

# For a Merrier Christmas

## Gift Shoppers Edition

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## SPUR HOLIDAY FIESTA TO OPEN TOMORROW

### Our Christmas Attitude Is Judged According to Our Ability to Love, Give and Appreciate

Has the season become commonplace in our celebrations—just another Christmas with cedar, holly, tinsel, red paper and red lights or does it bring to us a new appreciation of the Man of Galilee? Can we see the Star in the East and the wise men seeking the manger beneath the Star where the Christ was born who gave to this world a philosophy of life that if followed will bring peace to high and low, rich and poor? One who wielded no kingly scepter but taught the law of love and said "Suffer the little children to come unto Me for they are like you must must become if you expect to live in my Kingdom."

Can we visualize what this old world, though had enough, would be had this Child not been born? His life has leavened this world until some of His teaching and example has become part of all of us, though we may forget to give Him credit with the ideals of mercy, love, and charity that make us feel somehow we can not be happy with plenty if there are those about us who are hungry and cold. Why should we care that he who is not our kin or friend should die for want of food and shelter? People did not care before Christ came, so we see there is some of Christ in the world of us.

How would he want to see us celebrate His birth? I am thinking, in giving cheer and help to those less fortunate than we, and some will say, "I'm too poor." Vachel Lindsay in his book "A Handy Guide for Beggars" tells of a man who kept him one night in his very humble home. "He had nothing and gave me half of it and we both had abundance."

We can cheer some one with a kind word, a hearty hand clasp. We may be poor by this world's measure but we can know of the fact that "Our Father is rich in houses and lands. He holdeth the wealth of this world in His hands."

Is some son going to celebrate this blessed season by drinking that accursed stuff that dethrones manhood and reason and leaves him but the basest kind of a beast, or is some husband coming home to the little woman, he led to the altar and promised to love and protect until death do them part, drunk on this stuff that a swine will not use for swill? Both the boy and the husband will be driving nails—one in the casket of mother, the other in that of a wife, if he gets drunk. Of all times Christmas should be the time for men to be manly and girls and boys be ladies and gentlemen. Whiskey has wrecked more homes and taken more lives than all the wars of the ages. They tell me that even some who call themselves ladies drink until reason is dethroned—even mothers. If so, what kind of a heritage are you handing down to your children? How would you like to remember your mother as being a tippler? May we not all keep clean during this Christmas time and honor the One who gave His all to show us how to live. Some one has said, "There are people who make the world, and others who just come along and live in it." May we all be makers, at least during this season, not liveries. This should be the greatest Christmas because it is now. We have the experience of all the past to teach us how.

Our nation is at peace and better fed and clothed than any nation in this world. Never before has a government tried harder to help the man that is unfortunate than ours is doing now and yet, some curse and bite the hand that feeds them. Couldn't we pray for our President and Congress this Christmas? Presidents do not live long because their work is so heavy and their efforts misunderstood and criticized by those who do not know.

Yes, this world is "dying for a little bit of love" and we have that we can give this Christmas. Giving and

### P. W. A. Work On School Grounds Given Extension

The work of improving the school grounds under the auspices of the Works Progress Administration has been given two weeks extension. Spurt O. C. Thomas stated that this was done because there could not be enough men secured to push the work to completion in the allotted time. The job required 42 men months and only about 20 workmen could be secured on the job. Other men are being placed to work and it is hoped that the entire project will have been completed at the close of the allotted extension.

This work is meaning much to the improvement of our school grounds. Walks are being built at the high school and a new sod of grass is being set out. At the other school buildings will be much improvement which otherwise could not have been made had it not been for this fund set aside by the government.

### Gridiron Glory Of Texas At Stake In Three Bowl Games

Gridiron glory achieved throughout the nation this fall by Texas teams will be defended on the New Year's Day at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans, and the Sun Bowl in El Paso.

Never before in football history have the eyes of the nation been focused so intently on a single state. Southern Methodist University, national champions of 1935, will engage Stanford in the West, while Texas Christian University will battle Louisiana State in the South; and a Southwestern game of considerable importance at the El Paso Sun Carnival will pit Hardin-Simmons of Abilene against the New Mexico Aggies.

### SPUR CIRCUIT, M. E. CHURCH

Sunday, Dec. 22, 1935. There will be a Christmas tree program at Kalgary Saturday night, December 21, and preaching at 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning.

A Christmas tree program will be given at Lower Red Mud Sunday afternoon, with preaching service following. There will be no night service.

Every one in each of these communities are invited to attend these services.

J. Melvin Jones, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robertson, of McAdoo, were in our city Tuesday doing some trading and greeting friends.

Fred Arrington, County Clerk, was transacting business in our city Tuesday.

forgiving are closely akin. May we not do some forgiving this Christmas, for as we forgive so shall we be forgiven. I'm glad I get joy out of the joy of the children. May we not say as some have said in the past, Christmas isn't what it was in other days. Christmas is according to our ability to love, give and appreciate. May this one bring joy to all and a new appreciation of the One whose birth we try to remember by doing things for others as we think He would have us do them.

Your friend,  
Geo. S. Link.

### Citizens Invited To Be Present

The Spur Chamber of Commerce has a surprise for somebody and who it will be cannot be decided until two o'clock tomorrow (Friday) afternoon. An invitation is extended to the people to be present at the corner of Burlington Avenue and Harris Street at that hour and learn for themselves about this little game.

The Chamber of Commerce wants you to be in town that day and to write your name in the book which will be prepared. They want every member of the family to have their name in the book which will be prepared for that purpose. It will be fine to learn just how many people will be in town Friday at two o'clock and this may be the purpose of this little event. However, the Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce states that somebody is going to receive a present, and unless you are there you cannot get the present. The Christmas tree has been installed at that corner and probably Santa Claus will have something to do with the program.

If the children cannot write their names in the book, it is the hope that the parents will register for them. Just "Who is Who" is going to be determined. You don't have to buy anything. There will be nothing sold. No money is needed in your pockets. No gamble, no game of chance. You are under no obligation in any manner. You don't have to write your name, you are just requested to do so. They want you to enjoy the fun, visit with your neighbors and be present for the occasion.

Your attention is called to the many bargains advertised by Spur merchants in this issue of the Times. Please take time to look over the "Shopping Guide" before you come to town and learn of the fine bargains the merchants are offering.

Next Monday the Palace Theatre is running a free show to all children under the age of twelve years. Santa Claus will be there with a lot of candy. The show starts at 11:00 o'clock in the morning and just one show will be run. Bring the children in for this show. People over the age of twelve years will not be admitted. If your child is not old enough to attend by itself, let it accompany some older child who is eligible.

### Dogs Cop First Basketball Game

The Spur Bulldogs won their first basketball of this season Friday night when they downed Dickens at the Dickens Gym 36 to 22. E. Holly, Spur forward, was "hot" and scored 29 of the Spur points. He was ably assisted by his team mates.

Coaches Wadzeck and Sollis are looking forward to a very successful basketball season with prospects of the best team in Spur's history. The team is still practicing on an outdoor court but plan to play most of their games on the Dickens court.

### ABOUT OUR HIGH SCHOOL BAND

The Spur High School band went to Lubbock last week to a formal concert of the Texas Technological College band. This was a very unusual occasion for the band members and an opportunity not enjoyed by many high school students. Mr. Brown, the director, accompanied the band members and many fine points in band music were obtained.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown asked three members of the band to accompany them to Fort Worth last Thursday where they attended a meeting of Texas Band directors. The boys enjoying this trip were: Norman Priest, Fred Kinney and Max McClure. The boys declare they had a great time and that it was fine that they had an opportunity to attend such a meeting.

### Resettlement Officer Discusses "Men or Machines?" A New Year Look Into the Future of the Farmer

### Lubbock Mail Dispatch Time Now Changed

The afternoon time of dispatching mail from Spur post office on the route to Lubbock has been changed. The time formerly was that any letter posted by five o'clock in the afternoon could be dispatched. The time has been set up thirty minutes, and now in order for a letter to be assured of being sent out on this mail it must be in the post office by four thirty in the afternoon.

This schedule became effective Monday and probably many people have posted letters on the old schedule that could not be sent out. The post office force told as many people as possible, but the change very abruptly and they could not advertise it to everybody. Hence, some letters may have been late for the schedule. The postmaster and clerks request that letters be posted by four thirty o'clock in the afternoon and they will make the route out in fine condition.

### Fifth Sunday Meet At Soldier Mound This Week

The next Fifth Sunday meeting of the Dickens County Baptist Association will be held with the Soldier Mound Church beginning Friday night, December 27. The meeting will hold over until Sunday night of December 29. The following is the program outline:

- Friday Night, Dec. 27  
7:00. Sermon by Rev. Ernest Lee.
- Saturday Morning, Dec. 28  
9:30. Devotional, Fred Crabtree.
- 10:00. Why are they a People Called Missionary Baptist—Rev. A. F. Stokes.
- 11:00. Are the People that Wear That Name True to the Name—Rev. W. B. Bennett.
- 11:30. Sermon, Text, Matt. 28:19—Dr. M. F. Ewton.
- 12:30. Dinner at the Church.

Saturday Afternoon  
1:30. Is the Dickens County Association in the 9th District? Round table discussion led by Rev. Wayne Grizzle.

- (Every church in the Association requested to have a representative present).
- 2:30. Are we cooperating with the District; if not, why not?—Rev. Bost, District Missionary.
- 3:00. Miscellaneous Business.
- 7:00. Sermon—Rev. Clarence Edwards.

- Sunday Morning, Dec. 29  
10:00. The Importance of a Sunday School in the Church work.  
Rev. Thomas Cobb (20 minutes).  
Mrs. G. M. Cox (20 minutes).  
Rev. A. P. Stokes (20 minutes).  
11:00. Sermon, Rev. L. S. Bilberry.
- Sunday Night  
7:00. Sermon by Rev. Terry of Dickens.

Come, and visit with us and enjoy the hospitality of the church.  
J. V. Bilberry, Pastor.

Friends of Marshall Formby in the county have announced that he is being urged to be a candidate next year for County Judge. Marshall is well known throughout the county having lived here for almost 20 years. It is likely that he will throw his hat in the ring with a formal announcement within the next few weeks.

(First article of a series of four by Carl C. Taylor, Assistant Administrator, Resettlement Administration.)

If my topic were—"What kind of rural life ought we to look forward to in the United States?" my task would be easy. Then I would need only to vision the good things of life and declare that such ought to be rural America. But I have not set myself the task of painting a Rural Utopia but rather the task of predicting what actually will come to pass.

Will rural life in the United States two, three, or a half dozen generations hence, be using mechanized production almost as completely as industry? Have settled the problems of physical and economic distribution? Captured a material standard of living equal to that of the upper middle class of the cities? Or will it follow more clearly the rural life patterns of older civilizations? Be satisfied with less mechanization than industry? Somewhat side step the difficult problem of distribution by "living-at-home" farming? Be satisfied with a lower material standard of living than in other business enterprises?

I hasten to repeat that these are not the only two alternatives. It is much more likely that some middle position will develop. Because they do mark the extremes of possibility, I want to pursue the patterns of each with two questions in mind: First, which should we choose if could? And, second, which are we most likely to develop, with or without conscious choice?

Civilizations have not chosen, but rather drifted, into their destinies. Whether they can ever do otherwise may be an open question. But that does not alter the fact that American rural life will probably be very different one hundred years hence from what it is now. The question is, will we attempt to understand and attempt to understand and attempt to guide, or will we continue to indulge in wishful thinking, imagine Utopias, and, as in the past, drift into destinies which we had not contemplated? I can easily conceive that we might dream one kind of rural life and our grand-children be compelled to live another kind, chiefly because we failed to understand history or judge the trends of our own times.

One school of thought believes that our children can, should and will inherit the good rural life only by subjecting American agriculture to complete commercialization and other urban techniques. It is this road that American agriculture has steadily traveled for at least one hundred years—from the ox cart and ox team to the automobile and tractor; from the cradle and flail to the combine; from the tallow candle to the electric light; and from dire isolation to modern socialization.

It is as easy to tend seventy acres of corn today as it was half that acreage twenty-five years ago and we are supremely worried because cotton and tobacco farming seem rather stubbornly to resist mechanization. Once they have yielded, we will probably be able to produce the needs of our power now engaged in agriculture.

Is American rural Utopia to come by this route?

(Dr. Taylor will continue his discussion of the future of American farmer in the next issue.)

### MISTLETOE, A TREE PARASITE

Despite its popularity as a Christmas green, there is little worry about conserving the country's supply of mistletoe. For this attractive plant, with its shiny, dark leaves and waxy white berries, grows as a parasite high on the branches of trees and does considerable damage to its host trees. Science has revealed that the mistletoe seeds are carried from tree to tree by birds.

A GOOD SAFE PLACE TO TRADE  
**B. SCHWARZ & SON**  
 SPUR, TEXAS  
 The Store Of Little Profit

# Christmas Sale of 400 of the Season's Smartest DRESSES - COATS - and - SUITS

Every Dress, Coat and Suit in these Groups is worth the full Original Price. Every one is a picked style—at the Sale Price women will give this Sale the Christmas "Rush Act." You'd better come, too—All Sales Final—No approvals, due to drastic reductions.



**LADIES COAT SUITS**  
 \$16.95 Value  
 Sale ..... **\$12<sup>95</sup>**

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**ALL WOOL DRESSES**  
**Half Price**

ONE LOT ABOUT  
**45 SILK DRESSES**  
 Regular Price \$1.95 and \$2.95  
 Sale ..... **\$1<sup>49</sup>**

No Try-Ons on Cheap Dresses

**60 DRESSES**  
 Regular \$7.95 Value  
 Sale ..... **\$4.95**

**30 OF OUR BETTER FUR TRIMMED COATS**  
**Half Price**

\$39.95 Fur Trimmed Coats ..... \$19.95  
 \$29.95 Fur Trimmed Coats ..... \$14.95

**LADIES TAILORED COATS**  
 \$9.95 Value  
 Sale ..... **\$7.95**

**120 BETTER DRESSES**  
 Including Our Peter Pan Dresses—Regular \$14.95 Value  
 Sale .. **\$8<sup>95</sup>**

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**80 DRESSES**  
 Regular \$9.95 Value  
 Sale .. **\$6<sup>95</sup>**

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**80 DRESSES**  
 Regular \$5.95 including our Max Weisen Half Size Dresses. Large Dresses in this group.  
 Sale .. **\$3<sup>95</sup>**



**ALL KNIT SUITS**  
**Third Off**  
 Regular Price

**40 DRESSES**  
 Regular \$4.45 Value  
 Sale ..... **\$2.95**

**ALL MILLINERY**  
 1/2 price



## Grocery Firm President Gives Advertising Credit for Success

Oakland, December 16—Newspaper advertising and its increasing value to the continued business and industrial development of the nation was emphasized here recently in a statement made public by L. A. Warren, president of Safeway Stores, Inc.

Citing his own company as a barometer to indicate the attitude of business toward advertising, Warren declared that he considered the growth of Safeway Stores, Inc., and other chain systems but a reflection of the power of newspapers to build and retain public respect and public patronage.

