

Dickens County Times

County Officers Inaugurated Yesterday

There were not many changes in the County Officers for 1941. Edwin H. Boedeker took the oath of office as County Judge yesterday, succeeding Judge Marshall Formby who goes to the State Senate.

Eric H. Ousley began his second term as County Clerk, and he also assumed the duties of District Clerk since by law the two offices are consolidated. Mrs. Nettie Littlefield, who has served as District Clerk for several years, is retiring from the Courthouse as an official.

Mrs. Alice Murphree continues in the office of County Treasurer after having given several years of very excellent service.

D. F. (Fred) Christopher became the High Sheriff of the County, succeeding Johnnie Koonsman who has given the County six years of very fine service in the office. Fred Delisle will serve as office deputy. Other deputies have not been announced.

O. L. Kelley is a hold over in the County Superintendent's office, he having been elected for four years.

K. W. Street becomes a new member of the Commissioners' Board. The new Commissioner for Precinct 2, W. H. ... for Precinct 3, and M. B. ... Precinct 4.

Esbridge is Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1 and G. B. ... Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2. Floyd Bradley took the oath of office as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 1, and ... continues as Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3.

Mr. Bryant was commissioned as ... country.

There is information ...

... died ...

Services for J. C. Bryant were conducted at the ... church in that ... on Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev. W. C. Clement, the pastor, read the rites. Burial followed in a Stamford cemetery with Kinney Funeral Home in charge.

Mr. Bryant passed away at his home early Monday morning after a brief illness. He had been in failing health for two years, but his condition was not considered serious.

Mr. Bryant had been prominent in business in Stamford ever since town was founded. He was a member of the firm of Baker-Bryant which in later years developed into the Stamford Lumber Company, the Baker interests being purchased by Mr. Bryant and incorporated under the last name.

Mr. Bryant retired from active business but remained chairman of the Board.

The firm conducted businesses in Stamford, Hamlin, Aspermont, Rotan, Lamesa, Snyder, Post Spur and Carlsbad, N. Mexico. A son, R. B. Bryant, is president of the firm, and another son, W. J. Bryant, is field manager for the stores. Geo. S. Link, manager of the local store, was vice president of the company. The local store was closed all day Tuesday for the funeral, and all employees attended the services in Stamford.

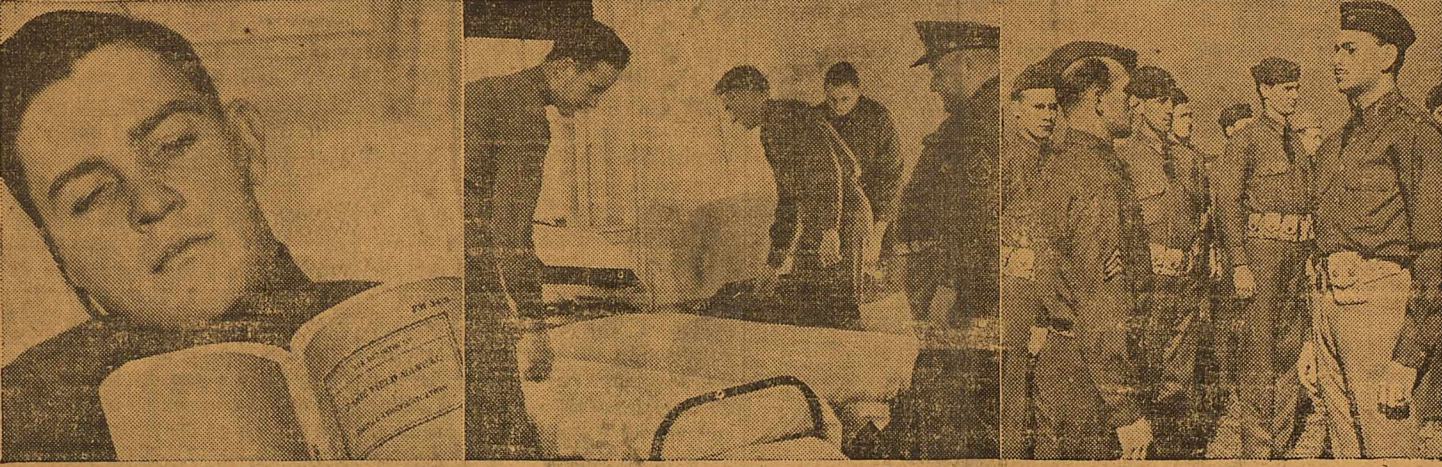
Mr. Bryant, who was 76, was born in Missouri, December 8, 1864. He moved to Jones County, Texas in 1884, and became engaged in business at Anson. He was married to Miss Sarah Caroline Hui in November, 1887, and three of the four children survive. Mrs. Bryant passed away April 19, 1913. In 1915 Mr. Bryant married Miss Josephine of Stamford who survives.

Mr. Bryant was prominent in church work and a long time member of the ... Lodge. It is said that he ... his thousands to assist ...

