednesday.

Mrs. W. W. Buckner has gone to Oklahoma to spend Christmas with her son and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wooten were in Spur Saturday shopping and greeting friends.

Mr. Burrow and family have returned from an extended visit to East Texas. Mr. Burrow reports having

Low Cost Dinner Seven Roast of Beef Boiled Potatoes Buttered Beets Bread and Butter Fruit Cup Cookies Milk Tea or Coffee

CHILDRENS COLDS ENDED SOONER without dosing VICKS VAPORUB PROVED BY 2 GENERATIONS

New Year's Eve Gayety

A NEW YEAR'S Eve party is a pleasant way to entertain all your friends at the climax of the holiday season. The simplest solution with a good sized crowd is to serve a buffet supper. A timely table could be planned around a snow scene made by building a mound of cotton snow balls in the center of the table.

- Assorted Canapés\* Baked Paprika Potatoes Turkey and Mushroom Shortcake\* Stuffed Baked Potatoes with Cheese Molded Vegetable Salad\* Pineapple Ice Coffee Angel Food Snow Balls\* Divinity Fudge\*

Cheese and Olive Canapé—Blend one 1 1/2-oz. package Roquefort cheese with 1/2 package cream cheese. Toast finger lengths of bread on one side only and spread untoasted side with cheese mixture.

Caviar Canapé—Toast oblong shapes of bread on one side. Spread untoasted side with Mayonnaise, then with caviar to which has been added an equal amount of Preserved Sweet Pickled Onions, very finely minced. Garnish with slices of Stuffed Spanish Olives.

Turkey and Mushroom Shortcake—Melt 3 tablespoons butter, add 3 tablespoons chopped green pepper, 3 tablespoons chopped pimiento and cook slowly until slightly brown. Add 3 tablespoons flour and blend well.

Molded Vegetable Salad—Soak 1 tablespoon gelatin in 1/4 cup cold water five minutes, then dissolve in 1/2 cup boiling water. Add 3 tablespoons Pure Vinegar, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, 1/2 cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt and 3/4 cup diced celery.

Angel Food Snow Balls—Heat 1/2 cup milk with 2 tablespoons butter to scalding point, add 1 cup sugar, and stir until thoroughly dissolved. Sift 1 cup flour with 1 teaspoon baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Beat 4 egg whites until frothy, add 1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar and continue to beat until whites stand up in a point. Add flour mixture to the milk and sugar. Beat thoroughly. Fold in egg whites and 1 teaspoon vanilla.

Divinity Fudge—Combine 2 cups granulated sugar, 1/2 cup dark corn syrup, 1/2 cup cold water and 1 teaspoon Pure Vinegar. Cook slowly, without stirring, until this mixture forms a very hard, almost brittle ball in cold water. Pour gradually over 2 stiffly beaten egg whites and beat until creamy. Add 1/2 cup nut meats and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Pour into a buttered pan and mark into squares. Candied cherries or nuts may be added.



By JOSEPHINE GIBSON Director, Heinz Food Institute

seen plenty of mud and rain while gone. That would certainly be a treat to most of us here.

Archie McDonald of New Mexico, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McDonald.

Roy Ward and family were in Spur Wednesday.

"Potts" Formby, editor of the Aspermont Star, spent the week end here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Formby.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Parker spent Christmas at Paducah with Mrs. Parker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Defoe.

Mrs. Ina Cypert of Wichita Falls, is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Harris.

Beulah Mae Phifer, student of West Texas State Teachers College is here to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Phifer and her many friends.

C. Gollihar was a business visitor in Spur Monday.

George Harris was transacting business affairs in Spur Monday.

W. W. Buckner, Jr., who is working

near Floydada was here this week end. E. C. Robertson was in Spur Wednesday.

Dudley Wooten of Texas Tech, will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Wooten. Lee Parker was in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Dozier and daughter, Reba, were in Crosbyton, Wednesday.

First Quarterly Conference was held at the First Methodist Church, Sunday. Rev. Tittle delivered a very interesting sermon in the morning.

Sam Hardy made a business strip to Lubbock Tuesday.

Otis Martin left Thursday to spend the holidays in Dublin.