"As far as Safeway is concerned," he continued, "our advertising has been predominantly newspaper advertising, and I consider it an important factor in the growth of this company."

"It is through advertising that people come to know and understand the scope of any business concern's public service, and the commodities it offers for public consumption. In this new age of commerce and distribution, consistent advertising helps materially to create respect and confidence for those who use newspaper space."

"It seems only natural that those concerns using newspaper advertising uninterruptedly year after year do retain the highest confidence of the public they serve. Their customers have found out that they can truthfully rely upon the advertised product, service and economy which so often feature the display copy of the chain stores."

Warren referred to the succession of Farmer-Consumer campaigns waged by Safeway Stores, Inc., to help farmers stimulate consumption for agricultural products as another example of the power of advertising.

"We have repeatedly endeavored to help farmers dispose of surplus or distressed crops by conducting widespread advertising campaigns on certain products at various seasons of the year," he said. "These campaigns have been eminently successful, and their beneficial effects to agriculture are both a tribute to newspaper advertising and the advantages of chain store distribution."

"The fact that chain stores are believers in advertising has considerably accelerated the pace of their progress—it has enlarged their opportunities to further serve the consuming public and pass on to them the economical benefits of the chain store distribution system."

Rev. and Mrs. Forrest G. Rodgers, of Brownfield, were greeting friends in our city Monday. Rev. Rodgers stated he had been at Brownfield as pastor of the First Baptist Church there had been 68 additions.

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**McAdoo**

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(Too late for last week)

Mr. Randolph and Howard East of Spur attended the Singing Convention at McAdoo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Holmes had friends from Afton visiting them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brister and family spent the week end in Hill County visiting relatives.

A. W. Walker went to Lockney Sunday to see his mother. Mr. Walker's mother has been quite ill, but she is reported to be improving.

Albert Blair of Amarillo, visited friends in this community during the past week.

Miss Faye Ola Miller has returned to her home after spending several months as special nurse for a patient near Matador.

Mrs. Martha Putman and baby were here Sunday to see her mother, Mrs. A. V. Womack and family and to attend the singing convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Palo Grissom were business visitors in Crosbyton Saturday.

Miss Dortha Johnston, teacher of McAdoo school was in Crosbyton during the week end to see her mother.

Mrs. Carrie Roberts and baby of Afton, were here Sunday to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson, and family.

The Dickens County Singing Convention met at McAdoo school auditorium Sunday, December 8. A large attendance was present to enjoy the singing.

Miss Lucille Ward and "Curley" Fox were married at Crosbyton Sunday afternoon, December 8. Lucille is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ward of McAdoo. She is a student of 1935 Senior Class in McAdoo High School.

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**The Spur Hospital**  
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**F. R. COPELAND, M. D.**  
 Diagnosis and Surgery  
**JNO. T. WYLIE, M. D.**  
 Internal Medicine  
**Mrs. F. R. COPELAND, R.N.**  
 Superintendent  
**X-RAY AND RADIUM**

School. Curley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fox of McAdoo. He is enlisted in the Army at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Fox have a large number of friends here who are wishing them happiness throughout their married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Cozby and daughters, La Una and Alba of Spur, attended the singing convention that met at McAdoo Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John McKeever and family of Spur, were here Sunday to see their daughter, Mrs. Sam Hardy, and husband.

Several from McAdoo went to Plainview Tuesday to attend a District Stewards meeting and to attend the annual Harvest Day program of the Womans Missionary Society.

The Womans Missionary Society held their regular meeting at the parsonage Monday afternoon and elected officers for the year as follows: Mesdames E. C. Robertson, President; Frank Beauchamp, vice president; C. Gollihar, corresponding secretary; Grady Allen, secretary; Lois Nickels, superintendent of local funds; Ben Eldredge, Supt. of Study; J. A. Allen, Supt. of Supplies; J. O. Morris, Supt. local work; V. H. Nettles, Supt. Social Relation; T. L. Dozier, Supt. Supplies and J. T. Parker, World Outlook Agent. There were nine members present at the meeting. The society meets regularly at the parsonage each Monday afternoon.

The McAdoo Chapter of Future Farmers of America will present a play, "Howling Success" Friday night, December 13 at the school auditorium. This is a comedy play, with plenty of good laughs. The public is cordially invited to see this play.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Blair and family of Spur, were here Sunday to attend the singing convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Parker, J. T. Parker, and Mrs. Lee Parker made a business trip to Lubbock Monday.

### Weekly Cotton Grade and Staple

The average grade for cotton classed last week from representative gins in Texas is lower than that classed for any previous week this season.

Only about 8 per cent of the cotton classed this week is Middling and better grades of White and Extra White cotton in comparison with 14 per cent for previous week and about 50 per cent for the total classed this season to date. By contrast it may be noted that in some of the earlier weeks of the season, between 80 and 90 per cent of the cotton classed was Middling and above.

Over half of the cotton classed last week, 55 per cent, conforms to Spotted grades, of which 34 per cent of the amount is Strict Low Middling Spotted and Low Middling Spotted. For the season up to this time, 23 per cent has been spotted, and this includes only 5 per cent for Strict Low Middling and Low Middling Spotted.

The average staple lengths for cotton classed in recent weeks has been shorter than the average for the season. Cotton classed during the first part of the ginning season showed considerably larger proportions of staple 15-16 inch and longer and relatively smaller proportions for 7-8 inch and shorter than has the cotton classed during the latter part of the season.

**DR. BROWN SAYS, "BE CAREFUL"**

Christmas, the season of joy and happiness, will soon be with us and Dr. John W. Brown, State Health Officer, urges every one to do their utmost to prevent accidents in order that the season of merriment be not changed to one of sorrow or suffering.

This season of the year brings with it an increase in the motor vehicle traffic. Thousands of persons, enjoy-

ing a vacation, are on the highways at this time. Like public health, and a great many other things, traffic safety depends upon effective partnership. Whether you are at the wheel or on the highway or street, your safety and that of the other fellow, depend upon both of you.

The speed mania and reckless driving, and all that they imply, in the lack of self control, disregard for laws and for the rights and lives of others, are responsible for a large part of the tragic deaths and unnecessary suffering. In the face of the hazards involved, absent-mindedness on the part of the driver or pedestrian, also becomes a vice, with notorious record for destructive consequences. Motor transportation has become an inherent part of our daily lives. To reduce the hazards for ourselves and for others the least we can do is to admit our obligation as partners in the Safety-Traffic business, and to accept our responsibilities as drivers and as pedestrians.

One would not wish all persons to be in a state of constant dread to the extent that every act be considered a source of possible accident; but we can be sensible and intelligent and since we are creatures of habit we can teach ourselves and our young people to recognize certain situations which represent hazards and to act in such a way as to prevent them.

Dock Drennon, of Wichita community, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

**Tom's Auto Parts**

Dependable Mechanics.

You can save money on New and Used Parts.

AGAIN SANTA WILL LOAD  
 THE CHRISTMAS FEAST TRAY WITH  
**SPUR BAKERY PRODUCTS**



It wouldn't be Christmas without Fruit Cake—Cookies—Pies—and other bakery goodies, would it?

The Spur Bakery is famous for Christmas Goodies in years past . . . place your order now for

**Fruit Cake**

1 pound ..... 85c      2 pound ..... \$1.60  
 3 pound ..... \$2.40



NATIVE-WORK  
**HORSES**  
 —and—  
**MULES**

TRADE or SELL

E. D. ENGLEMAN  
**The FARMALL House**



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



**Here Are Gift Ideas**

We Welcome Every Thrifty Shopper in Spur Trade Territory  
 A Visit Here Will Pay You. Come Look—It Will Be A Pleasure to Show You.

**COME EARLY**

MEN'S

**Broadcloth Pajamas**

**\$1.00 and \$1.95**

Because so many men buy these for themselves . . . we know they'll be pleasing gifts! Solid colors brightly trimmed and colorful prints. The style men like best . . . coat type with notched lapels.



Two Good Gift Values!  
**Slippers**

**\$1.**

Wool felt slipper with hand turned leather sole. Rubber tap heels. Grey and sapphire blue

Women's soft kid D'Orsay, hand turned soles and Cuban heel. Stocked in black and blue. Sizes 4 to 8. Buy them now . . . before sizes get broken.

**\$1.19 - \$1.39**

**"HIS" GIFT**

NEED NOT COST A LOT OF MONEY. COME and SEE

**These Robes!**

Now ladies, here's the ideal gift for your husband, brother or boy friend. Charming silk brocaded robes in blues, browns, wines and black colors . . . fine tailoring enhance their value and we recommend them to give entire satisfaction!



- Brocaded Silks
- Handsomely Tailored
- Full Length Styles
- Large—Small—Medium

Men's Fine Leather

**Jackets**

Fine leather sueds, pig grain leathers and cape skins . . . sport backs inverted pleat styles.

**\$4.95 - \$6.45**

**\$9.95 - \$12.50**



**Men's Ties**

**25c - 49c**

A big selection of gift ties for men and boys. Stripes, checks and new striking patterns. Check several names off your list here.

**98c**

**Rayon Bed Spreads**

80x105 rayon bed spreads, a good heavy quality in pleasing floral designs. Well finished scalloped edges. Rose, green, gold and orchid. We'll gift wrap them if you wish.

**\$1.29**



MENS AND BOYS  
**CHRISTMAS SUIT SALE**

Our Entire Stock of Smart Suits included in this Christmas Sale. They are tailored of fine Quality Worsteds. Choose from Stripes, Checks, Mixtures, and Monotones, in Blue, Grey, and Browns.

AND HERE ARE THE PRICES

Regular \$22.50 Suits—Sale

**\$17.90**

Regular \$17.45 Suits—Sale

**\$12.95**



DOUBLE BREASTED, SINGLE BREASTED, SPORT BACKS, PLAIN BACKS, NEW PATTERNS, FINE TAILORING.

**SALE BOYS' SUITS**

**25%** Regular Price

LEISURE TOGS OF DISTINCTION!  
 For Her Gift!

**ROBES**

In House Coats and Hostess Types Unusual and alluring in Flannel, Jersey Silk and Velvet.

**\$5.95 up**

**PAJAMAS**

Featured in all the new glamorous shades and fabrics.

**\$1.00 up**

**LINGERIE**

Complete Sets and individual pieces in real lace treatment as well as domestic in Satins, Sheers and Crepes.

**\$1.95 up**

A "FIRST AND LAST MINUTE  
 GIFT SUGGESTION!

**Chiffons**

by Kayser and Allen A  
 "America's most beautiful Dollar Chiffons."

**\$1.00**

Others 79c, and \$1.25



"The Hose Exquisite" . . . Worn by America's Smartest Women . . . the Most Flattering Hose of All!

Available in a 3-thread daytime sheer . . . and a 2-thread tissue sheer for afternoon and evening!

"Mother's" Gift

**Burlington Bed Spreads**

**\$2.98**

Size 80x105—of rayon mixture, in very attractive designs, in Jacquard patterns. Colors range in gold, blue, rose and green . . . Especially desirable as a gift for the "Home."

**Fine Luggage**

Whether he is a globe trotter or an occasional week-end traveler, we have just the luggage he needs. Now improved Val-A-Pacs, modern Gladstones and hand bags or zipper sport bags, priced from

**\$1.95 to \$12.50**

**Giveable Gifts for Men and Boys!  
 Choose Them!**

**SHIRTS**

With the Non-Wilt Collar

Gift shirts of good quality printed Broadcloth . . . Stripes and mixtures in tan, blue grey and green. The famous non-wilt collar . . . a feature every man will like. Every shirt cut full and roomy and not only guaranteed not to fade, but are guaranteed to give complete satisfaction. Give his shirts the once over . . . perhaps you'll find he can use several.

**\$1 and \$1.50**

**MRS. MARTHA CARLISLE PASSES AWAY**

Mrs. Martha E. Carlisle passed away at her home in Duck Creek community about one o'clock Monday afternoon. Mrs. Carlisle had been in poor health several months following an illness in the spring and had to be assisted in order to get about the place. While eating dinner Sunday she suffered a paralytic stroke which proved fatal.

Funeral services were held at the residence Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. J. Melvin Jones, pastor of the Spur Circuit of the M. E. Church, read the funeral rites in the presence of a large congregation of people. Interment followed in Spur cemetery, Bill Kinney acting as funeral director. Six grandsons served as pallbearers: Walter Carlisle of Austin, Orwin Stephens of Girard, Virgil Smith of Spur, Ray Carlisle, Woodrow Swearingen and Emmet Hagins of Gilpin. Five granddaughters served as flower bearers: Miss Wilda Stephens of Girard, Miss Zora May Swearingen, Miss Ethel Carlisle of Gilpin, Mrs. O. R. Booth, and Mrs. Herman Ernest of Spur.

Mrs. Carlisle was born in Tolbert County, Ga., December 30, 1848. Her maiden name was Miss Martha E. Hughes. She grew to womanhood in that state and was married to Jonas Carlisle in 1867. She moved to Texas in 1878 and settled in Collin County. In January, 1890, Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle moved to Dickens County and settled on their farm in Duck Creek community where they resided the remainder of their lives—about 46 years. They were reasonably successful financially and acquired and paid for one of the best sections of land in that community. Mr. Carlisle passed away July 21, 1928.

When about 18 years of age Mrs. Carlisle became converted to the Christian religion and affiliated with the Methodist Episcopal Church. She lived a sincere devoted Christian life until her death. She was a charter member of the Methodist Church at Duck Creek and was very regular in attending church services until her advanced age prohibited her doing so.

Ten children survive, five sons and five daughters: J. M. Carlisle who was at home with his mother, W. A. Carlisle of Haskell, J. E. Carlisle of Gilpin, J. T. Carlisle of Spring Lake, C. M. Carlisle of Gilpin; Mrs. Lizzie Hart of Plainview, Mrs. S. Smith of Spur, Mrs. P. E. Hagins of Gilpin, Mrs. Lucy Stephens of Girard and Mrs. J. A. Swearingen of Gilpin.

There are 91 grand children and great grand children in the family. Had Mrs. Carlisle lived until December 30 she would have celebrated her 87th birthday anniversary. She and her husband had been married 60 years when he passed away. It was 60 years of useful life together, rearing a family, making a home and being neighbors to those about them. Their home was open always to those who needed shelter under its roof. They always manifested that free open Southern hospitality to those who were guests in their home.

**CHRISTMAS IN SHANGHAI JUST ONE OF THOSE DAYS**

When Christmas comes to Shanghai, a cross-section of the world makes holiday. The average Chinaman fails to get the meaning of it, but such a fun-loving people can do well with one more celebration. So the chinaman himself adds to the din with firecrackers and gift-giving, parties and the making of calls.

There is a distinct western touch to the observance of the season by this most cosmopolitan city. Shanghai's "social registerites" start plans for dinners and dances as early as the middle of November; immediately reservations are checked off on the calendars of ballrooms and restaurants. The exact form of observance varies with the nationality divisions of the city. In the Russian section, the day is observed as it is on the steppes or in Moscow. The French greet Santa Claus in their own way, even though the wax dolls have to be brought far from the Champs Elysees. The Japanese prefer to make merry by drinking sake. The English must have their plum pudding and holly.