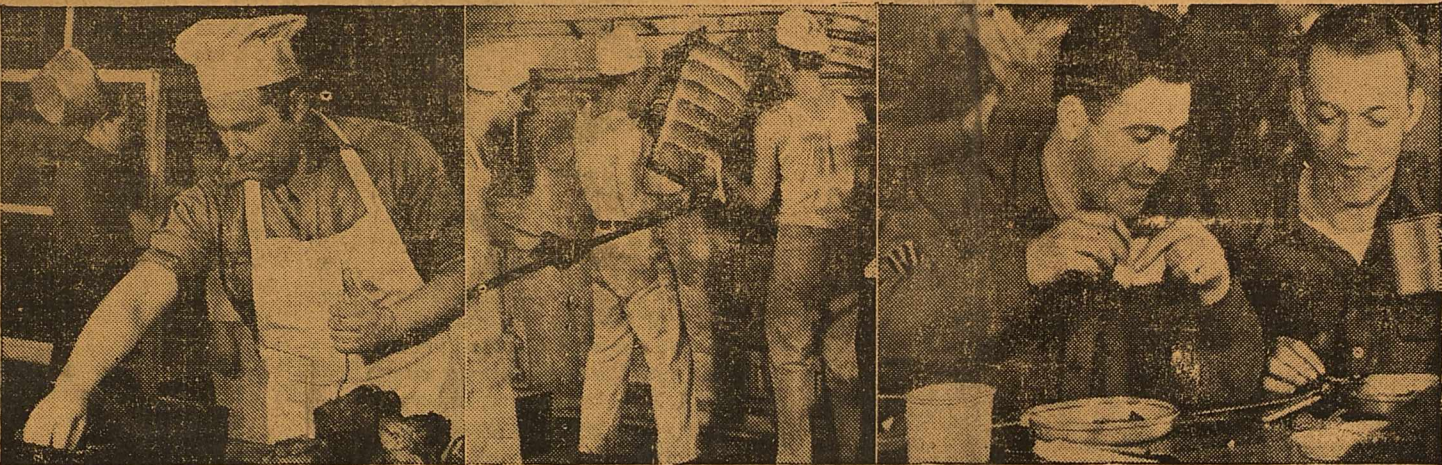
The survivors are his widow, ... sons, R. B. Bryant and W. J. ... a daughter, Mrs. Charles ... English, and six grandchildren.

Mrs. Faye Davis, of Austin, was ... of Miss Sibyl McDaniel ... the holidays.

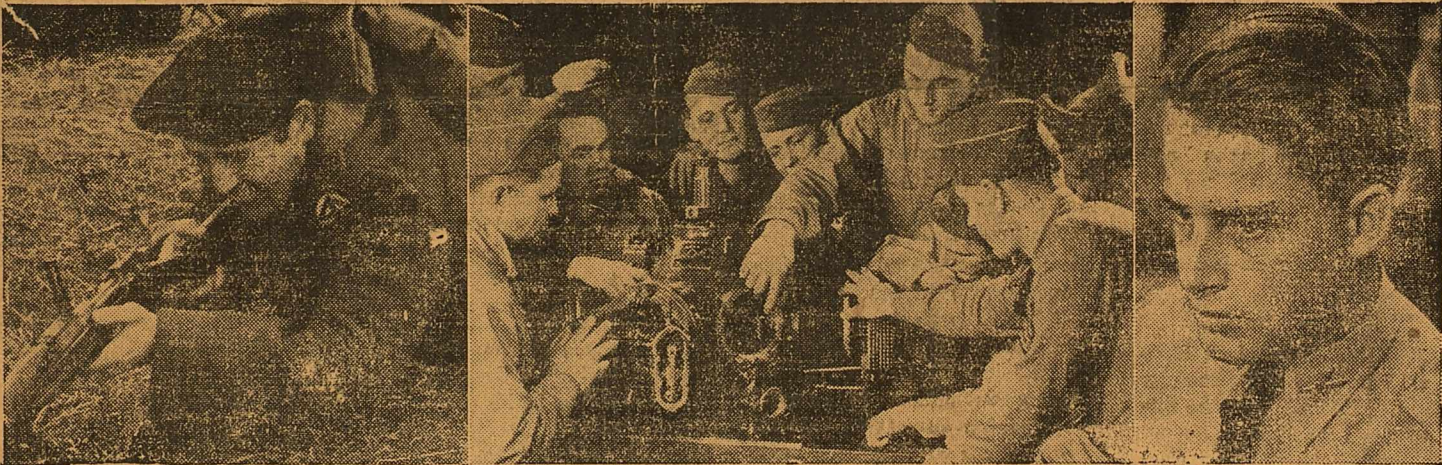
America's Young Men Find a New Kind of Life in the Army



THOUSANDS of young men, volunteers and draftees alike, are today swelling the ranks of the U.S. Army as the nation's gigantic defense program moves rapidly forward. And in the Army, America's young men are finding an entirely new kind of life, different from any they have previously known. Regardless of his background in civilian life, the young recruit shares his tent or barracks with five or more other men whom he has never seen before, learning the theory of soldiering and the reality of the comradeship of men in arms. Most important single individual to the young recruit is his drill sergeant, who supervises practically all of his activities, is sometimes severe but always a teacher.



THE QUARTERMASTER CORPS of the Army maintains 12 schools for bakers and cooks where a four-month course is given to train mess officers. Keeping up to the American standard of food consumption, the U.S. Army makes liberal allowance for an unflinching supply of healthful food. No scrimping is encouraged, and today's soldier finds that his daily fare is varied and substantial.



BASIC UNIT of every army is still the infantryman, and his rifle is still a powerful weapon. Not until he has mastered its use, with other fundamentals of combat, will he be taught the mysteries of the more complicated arms. The lessons that American Army men have learned from the wars in other lands are being put into practice today, the latest March of Time film, "Arms and the Men - U.S.A." reveals. The film, which shows how the young men in Uncle Sam's new citizen army live, what they are learning, how they are being trained, and many other phases of the nation's defense program, points out that the U.S. has but recently begun to mechanize its army. Young Americans take an absorbing interest in everything mechanical, and today they are being taught the complex details of tanks and planes along with the new techniques of battle. In dress rehearsal, the film shows, every man plays again and again the part he may some day be called upon to take in deadly earnest.

Women's Part In National Defense To Be Explained

The part the former service men and woman is expected to play in the National Defense will be discussed by Milo J. Warner of Toledo Ohio, National Commander of the American Legion, when he visits Lubbock Tuesday night, January 7, 1941.

Warner is to speak in Lubbock Senior High School Auditorium starting promptly at 7:30 o'clock, according to Chas. Whitacre, District Commander who is directing preparations.

Expected to be here with the National Commander, Whitacre said, are Edd Riedel of San Angelo, Texas Department Commander of The Legion, Fred E. Young of Port Arthur, Department Adjutant, and perhaps a number of other leaders in the Legion.