"Be Sure to Stop at the Hotel Black in Oklahoma City" Friend to friend—traveller to traveller—the word goes out that real comfort—a sound night's sleep and good food at low cost awaits everyone who chooses Hotel Black hospitality in Oklahoma City. 215 ROOMS FROM \$2 DAILY SINGLE HOTEL BLACK DAN W. JAMES, Mgr.

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**A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

To  
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We will always cherish your Good Will. It is one of our Greatest Assets.

We want to thank you for the splendid patronage you have given us during the past year, 1934.

At this Happy Christmas Season, old friends, old customs, old joys, are the order of the day when we like to think of our customers as our friends, and that our Success is dependent upon you.

We sincerely hope that yours will be a joyous Christmas in every way, and wish for you everything worthwhile during the coming year.

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- MRS. MARY VERNER

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**WAR IN THE PACIFIC "VERY SOON" DECLARES COL. HOUSE**

Colonel E. M. House, war-time adviser to President Wilson and leading advocate of peace when the Kaiser with "almost" preventing the World War, sees not only immediate danger of war in the Pacific but asserts that Great Britain is being forced into an alliance with Japan through isolation policies of the United States. Writing in Liberty Magazine, Colonel House says:

"Today powerful forces at work in Europe and Asia may make the resumption of the Anglo-Japanese entente, in one form or another, inevitable. There are storm clouds over Europe and storm clouds over the Pacific."

Colonel House asserts that Japan's interests are toward a revival of a friendly understanding with England. In England there is a strongly antagonistic feeling toward the United States. Although Great Britain would prefer to "link shields" with the United States, if she cannot come to a "satisfactory understanding with us, Great Britain will undoubtedly maintain friendly relations with Japan, even at the cost of our resentment."

"These are facts, not theories," continues Colonel House, "and it will be well for the American people as a whole to understand them. Furthermore, it is not a problem that may face us in the distant future, but one that may soon press upon us."

"Popular as President Roosevelt is," the writer continues, "it is doubtful whether he could involve us in war un-

less to prevent invasion. . . Japan is almost the only country where the government could wage war without consulting the wishes of the people."

Colonel House definitely recommends that if the United States restores the Phillip Islands to independence the right to fortify them be stipulated as a means of satisfying Britain we are not deserting her in the Pacific.

**1930 CLASS OF SPUR HIGH HOLDS REUNION**

The 1930 Graduating Class of the Spur High School met again for an interesting reunion at the Spur Inn from 9 till 12 o'clock the night of December 22. From the class of 46 members, about 30 were present.

The entertainment for the evening was varied and included dancing, dominoes, table tennis, and card games. Many of the classmates had not met often during the past few years, so that the occasion was one of heartfelt greetings.

A Christmas motif was observed in decorations throughout the reception rooms. The orchestra pit, however, was decorated in the class colors, lavender, purple and gold.

The music was by Bernie Howell's orchestra of Lubbock.

Class members present were: Melvin Ensey, Wayland Lee, Everett McArthur, Herman McArthur, C. W. Barrett, Merl Foreman, Walter Willmon, Albert Latham, Clyde Latham, Truman Moore, John Stewart, Odell Mason, Brodie Puckett, Rhodo Worthen, Johnnie Lewis, Loren Maples, Nelda Shields, Ruby Rae Williamson, Hope McClain, Leona Denson, Flora Denson, Mavis Stafford, Lily McArthur, Mrs. Ware Higginbotham (Eleanor Ensey), Mrs. Arvis Talley (Birl Hight), Mary Lee Cherry, Mrs. Morris Collett (Polly Karr), Lavada McClung, Mrs. Lynn Mayfield (Bernice Morgan).

Other guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Neal Chastain, John Hiner Wilson, Nellie Mecon, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, Eustace Bloomberg, Annie Mae Lasseter, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Karr, S. M. Newberry, Jr., Beth Blackwell, Bob Godfrey, Mary Wooten, Royce Blackwell, Ray Karr, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McArthur, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fox, Jack Senning, Ovia Carney, Geo. S. Link, Imogene Neaves, Mr. and Mrs. Al Van Dyke, Mr. and Mrs. Cash Wilemon, Jimmie McArthur, Pete Aston, Henry Albin, Patti King, Mrs. Odie Holley, J. P. Carson, Ferrel Albin, L. D. Foreman, Morris Collett, John King, Jr., Bill Gregory, Roy Shields, Glenn McClain, Moselle Mason, Lynn Mayfield, Ware Higginbotham, Arvis Talley, R. Lee Robinson, Merl Hext, Ruby Chain, Roy Murphy, Edith Foote, Harold Karr, Dudley Wooten, Mrs. L. R. Barrett and son, Billy Ray, Mrs. Oran McClure, Dot Lisenby, Miss Rose and Mrs. Truman Moore.