At the mission schools, where boys and girls are taught in separate classes, Christmas carols around the tree give modest school girls a chance not only of singing hymns but of "seeing him."

In interior China, however, most of the people prefer to celebrate their own Dragon-boat, Mid-Autumn, and New Year holidays rather than this "imported" one. They do not even try to understand these queer foreigners. To them December 25 is just another day!

**HOLIDAY GARNISH FOR SALADS**  
Cranberry jelly sliced and cut into fancy shapes with a cookie cutter or a knife makes an attractive and unusual garnish for salads and desserts during the holiday season.



Don't let HEADACHE, Acid Indigestion, Neuralgia, Muscular, Rheumatic, Sciatic Pains, rob you of healthful recreation. Take Alka-Seltzer. Find out for yourself how quickly it will relieve your every-day ailments.

Alka-Seltzer relieves pain because it contains analgesic, (acetylsalicylate). Alka-Seltzer's vegetable and mineral alkalis neutralize excess acid.

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**BE WISE-ALKALIZE!**

**Spur School News**

**BULL DOGS ENTERTAINED BY PEP SQUAD**

The Coronation of Isabel Campbell as football queen climaxed the banquet which the high school pep squad gave in honor of the football squad on last Saturday evening. Miss Nina Landers, pep squad sponsor, Winifred Bell, Billie Burk Hisey, Evelyn Ivey, and Mary Lisenby, pep leaders, served as hostesses to the 137 guests that assembled in the basement of the Methodist Church. Winifred Bell, pep squad president, was the toast-mistress.

Miss Campbell, representing the Junior class, was elected queen in an election held by the student body last week. She was crowned "Football Queen" by Superintendent O. C. Thomas. Class favorites who attended the queen in the coronation ceremony were Winifred Bell, senior; Wynell McClure, sophomore; and Marion Hale, freshman. Their escorts were Lanier Gilbert, Spencer Lisenby, and James Bumpus, respectively. The queen's escort was Pershing Lee. Flower girls were Helen Virginia and Patricia Ann Mars. Train bearers were Mac Brannen and Neal A. Chastain, Jr. The crown bearer was Jane Brannen.

A yuletide motif was carried out in all appointments, with miniature Christmas trees as centerpieces for the tables which were shaped in the form of an "S". Light was supplied from candles in silver tapers.

Favors were programs made in the shape of a football, laced with ribbons of blue and gold, the school colors. The program, which also included the menu, was as follows:

Invocation—O. L. Kelley.  
Kick Off—Winifred Bell.  
Return—W. A. McCombs.

Time Out  
(Tomato Cocktail)  
A First Down for the Bulldogs—Assistant Coach L. J. Sollis.  
Fumbles—Sylvan Goding.  
Forward Pass—Supt. Thomas.

Half  
Baked Chicken, Dressing, Nest O' Peas, Cranberry Sauce, Fruit Salad, Coffee, Rolls, Pickles.  
A Song for the Bulldogs—Mrs. Wadzeck.  
A Cheer from the Pep Squad—Miss Landers.  
Touchdown—Mr. Wadzeck.

Final Score  
(Pecan Pie)  
Coronation,  
Alma Mater.

Others who were called upon for speeches were Mr. Kelley, high school principal; O. F. Martin, an assistant coach; Dr. M. H. Brannen, and a number of the football squad.—Reported.

**MUSIC STUDENTS GIVE GOOD PROGRAM**

Students of Miss Kathryn Curby appearing in recital at the East Ward auditorium last Thursday night, gave a very pleasing program. The Rhythm Band gave the opening selections which brought a thrill to the audience. The piano students followed and the people enjoyed 24 beautiful selections. There were a number of beginners on the program but every one exemplified that they were masters of their various selections. The more advanced students proved their ability in technique touch, tempo, and other finer points in music.

A great number of people present congratulated the students for their excellent work and expressed their confidence in their instructor. Miss Curby is doing her second year of work as head of the music department in our schools and she has won the confidence of the entire school patronage.

**TOYS SHOULD PLEASE THE CHILD**

Select Christmas toys to please the child, not to amuse the adults in the family.

**SPUR HIGH SCHOOL BAND GIVES PROGRAM TODAY**

The Spur High School band will make their initial appearance in concert at the high school auditorium at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon. The band has been under continuous drill and practice since the beginning of the school term and are able to give some fine selections. There are about twenty members in the band and some new ones are being added.

The program outline for this afternoon is as follows:

Choral—God, the Mighty—Beethoven.  
Bobby Shafto—Traditional.  
Long, Long Ago—T. H. Bayly.  
Choral—Rejoice, O My Soul—Robert Schumann.  
Home, Sweet Home—John Howard Payne.  
Christmas Song—Silent Night.

The public are extended an invitation to hear this program at 1:45 o'clock this afternoon (Thursday). It will be given at the school assembly.

**WHY CHRISTMAS DAY COMES ON THE 25TH OF DECEMBER**

Christmas, which seems to have been first officially instituted a church feast day by a decree of Pope Telesphorus, between 142 A. D. and 154 A. D., was a movable feast. Indeed, it was the most movable of all the Christian festivals. It was usually celebrated by the eastern branches of the Christian church in April or May, while in the western part of Europe days in January or other months were observed as Christmas.

In A. D. 337 St. Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, obtained from Pope Julius I authority to appoint a commission to determine, if possible, the precise day of Christ's nativity. From the chronological archives of the Roman emperors, establishing the times of occurrence of certain events of the same period of the Roman government in Palestine, the theologians of the eastern and western divisions of the Christian church agreed upon December 25 as the date of the birth of Jesus, and thereupon this became the officially decreed and generally accepted Christmas day.

**WILL RUN FOR RE-ELECTION**

Judge Leonard Westfall, Representative of the 118th District in the Texas Legislature, was in our community the last of the week and stated he expects to be a candidate for re-election. Judge Westfall is now serving his first term as Representative in the State Legislature from this district. He represents the counties of Jordan, Scurry, Garza, Stonewall, Kent and Dickens, and has made a very fine record in behalf of the people. He has always fought for the interests of the masses and stated that if he is elected to a second term that he expects to be the representative of the people and not just a few interests.



MUCH has been said and written of the "service" phrase of funeral direction . . . but we hold to the simple fact that Service is our ability to be ready at any time and our willingness to comply with your most detailed wishes.

**BILL KINNEY**  
Funeral Director

**SANTA CLAUS MAY KNOW THE DESIRES**

A Santa Claus letter was received by the Times Office the last of the week which was hieroglyphically inscribed and prevents our reproducing it. Santa Claus may know its contents but it was beyond the ability of the Times force to interpret all that it contained.

One of the requests seems to have been for a tricycle, another for a wagon and a third for an airplane. The letter had the name Jack at the top of it and it is the hope that Santa Claus will bring Jack all the presents that he desires. From the letter we would judge that Jack is a very small, yet very thoughtful boy because he wrote to Santa Claus the best he could, and we are sure that Santa Claus understood all about the letter when it was received. Thanks, Jack, and let Santa Claus have another letter next year and we will do our best to publish it for you.

**Order Christmas Cards now—Times**

Dec. 18, 1935, Dickens, Texas

Dear Santa Claus:  
Please bring me a doll and a black board, a little story book, some fruit and candy. Bring mother a bed spread, Daddy a necktie.  
Betty Jean Anderson, Dickens, Texas, Star Route.

**McAdoo, Texas, Dec. 16, 1935.**

Dear Santa:  
I am a little boy four years old. I have been very good. I will tell you what I want you to bring me for Christmas. Bring me a roadster pad car, set of tools, drum, truck with A. B. C. blocks and a Mickey Mouse tie.

Thanks a lot Santa.  
Billie Wesley Tooke.

**YOUR CHRISTMAS PLEASURE**

Your Christmas pleasure is due when your Christmas duty is done.

**SHERIFF'S SALE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Dickens  
BY VIRTUE of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, on the 11th day of December, 1935, by Mrs. Nettie Littlefield, Clerk of said Court against John Flynn and First National Bank of Gorman, Texas for the sum of One Hundred Thirty Eight and 40/100 (\$138.40) Dollars together with Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars attorney fees and costs of suit, in cause No. 1937 in said Court, styled E. H. Remington

vs. First National Bank of Gorman, Texas and placed in my hands for service, I, J. L. Koonsman, Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of December, 1935, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, described as follows, to-wit: On that tract, piece or parcel of land lying and being situated in the City of Spur, County of Dickens, being Lot No. 5, Block No. 11 in the City of Spur, Dickens County, Texas and levied upon as the property of said John Flynn and First National Bank of Gorman, Texas. And on Tuesday, the 7th day of January, 1935, at the Court House door of Dickens County, in the City of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said John Flynn and First National Bank of Gorman, Texas by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Dickens County Times, a newspaper published in Dickens County.

WITNESS my hand, this 11th day of December, 1935.

J. L. Koonsman, Sheriff Dickens County, Texas.

By Wayland A. Lee, Deputy.  
(Published Dec. 12, 19, 24, Jan. 2)

**From All Over the World!**

Again Foodway brings a message of quality, and savings for Holiday Feast planners. Foods from all over the world are conveniently displayed to make shopping easy, and they're priced to save you money. A visit to our store will make the Holiday Feast a grand success.

<p>Concho Blackberries No. 2 cans 2 cans for 25c</p> <p>Mince Meat 3 pkgs. 25c</p> <p>Prunes Size 50 to 60 2 lbs. 18c</p>	<p>Cranberries Fresh quart 25c</p> <p>Red Cherries No. 2 cans Special can 14c</p> <p>Cocoanut Fresh lb. 19c</p>	<p>CANDY Christmas Mix Extra Fresh lb. 15c</p> <p>Chocolate Creams Nut Filled Extra Fine Quality lb. 20c</p> <p>Big Stick Holiday Wrapped 5c</p> <p>NUTS Fresh English Walnuts lb. 25c</p> <p>PECANS Large size lb. 15c</p>
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**Salad Dressing** Gold Bond **35c** Quart

**COFFEE, Foodway** Ground Fresh As You Like **3 lbs. 49c**

**Celery** Large Jumbo Per Bunch . . . **15c**

**Lettuce** Fresh Firm Heads Each . . . . . **5c**

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<p>Marshmallows Fresh pkg. <b>10c</b></p> <p>Raisins California Packed 2 lb. <b>19c</b></p>	<p>APPLES Winesap, per doz. 29c Delicious, per doz 30c</p> <p>CRACKERS Saltines 2 lb. <b>19c</b></p>	<p>Oranges California Navels doz. <b>30c</b></p> <p>Mothers Oats box <b>25c</b></p>
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FOODWAY

**PALACE XMAS SPECIAL**

—Opening—  
**Midnight Show—Christmas Eve**  
—Continuing Thru—  
**Christmas Day and Thursday**

SAMUEL GOLDWYN presents  
**Fredric MARCH**  
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**Herbert MARSHALL**  
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### Some Pension Requirements

"Many provisions of the Texas Old Age Assistance Law were taken directly from laws previously existing in other states or from the Social Security Act, which President Roosevelt sponsored," State Auditor Orville S. Carpenter, appointed pension chief, said this week.

Major provisions are the following: 1. A qualified applicant must be 65 years of age and a citizen of the United States.

2. He must have lived in Texas five out of the last nine years, and have lived in the State continuously one year preceding application.

3. He must not at time of receiving aid be an inmate of a public or private institution.

4. He must not have made a voluntary transfer or assignment of property to qualify for aid.

5. He must not be a habitual criminal or habitual drunkard.

6. He or she is not eligible if he or she has a husband or wife able to furnish him or her adequate support.

"The property restriction," Mr. Carpenter continued, "as well as that of cash or security ownership, must be clearly understood."

"A qualified old-age pension applicant—

"Does not own property, real, personal, or mixed, the fair value of which, taking into consideration assessed valuations for State and county tax purposes less all incumbrances and liens, exceeds, if the applicant is single, \$5,000, or if married, \$7,500.

"Does not have or own cash or marketable securities, the fair value of which exceeds \$500 if the applicant is single, or if married, \$1,000," Mr. Carpenter stated.

"An important restriction concerns incomes of qualified applicants. In-

comes of applicants must not exceed, from any and all sources, \$360 yearly, if single; and the combined incomes of both spouses, from any and all sources, must not exceed \$720 yearly, if applicant is married," Mr. Carpenter explained. "A sworn statement of all income during the preceding two years must accompany the application."

### SPUR AGGIE BOYS VISIT LIVE STOCK FARM

Twelve boys of the Vocational Agriculture Class of Spur High School visited the H. C. Shager Live Stock Farm at Vigo Park and the Animal Husbandry Department at the Texas Technological College Monday of last week. The object of this visit was to study draft horses.

Members making the trip were: Bob Harrell, W. K. Harvey, Roger Garrison, W. C. Presley, Vernon Harris, Cleo Rogers, Collin Denson, Wal-

lace Smith, Van Hairgrove, Walter Messer, Junior Ince, and John Hazelwood.

Six members of the class: W. K. Harvey, Bob Harrell, Roger Garrison, Collin Denson, Cleo Rogers and Wallace Smith agreed to contribute \$7.50 each toward the purchase of a fine Furcheron stallion. Others may cooperate until half the purchase price is raised. The remaining funds to be secured from other sources, and a loan secured with a mortgage on the horse.

### TEXAS HISTORY ON SCHOOL LIST

Texas history has been placed on the list of courses for Texas High Schools by a recent decision of the State Board of Education. Previously the course was taught only in the lower grades.

Ben F. Tisinger of Garland, chairman, said the new course, to be optional, would be introduced in the spring semester. Three texts by Texas

historians have been offered for adoption by the schools.

Legislators recently petitioned the board to institute Texas history courses in high schools, in view of interest created by the Texas Centennial next year.

### STAINLESS STEEL NOW POPULAR IN WATCHES

Purchases of stainless steel watches by both men and women are reported to be steadily increasing—a further indication of the growing importance of the ultimate consumer to the steel industry.

Stainless steel cases for wrist and pocket watches were introduced a few years ago, but the volume of sales remained small until recently when a big demand for the beautiful, never-

tarnishing cases began to be noticed by retail jewelers located in all parts of the country.

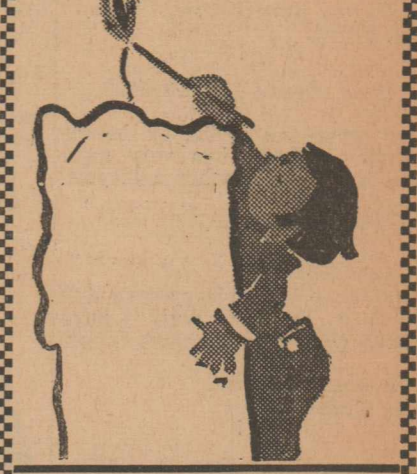
Prominent among the reasons for the popularity of stainless steel watches are lower cost, especially when compared with gold which was advanced in price a year ago, and better wearing quality because of greater strength and hardness. Last, but not least, is the permanent resistance of stainless steel to tarnish or stain from any cause, a quality which is shared by solid gold and solid platinum, but not by plated materials which are more susceptible to wear.

W. T. Lovell, of Wichita community, was in town Saturday transacting business and talking up the political situation. Stated he did not know just yet what office he would announce for.