Also expected, said the District Commander, are delegations of former service men and others interested from most towns and cities not only in this Legion District, but from more distant points. The invitation to be present, he emphasized, includes "everyone interested."

He reminded that the program will start promptly and will be expected as much as possible as a convenience to the out-of-town visitors who will wish to get an early start home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Frederick, of Fort Worth, spent last week here visiting Mrs. Frederick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hale and other relatives and friends.

Home Guard To Meet Monday

Members of the Home Guard are requested to meet in the American Legion Hall next Monday and Tuesday nights, about 7:30 o'clock for military practice. It is hoped that a good representation will be present as there are some things to be worked out and quite a lot of instruction. It is hoped to have this organization going full force with in a short time and to be able to bear state inspection within a few weeks. Hence, the Captain asks all who can to be present Monday night about 7:30 o'clock.

F. S. A. Program To Meet Monday, Jan. 6

A meeting will be held in the District Court room at Dickens next Monday, January 6, at two o'clock p. m. The purpose of this meeting is to explain in detail the Farm Security Administration program and will be educational in its nature. All persons interested in such a meeting are requested to be present next Monday and hear the discussion and ask such questions as will bring out the meaning of the F. S. A. program.

Red Cross Needs Used Clothing

Any clothes too big for your children or any clothes you do not wish to patch, but which are clean will be gladly received for needy families. There are a number of homes in sad need of these things. If you have them kindly phone 276.

People Warned To Have Children Vaccinated

County Superintendent of Schools O. L. Kelley is urging all parents to test their children and see that each child is permanently immune from diphtheria. The epidemic of flu will aggravate, and aid any throat infection and likely there will be more of the dreaded disease of diphtheria. He cautions all parents to see a doctor at the first signs of throat infection. Also every child should have the diphtheria toxoid administered at once. It is very easy to save a life by doing so.

Basket Ball Tourney At Patton Springs

A big basket ball tournament is starting at the Patton Springs school gymnasium tonight (Thursday). The tournament will continue for three nights, closing Saturday night.

Spur will have a team made up of business and professional men in the tournament. The Spur team is composed of Dr. Bob Alexander, Truman Greene, Jack Barton, Leonard King, Mr. Burns, Joe Alexander, Woodrow Duckworth and G. B. Wadzeck.

The plan of the tournament has not been announced but possibly the Round-Robin method of elimination will be used. Several teams have registered for the tournament. Teddy Brannen, of A. & M. College spent the Christmas holidays here visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Adams.

District Court Adjourned

District Court for Dickens County adjourned last week with only a few cases left. All cases were disposed of in some manner.

The case of Will S. Carlisle vs. National Life Company resulted in a decision for the defendant.

Dana Bradshaw vs. Davis Bradshaw petition for divorce was granted.

Lizzie Belle Hickman vs. Clarence A. Hickman, petition for divorce granted.

Travelers Insurance Company vs. Mrs. Verna Hunter, et al resulted in a judgment for Defendant for \$3,400.00.

Mrs. Adams' Brother Dies

Mrs. E. L. Adams received a message Monday morning that her brother, J. B. Flenniken of Wichita Falls, had passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Adams left immediately for Wichita Falls to attend funeral services which were conducted at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. J. Henry Cox read the rites at Merkle Funeral Chapel.

Mr. Flenniken has served as a Wichita Falls peace officer and had been a citizen of the city 14 years. He had been in ill health several months.

Terracing Problem Remedied Some

With the 1940 crop season many farmers are planning to switch to a complete program of soil and water conservation to increase their farm incomes in 1941. Their decision to change to a complete conservation program is only a natural one. Witnessing two years of severe drouth then observing gullies overflowing across their farms during the November rains is sufficient cause for a change. This lost rainfall could have meant additional inches or feet of moisture in the soil for use of crops next spring and summer.

The wide-spread desire for conservation practices has caused an acute shortage of equipment of a type satisfactory to farmers to build terraces. During the past few weeks, an effort has been made to find a solution to the equipment problem through a series of terracing demonstrations. These demonstrations have been sponsored by the county agent, Soil Conservation Service, and vocational teachers in cooperation with farm implement dealers for the purpose of testing various types of farm implements for building terraces. The types of equipment used were: a one-bottom 16 inch common moldboard plow, a one-bottom 18 inch moldboard with swing extension, a two-bottom 14 inch common mold board, a 6-disc one-way on rubber tires, a 4-foot freso, and 6 and 8 foot steel tractors. This equipment was drawn by farm tractors. Each of equipment built satisfactory terraces. However, when the cost of using each piece of equipment was calculated a wide range of prices resulted. From the standpoint of economy, convenience, quality of work done, and adaptability to other uses on the farm the flat-breaking plow, either the moldboard or the disc type, seemed a very desirable tool in the opinion of farmers.

Tests made recently indicate that where the labor, equipment, and power are already on the farm the immediate cash expense of terrace construction may be reduced as much as 80 per cent under former costs for such work.

The adaptation of these farm implements many fold the number of farms which have access to equipment for terrace construction and other conservation practices. Some local authorities estimate that 450 or more farms in Dickens County alone have such equipment available by adding minor attachment or repair. Several farmers have already converted abandoned team-drawn plows into efficient tractor-drawn implements suitable for building terraces.

Next Call To Be January 22

The next call for persons in the selective draft has been scheduled for January 22. There are already enough volunteers to take care of the nine who will go in next call. These have been selected and the names will be released next week.

The County Draft Board states that volunteers are not as many as were. They state that if there are young men between the ages of 18 years and 36 years who want to volunteer that they can be accepted on a one year basis.

Silverton Schools Out On Account Flu

The City Schools at Silverton have been closed all this week on account of influenza epidemic. There have been 350 cases in the schools and in the country around Silverton.