Escas Jackson, of Duncan Flat, was transacting business in our city Monday.

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

**A Presentation of Bargains for the Last Three Days of 1934 Friday, Saturday and Monday**

SHOP EARLY EACH DAY FOR THESE SENSATIONAL VALUES. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE SPOT-LIGHTED VALUES LISTED BELOW, WE WISH TO ADVISE YOU THAT THERE ARE SPECIAL GROUPS OF MERCHANDISE IN EVERY DEPARTMENT WHERE QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED, THAT WE CANNOT ASSURE YOU THAT THEY WILL LAST LONG.

SO LOOK FOR THE SIGNS THAT POINT TO EXTRA VALUES

WE HAVE AN HAND ABOUT  
 300 YARDS OF 36 inch  
**Tweed Suiting**  
 Our Regular 19c and 23c val.  
 TO CLOSE OUT AT

**10c yd.**  
 Shop early, or you will be disappointed!

WE HAVE ON HAND ABOUT  
 75 yards of our best  
**Corduroy**  
 in Navy, Black and Brown  
 To Be Closed Out at

**39c yard**  
 Our Regular 69c quality.  
 Shop Early for This!

WE WILL SELL  
**Bird Eye Diapers**  
 100 packages of 27x27  
 Ready Hemmed, 12 to pkg.  
 only **95c pkg.**

WE HAVE ABOUT  
 25 dozen ladies long,  
**Ribbed Stockings**  
 All good colors. All sizes to 10  
 We will close these Stockings out  
**6 pair for 25c**  
 Limit 6 pair to each customer  
 Shop early for this Value

WE WILL SELL ABOUT  
 500 yards of our best  
**Quality Outing**  
 36 in. Wide  
**8 1/2c yd.**  
 We are over stocked of 36 in. Outing so we will close it out before inventory, solid colors, of white, and blue, also light and dark fancies. Hurry or you will be disappointed.

WE WILL SELL EVERY YARD OF OUR  
**36 in. fast color Print**  
 Our regular 15c value  
**10c yd.**

WE WILL SELL  
**65 Ladies and Misses Suedine Monkey Jackets**  
 Value from \$1.79 to \$2.95  
 for **\$1.00**

All sizes from 12 to 20. We wish to close these out at once.

WE WILL CLOSE OUT  
**35 Boys Wool Jersey Suits**  
 In size 1 to \*, Regular \$1.00 to \$1.49 value  
 Just **50c each**

Slightly soiled from handling, but can be worn before washing.

WE WILL CLOSE OUT  
**96 Men's Blanket Lined Coats**  
 Our Regular \$1.59 and \$1.95 Values  
 for **\$1.00**

All sizes up to 46 chest.

WE WILL CLOSE OUT ABOUT  
 300 yards of our Best Quality  
**27 in. Solid Color Outing**  
 only **5c yard**

Colors: Pink, Blue, Orkid and White. We do not want to invoice this Outing.

WE WILL SELL ABOUT  
**84 pairs Boys Blue and Stripe Overalls**  
**45c pr.**

Sizes from 2 to 18 years, our Regular Stock and should sell much higher. Early Shopping is advised.

**Men's Overalls**  
**49c pr.**

We have on hand about 10 dozen Men's 220 weight Blue Overalls. All sizes up to 44 waist, 32 to 36 lengths, regular 95c value. Un til sold out only 50c pair.

WE WILL CLOSE OUT About  
**10 dozen Men's and Boys Corduroy Caps**  
 only **25c each**

Colors are Blue and Tan

WE WILL SELL  
**23 Boys Blue Denim Jumpers**  
 Sizes 14, 16 and 18 for  
**25c each**

Regular 69c and 89c Value  
 We do not care to invoice these boys Jumpers. Shop Early!