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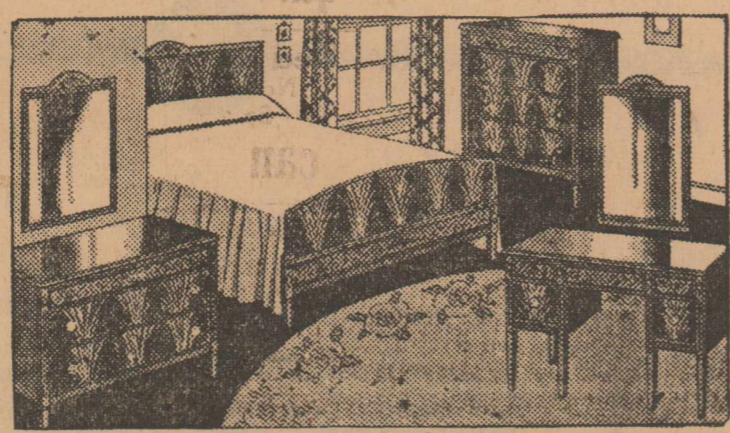
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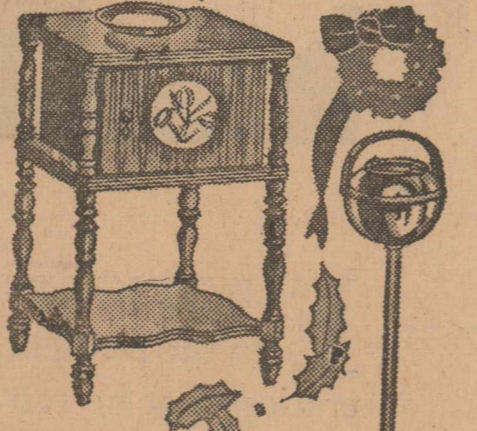
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Libby's Tomato Juice 3 cans 25c

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T. N. T. and Jolly Time Pop Corn

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Pure Ribbon Cane Syrup gal. 59c

Fant's Fairy Flour 48 lbs. \$2.23

Domino Lump Sugar 2 lb. box 25c

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Christmas Mix Candy 2 lbs. 25c

Fant's Fairy Meal 20 lb. bag 53c

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# Little Fellows Write Annual Wants to Their Friend, Santa Claus

Glenn, Texas, Dec. 11, 1935.  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 I am a little girl six years old, am in high first grade at school and am studying hard this time. I will try to be a good girl and wish you would bring me and my little sister a pretty new doll and other things if you have them for us and please bring lots of fruit, nuts and candy, but do not forget the other little girls and boys from  
 Miss Dorothy Jane Norris,  
 Glenn, Texas.  
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Spur, Texas, Dec. 10, 1935.  
 Dear Santa:  
 Please bring me a Mickey Mouse wrist watch. I have been very good all year. Bring my brother a bicycle. Love,  
 Leon Donald Formby.  
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Dear Santa Claus:  
 Please bring me a sleepy-eyed doll and doll bed. Nuts and fruit. I have three little sisters, please don't forget them.  
 Peggy Jean Donovan,  
 Afton, Texas.  
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Spur, Texas, Dec. 10, 1935.  
 Dear Santa:  
 I have been good and I want a wrist watch and a bicycle. And for my teacher I want Santa to bring her a pretty purse.  
 Your friend,  
 Velma Holly.

Santa Fe, N. Mexico, Dec. 9, 1935  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 I have been a good little boy this year. I would like to have a tricycle, a toy shot gun, a tractor and some bananas.  
 Remember all the little boys and girls, I love you, Santa Claus.  
 Thanks and goodbye.  
 Marvin Barrett.  
 P. S.—I forgot to tell you I will be at Grandma Barrett's house Christmas eve night. M. B.  
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Spur, Texas, Dec. 10, 1935.  
 Dear Santa:  
 I have been very good. Please bring me a football, wrist watch, fire crackers and a wagon, and bring my brother a wagon.  
 Your friend,  
 Clyde Hobson.

Spur, Texas, Dec. 10, 1935.  
 Dear Santa:  
 I have been very good. Please bring me a Shirley Temple Doll, and bring Mrs. Giddens something, too. Bring my little brother a Bee Bee gun. Mother would like a bed spread too. Daddy would like a pair of gloves. Please bring some fruit.  
 With love,  
 Kathleen Cerey.  
 ! \* !

Spur, Texas, Dec. 10, 1935.  
 Dear Santa:  
 I want a football. And I want you to bring my teacher four bed spreads, too, and C. T. a BB gun and a prize. I want a BB gun, too. And my mother a steel in gloves and my Dady a box of books. Well, that is all. Good-bye. Love to you.  
 Billie Smith.  
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Spur, Texas, Dec. 11, 1935.  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 Will you please bring me a great big doll and a doll bed and a set of dishes, and bring my teacher a beautiful present and bring my mother a new hat. I have been very good.  
 Love,  
 Ila Ruth Draper.

### NINE OUT OF TEN EXECUTIVES OF STEEL INDUSTRY ROSE FROM RANKS

Nine out of every ten men who are now top executives of representative steel companies started at the bottom of the ladder and worked their way up. Three out of every four got their knowledge of steel in the operating departments of the mills.

These facts were revealed by information recently obtained by the American Iron and Steel Institute from 176 executives—chairmen, presidents and vice presidents—of companies representing more than 95 per cent of the capacity of the steel industry.

Of the 176 executives, 128 have had close contact with the operating departments—34 as laborers in the mills, 25 as engineers or chemists, and 19 as messenger boys. Only 13 out of the 176 executives entered the steel industry in an executive position. Training in the business offices of steel companies likewise proved to be a good foundation for future steel executives, for 26 out of 176 started in as clerks and stenographers. From the sales department came nine who are today among the leading steel executives.

Management of the steel industry today is in the hands of men who have spent, on an average, more than 90 per cent of their business careers in the industry. Moreover, the records show that 130, or three out of four of the executives who supplied information, have been connected with the steel industry from the day they first started their business career.

More than half of the 176 executives have worked their way up in the ranks of the steel company in which they

started their careers. The average of the whole group is 25 years of service with their present company—equivalent to 78 per cent of their average years in the steel business.

Three executives have been in the steel industry for 60 years or more. One began as a packer of cut nails and rose to be chairman of the board of the company in which he started. Another was an office boy who worked his way up to be vice-president of his company. The third entered the steel business as a clerk in a steel mill. He is now chairman of the board.

In addition, eight other executives three of them chairmen of steel companies, two presidents and three vice presidents, have served the steel industry 50 years or more. Six started in the mills, and two were clerks.

The aggregate experience in the steel industry of the 176 executives is 5,664 years, of which 4,481 have been spent with the companies with which the executives are now connected.

Mrs. Fred Slough is some better now. She has been taking treatments at the Lubbock sanitarium.

Guy Fellme, wife, and daughter, Joe Ann, are visiting her mother at Amherst this week.

Mrs. Oscar Warren, of Espuela community, was awarded the bed room suites by the Famous Store, Tuesday, December 10.

Miss Mary Purser was in Spur last of week shopping for Christmas.

Ina Parker was a Spur visitor Tuesday.

L. C. Murphy was a Spur visitor Saturday.

W. H. Anderson was in Spur trading the last of week.

Pauline Thompson was a Spur visitor Tuesday.

Lester Varnell, wife, and Melvin were Spur visitors Tuesday.

### CENTENNIAL MAY PUT TEXAS RANGERETTES ON COWBOYS' TRAIL

A company of determined Texas Rangerettes may descend upon West Texas soon to round up some elusive modern Cowboys.

This was the conclusion considered by Texas Centennial officials recently in the effort to regain possession of an elaborate Centennial banner

which disappeared mysteriously Monday night from a theater stage in Abilene.

A Centennial stage show was featuring the famous Cowboy Band of Hardin-Simmons University, and adorning the stage was the banner brought from Dallas for decorative purposes. When the program ended the Cowboys disappeared, but so did the banner.

The Centennial brain trust then grimly decided that modern Cowboys should be treated with modern methods. Consequently, plans went forward to impress into active service the Rangerettes, comely greeters group organized by the central exposition. The

Cowboys, it is reasoned, will not attempt too strenuously to escape.

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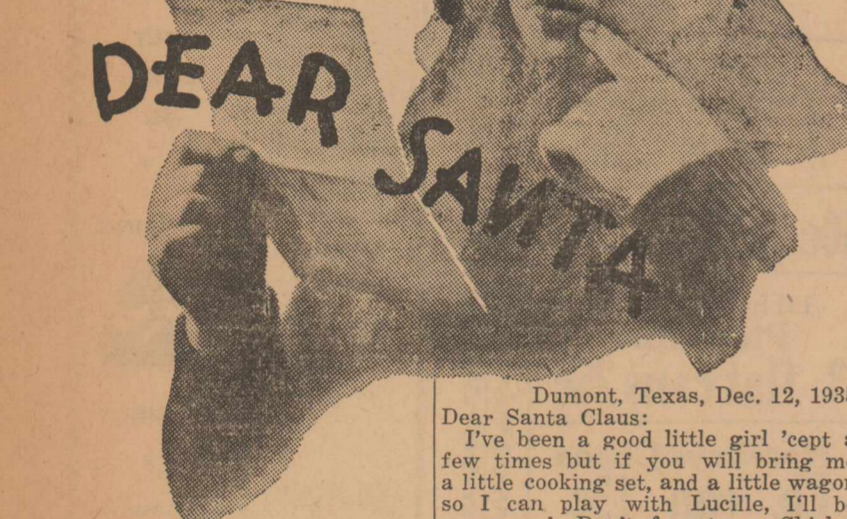
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Spur, Texas, Dec. 10, 1935.  
 Dear Santa:  
 I have been very good. Please bring me a football, and bring my brother a bicycle and my mother a bed spread.  
 Love,  
 Doyle Henderson.  
 ! \* !

Spur, Texas, Dec. 10, 1935  
 Dear Santa:  
 I have been very good. I want you to bring me a side football and a good pair of boxing gloves and a Bee Bee gun and please bring my brother a football and a pair of boxing gloves and a bicycle and my mother a Christmas present.  
 Your friend,  
 Norris Harkey.  
 ! \* !

Spur, Texas, Dec. 10, 1935.  
 Dear Santa:  
 I have been a very good little girl and I want you to bring me a baby doll with three little dresses for my doll and I want you to bring Mrs. Giddens a Merry Christmas. And I want you to bring mother a good Christmas and my brothers and sisters a Merry Christmas and bring my Dady a new suit and a new hat.  
 Your friend,  
 Euton Green.  
 ! \* !

Dear Santa:  
 I want you to bring me a wrecker, an automatic cap gun and a fiddle, and just anything else nice you want to bring me.  
 Dean Smith.

Dumont, Texas, Dec. 12, 1935  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 I've been a good little girl 'cept a few times but if you will bring me a little cooking set, and a little wagon so I can play with Lucille, I'll be very good. Don't forget my Shirley Temple doll.  
 Lucille wants a sleepy doll.  
 Love,  
 Sue and Lucille Legg.  
 ! \* !

Spur, Texas, Dec. 10, 1935.  
 Dear Santa Claus:  
 I have been very good. Bring me a shirley Temple doll. Bring Mrs. Giddens a prize. Please bring me some candy and some nuts and some fruits.  
 Your friend,  
 Doris Lee Clower.  
 ! \* !

Spur, Texas, Dec. 10, 1935.  
 Dear Santa:  
 I have ben good. I want an sirgun, and wrist watch. Leon wants a doll. E. W. wants a bicycle. Doris Lee has been good.  
 Love,  
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**Chevrolet Makes New Building Record**

Chevrolet Motor Co. reports a production total of 108,876 units in November, exceeding the previous record for any November in the history of the company by more than 60,000. The extraordinary increase in a period that heretofore has been one of the industry's low production months is credited by the company to the effect of this year's introduction of new models in November, instead of in January, as has been the practice.

Besides breaking all November records, last month's total of 108,876 units also exceeds by more than 17,000 units the highest January record in Chevrolet history, thus setting a new high total for the first month's production of newly introduced models.

Reports from dealers so far received are sufficient to indicate that November will set a new record in retail sales by a large margin.

The 108,876 units built during November included the production of the company's 10 assembly plants in the United States, its export plant at Bloomfield, N. J., and 4279 cars built at Oshawa, Ont., for the Canadian trade.

As indicating the effect of the early introduction of new models, Chevrolet executives pointed out that November has exceeded in production this year by only three other months, April, June, and July.

It was announced also that during December production will be maintained at the same high rate established last month.

**McADOO**

Christmas, the holiday that is celebrated more than any other holiday is almost here. The message of Christmas is as new today as it was when the angels appeared to the shepherds of Bethlehem and told them of the birth of Christ. All history revolves around the coming of the Saviour.

The message of Christmas is one of love. Christ brought his great message of love to all mankind. Christ's command, "Love Thy Neighbor As Thyself", needs help instead of enjoying everything yourself. You should give because of the spirit of giving and because of love. Do not give just to get something.

Wise is the man or woman who can lay aside the cares and burdens that generally come with mature years and be a child again on Christmas day. Let us put evil aside and turn to Him who said, "Come unto me all ye that are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest." Then we can again be truly happy as a child this Christmas.

McAdoo school will dismiss December 20 until December 30 for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Starley Dennis and Wanda Lou of Spur, are here for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Clark, parents of Mrs. Dennis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Barton and family of Afton, moved into this community one day the past week. Mr. and Mrs. Barton lived in this community several years ago and have a number of friends here who welcome them back.

Miss Jimmie Nell Robertson, who has been a student in Chillicothe Business College at Chillicothe, Missouri, for the past three months, came home Thursday of last week to spend the holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Robertson.

Last week end the girls basket ball

team went to Dickens to the basket ball tournament. The basket ball coach, Miss Spyles, accompanied the team. The McAdoo team played three games and lost one game out of the three. Girard defeated the local team. Saturday the local team won a game from Spur and Dumont. In the game with Dumont the girls won first place in consolation and are to receive a trophy.

Dickens playground ball team came to McAdoo Wednesday afternoon, December 11, for a game. McAdoo girls won the game with a score of 34 to 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bateman went to Afton last week to see Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bateman, parents of Paul and other relatives who were visiting them. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Spencer of Dallas, are here to see Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Robertson, parents of Mrs. Spencer, and Mrs. Spencer's daughter and sister, Doris Ruth Brownlow and Jimmie Nell.

With only a few days practice the McAdoo Eagles were successful in winning a game of basket ball over the Dickens Owls with scores 19 to 4 last Friday night. This was the first game of basket ball this season for the Eagles.

McAdoo has plenty of material and hopes to have the best team it has had in many years.

Mary Francis Van Meter of Tech College, was at home this week end.

Rev. and Mrs. Frank Beauchamp, J. T. Parker and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Robertson attended a district stewards meeting and the Annual Harvest Day program of the Woman's Missionary Society at Plainview, Tuesday of last week.