Supt. Paul S. Rogers has been confined to his bed all week with a high fever, but is reported improving at this time.

School To Start Today

Spur schools and other schools in Precinct 3 will start today. All teachers have returned from their vacations and the pupils are starting into work with great zeal.

Baptist Workers Conference To Convene Jan. 9

The Workers Conference of the Dickens County Baptist Association will be held with the First Baptist Church at Spur, January 9. The following is the program outline:

The meeting is to convene at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

10:00. Prayer and Praise—Carl Lamb.

10:15. Prayer for a Troubled World, and Texas Baptists.

10:25. The Enlarged Program—J. Lowell Ponder.

10:45. Our Part as an Association—J. O. Harmonson.

11:05. My Part as a Pastor—W. F. Pool.

11:25. Business session.

11:30. "Onward Christian Soldiers" — F. E. Swanner, pastor First Baptist Church at Paducah.

12:10. Lunch.

1:30. The Necessary Increase for our Association in order to reach the enlarged objective — H. L. Burnam.

2:00. How This May Be Done—Rev. Clyde Coffman, Pastor of Bethel Church.

2:30. Texas Baptists are Abundantly Able—Walter Brian.

3:00. Adjourn.

A Partner's Tribute To J. C. Bryant

Mr. J. C. Bryant, my best friend, had little opportunity for a literary education and never attended a commercial college. He was in the true sense a "self-made" man. Yet, I have not known a man who could weigh a business problem more accurately and arrive at a decision more quickly. His philosophy of life was simple, yet, it has been helpful to all who have had the joy of his association. Here is a sample of it: "Human nature never changes, men are as honest now as they have ever been. This country has always survived depressions and better conditions followed and this one is no exception."

He was never thought of as "boss." His commands were few but a mere suggestion from him created a desire in all who worked with him to execute the thing suggested.

He was loved and respected by all who worked with him; a man in whose presence the profane cease to swear; the dinker never suggested taking a dram. Clean in his life, liberal with his means, kind to his family, true to his friends (and they were all who knew him), thinking much, and saying little, unassuming, retiring in disposition, avoiding, rather than seeking, the limelight, inspiring the confidence of men who dealt with him, and never betraying a trust. Indeed, he was a Christian gentleman.

I attribute his enviable record of fifty years successful business career largely to the fact that he loved folks and treated them as he would want to be treated. I can truly say of him, as God said of David of old, "He was a man after my own heart," and in saying this I am sure I express the feeling of all whose pleasure it has been to know him well.

His partner for forty years, I said this of him while he lived and repeat it now since he has gone. GEO. S. LINK.

Associational Sunday School Meet

The Associational Sunday School will meet with the Friendship Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, January 5, at 2:30 o'clock. Every church in the association are urged to be represented. The following is the program outline which starts at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon: Song Service.

Devotional—Rev. Walter Brian. Why We Have Associational Sunday School.—Rev. H. L. Burnam.

Promoting Regular Visitation—Rev. C. R. Joyner.

Business. Recognition of Churches.

Conference Meeting. Adjournment.

SJR 12 AGAIN

The controversial Senate Joint Resolution 12, providing a combination of sales and natural resource taxes, apparently will be a disturbing factor in the Legislature again this year. Kept from adoption by the "immortal fifty-six" in the House last session, it apparently has a chance of adoption in the coming session, especially since there was appreciable mortality among the immortals at the last election. If adopted by the Legislature it will, of course, be approved by Governor O'Daniel.

However, it will be unfortunate of the Legislature revives and approves this measure. Despite the sugar-coating of the sales tax with advocates' references to a luxury tax, it will remain a sales tax if it is to raise the amount of money calculated by the proponents of the measure. The principle of the sales tax is wrong, not only because it is not in line with the theory that taxation should be in accordance with ability to pay, but also because it has the most direct inflationary effect of all forms of taxation upon the prices of necessary consumers' goods. In view of the present predictions by so many economists that inflation is in the offing, this is no time for a sales tax.

An equally serious objection in SJR 12 is found in the fact that it would place in the Constitution, already cluttered with details, a long list of minute provisions that belong in statutory legislation. If the state is to be saved from bankruptcy—and the taxpayers, too—the Legislature which meets in January must give consideration to the whole field of state finances, economizing where economy is possible and placing taxes where taxes can be paid without exceeding the law of diminishing returns. The sales tax does not belong in such a program, nor does such a constitutional amendment as SJR 12. — Dallas News.

EDITORS NOTE: There is no wishing statesmanlike in SJR 12. If the people of Texas want the middle class and the poorer element of our population to shoulder the bulk of taxation for Texas, and the wealthier class to get a walk on that responsibility, all they will need to do is let SJR 12 become a part of the Texas Constitution. Once that bill becomes a part of the Texas Constitution, the big corporations and big industries will see that it is never repealed. At present it would require only eleven members in the State Senate to keep that burden on the backs of the people, and big industries will see that the eleven favorites will be kept in the State Senate. It is a dangerous thing to incorporate a

very common tax law into our State Constitution. If SJR 12 is to be tried out, let the State legislature pass it as a tax law. Then, if it proves to be burdensome on the poorer people, a mere majority of each House will repeal it. But as a Constitutional Amendment it will require a two-thirds majority of both houses and a majority vote of the people of Texas to get it repealed. If it is a good measure it will be worth just as much as a tax law as it will be worth as a Constitutional Amendment.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR J. F. STEPHENS

James Frank Stephens passed away at his home east of Girard at 7:40 p. m. Monday, December 23. Funeral services were held at the Girard High School auditorium at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, December 25. P. S. Young, minister of the Church of Christ, officiated. Interment followed in Girard cemetery with Tri-County Funeral Home in charge.