WE WILL CLOSE OUT About  
 500 YARDS OF OUR BEST  
 QUALITY  
**Printed Outing**  
 Extra heavy, 36 in. wide, suitable for Pajamas, Gowns, Kiddies Creepers. Designs are stripes, florals and patterns for all kinds of childrens wear.  
**10c yard**  
 Regular 19c to 25c value

WE HAVE ON HAND Exactly  
**24 pair Men's High Cut Boots**  
 All leather with durable Compo Soles. These boots sold in a Regular way for \$4.45. We will close them out for  
**\$1.95 pair**  
 Here is a schedule of sizes: Size 6, four pair; size 6 1-2, two pair; size 7 1-2 three pair; size 8, four pair; size 8 1-2, two pair; size 9, three pair; size 9 1-2, one pair; size 10, two pair; size 11, two pair; size 12, one pair.

**IF YOUR BREATH HAS A SMELL YOU CAN'T FEEL WELL**

When we eat too much, our food decays in our bowels. Our friends smell the decay coming out of our mouth and call it bad breath. We feel the poison of this decay all over our body. It makes us gloomy, grouchy and no good for anything.

What makes the food decay in the bowels? Well, when we eat too much, our bile does not digest it. What is the bile juice? It is the most vital digestive juice in our body. Unless 2 pints of it are flowing from our liver into our bowels every day, our movements get hard and constipated and 1/2 of our food decays in our 25 feet of bowels. This decay sends poison all over our body every six minutes.

When our friends smell our bad breath (that we don't) and we feel like a whipped egg, don't use a mouthwash or take a laxative. Get at the cause. Take Carter's Little Liver Pills which gently start the flow of your bile juice. It "smoothes" the bowels. If offered you, don't buy it, but it may be a colonial (mercury) pill, which causes tooth, primer and toothache pain in many people. Ask for Carter's Little Liver Pills by name and get what you ask for—24. ©1934, C.M.C.

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# Personal

Miss Bessie Yeary spent Christmas with her parents in Floydada. A. D. Ensey and wife of Hamlin, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ensey. Miss Sarah McNeill is visiting her parents in Brazoria during the holidays.

Miss Clara Cammack, of the Times office, spent Christmas with friends in Lubbock. Miss Stella Mae Rape of Lockney, is visiting Miss Lillian Rape during the holidays. Mrs. H. L. McDonald, of Dickens, is here visiting her grandmother, Mrs. O. D. Blanton. Miss Maude Bailey, of the Nichols Sanitarium, visited friends in San Antonio Christmas.

Luther Garner, of the school of engineering in Texas Tech, is in Spur during the holidays. Atty. and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff visited relatives and friends in Haskell during the week end. Morris Laine, a student of journalism in Texas Tech, is visiting his parents during the holidays. Misses Adelle Burlison and Hattie T. Groves, of Matador, were visiting friends in our city Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cole of Roaring Springs, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Starcher this week. E. D. Engleman and family left Monday to spend Christmas with Mr. Engleman's parents in Sagerton. Miss Stella Mae Rape, of Lockney, is here visiting her aunt, Miss Lillian Rape, of the Nichols Sanitarium. George Gabriel and sister, Miss Sadie Gabriel spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Knox City. Welton Horner, a student at A. & M. College, arrived here Sunday to be with his parents during the holidays. Miss Frances Springer of Austin, is spending the holidays with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson. Miss Charlsie Hayes left Thursday for Whitney where she will spend the holidays with her mother. Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bethel and little daughter of Brownwood, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Slaton and family. Clinton Barrett is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barrett. He is a student at A. & M. College this year. Miss Minibel Johnson, a teacher in the Spur Public Schools, is visiting her parents near Lubbock during the holidays. Robert Glasgow, who is in school at A. & M. College, is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Laura Glasgow. Miss Pearl Cammack, of Matador, was a guest of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Starcher, Christmas Day. Mr. and Mrs. Arvis Talley and little daughter of Pampa, are visiting Mrs. Talley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Birl Hight. Miss Era Bell Hogan is with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan, this week. Miss Hogan is a student at Texas Tech. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carson, of Eunice, N. Mexico, spent Christmas here with their brother, J. P. Carson and family. J. P. Carson, Jr., who is a student in Texas Tech, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Carson. Miss Martha Nichols, a Texas Technological student, is spending the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols. Mr. and Mrs. Clifford B. Jones are in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the holidays. They are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hoyle Jones and family. Miss Sibyl Hazel, a student at the Texas Technological College, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hazel. Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Hisey of Corpus Christi, are visiting Mr. Hisey's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hisey, during the holidays. Miss Thelma Campbell, who is teaching school in El Paso, is here visiting her parents, Attorney and Mrs. V. J. Campbell. Ferrel Albin and Miss Julia Mae Albin are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin. They are attending Texas Tech this year. Wm. W. Gregory of Spur, and his mother of Lubbock are spending Christmas with Mrs. Gregory's parents in Aberdeen, Mississippi. Miss Helen Yeats, who is attending N. T. S. T. C. at Denton, is home with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats, for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Odis Holly of Muleshoe, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Holly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hazel. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norris and Mrs. D. C. Norris, of Crowell, spent Christmas with their mother and grandmother, Mrs. O. D. Blanton. Alvice Yeats, who is teaching school near Rotan, spent a few days with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Yeats, during the holidays. Miss Anne Lee, a student at Abilene Christian College, is home this week spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lee. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Z. Hall and son, Sam Z. Jr., returned Tuesday from Honey Grove where they had been visiting relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Higginbotham of Fort Worth, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Higginbotham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ensey. Miss Clara Pratt, who is in the Nichols Sanitarium as the result of a car wreck, is getting along fine and is able to sit up some at this time. R. E. Dickson, Jr., who is attending school at A. & M. College, College Station, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson. Bernard Golding, a student in the University of Texas, came in Saturday night to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding. Miss Edith Foote, a student at T. W. C. Fort Worth, arrived here Saturday and is spending the holidays