**THE U. S. ARMY WILL PAY YOUR CHRISTMAS VACATION EXPENSES**

How would you like to have a couple of week's vacation in El Paso around Christmas time, with all expenses paid, before enlisting in the cavalry at Fort Bliss, El Paso, Texas, across the river from Juarez, Mexico? The United States Cavalry, regular Army, is desirous of securing the enlistment of a number of young men between the age of eighteen and thirty five years who are single and have the equivalent of an eighth grade education. These young men must come highly recommended by two reliable citizens of their community as one who is interested in an enlistment in the United States Army and whose character rating is excellent.

To those of us who are familiar with such matters it is a well known fact that the knowledge of the public in general regarding the United States Army consists mostly of what they hear on the street corners or read in the newspapers about appropriations, comparative armaments, war debts, etc. What they do not know is: The United States Army offers more in the way of security, health, discipline and the opportunity to learn than the average job or position in civilian life.

May I suggest to those young men who are in earnest in their desires to become one of us that they communicate with this office with the least practicable delay as choice vacancies are decided to the advantage of the men who will grasp an opportunity when it presents itself.

The necessary forms will be furnished upon request and the men will then be instructed to report for physical and mental examinations. The successful candidates will be furnished meals and hotel accommodations while taking the examinations in Lubbock. Railroad transportation will be fur-

nished to El Paso and I will telegraph the authorities there to meet the candidates at the depot. Until January second on which date the enlistments will be completed, the candidates will be fed and housed at Fort Bliss and be at liberty to visit in El Paso, Juarez, Mexico, and vicinity.

George H. Creary, Sergeant, D. E. M. L., R. S., F. F. Station Commander, 205 P. O. Bldg. Lubbock, Texas.

**DO YOU KNOW**

THAT although Texas leads all states in production of wool and mohair there is no manufacture of woolen or mohair goods in the state.

THAT Paradise, Utopia, Divine, Sublime, Loving, Blessing, Happy and Joy all are towns in Texas.

THAT the capital of Texas was once in Louisiana at Pilar de los Adaes.

THAT there are in Texas today only about 2, 100 Indians.

THAT Mud, Clay, Sand, Earth and Grit are all towns in Texas.

THAT a Mexican was the first vice-president of the Republic of Texas. Lorenzo de Zavala, aide to Santa Anna, who took the side of the Texans in their fight for independence, was named vice president in March, 1936.

at Washington-on-the-Brazos.

THAT there is a rose bush in every yard in Rosebud, Texas.

THAT two railroads cross Crane County but there is not stop on either line in the county.

THAT Texas produces about 90 per cent of the polo ponies in the United States.

THAT 85 per cent of the sulphur produced in the world comes from Texas and has an annual value of \$38,000,000.00.

THAT Texas is celebrating her first 100 years of progress and her independence with not one great exposition but several.

THAT Texas has enough land to supply every man, woman and child in the world with a tract five feet by twenty feet and there would be enough left over for the armies of the world to march around the border five abreast.

THAT Texas is SOME STATE!

Dr. Lon B. Clay, of Childress, visited his mother, Mrs. J. H. Clay, the last of the week, who is ill at her home on West Third Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Eldredge, of McAdoo, were in our city Saturday greeting friends and doing some trading.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Garrison, of Red Mud community, were in our city Saturday doing some shopping.

Pete Gunnels, of Wichita, was greeting friends and trading in our city Saturday.

Your Long Christmas Trip Will seem much shorter, your short hops won't take any time at all —if you have new—

**Firestone TIRES**

**AND TUBES**

In case you plan a Holiday trip put on new Firestones and save tire trouble time.

**SUNSHINE SERVICE STATION**

CONOCO PRODUCTS

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE ... that's what it is.



... that's what it is when you have to sit at home all through the holiday season, just because the family car "isn't running so good."

You still have time to drive down and have the motor tuned, a new Willard Battery installed, or a set of those good LEE Tires and tubes put on... then with one of our best OIL and Grease jobs you are ready to go places and do things for the family's Christmas... think it over.

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**... Your Car Sufferin' Money Troubles?**



THERE is no need for you and family to walk through the Holiday season just because your car needs repairs... which you think you can't afford.

**USED PARTS**

WE have just the used-part your auto (regardless of make) needs and can install it at prices far below regular repair dealer-garages.

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**Why not get your 1936 FORD V-8 in time for Christmas?**



THE 1936 Ford V-8 is the finest Ford ever built. It goes farther than ever beyond the accepted standards of its price class. In engine performance, riding comfort, roominess—it may be compared with cars costing hundreds of dollars more. Today's Ford is backed by over 2,000,000 Ford V-8's on the road in America alone. Here are its most outstanding values—many brand new this year.

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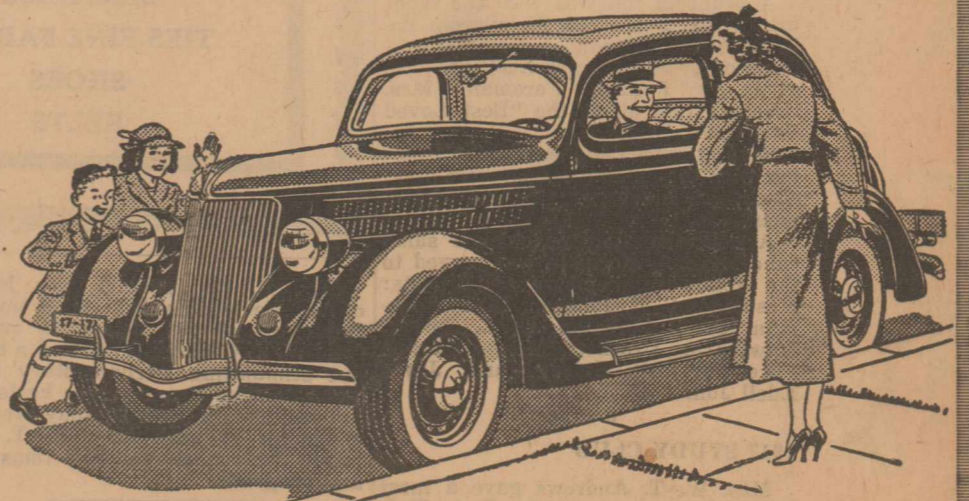
25% EASIER STEERING—the result of two new roller-type bearings, a longer steering knuckle-arm and an increased steering ratio.

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# SOCIETY

MISS MARGERY BURROW IS HOSTESS

A few of the younger set were guests of Miss Margery Burrow on Thursday evening of last week at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Burrow.

A Christmas tree was the center of interest, each guest receiving a present from "Santa". Games of bridge and "42" were enjoyed during the evening.

Refreshments of tuna salad, ritz wafers, potato chips and tea were served. Christmas candies and fire crackers were given as favors to the following: Isabel Campbell, Nell Arthur, Frances Morris, Billie Burke Hisey, Melba Jo Hazel, Jane Godfrey, Mary Louise Lisenby, Ernestine Hale, Naomi Smith, Clifton Pope, Norton Barrett, Sylvan Golding, Everett Martin, Richard Ensey, John A. Moore, Jr., Pershing Lee, W. T. Ince, Joseph Tolbert and Bill Caraway.

## MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met at the home of Mrs. Jim Foster on Monday evening for a Christmas party. Assistant hostesses were Meses. G. J. Lane, J. A. Brown, Watson and Miss Etta Fite.

Christmas decorations adorned the entertaining rooms. A lovely Christmas tree held gifts for the guests.

Mrs. Foster read the story of Christ from the Bible and Mrs. Jack Rector read "The Fir Tree" by Hans Christian Anderson.

Mince pie and coffee were served to about thirty-five guests.

## THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. F. W. Jennings was hostess to members of the Thursday Bridge Club last week.

Colorful Christmas suggestions were used about the room where tables were placed for the games.

Mrs. O. C. Thomas and Mrs. D. L. Granberry received beautiful white pottery tea pots as table prizes.

The guests were invited to the dining room where the table was laid with silver and china appointments, accented with Christmas colors in mints and candles. Guests who enjoyed this charming courtesy were:

Mmes. Thomas, Granberry, D. H. Zachry, Sam Clemmons, J. C. McNeill, III, W. T. Andrews, Floyd McArthur, and Jack Rector.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

The Friday Afternoon club met December 6, 1935, in the home of Mrs. Ned Hogan for the big Christmas feed and Christmas tree. After the guests arrived a few games of 42 were played until the call to the dining room ended the games.

A delicious turkey dinner and all the trimmings was served buffet style. When the gifts were delivered some of the guests believed in Santa Claus again because they received just what they wanted. The following members were present:

Mesdames H. P. Gibson, Lawis Lee, S. H. Twaddell, Ray Sanders, E. D. Engleman, W. R. Lewis, R. C. Forbis, Marvin Vaughn, L. D. Ratliff, Jr., Bob Alexander, M. C. Golding, L. R. Barrett, Kate Morris, W. C. Gruben, C. L. Love, W. T. Andrews, Ned Hogan.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thursday afternoon Mrs. F. B. Crockett entertained with a Christmas party for the Espuela Home Demonstration Club.

A short business session was held and the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. R. E. Johnson.  
Vice President—Mrs. Charles Holloway.

Secretary-Treasurer — Mrs. John Sharp.

Chairman of Entertainment Committee—Mrs. E. L. Spivey.

Chairman of the Recreation Committee—Ruth Spivey.

Council Member—Mrs. F. B. Crockett.

A program followed with the reading of the Christmas Story from the Bible by Ruth Spivey. A very interesting story, "Finders are Keepers" was given by Pauline Foreman. Mrs. Crockett told about the "Best Loved Christmas Carols."

Several games and contests in keeping with the holiday season were played causing much laughter and excitement.

A delicious plate of chicken salad cake and hot chocolate was served to the following members and guests: Mesdames R. E. Johnson, W. F. Foreman, C. R. Foreman, E. L. Spivey, Hawthorne, Crockett, Misses Pauline Foreman, Ruth Spivey and Joyce Edell Johnson.

## 1917 STUDY CLUB

Mrs. W. T. Andrews gave a most interesting report on the State Federation meeting when the 1917 Study Club met Tuesday, December 3.

# The FAIR Store

"True to It's Name"

## Extra Holiday Specials and Gift Suggestions for Friday Saturday Mon. Tuesday

Guaranteed Fast Color

Wash Dresses

Extra Special

35<sup>c</sup>

Limit Two to customer

Spring Hats

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\$1.95

New Shipment of

Christmas Dresses

in Spring Shades—Extra Special

\$5<sup>95</sup>

Ladies

Tailored and Fur Trimmed

# Coats

Beautiful Assortments of fine coats at extra prices—

\$12.95 Values

\$7<sup>95</sup>



Another group at the extra special price of—

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See our Beautiful Line of Pajamas, Step-Ins, PaPnties, Negligees.

Children's BOOTS

Greatly Reduced!

Men's and Ladies

HOUSE SHOES

98<sup>c</sup> up

Week End CASES \$1. and up

FOR CHILDREN

—Gloves  
—Shirts  
—Ties  
—Suspenders

### THE YULETIDE SONG OF MEN



AT THE FAIR YOU WILL FIND WHAT HE HIMSELF WOULD BUY.

CHECK THIS LIST FOR HIS NEEDS

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|------------------|-----------------|
| SHIRTS           | JACKETS         |
| NECKWEAR         | SWEATERS        |
| SILK ROBES       | MEN'S BAGS      |
| GLOVES           | HATS            |
| PAJAMAS          | MUFFLERS        |
| SUSPENDERS       | O'COATS         |
| SILK HOSE        | LEATHER JACKETS |
| TIES FINE FABRIC | UNDERWEAR       |
| SHOES            | HANDKERCHIEFS   |
| BELTS            | BELT SETS       |

Mrs. F. W. Jennings was leader of the Federaiton Day program. At the close of the delegate's report, Mrs. W. F. Godfrey conducted a brief, but stimulating parliamentary drill. Mrs. Malcolm Brannen was hostess. The club will meet Tuesday evening, December 17 with Mrs. W. T. Andrews for the annual Christmas tree and program.

L. C. Murphy, of Dickens, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

Sam Koonsman, of Croton, was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Edgar, of Dickens, were in our city Saturday doing some trading.

C. Gollihar, of McAdoo, was attending to business affairs in our city Saturday.

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### CLUB SELECTS DEMONSTRATORS

Eula B. MaMahan and Elaine Neaves enrolled as clothing demonstrators for the Espuela 4-H club when it met at the home of the sponsor, Mrs. F. B. Crockett. Charlie Rae Holloway will be the fruit plot demonstrator.

Goals for the club for 1936 were discussed and written in club notebooks. Notebooks will be checked at the December 18th meeting. Members present were: Elaine

Neaves, Marie Ball, Charlie Rae Holloway, Geneva Dutton, Helen Martin, Nada Carol Spivey, Odell James, Lois Holloway, Eula B. MaMahan and Mildred Neaves. —Eula B. MaMahan, reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Riddell Snider, of Roosevelt, Okla., are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clay and Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Snider, and enjoying the holidays.

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year





### NOBODY'S BUSINESS

By JULIAN CAPERS, JR.

Austin.—Foes of the Allred administration wondered if they were trapped, when opposition to their investigation of the discharge of Ranger Capt. Tom Hickman suddenly melted away last session. Jimmie Allred sprung the trap in person, and left Sam Hanna of Dallas, ex-legislative clerk, and chairman of the house probe committee, and his colleague, John Achison of Gainesville, reeling under the impact of a scathing Alledrian attack that wound up the Hickman incident in definite and convincing manner.

Alfred has sat silently in his office and listened to abuse and sarcasm for months. He suddenly went into action Friday. He issued a blistering statement denouncing the committee for holding hearings in Fort Worth and San Antonio, and keeping carefully away from Austin, where the facts and records about Hickman's dismissal were available. He demanded the right to testify himself. The scared committee came to Austin on the run.

Then Alfred, no longer the quiet and dignified chief executive, but a flaming and eloquent prosecutor, burning with indignation, read into the record a statement in which he told of his efforts for years to get Hickman to close up Fred Browning's gambling house at Top o' Hill Terrace. He pitilessly bared the record of conferences in his office, when he urged Hickman to act, and of Hickman's talk of search warrants and injunctions, until the governor told him he was a "fine criminal lawyer for the gambling houses." He detailed the successful raid made by Ranger Capt. McCormick and Sid Kelso, at his direction, after Hickman made a "water haul" raid and overlooked \$10,000 worth of gambling equipment in the place. He laid a blistering indictment of ex-convict "big shot" gamblers and declared they would not operate while he was governor. Finally he paid his respects to Hanna and Achison, accused them of unfairness and charged politics was behind their investigation. The committee, shell-shocked and silent, listened and left. Meanwhile, Hickman has taken a job as deputy sheriff of Cooke county and the investigation apparently is concluded.

Suspension of direct relief in Texas Jan. 1 will mark another step toward the return of normalcy, and federal works relief projects that will extend through next year will take up much of the unemployment slack, until private business can carry the load. Highway building, providing thousands of jobs, will play a big part in 1936. From Dec. 1 to June 30, the state highway commission will have \$29,226,892 of works progress highway projects; \$10,513,135 of works progress grade crossing projects—all financed by outright federal grants—and \$10,431,612 of regular federal highway funds allocated on a matching basis with the state. This means contracts must be let at the rate of about \$5,000,000 a month until June 30. Additional recognition of Texas prominent part in the national highway picture was given last week when Gibb Gilchrist, state highway engineer, was named president of the American Association of Highway Officials, at its Miami convention.