Pallbearers were: Fuston Stephens, Calvin Stephens, Jack Stephens, Bill Hagins, John D. Carlisle and Woodrow Swearingen. Flower Girls were: Ora Caples, Miss Wilma Stephens, Mrs. Minora Barrett, Mrs. Carrie Boothe, Mrs. Emma Hagins, Mrs. Gladys Ernest, Mrs. Thelma Gregory and Miss Mary Pearl Hagins.

Mr. Stephens underwent a major operation in July, and five months and two days later died of cancer. He was born in Kentucky, May 11, 1868, and was married to Lucy Carlisle January 3, 1910. For the past 23 years they have lived in the Girard community.

Mr. Stephens led a very active life until the time of his operation. He was president of the Girard School Board eight years, served as an elder in the Church of Christ at Amity and at Girard for 25 years.

He is survived by his widow and five children as follows: Loulla Stephens of Lubbock, J. T. Stephens of Clovis, N. Mexico, Orwin and Walda Stephens of Girard and Mrs. Wilda Millican of Jayton. One daughter, Mrs. Frankie Skinner, having preceded him in death by two months and 23 days. One grand child, Mike Stephens, survives, and one grandchild, Pat Stephens, passed away in April of this year. There are three sisters: Mrs. Minnie Potter of Dalhart, Mrs. Ella Potter of Kenton, Okla.; and Mrs. Levina Ballard of McDermitt, Nev. Four brothers: John Stephens of Perrin, Charlie Stephens and Wiley Stephens of Dickens, and Aggie Stephens of Abernathy. There are many other relatives and a great host of friends left to mourn his going. — Contributed.

Times Offers New Year Bargain

For about 2 weeks, or until Saturday, January 18, 1941, The Dickens County Times can be secured at a real bargain rate. The price is two years for one dollar, marked up from date of your expiration; provided, you receive your mail from postoffices in the counties of Stonewall, Kent, Garza, King, Dickens, Crosby, Cottle, Motley and Floyd. There is no special rate beyond postoffices in these counties named.

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It is hoped that as many of our readers as can will renew at this time. We need your renewal now. Some are getting behind a few months and we cannot carry them any longer. Unless they take advantage of this rate, we will be forced to take them off. The Times will make a nice New Year present to the family. It will be one of the most valuable presents you can secure for the family. One man stated the Times saved him more than fifty times its price in one year as it gave him an opportunity of taking advantage of merchandising bargains during the year.

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Midway News and Church News

Sunday School and B. T. U. Services were conducted at the usual hours Sunday morning and Sunday evening. Due to influenza and other illness in the community, only 34 were present at Sunday School for the inspiring lesson, "Girded for the New Year." Scripture lesson Luke 12: 35-48. A good New Year resolution for every Christian to make is this: "I resolve by the help of God to be a better Christian in 1941."

Candlelight Service
Sunday night, December 22, a candlelight service was rendered by the Senior B. T. U. class. The following program was given:
Origin of Christmas by Bro. Carl Lamb, the pastor.
Song, Silent Night, by the choir.
Devotional, Birth of Christ by J. T. Campbell.
Prayer, Mrs. J. T. Campbell.
Introduction, Fruits of the Spirit, by Maxine Slayden.
Part I, Unelle Middlebrooks.
Part II, Morris Hicks.
Duet, "Take Up Thy Cross," Ruby Lee and Maxine Slayden.
Part III, Norma Middlebrooks.
Part IV, Mrs. W. F. Ragland, Jr.
Part V, Freddie Middlebrooks.
Song, "Ring the Merry Bells" by The Futch Quartette.
Poem "Called Away," Ruby Lee Slayden.
Song, "Blest Be the Ties," General Assembly.
Benediction by Pastor.
Immediately after the program Bro. Bruce Slayden of Baylor, brought the evening message.

Holiday Entertainment
Saturday night, December 21, the young people's Sunday School class gathered at the L. L. Slayden home at 7:30 for delicious buffet supper. The lovely linen covered, candle lighted table was loaded with good things to eat. Following the supper many amusing games were played and guitar and violin music was enjoyed until a late hour. Supper was served to the following: Misses Edna Futch, Norma, Freddie, Faye and Unelle Middlebrooks, Mabel and Doris Dell Blakley, Maxine and Ruby Lee Slayden, Messers Raymond and H. L. Futch, Morris Hicks, Bateman and Freeman Middlebrooks, Bruce Slayden; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ragland, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Campbell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Etheridge and baby, Wayland Bruce and the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Slayden.

Monday night, December 23, a number of friends were entertained at the home of Miss Edna Futch.

Many delightful games were enjoyed by the usual crowd.

Wednesday night, December 25, a Christmas party was given at the C. O. Middlebrooks home. Many Christmas games were played, and the holiday spirit was manifested throughout the evening.

Thursday night of last week the usual community crowd gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Hicks for another holiday get-together. Games and singing were the main features of the evening.

The closing event of the Christmas week was in the form of a hayride. Ralph Etheridge furnished his tractor and trailer, and the girls and boys joined the "serenade." As they came to each home in the community singing Christmas carols. Different kinds of fireworks were shot, and marshmallows were roasted near the close of the ride.

News Briefs.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Middlebrooks and family were holiday guests of his brother, C. O. Middlebrooks. J. T. Campbell spent the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Campbell, of Henrietta. Misses Ruby Lee and Maxine Slayden, of N. T. C. T. College at

Denton, and Bruce Slayden of Baylor University at Waco, spent the Christmas and New Year holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Slayden.
Miss Tommie Bridge, of T. W. C. at Denton, and Jim and Mant Bridge, of California, spent the holidays here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Bridge.
Mrs. J. T. Campbell and children spent the holidays visiting relatives in Spur.
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Williams, of Afton, visited her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Toad Wiley Sunday.

A Letter To Our Home People

The writer has lived here 32 years, but is not what is called an "Old Settler." Such men as Uncle Bill Hyatt, or Uncle Bill Stafford, or Uncle Jimmie Carlisle are "Old Settlers." I have been reared in Texas and am 61 years old.