with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Foote. Spencer Campbell is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell. He has been attending Texas Technological College this year. Miss Patty King, a student in Texas Tech, and Miss Mabel King, a teacher in Peacock, are in Spur during the holidays with their mother, Mrs. J. L. Rosamond. Miss Eloise Lane, who is a student at the Texas State College for Women at Denton, is here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Lane. Crate Snider, employe of the Gulf Refining Company working with the Louisiana division, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Snider. Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Mateer of Oklahoma City, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stotts and Joan of Lubbock, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Proctor and Miss Naomi Lee spent Christmas in Stamford with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Arledge. Mrs. Arledge is a sister to Mrs. Proctor and Miss Lee. Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Bryant and sons, Johnny and Bob, of Stamford, and Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bryant and son, Billy, of Hamlin, visited Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Link, Sunday. Miss Julia Mae Hickman spent Christmas in Matador visiting Mrs. Margaret Newman. Mrs. Newman is a former resident of Spur and is now in business in Matador. Rev. W. B. Vaughn and family of Perryton, are here attending the silver anniversary of the Methodist church and spending Christmas with their son, Marvin and Mrs. Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Buster Parrish who recently made their home in Tenaha, Texas, were here for a short visit with Mrs. Parrish's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Carson, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pratt and Arthur Pratt of Willis, and Miss Edith Pratt of Concord came in Thursday to be with their daughter and sister, Miss Clara Pratt who received injuries in an accident Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hindman returned Tuesday from San Antonio where they had been visiting relatives and friends. Mrs. Hindman had been there several days and Mr. Hindman

went down Saturday and returned with her. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Johnson, of Dumont, are the proud parents of a new girl born Christmas night. Dr. Alexander had charge of the case and mother and baby are doing fine. They are at the home of Mr. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Johnson, here. Stafford Forbis, of Afton, visited relatives and friends here Christmas day.

## Our Wish for You

## Our Friends

Is that 1935 will be good to you and that it will be the year in which you may realize your fondest dreams and hopes. If you see fit to continue to favor us with your patronage we assure you we'll do our best to leave you with nothing to regret.

**SIMPSON BARBER & BEAUTY SHOP**



## Welcome the New Year!

We're wishing you success in your plans, Prosperity in your dealings and Happiness in all your relations of life during the good New Year which is dawning upon us. If we can do anything to make the year better for you, you know where our signs hangs out.

**SPUR COFFEE SHOP**

OPEN DAY AND NIGHT

## Your Name Is On Our NEW SLATE

We are no different from any other human being and realize that we have many short comings and make errors and mistakes in the daily conduct of our business . . . however, at the beginning of each year we try to erase all of these errors and misunderstandings and begin all over again on a brand new slate.