The Texas railroad commission has to regulate the production of oil according to bottom hole pressure of the wells—not political pressure on the commission—Col. E. O. Thompson, commission chairman, told a delegation of East Texans who came to Austin this week to demand a larger allowable. Figures of the petroleum engineers on bottom hole pressure in the East Texas field did not appear to lend encouragement to the hope of the East Texas delegation for increased allowable, as the commission took the testimony under advisement.

A highly successful session of the oil states compact body at Oklahoma City was held last week, with California observers talking encouragingly of their efforts to devise a proration system, and submitting to their state legislature next year a proposal to join the compact. Uniform production control methods, to be recommended to the producing states, will be worked out by the compact body on the basis of the most complete file of production control laws and regulations from all states yet assembled, presented by Col. Thompson, Texas' compact representative.

Compact representatives agreed at the Oklahoma session to hold their June meeting in Dallas, coincidentally

### SAUCES!

A perfect sauce is always a triumph for the cook. It can make the most common food an interesting one.

Nearly all sauces are variations of the three basic types: white, brown, and the butter sauces. For the white sauces one may use cream, milk, or white stock; the brown sauces are made with dark stocks or meat drippings and are the base of the most highly seasoned sauces.

It is most convenient to thicken brown and white sauces with roux that is prepared in ten-day quantities and stored in the refrigerator. This method is practical except for the gravy of a roast which makes rich caramelized gravy drippings. These should not be wasted but used for the added flavor.

Breakfast: Stewed prunes, bacon, fried corn meal mush, syrup, coffee, milk.

Luncheon: Meat balls, carrot and apple salad, whole wheat muffins, cherry cobbler, tea, milk.

Breakfast: Oranges, soft-boiled eggs, whole wheat toast, coffee, milk.

Dinner: Baked halibut fish, caper sauce, salt boiled potatoes, stewed tomatoes, lettuce salad, rolls, cup cakes, coffee.

Luncheon: Spinach with cheese sauce, buttered lima beans, pickled beets, bread and butter, cocoa.

Dinner: Roast beef with vegetable gravy, baked potato, English peas, celery hearts, bread and butter, diced pineapple, coffee, milk.

#### Recipes

White Roux: 1 cup butter, 1 cup flour. Melt the butter, add the flour, stir and cook till the mixture is cheesy, about five minutes. Use two tablespoons of roux to each cup of liquid for a thick sauce. Store the remainder in a covered jar in the refrigerator.

Brown Roux: Make brown roux in the same way as white roux but cook until the flour is quite brown. Stir to prevent scorching.

Caper Sauce: 3 tablespoons melted butter, 1 tablespoon lemon juice, 1 tablespoon minced parsley, 1 tablespoon tarragon vinegar, 1-2 teaspoon capers. Add lemon juice to butter and brown, add the vinegar, parsley, and capers. Serve hot.

Spinach with Cheese Sauce: 1 cup spinach, 1 cup milk, 2 tablespoons white roux, 1-2 cup grated cheese, salt and pepper. Mix white roux with a small portion of the warm milk. Stir briskly into the remaining hot milk and allow to thicken. Season with salt and pepper and the grated cheese. Combine with the chopped cooked spinach and serve hot.

Brown Vegetable Gravy: 2 cups dark

liquid, 3 tablespoons brown roux, salt, pepper, 1 cup diced mixed vegetables (carrots, onions, tomatoes, celery, green peppers). Cook vegetables until tender in a small amount of water or meat stock. Drain remaining liquid into the gravy liquid as a part of the total measure. Heat. Mix brown roux with a small amount of warm water and stir briskly into the hot gravy. Season with salt and pepper. Add the vegetables and serve.

#### THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Toiling away in the kitchen all day is a poor way for mother to enjoy Christmas. While everyone else in the family celebrates this holiday, mothers are busy with the meals.

Now here's a menu, most of which can be prepared ahead of time, permitting housewives to enjoy Christmas with the rest of the family.

Breakfast: Stewed prunes, buttered toast, coffee, milk.

Christmas Dinner: Fruit juice cocktail (red), roast turkey or roast pork, gravy, rice croquettes with currant jelly, green asparagus tips in pimento rings, ice box rolls, tomato aspic with watercress, baked apples stuffed with mince meat, whipped cream, coffee.

Supper: Clear tomato soup, sliced roast and pineapple sandwiches, on whole wheat toast, head lettuce, cherry jello, coconut snow-ball cakes.

#### Previous Day Preparations

1. Dress and stuff turkey or chicken.

2. Prepare rice croquettes.

3. Make tomato aspic in individual molds and wash watercress.

4. Make rolls by ice box method.

5. Select apples ready for baking and mix package or canned mince meat with parboiled raisins.

6. Prepare the tomato sauce, jello, and cakes for supper.

7. Rice Croquettes: 3-4 cup rice, 1 cup milk, 1 tablespoon sugar, 1-2 table-

spoon butter, 1-4 teaspoon salt, 1-4 lemon rind, 1 egg. Boil rice in milk

until tender and fairly dry. Add other ingredients and cook in double boiler until thickened. Shape into balls; make an indentation in the top of each. Dip in beaten eggs. Roll in fine cracker crumbs and fry. Fill hollows with currant jelly.

TOMATO ASPIC: 2 cups juice, 1-2 onion (minced), 1-2 bay leaf, 2 cloves, 2 tablespoons cold water. Heat tomato juice to boiling. Add seasonings and simmer 10 minutes. Strain. Add gelatin which has been softened in cold water. Stir until dissolved. Pour in molds to chill. Serve garnished with watercress and mayonnaise. (6 servings).

ICE BOX ROLLS: 1 cake compressed yeast, 1 egg, well beaten, 2 teaspoons sugar, 2 cups lukewarm water, 3 tablespoons melted shortening, 6 1-2 cups flour. Mix rolls as for ordinary rolls. Allow to stand two hours until light. Work down, cover tightly with wax paper and leave in refrigerator over night. Remove desired portion about three hours before serving and let stand two hours to warm and get light. Shape and bake as ordinary rolls. This dough will keep in a refrigerator 1 week and makes 32 rolls.



Last spring when grandmother's knitting needles were brought out of the storage trunk and granddaughters everywhere decided to learn to knit, we thought it wouldn't last through the summer. But, surprisingly enough, it did last through the summer as well as the fall, and now with the first month of winter, we still see needles flying fast as the modern woman fashions frocks, hats, scarfs and bags. It's fascinating work and if you haven't yet begun, select some bright yarn and knit a scarf; then you'll want to make a sweater or

suit. Now let's turn to the practical side of the knitted garments. Have you ever had trouble finding just the right dress to wear under your coat. It has to be something warm, yet something that won't bulge and mar the smooth appearance of your coat. Knitted frocks are the very thing. They're designed for youth and active wear. The lines are simple and smart. You'll find turtle necks for sports wear and cowl for dress—but it's high in both ways.

I saw one knitted suit that would be excellent in town for important week-ends when you want to look sporty, yet dressed up. It was one of the double-breasted Eton jacket suits which are so popular this year with collegians at Texas State College for Women at Denton. The jacket was bearded high and the turn back revers

were fastened down with gold buttons. Of course, you may not want to try a suit, but at least make a sweater.

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- Candy—lb. 15c ..... 2 lbs. 28c
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- Celery—large bunch ..... 15c
- Grape Fruit—large size—6 for ... 23c
- Cranberry Sauce—1 lb. 1 oz. can .. 20c
- Pineapple—2 No. 2 cans ..... 35c
- Nuts—All kinds—pound .... 15c to 26c
- CRACKERS—2 lbs. .... 19c
- Spuds—10 lbs. .... 19c
- Coffee—2 lbs. .... 25c
- Shredded Coconut—pound ..... 19c
- Pineapple—No. 10 can ..... 69c
- COCOA—2 lb. can ..... 21c
- Raisins—4 pounds ..... 31c
- BANANAS—pound ..... 6c

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Beginning now Prices good until Xmas

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Half or Whole—pound ..... 40c
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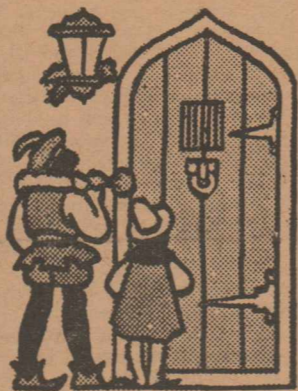
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with the opening of the Texas Centennial, and this session probably will attract governors of a dozen oil producing states. The meeting is being planned coincidentally with the visit to Dallas of President Roosevelt, to open the Centennial.

### THE OLD MILLER'S . . .

## Words of Wisdom

. . . TO HIS SON



Said he, "My son, let thy flour be of the very finest, and thy service unexcelled and much business will be thy reward. But fail not to say the appreciative word, also, lest those who buy return not to trade with thee again."

Words of appreciation are never wasted. No matter how highly we regard our fellow man, if we don't let them know it once in a while, our esteem is of little value to them. The same is true in business. It doesn't do a bit of harm to tell the folks who deal with us that we appreciate their friendship and good will, for we really do.

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Home Office, Dallas, Texas  
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<p><b>Boots for All</b> Santa's gift to the children. An all leather boot whose regular selling price is from \$1.98 to \$2.48.</p> <p><b>\$1.49</b> Regulation Cowboy Boot for the Boy. Something he will surely appreciate. \$5.00 Value—</p> <p><b>\$2.98</b></p>	<p><b>Friday 9 a. m. to 6 p. m.</b> We will close out 2,000 yards of print material below cost. Prices ranging from</p> <p><b>5c</b> and up</p>	<p>Just the thing for the winter winds. A real corduroy suit of the highest quality corduroy. These suits are to be closed out for 80c to \$1.00 below cost.</p> <p><b>CORDUROY PANTS</b> Reg. \$2.98 value <b>\$1.98</b></p> <p><b>CORDUROY JACKETS</b> Tipper and button jackets. \$3.49 value <b>\$2.19</b></p>	<p><b>Ladies Dress Shoes</b> We will close out our entire stock of \$1.98 and \$2.49 shoes at</p> <p><b>\$1.49</b> Our better shoes; \$2.98 and \$3.98 sellers will be closed out for</p> <p><b>\$2.49</b></p>
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**Men's Trench Coats**  
A waterproof and warm coat of the highest quality  
Regular \$3.98 Value

**\$2.29**

**Silk, Wool and Rayon Dresses**  
In line with this sale we will close out our Ready-to-Wear Department at unbelievably low prices. It will pay those who are in doubt with what to greet the feminine member of the family with on Christmas morning to investigate. Our Silk Wool and Rayon Dresses will be priced as cheap as

**\$1.87**  
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Just the thing to keep the winter winds from freezing you.  
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Guaranteed—Vat dye

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Our entire stock of printe dresses will be offered to the public at unheard of price. Reg. 98c value.

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One Pair of Pants

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Two Pair of Pants

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High top and slippers for boys and girls. A real leather shoe. Sizes 8 1-2 to 2.

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Another stock of woolen goods, regular \$1.98 values going at—  
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# Importance of Small Grains To West Texas Farmers

By A. D. Jackson

I have on the table before me two maps of Texas. These are what the economists call dot maps. Each little shiny black dot represents 2,000 acres of wheat. The first map which portrays in graphic form the distribution of the wheat acreage in Texas according to the census of 1900 has one single, lonely little black dot in Motley county. All the other counties of the Panhandle Plains region are bare. The second map which represents the census of 1930 is so covered with black dots that it looks more nearly solid black than dotted.

These two maps tell the amazing story of the growth of wheat farming in West Texas. They bring to mind the development of the one way plow, the combine harvester and the dependable farm tractor which have made possible the large scale production of wheat in West Texas. But these two maps tell only part of the story of small grains in Texas.

Nearly seven million acres or about one-fifth of the cultivated land in Texas is devoted to the production of small grains. This category includes wheat, oats, barley, rye and rice. With the exception of rice which occupies only about 150,000 acres, and spring oats which are grown primarily in north central Texas, all of these crops and most of their acreage are fall planted. They represent the principal winter farming of the state.

The small grains have an importance far beyond that represented by the grain crop which they produce. First of all, they are erosion preventing crops. A good stand of wheat, oats or any other small grain will almost completely prevent erosion except on the steepest hillsides. Furthermore, the protection is furnished when most needed, in the winter months when the soil would otherwise be bare and when, in central Texas, at least, some of the heaviest rains occur. It is very probable that, in the long run, small grains are of more value for the soil which they save, than for the grain which they produce.

The second great value of small grains lies in the pasture which they produce. Here again they will fill the gap when most needed. In these winter months when sudan is dead and when Bermuda and the clovers are dormant, the small grains can provide a surprising amount of fresh green pasture which is highly digestible and nutritious. Small grains for winter pasture have a place on almost every farm in Texas, even in the regions where they are not suited for grain production.

For pasture purposes oats are more productive than the other grains, but they also freeze out more easily. A mixture of wheat and oats is almost as good and more dependable since the wheat usually survives if the oats are killed. Oats and Italian rye grass make excellent pastures in south Texas where wheat may be badly injured by rust.

The small grains play an important role in crop rotation, especially in the blacklands of Texas where root rot is such a serious menace. The grains like grasses are immune to root rot and a systematic rotation of cotton and small grains together with corn and the sorghums is a good practice in root rot control.

All of the small grains are subject to at least two kinds of rust and at least two kinds of smut. The smut can be controlled by seed treatments which have been worked out by the Experiment Station and full directions published in station bulletins. Rust cannot be controlled by any known treatments and, due to its peculiar history, the only apparent relief is in the development of rust resistant strains. Studies are now in progress to develop, if possible, strains of wheat that are resistant to all known forms of leaf and stem rusts. If and when such wheats are developed, they should be adapted to the vast area of level, productive lands of the central Gulf coast section of the state. The development of high yielding varieties of completely rust-resistant wheats will greatly add to the potential wealth of the state and perhaps a more efficient utilization of many millions of acres of rich land.

Perhaps the greatest contribution to the successful production of small grain in Texas is the development by the Experiment Stations of better and more productive strains and varieties and fixing the limits of their adaptability and by systematic purelining in the breeding plots. A number of progressive seedsmen have made contributions in this work both by searching for good types and strains and by taking the best improvements and producing them in quantity for sale to planters. Notable among the improved varieties now being grown in Texas are Denton Wheat, and Nortex oats developed by the Texas Experiment Station, Kanred wheat developed

by the Kansas Experiment Station and No. 922 oats developed by A. M. Ferguson of Sherman, Texas.

Experiments comparing the behavior of the different varieties indicate at least 15% difference in yield in favor of the better varieties over the unselected sorts. Thus the seedsmen in supplying the best adapted and purest seeds, adds to the yield many times the cost of the seed when compared with much of the current mongrel seed.