I love the United States, love Texas more, Dickens County and Spur, our little town; and the people here more than all else. We have a great government — the best in the world. We have some people here who don't like our government. Lots of these people have never stopped to think. Maybe, we are to blame. We must help ourselves. If I did not like this government, I would go to Old Mexico, or to Europe.

Now, what I want to say is this: If we want to prosper, we must be like a family and pull together, and spend our money at home. We are starving our merchants and at the same time we are killing our town. We all pay taxes to have schools, but if we go elsewhere to spend our money, we take the financial strength from our community and our schools. When we want an act of charity we ought to go to the place we spend our money to get it. The merchants have been going broke here for a long time.

We have had good men to go broke here because they let the people have their merchandise on credit and never get the money for them. People still owe for the merchandise and call these merchants that went broke by names that make your flesh shiver.

If we go to Lubbock, Abilene or other places to spend our money, we cut our own throats because that tears down our own community. I have known people here to go to other towns to trade and at the same time talk about Spur not having anything. The reason is because you have not tried to get it in your own town. If there should be an item they don't have, give them time to get it for you.

A man said to me not long ago, "Spur has just folded up." And this fellow is one of the men that still owes those merchants who went broke. If we don't spend our money at home and pay those merchants when they accommodate us, it will not be long until we won't have any schools. If all the money goes to the large towns we had as well turn this part back to the Indians.

Who pays the taxes? We all pay Denton, and Bruce Slayden of Baylor University at Waco, spent the Christmas and New Year holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Slayden.

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in proportion to our taxable property, enough to run our schools which are the best in the country. But if we spend our money elsewhere and starve out our home merchants who sold good to the people on credit, and some of these people would spend their money somewhere else. This practice has put lots of good men out of business. Now let's spend our cash at home and have the best little town in West Texas.

Now, you merchants, try to buy from the farmers and let's work together. We are starting in on a new year, 1941. Let's make it the best year we ever had. When you find out the trouble, 90 out of 100 chances, we are to blame. There is not but one person to look to — to straighten up the trouble, and that is ourselves. Let's each one make a committee of one to try to cooperate to make our town and community a better place in which to live. Let's support our town and community by trading with home people and be neighbors.

I can prove every word I have said to be true.

Our town is not what it used to be, but I am to blame for my part of it. Don't be a kicker, be a man. This is a good world to live in. If you think so, then help to make it better. If you don't like the people here, there will be no use to move, because you won't like the people there. If you don't have any friends here, you would not have friends if you moved a dozen times. Let's be friends and work together in 1941 to better our town and community. If you want people to love you, then love your neighbors.

W. T. WILSON.

Mrs. Madge D. Twaddell spent a few days here this week visiting friends and looking after business affairs. Mrs. Twaddell is just out of the sanitarium and is recuperating from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brannen and daughter, Jimmie Nell, of Corpus Christi, spent the holidays here visiting Mrs. Brannen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Adams.

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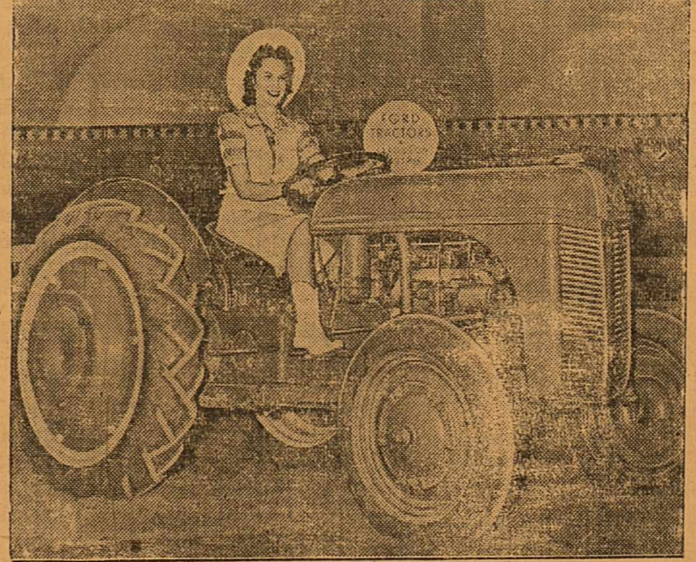
CITY MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC FATALITIES

The following is a record of cities in Texas in regard to motor car accidents and their rating for the first ten months of 1940. The City of Dallas seems to have the lowest death rate and the highest average in safety. These statistics were sent out by the Department of Public Safety of Texas. They are:

| Rating | City | Population | Fatalities | Rate Per 100,000 |
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| GROUP I Cities with population over 100,000 | | | | |
| 1st | DALLAS | 293,306 | 15 | 5.10 |
| 2nd | Houston | 386,150 | 44 | 11.39 |
| 3rd | San Antonio | 253,143 | 35 | 13.83 |
| 4th | Fort Worth | 177,748 | 28 | 15.75 |
| GROUP II Cities with population from 50,001 to 100,000 | | | | |
| 1st | Corpus Christi | 57,443 | 4 | 6.96 |
| 2nd | El Paso | 96,677 | 7 | 7.24 |
| 3rd | Amarillo | 51,497 | 4 | 7.77 |
| 4th | Austin | 87,878 | 8 | 9.09 |
| 5th | Galveston | 60,334 | 6 | 9.94 |
| 6th | Beaumont | 58,912 | 10 | 16.97 |
| 7th | Waco | 55,844 | 11 | 19.70 |
| GROUP III Cities with population from 25,001 to 50,000 | | | | |
| 1st | Tyler | 28,256 | 0 | 0 |
| 2nd | Laredo | 38,921 | 2 | 5.14 |
| 3rd | Port Arthur | 45,500 | 3 | 6.59 |
| 4th | San Angelo | 25,794 | 2 | 7.75 |
| 5th | Lubbock | 31,588 | 3 | 9.50 |
| 6th | Wichita Falls | 44,93 | 5 | 11.13 |
| 7th | Abilene | 27,292 | 6 | 21.98 |
| GROUP IV Cities with population from 10,001 to 25,000 | | | | |
| 1st | Denison, Corsicana, University Park, Pampa, Bryan, and Sweetwater—NONE | | | |
| 2nd | Longview | 13,766 | 1 | 7.26 |
| 3rd | Brownwood | 13,396 | 1 | 7.46 |
| 4th | Big Spring | 12,604 | 1 | 7.93 |
| 5th | Victoria | 11,567 | 1 | 8.65 |
| 6th | Brownsville | 22,160 | 2 | 9.03 |
| 7th | Terrell | 10,147 | 1 | 9.86 |
| 8th | Borger | 10,006 | 1 | 9.99 |
| 9th | Paris | 18,660 | 2 | 10.72 |
| 10th | Sherman | 17,143 | 2 | 11.67 |
| 11th | Temple | 15,376 | 2 | 13.00 |
| 12th | Del Rio | 13,312 | 2 | 15.02 |
| 13th | Harlingen | 13,235 | 2 | 15.10 |
| 14th | Marshall | 18,401 | 3 | 16.30 |
| 15th | Palestine | 12,126 | 2 | 16.49 |
| 16th | McAllen | 11,824 | 2 | 16.90 |
| 17th | Texarkana | 17,042 | 3 | 17.60 |
| 18th | Denton | 11,189 | 2 | 17.87 |
| 19th | Cleburne | 10,556 | 2 | 18.95 |
| 20th | Greenville | 13,811 | 5 | 36.20 |

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DEAR FRIENDS



Yes, it is a New Year again, and I wish to take this opportunity to publicly wish all of you a very Happy New Year.

I want to thank you, again, for giving me an opportunity to serve you, and as I take office this week, I hope you will I am the people's Sheriff. I solicit your cooperation in executing the laws in our county, and I hope we can all work together for the better interests of all concerned. After all, the of a county has much to do with the civic conditions, and assistance is going to mean a lot to me in the future.

I shall always feel grateful for the honor conferred upon me as your Sheriff and I shall always try to merit your confidence.

At any time I can be of service to you don't fail to let me know—for my time belongs to you.

D. F. (Fred) CHRISTOPHER
YOUR SHERIFF

Forgotten

Dickens County, let's see just what this is missing by not having a subject, or some other thing.

There are about 175 or 200 unemployed men in this county who have been depending on W. P. A. or some other government aid for support. The farmers are getting theirs and have never been cut off. How much of their money do our business men get? No, they don't get it all as a lot of it goes back to Wall Street for gasoline and automobiles. When we W. P. A. workers receive an average of \$36.00 per month, the amount is so small that we have to put it into something to eat, or something to wear, or medicine, house rent, water and light bills. So, you see our money which we get from government stays right here in our county, and everybody gets some of it.

When a job is going on in Dickens County it employs from 50 to 75 men, which means a payroll of an average of \$2,700.00 per month, or \$32,400 per year. That is a pretty good payroll for this county. If these old boys were working on W. P. A. right now, they could go to their groceryman and get a bill of groceries and pay him, and would not have to say, "Mr. I have no money and the cotton is all out, and there is no W. P. A. job I can get and my family is hungry. But, if you will let me have these groceries, I will pay you some day." But if they were getting a pay day they could just haul out and pay the groceryman and make him feel better, and the old boys would feel better, also.

It is right the other way. Cotton is all out and no job is no way for us old forgotten W. P. A. workers to get it but go to the County Welfare office and ask for mercy, or up to the Commissioners Court and put the beggar down to our little dole of twice per month and get our F. S. A. as for us, which they can do for us.

Why don't the good business men in this county and all whom we concern, cooperate with some kind of job starting fund? There is many a poor man that will have no Christmas this year just because their mother said can't get it for them, couldn't save enough to make Christmas an enjoyment for them.

Folks, we are behind with our duties. We have been out and going over different counties the past three or four weeks, and we have not been in a single county where there was not some kind of work going for the laboring class of people. Dickens County could be doing the same thing, but we just have neglected it, or did not know that things are as distressing as they are. Our good President said he had, or was going to give all of us jobs and more pay. Now, let's help him fulfill this. Talk to our Commissioners and our local sponsors and let's get a job started. The W. P. A. is ready to do their part, we are sure, and the workers are ready to work. Let's all get together and get a job started.

— A Friend.

First Presbyterian Church

John C. Ramsay, Minister
10 a. m. Sunday School, Cap McNeill, Superintendent.
11 a. m. Morning Worship and the Word. Sermon: "Swifter Than the Weaver's Shuttle" (A New Year's Meditation).
6:30 p. m. Kingdom Highways League, Bertha Nelle Walker, Acting President.
7:30 p. m. Evening Worship and the Word. Sermon: "Healing for the Nations."
Mid-Week Prayer Meeting Wednesdays.
Woman's Auxiliary Mondays at 8 p. m.
This church welcomes you.

WOMEN NEWS

There was a Christmas tree at the home of Mrs. Mattie Pearl Calvert on December 24. There were several guests who enjoyed a nice time and every one received a nice present from the tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Gosden spent the Christmas holidays with friends in Bostick County.

Vance Hodges was visiting friends in Spur the past week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Purser and children spent the Christmas holidays with relatives in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Beasley and

SHOWERED

Mrs. E. C. McGee and daughter, Miss Sammie McGee, were hostesses to a very beautiful shower for Miss Peggy Hogan, a bride elect, last Thursday. Misses Emily Cowan, Mozelle Arthur, Robbie Clemmons, Betty Lynn Brown and Mrs. Opal Ayers were co-hostesses.

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Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Powell, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wooten, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Clemmons of Amarillo.