Your name has been written on our clean slate for the coming New Year as one of those whom we hope to be able to serve in many ways that will be profitable to you. Our business has been built by means of real service offered in a generous measure to good people who care for the best.

We asked you last year for your business and we are asking you again. Will appreciate any amount you may see fit to give us.

## Good Luck To You All During The New Year!

**CITY GROCERY**

AT THE SAME OLD STAND

## Bell's Cafe

Regular Meals ----- 40c  
**SHORT ORDERS**  
**OPEN DAY AND NIGHT**  
 Hamburgers as you Like Them

## To My Friends—

I want to thank you again for your excellent consideration of me in the past, and for your support in electing me your Tax Assessor. My tenure of office closes next Tuesday and I will not get to serve you in that office any longer. However, I have a barber shop and will be glad if you will give us your patronage and we will give you our best service all the time.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you much prosperity for 1935, and let's all work together to make Dickens County a greater place to live.

**A. B. (Shorty) HOGAN**  
**SANITARY BARBER SHOP**

# 1934 - 1935 Passing - Coming

Shall we live in the past or live now and look to the future as the last days of the old year steal away never to return. There is a tinge of sadness comes into our lives, We may wish we could live the year over again. We would do some things we failed to do, leave unsaid some unkind words and impure thoughts, complain a little less and praise a little more, but we cannot change one moment of the past. Yet having lived another year should have been as another year of schooling in the art of living, and we certainly are better qualified to go into the new year and live it just a little better. Should we give up and say there is no use trying for somehow the temptations are greater than I can overcome, others are not tempted as I am, but as for me there is no use. I will drift with the tide that I know leads to the rocky shoals where my bark will be a wreck, amid the rocks and sands, where millions have gone before me. No let us climb on the wings of hope to realms of faith and courage, to a clime far above the miasmatic swamps and fogs of doubt and fear, where men and women of courage, faith in God and man have always lived.

Opportunity knocks anew at the door of every one at the rising of the sun, each evening as the stars make glad the vaulted heavens. Each new year as the midnight clock tells us a new year is being born. If life was one of ease, who would care to live. It is facts that people who live in the tropics where food grows in profusion and clothing and shelter are so little in demand to add to bodily comfort, these folks never develop into real thinking, living people, but those who live in colder climes, where nature is more severe in giving the weather, where houses of the best construction must be built, and provisions of fuel and food must be made during the milder months of the year, here it is that the stronger men and women develop soul, mind and body, and come nearer to perfect manhood as measured by the One whose birth we have just remembered. We must go forward, no steps can be taken into the past. Mistakes—Yes, we have all made them but may we not use them as sign posts to guide us away from similar dangers. Where shall we go to make ourselves of use to find great things to do? Stay where we are, do the small things well, in our homes, in our towns and communities. How oft have we seen one man going east, another west along the same highway, both in search of the same mystic gold at the end of the rainbow. We build the homes we live in, make the beds upon which we sleep. We are architects of our own destinies. We select our own eternities. We may not be able to gain much of the material values, but who measures life by the golden standard. Many have lost their lives, their happiness clinging to a cross of gold, and can't we truly say the happiest people we have known had little of this world's goods. We must keep our faith in our fellow man. We must believe in the men we elect to carry on our government. We must help and encourage them, by our council, advice and prayers. Any fool can knock but it takes a man to boost. I believe the men at the head of our government from President to Constable as a rule are doing their best just as you and I would do if we accepted places of trust. I believe that out of the experience of the past few years, in which men's souls have been tried, will come a civilization such as the world has never known. We are making history now to be read by unborn generations. Will the part we are writing make good reading for them?

One of these days the rain clouds will gather and this old country will be drenched, the rested fields and prairies will bloom and bear as in other days. And because of their bareness this year, we will know better how to appreciate.

Have we dropped all grudges from the load of life? If not forgive and start into the new year with a lightened load. Hate and happiness cannot be bedfellows. All men are not good, but there is good in all men. I'm trying to start into the new year believing in God, my fellow man and my country, and with a determination to make it the most useful year of my life. Many good years have come to me and to you but 1935 if we are permitted to live may be the best one if we do our best to make it so.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

**Geo. S. Link.**