## SURE GOT BACK AT US

Our Editor Friend of the Lubbock Avalanche gave us a new idea in regard to the housing problem of our city, and if we had our debts paid we would take advantage of it. True, we have no vacant houses in Spur, but even at that we cannot say it is a compliment. People are coming to our city every week with intention of becoming citizens of our town and cannot find any place that they may establish a home. There will be two new families who will want to come to our city within the next two or three weeks, good citizens, and where will they live?

It looks as if it would be a good time to relieve some lumber yards in our city of some of their surplus stock, take advantage of the National Housing Act, and some one to build a house or two at once. We cannot consider the present situation as a compliment to our city. It looks like we have all the people here we want and would not be willing to make any outlay, even on an income basis, to get others to move in with us. Residence property in Spur has always brought good rent (except during the Hoover boom) and it might be an asset to our city to have an extra house or two in it. A good citizen might come along, rent it, and our town would be one larger.

## WILL OPEN NEW DRUG STORE

B. E. Pettijohn is installing fixtures at this time for a new drug store in the Masonic Building. He expects to be open for business within the next day or two. He stated this week that he expects to keep adding stock until his store is adequate to meet the needs of the public. The new business will be known as Pettijohn Drug Company. He stated that he will conduct a legitimate business and asks for a portion of the patronage in drug business of the community. He will have a nice store, well arranged, and will have a prescription case to fill prescriptions. He stated that he will employ a registered pharmacist to look after the prescription work.

## JAPAN DOES SOME PRETENDING

In spite of Japan's announced determination to disregard the Washington naval treaty and build a navy as large as it desires, we find its delegates at the London conference apparently trying to develop a formula that the other powers will approve. They have adopted a high-hat attitude that seems to be scornful of the western nations and yet they apparently are minded to do some trading.

The explanation of Japan's attitude is in certain provisions of the Washington treaty. So long as that treaty remains in effect, Great Britain and the United States are barred from fortifying certain small but important islands in the Pacific. Eager as Japan is for full naval equality, it does not want those islands fortified. Not much has been said about that phase of the negotiations, but no one has overlooked it. In the end, Japan will be found making some concessions quite out of keeping with its present disdainful manner. In due time it will put on its trading clothes and get down to business. It is not nearly as independent as it now affects to be.—Wichita Times.

## DISGUSTING

If the trial of Bruno Richard Hauptmann contained some aspects of the circus, the welter of cheap and tawdry publicity now being dished out to create public sympathy in his behalf or to cast doubt on his guilt smacks of the sideshow and the burlesque house.

That an official of the standing of the governor of New Jersey should lend his name and office to the furtherance of this sickening exhibitionism is revolting to the American sense of justice.

The province of Ontario early Tuesday hanged a woman for the slaying of her third husband. Her crime was infinitely less revolting than the murder, motivated by greed, of an innocent baby.—Abilene Morning News.

## WHY A SPECIAL SESSION

In the wake of the House committee's probe of the Texas Public Safety Commission, one member, of each house of the Texas Legislature now advocates a special session to consider the "charges and counter-charges" that have grown out of the present investigation. The necessity for that is not obvious.

To start with, the gambling situation in Texas is admittedly open and bad. Of recent years, it has resembled liquor law violations before State repeal and after it in dry counties. Bexar County's Sheriff testified last week that there was gambling in his neighborhood and that he had toned down on early determination to prevent it. The rangers have succeeded in stopping gambling at some of the State's brighter night spots and for a small force are making headway. The Hickman case developed from determination by the commission to close gambling in North Texas. Outside of the legislative probe developments is still the unexplained rumor that a tentative offer was made and rejected in Dallas of \$50,000 to Police Chief Jones for agreement to permit gambling operations during the Centennial.

The war on open gambling is as strong as local authority. Primarily it is the business of the Sheriff, the grand jury and the District Attorney. There should be local stoppage without the aid of the rangers. Presumably most visitations by the latter have been where local enforcement was stagnant or worse—there is a worse. Texas has not come as yet to the point where it has local option on open gambling except insofar as it is local opinion by constituted authority violating its oath of office.

A special session of the Legislature would be costly and could accomplish nothing.—Dallas News.

## A NEW DEAL TRIUMPH

The Home Owners Loan Corporation, New Deal agency created for aiding citizen, threatened with loss of their homes because of depression pressure on ordinary lending agencies, reports repayment of loans amounting to \$17,000,000 a month. The rate of repayment has increased in each of the last three months.

It seems obvious that here is a New Deal arrangement which has proved itself on all counts. Whatever were the reasons based in the depression which prevented private lending agencies from extending the credit required for home ownership, the fact was that they were not doing so. Had the Federal Government not intervened, the process of deflating the previous boom always carried through in a depression would have worked irreparable injury on many thousands of average citizens who, in the past, have been innocent victims of this deflation.

Malthusian economists argue that it is wrong to seek to alleviate the deflation after a boom, the theory being that the sooner the slate is wiped clean, the better. But when the victims are those who had no means whereby to protect themselves against the adverse swing of the economic pendulum, and when the property threatened with bankruptcy is composed of the small homes of average citizens, it is not only humanity but economic wisdom—for the powerful hand of government to be stretched out to wrest the natural course of post-boom deflation and stay its worst consequences.

That the helping hand extended to home owners is justified on a business basis by rapid repayment of the loans is only the further and clinching proof of the wisdom of this New Deal operation.—Star-Telegram.

## ETHIOPIANS PUSH BACK ITALIAN TROOPS

According to dispatches sent out from Asmara and Rome Ethiopian troops were pushing the Italians back on the northern front. Rome acknowledged Tuesday that Ethiopia had gained advantage and that Italian forces had retired before an attack.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Legg, of Croton, were doing some trading in our city Monday.

R. L. Littlefield, of Croton, was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

Robt. A. Butler, of McAdoo, was attending to official duties in our city Monday.

## CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS MADE ROUND

Christmas puddings are made round so that they may go round.

## Eventful Life of Frank Knox

Illinois' "Favorite Son" Is a "Human Interest" Character

When a newspaper editor becomes a political factor and begins to make the news himself, especially if he has had an eventful career, he is likely to fill the bill of "human interest" more than most people. Frank Knox, the Chicago editor, who, by the unanimous indorsement of the Republican State Committee of Illinois, has been made the "favorite son" of that state for the Republican nomination for President, not only is a political factor on his own account, but his eventful life has been overflowing with human interest.

To begin with, Knox never was a notoriety seeker or an office holder. He was not born in a log cabin. Nor did he ever live in a "mansion." He has "busted" the front page as often as any man living, but nearly always when he wrote news or views about somebody or something else. He has elected men to office and defeated others, but he never sought office for himself. Once he was drafted to run for office and got licked because he would not agree to ignore a law long on the statute books limiting the expenditure of money.

On the contrary, he started life as humbly as a man could. He worked from boyhood to manhood for a living. He worked his way through college and to the top of his profession without help from anybody. He bought newspapers out of his own savings, and was his own "fighting editor" when gangsters and political crooks tried to argue him out of his crusades with their fists.

He was a "Rough Rider" in the Spanish-American war and a major of artillery in the world war, later promoted to lieutenant colonel. He was one of the founders of the American Legion. While under fire on the battlefield repeatedly, he has done his fighting mainly with his pen in behalf of those things in which he believed and to the furtherance of which he dedicated his editorial energies.

Furthermore, he was a pioneer in the liberal Republican movement in 1902. Later he helped nominate and elect a Progressive Republican, Chase Osborn, as governor of Michigan, managing his campaign as chairman of the Republican State Committee. He lined up behind his old Rough Rider commander, Theodore Roosevelt, in the campaign of 1912, in which he played a conspicuous part. He carried on his fight against monopoly and for a "square deal" in New Hampshire where he still owns a paper. In his last newspaper venture, in the city of Chicago, he has still carried on the fight for better and sounder government, both national and state, for social and economic justice, for the rights of labor and for prosperity for the farmers.

These things he has done all his life, neither seeking nor wanting office and without regard to the effect upon himself. As an editor and citizen, he has not hesitated to support those features of the "new Deal" he has found sound and good, nor has he resitated to criticize and lambast that with which he disagreed. In disagreement, he has never failed to suggest what he regarded as a sound substitute for that which he sought to prevent. Essentially constructive by nature, Knox has no use for those who seek only to destroy.

Nevertheless, he is astonished to find himself projected into the picture as a possible Republican nominee for President. He thought an editor and a citizen could air his views without getting such personal attention. However, all over the country there is a demand that his party shall consider his qualifications at its coming national convention. Consequently, Frank Knox and his career have now become a matter of news and human interest.

The Republicans profess to be greatly heartened by the activities of Governor Talmadge of Georgia. His efforts to organize a revolt against the president within the Democratic ranks the Republicans earnestly hope, will bring about enough disaffection to make a Republican victory probable. Take away from the Democrats the electoral votes of just a few southern states, and a Democratic victory in November, 1936, becomes very doubtful indeed.

There should not be withheld from the Republicans any crumbs of hope however small and lacking in nourishment the crumbs may be. Even so, it is hard to see how any of them who are not utterly blinded by partisan hatred can expect Talmadge to be of any aid to their cause. Several months have elapsed since he raised the banner of revolt. In that time he has gained only one recruit of importance, Hon. John H. Kirby of Texas, who never was a Democrat, and who has no following, Democratic or Republican. It is very doubtful that Talmadge's own state, Georgia, will give him enough support to make him even a minor factor in national politics. The possibility that Kirby can deliver any Texas strength to the movement is many times more remote.

If there is anything in the Talmadge program to encourage the Republicans they must be optimists indeed to discover it.—Wichita Times.

## EASTERN STAR

Spur Chapter meets on Thursday night just after the full of the moon in each month. Meeting hour eight o'clock. All members requested to be present. Visiting members welcome.  
Mrs. Eula Joplin, W. M.  
Mrs. Georgia Barrett, Secretary



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## NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the ordinance against all kinds of fireworks shooting or exploding torpedoes in the business part of Spur will be enforced.  
G. L. Barber, City Marshall 3t

### VISIT THE HOME FOLKS THIS CHRISTMAS REDUCED ROUND TRIP HOLIDAY FARES TO PRACTICALLY ALL POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES

Tickets on sale between all points in Western States from December 12th to January 1st with final return limit of January 31st, 1936.

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FIRST CLASS	COACH
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\$18.55	Dalhart \$13.91
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## WASHINGTON SNAPSOTS

Reports from within the Administration that President Roosevelt has instructed the budget bureau and government agencies to cut overhead during the coming year will probably bring the most unanimous approval of any move he has made during the past year, if carried through. With business steadily improving and unemployment decreasing since the NRA decision, many economists believe that a definite move to halt unnecessary spending would add a fresh stimulus for recovery. Particularly would this be true, it is pointed out, if the "breathing spell" decreed during the summer by President Roosevelt is carried through the coming session of Congress without new business control legislation enacted.

Whether this course will be followed has the closest political observers guessing. The Supreme Court is expected to overturn some of the New Deal legislation during the winter, and the attitude of officials in this event will be an important factor in recovery. If the decrees of the high court are accepted and any new measures are written within the bounds of the Constitution, it will be an incentive to industry to speed re-employment with new confidence.

That the "breathing spell" is to be lasting and that the Administration has realized that too much legislation already has blocked recovery is indicated by the speech which Secretary Roper made before the Associated Grocery Manufacturers recently. At the same time the Secretary of Commerce's speech was widely interpreted as being a direct challenge to young members of the Brain Trust who have lashed out at business. Whether the Secretary was speaking with the blessing of the President, as many inferred is not known. But he said: "Business profits cannot be penalized, or the profit-and-loss system will suffer with a bad case of angina pectoris. Businesses making profits during the depression have been held up to censure because it was pointed out that millions were unemployed, while companies were actually paying dividends. This contrast is unfair. As long as we maintain our present anti-inflationary system—and it will be maintained—no obstructions or deterrents must be permanently set up to fair and reasonable profits."

Secretary Roper, referring to the President's breathing spell letter, said in his declaration of the President's intent and concrete. It means that business is no longer needed to feel any anxiety as to what may come in the future with respect to government measures.

Subtly this statement by the Secretary has had wide repercussions, and official Washington is beginning to see the extent to which it is followed. Probably the first yardstick will be provided when President Roosevelt sends his message to Congress in January.

Moreover that, however, the observers

are keeping their eye on the conferences called for early in December to consider new NRA legislation. These conferences to which thousands of business men have been invited will be used as a sounding board for sentiment upon the question. Meeting four days earlier on December 4, the Congress of American Industry, in conjunction with the annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers, will speak industry's mind on the question.

D. L. Gilstrap, of Kilgore, is in our county at this time looking after business matters. He was in Spur Saturday greeting friends. He stated that although he lives at Kilgore he likes Spur country better and expects to come back to his farm later on.

Lofton Sandidge, who is attending Washington University in St. Louis, is expected home within a few days to enjoy the holidays with his parents.

Austin C. Rose, of McAdoo, was attending to business affairs in our city Saturday.

Supt. A. C. Sharp, of Dickens, was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cozby, of Red Hill community, were doing some trading in our city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slayden, of Dickens, were in our city Saturday doing some trading.

S. B. Scott, of Calgary, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs here Saturday.

Mrs. Cornelius, of Afton, was in our city Wednesday doing some shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Slaton, of Soldier Mound, were in our city Wednesday doing some trading.

F. L. Byars, of Prairie Chapel, was attending to business matters in our city Tuesday.



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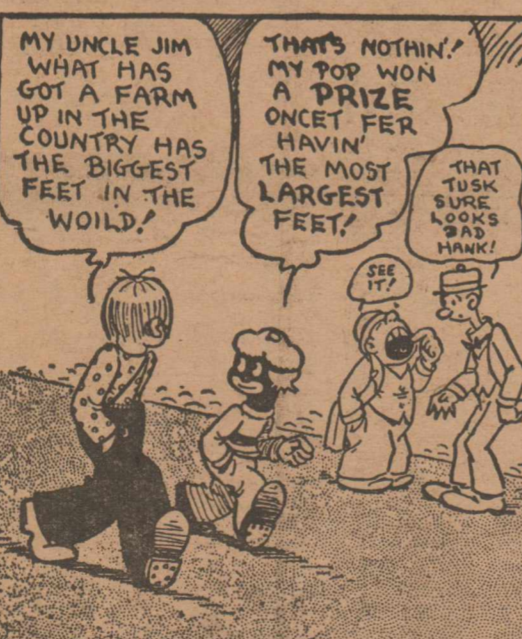
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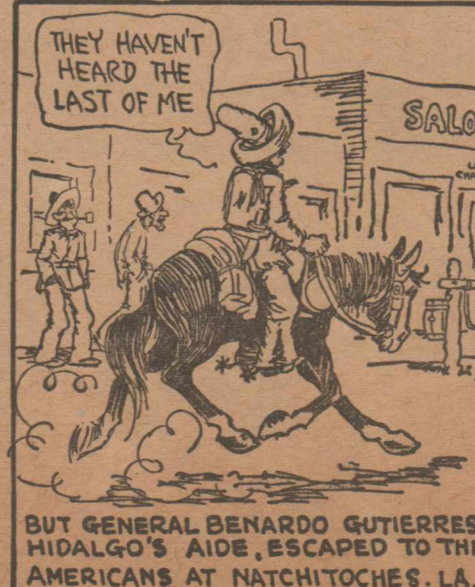
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Our Opinion Is

That if profits be taken out of whiskey and war that the problems of prohibition and peace will have been solved

THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

A great deal of debate is still going on concerning the possibility of a new constitutional amendment to give Congress and the Executive powers which the Supreme Court, in the NRA and similar cases, has decided they do not now possess.

A short time ago Walter Lippman, the well-known publicist, challenged an editor who has often written in favor of the amendment, to put it into words—that is, to prepare the text of such an amendment in the clear and legal form in which it must be submitted to the people. It was Mr. Lippman's expressed belief that no one could do it—and his belief was partially proved when the editor replied that the job was beyond him.

The actual preparation of such an amendment would seem a task almost beyond human power. How could we further centralize and augment powers of the Federal government—and at the same time preserve the rights of the states, which are at present guaranteed by the Constitution? How could we give the government at Washington absolute and dictatorial powers over commercial and industrial life—which is what the sponsors of the amendment want—and at the same time keep operating the existing constitutional guarantees that protect the lawful activities of individual initiative and enterprise? How could we give into the hands of politicians sweeping authority over our basic social and economic institutions—and at the same time make sure that such fundamental principles of democratic government as freedom of press, speech and action were not infringed? The Constitution has existed for more than 150 years. It has made possible our growth from a handful of relatively unimportant colonies to the greatest industrial power in the modern world. It has preserved, in the face of a hundred onslaughts, the human rights and liberties for which men have fought since the dawn of time—liberties which have been entirely destroyed in other nations. It has given us the highest standard of living for the masses, in the world. Perhaps those who would emasculate and change this document are less wise, less foresighted, less in tune with the forces that make for freedom and progress, than were those great men who wrote it.

ESSENTIALS OF A SOUND TRANSPORTATION INDUSTRY The fear has been expressed that the financial condition of certain railroad lines will eventually result in government ownership of the industry. Some important lines have borrowed from government agencies, such as the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, and in a few cases have been unable to meet obligations when due. The fear, however, is groundless, in the opinion of Carl R. Gray, President of the Union Pacific System, expressed in a recent Chicago address. According to Mr. Gray, the present indebtedness of the railroads to the government is some \$350,000,000—3 per cent of the industry's capitalization, and less than 3 per cent of their property investment. By way of comparison, just after the war the lines owed the government more than \$1,000,000,000, and all but \$38,000,000 of this was repaid with interest. "What I do foresee," Mr. Gray continued, "and this is a much more pleasing prospect, is an acceptance by government and the people alike of the principle that all forms of transportation shall be permitted to work out their own economic problems, fitting into that field for which they are best adapted, coordinating and cooperating whenever practicable, the sole criterion to be the public interest."

That is sound, is reasonable, and is a course definitely in the public interest. That is sound, is reasonable, and is a course definitely in the public interest. The nation does not want government ownership of its largest industry, with all the waste, inefficiency and deficits it would entail. Nor does it want any carrier to be either favored or penalized through regulation or taxation. Fair laws, fair taxes, and a regulatory policy that applies equitably to all carriers alike, are the simple essentials of a progressive and prosperous transport industry.

SCHOOL DAYS

By DWIG



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"BETTER OFF DEAD"

The nation is beginning to realize the horror of automobile deaths that reached a total of 35,000 last year. Not so well realized, but perhaps even more horrible, is the situation of those who were involved in automobile crashes, were not killed—but would be better off if they had been.

Their ghastly plight has been described in a new booklet by J. C. Furness, author of the famous "Sudden Death," entitled "Better Off Dead." Here is an excerpt: "They weren't doing more than 45 around a slight curve. But centrifugal pull had dragged them a couple of feet the wrong side of the white line. One of those semi-head-on, angling crashes. . . Two passengers, bleeding, unconscious, were loaded into the ambulance. They were on the point of driving away when the policeman discovered the third. "He was doubled up like a broken stick and thrust halfway through the narrow back window of the wreck, his head between his knees. They didn't dare try to unbend him till they reached the hospital. He was still alive and conscious. He had proved that by stealing the policeman's gun and shooting himself. "The spine was snapped clean, bent at an acute angle, and the bare and protruded from a rent in the skin like the stump of a horrible, bony tail. "Thanks to the doctors that man is still alive. . . He has been operated on 25 times. He is always in acute pain and paralyzed from the waist down."

Too horrible, too nauseating for print? Perhaps it is—but it's the truth. And it doesn't describe an isolated example. Thousands of people have emerged from automobile accidents to become helpless, pain-ridden cripples all their lives. They live on to remind us of the awful price we pay for speed, for recklessness, for incompetence at the wheel. Yet their

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agonies will not be entirely in vain if they teach the lessons that will save us from becoming members of that tragic legion who would be "Better Off Dead."

Mrs. W. T. Spires, a Kleberg county home demonstration club member, finds that asparagus is a practical vegetable to grow in South Texas home garden. It produces with little attention, and is a valuable green vegetable at seasons when there is not much else in the garden. Mrs. Spires' plants came from seed and are now four years old; she cuts sprouts in the fall after rains as well as in the spring.

Cotton Prices About Unchanged

Cotton prices fluctuated considerably, but the ten market average of 11.94 cents for Middling 7-8 inch on Friday, December 6, was only slightly lower than a week earlier. The advance in cotton prices following the announcement of the 1936 cotton adjustment program on Thursday was offset by declines later in the week. Although financial and political conditions in Europe continued unsettled, more favorable developments in France toward the end of the week, according to reports, tended to support cotton prices. The general level of prices of securities advanced somewhat. Sales of spot cotton were well maintained at relatively high levels and the volume of exports was greater than for any other week this season to date, but inquiries looking to new domestic mill and export business were reported as fewer than in any other recent week. Although the rate of industrial activity was apparently well maintained at relatively high levels, and wholesale and retail distribution of finished goods increased further, unfinished cotton cloth markets were only moderately active with prices firm. The ten market average price of 11.94 cents for Middling 7-8 inch cotton on December 6 compared with 11.96 cents on November 29 and 12.54 cents on the corresponding day a

year ago. December and March futures contracts declined about the same as those of spot cotton. January futures contracts closed on Friday the same as a week earlier, and futures contracts for the more distant months advanced. American Middling in Liverpool advanced 8 points to 6.67 pence per pound, while Indian Oomra No. 1 fine in that market advanced only 4 points to 5.79 pence per pound. At this figure Indian Oomra No. 1 fine on December 6, was 86.8 per cent of the price of American Middling compared with 87.3 per cent on November 29 and 71.0 percent on the corresponding day last year. Grade premiums and discounts on December 6 were unchanged from the previous week. The six quoting market average premium for Middling 15-16 inch remained the same at 38 points on Middling 7-8 inch but the premium for Middling 1 inch was increased 1 point to 74 points on Middling 7-8. In the Memphis market the premium for Middling 1 1-16 inches was increased 10 points to 110 points on Middling 7-8; for 1 1-8 inches 10 points to 150, and for 1 3-16 inches 10 points to 240.

WHILE SHOPPING FOR OTHERS' PLEASURES DON'T FORGET YOURSELF

This is what Santa means—In your mad rush to complete your Christmas shopping list, don't forget that you have your own personal looks to consider through the Holiday season.

Your suits should be spick-n-span, for you never know who is likely to show-up on Christmas time—perhaps it is your top-coat that is soiled, you'll need it too, during the merry season.

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ON TEXAS FARMS

by Minnie Fisher Cunningham Extension Service Editor

One hundred and forty-three rural yards have been sodded to Bermuda grass in Hill county this year as a result of the Extension landscaping program.

Following the trench silo demonstration arranged and given by A. R. Bateman and E. R. Endaly, there is an unusual interest among the farmers of Parmer county. Ten silos have been dug and filled. That many more are now under construction.

Mrs. G. E. Oden of El Paso county, has a strain of turkeys which appear to be developing into 'year round' layers. Last year she had a turkey hen which hatched off a bunch of little turkeys in December and by September the toms from this hatch averaged over 16 pounds each. Now she has two hens which have hatched off turkeys in October and two more to come off in November. These hens have laid practically all summer.

COMING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS With the approach of the holiday season, three Spur girls attending Texas State College for Women (CIA) will join thousands of college students in the yearly trek homeward when classes close Saturday in celebration of Christmas.

Additions to the younger set to participate in holiday festivities include Misses Eloise and Frances Lane and June Lisenby, who plan to spend the Christmas season in Spur. The holidays will continue through Jan. 5.

Elmer Rogers, of Croton community, was doing some trading in our city Saturday.

G. F. Harris, of McAdoo, was looking after business matters in our city Saturday.

W. J. Collier, of Afton, was meeting friends and looking after business affairs in our city Saturday.

D. D. Hagins, of Duck Creek, was doing some trading in our city Monday.

G. W. King, of Wilson Draw, was looking after business matters in our city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. Huffstodler, of Highway community, were greeting friends and trading in our city Saturday.

Girard, Texas, Dec. 16, 1935 Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 6 years old. My first year in school and am trying to be real good so you will bring me a rubbered doll and some clothes for it and a red dump truck with lights on it and a little set of dishes. Oh yes, Santa, don't forget to bring me some pistol caps for my old gun. I live two miles north of Girard. Your little friend, Betty Jane Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Luttrell and son, of Abilene, are here visiting his sister, Mrs. W. A. Harris, of Espuela community.



When your head aches; when Neuralgia tortures you; when Muscular Pains make you miserable—take a Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pill. Mr. Smith is one of millions who have found this easy way to prompt relief. He says: "I keep Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills in my pocket and when I get a dull heavy feeling in my head, I take a Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pill and the pain passes off."

WAKE UP YOUR LIVER BILE— WITHOUT CALOMEL And You'll Jump Out of Bed in the Morning Rarin' to Go

If you feel sour and sunk and the world looks punk, don't swallow a lot of salts, mineral water, oil, laxative candy or chewing gum and expect them to make you suddenly sweet and buoyant and full of sunshine. For they can't do it. They only move the bowels and a mere movement doesn't get the cause. The reason for your down-and-out feeling is your liver. It should pour out 10 pounds of liquid bile into your bowels daily. If this bile is not flowing freely, your food doesn't digest. It just decays in the bowels. Gas bloats up your stomach. You have a thick, bad taste and your breath is foul, skin often breaks out in blemishes. Your head aches and you feel down and out. Your whole system is poisoned. It takes those good, old CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS to get these two pounds of bile flowing freely and make you feel "up and up." They contain wonderful, harmless, gentle vegetable extracts, amazing when it comes to making the bile flow freely. But don't ask for liver pills. Ask for Carter's Little Liver Pills. Look for the name Carter's Little Liver Pills on the red label. Resent a substitute. 25c at drug stores. ©1931 C. M. Co.

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CATSUP 14 oz. bot. 11c

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## 1931 STUDY CLUB

The 1931 Study Club members were guests at a dinner at the Spur Inn Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Tall red candles and a pot of poinsettias, with sprays of ivy centered the long table. Miniature candle holders with lighted candles, and small Christmas trees marked the places for each guest.

Following the dinner, the guests were invited to Mrs. Clifford Jones' apartments, where a beautiful Christmas tree held gifts for the club members. Mrs. Neitha Campbell assisted Mrs. Jones in extending this cordial hospitality to the following:

Mmes. Faust Collier, Sam Clemmons, George Tillinghast, H. P. Gibson, Floyd McArthur, E. W. Mars, Gerald Wadzeck, D. H. Zachry, E. D. Engleman, Jack Rector, Burgess Brown, and J. C. McNeill, III.

## MISS DICKSON HOSTESS

Miss Lillian Grace Dickson entertained with a Christmas party Tuesday evening. Games were played and a Christmas tree was enjoyed by the guests. Miss Nell Arthur gave a reading which was greatly appreciated. Mrs. McKnight sang a number of selections which were very beautiful.

Those enjoying this happy occasion were: members of the High School Glee Club, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Kelley, O. F. Martin, Misses Virginia Murray, Quanah Lewis, Thelma McArthur, Kathryn Curby, Mrs. Violet McKnight; Messrs. R. E. Dickson, Sr. and R. E. Dickson, Jr., and the hostess.

## SOLDIER MOUND CLUB

"Christmas in other Lands," was given by Mrs. Condon. In France and Belgium on Christmas Day, young men gather together to sing songs and be merry on Christmas morning. December is known to them as the month of song. In Germany they have a Christmas tree in every home and in the hospitals. They were the first to have Christmas trees, Mrs. Joplin read a Christmas story, "Maimie's Gift."

The Soldier Mound club met in the home of Mrs. I. E. Abernathy.

A Christmas tree was decorated with gifts, fruits, candy and lights.

Those present: Mrs. Floyd Barnett, Mrs. I. E. Abernathy, Mrs. Leonard Joplin, Mrs. Foster Jones, Mrs. S. H. Nalley, Mrs. George Nally, Mrs. Ollie Hindman, Mrs. Otto Denson, Mrs. D. T. Turner, Mrs. John Bachman, Mrs. W. H. Condon.—Reporter.

## Bus Drivers To Render First Aid

Rolling first-aid stations on carrier trucks is the plan of H. B. Cole of Houston, safety chairman of the Texas Motor Transportation Association.

"We are operating up and down the highways under a privilege the public has granted us," Cole said, "and every once in a while we come on the scene of an accident in which a passenger car has gone into a ditch or two of them have hit and somebody is hurt or badly scared. So we have decided to turn our trucks into rolling first-aid stations for the benefit of the public generally."

For several years Cole's line, the Union Truck Depot, has had no accident "so no such precautions are necessary for us." From his Houston terminal several other carriers operate.

"What all of us have done at the depot is to equip our trucks with a fire extinguisher and first-aid kit," explained Cole. "We are having a doctor instruct our drivers on how to use the kit to give temporary relief to anyone who has been injured."

"The outfit contains compresses and bandages, antiseptic, scissors, tourniquet, adhesive and smelling salts. Roll-

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ed into a waterproof cylinder, the whole thing is about the size of the fire extinguisher, which is of one quart capacity."

Commenting that the whole outfit costs less than twelve dollars, Cole continued: "We think it is the finest investment we have ever made. If we come upon one woman who has been scared and calm her down with a dose of smelling salts, and as a result she feels better toward us and all truck operators, we will have been amply

repaid. If we could help save one life it would be worth much more than the cost of similarly equipping every truck in Texas."

Driver training in highway courtesy and safe driving practices is another part of the safety campaign, Mr. Cole explained. Over 100 trucks in Houston have been equipped with this "hospital" kit.

Donald Davis, of Matador, was in our city Monday greeting friends and

attending to business affairs. day.

J. W. Davis, of Soldier Mound, was in town Wednesday looking after business matters. Mr. Davis has been in ill health for sometime and does not get to town very often.

Virgil V. Parr, executive manager for the Pitchfork Ranch, was attending to business matters in our city Wednesday.

# Merry Christmas

Christmas is near and we are ready with everything you'll need for your own Christmas feast—and with our wonderful Christmas baskets that will help you give a fine dinner to another family. It was Santa's idea—and we knew you would want to help him give. Special baskets will be made up to include exactly the foods you want.

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