Misses Wynell McClure, Betty Woodrum, Ida Lee Golding, Nell Francis, Dallas Smith, Marjory Bell, Ann Lee, Marie Simpson, Ethel Green, Dorothy Walker, Ina Bacon, Winifred Aycock, Martha Nichols, La Vorise Lee, Margaret Maloney, Sybil McDaniel, Louise Ince, Frances Gibson, Polly Clemmons, Ouida Lisenby, Grace Foster, Edith Caveness, Julia May Hickman.

Mr. Leonard King, the football boys and the basket ball boys.

HELEN DODSON OF SPUR ON H-SU HONOR ROLL

Helen Dodson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dodson, of Spur, is one of 35 students at Hardin-Simmons University, in Abilene, to make the mid-term honor roll, with a grade of 15 or more semester hours of academic work, according to word received from the office of Dr. W. R. White, H-SU president.

Eight men students are on the honor roster, and 27 co-eds. Freshman class members led the class totals, with 11. Nine sophomores, 8 juniors and 7 seniors complete the roll.

daughter, of Lubbock, spent Christmas day with relatives in Spur.

E. Dobkins, local ginmer, who has been in a Lubbock hospital for several weeks recuperating from a heart attack, is able to sit up some now.

Mrs. Truby Gilbert and children spent Christmas Day here with Mrs. Mattie Calvert.

We are wishing everybody a "Happy New Year."

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Collins are visiting relatives in Dickens.

Raymond Mann is moving from this community and we are going to miss him and family.

To Sheriff Johnnie Koonsman: You have made us a good Sheriff. Here is wishing you a Happy New Year.—Your Friends.

Mrs. Paul Baxter has been ill a few days.

Our school started Monday, December 30, at Patton Springs after being dismissed a week for holidays.

To Our Sheriff, Fred Christopher: We wish for you success in your new career. We are wishing you and your family a Happy New Year.—Your Friends.

Women To Help Make New Laws

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DICKENS COUNTY WELL REPRESENTED AT A. & M.

This year Dickens County is well represented at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, with five boys enrolled as students. The boys are Jack Jones, Dan Ince, W. K. Harvey, Jr., Clifford B. Hunter and R. D. Ford.

Jack Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Boy Scouts Aid In Rescue Work

Members of the Boy Scouts of America pride themselves that "there are no softies in Scouting."

Citing their record as aides to rescue workers, first-aid men, and message bearers in time of disaster, they are equally proud that they are prepared to serve their community in hundreds of less spectacular ways. Their day-to-day program, Scouts insist, keeps them ready and eager to help in any manner that is needed.

Some idea of the service rendered in the past 30 years is available in the records of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. A quick survey shows that the khaki-clad youngsters sold Liberty Bonds worth \$147,000,000, have saved many lives, delivered half a million Thanksgiving baskets to needy families, participated in hundreds of searches for lost persons, guarded school crossings, fought fires, cleaned up worthless vacant lots, acted as color guards, assisted in controlling traffic, ushered at public and private ceremonies, aided in bring-out the voters campaign,—even helped rescue a parachute jumper caught in a tree.

Scouts do not, however, solicit money from any one.

Between good turns, Scouts keep fit by practice and competition in first aid, signaling and simple engineering, by extensive hiking and camping, and by constant adherence to the fundamentals of Americanism.

Typical of the spectacular side of Scout work is the record of the 1938 New England hurricane. Almost without exception, every damaged community praised the work of the khaki-clad youngsters. They helped clear streets, carried messages for the police and fire departments, rescued half a dozen marooned persons, collected clothes for those left homeless, and, when unable to complete rescues themselves, guided better-equipped adults to the scene.

Similar stories have been told repeatedly from every part of the country. Tornadoes in the South, blizzards in the mountain states, and forest fires in the West have been the occasion for brilliant rescue work by Boy Scouts, whose long training had prepared them for emergency service.

Far less dangerous, but no less useful, was the work done by Scout Troops in collecting clothes, furniture, food and supplies for needy families during the depression. The job was begun in 1934 in response to a suggestion from President Roosevelt and it continued for several years.

YOUNG PEOPLE ENJOY SOCIAL HOUR

Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Putnam invited a number of young people in Sunday evening after the church hour to enjoy a social hour. Joyful conversation was carried out for quite a while. The hostesses served refreshments to their guests which proved another happy occasion. Those present for this occasion were:

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Karr, Mack Woodrum, Neal A. Chastain, Crit McDonald, L. E. Standifer, Harvey Giddens, C. F. Hardwick, Buford Johnston, Cap McNeill, Cecil Godfrey, Truman Green, E. D. Cook, Roy Harkey and H. S. Holly.

Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Putnam tried to secure the presence of many others by telephone, but could not reach them.

Want Ads Get Results

Clifford B. Hunter, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mace Hunter of this city, is a student in the School of Agriculture and is doing his study in a two-year course of marketing and classing of cotton. Texas A. & M. offers a complete course in this phase of work.

R. D. Ford, son of W. B. Ford of the Calgary community, is also a student in the School of Agriculture and is taking the two-year course in marketing and classing. This is Ford's first year in A. & M. He attended Texas Christian University of Fort Worth last year. He changed to Texas A. & M. for more specialized training.

Some Things About Cotton Production

The following information was given out by the Texas Weekly in its issue of October 26 relative to the cotton situation of the world.

The preliminary figures for the current season were issued by the New York Cotton Exchange Service,—and they indicate a world crop of 29,276,000 bales, including the American crop of 12,565,000 bales. This means that total production outside the United States of 16,711,000 bales, an amount exceeded only twice before in history,—the seasons of 1936-37 and 1937-38. Most foreign cotton—growing regions show increases, the indicated crop in Brazil, for example, being the largest on record. Judging by the experience of the World War of 1914-18, consumption of cotton is reduced rather than increased by war, and considering that there is an immense carry-over of surplus cotton of all kinds when the present conflict began, the outlook is that excess supply, at least of American cotton, will continue to pile up. Mill consumption in the United States is running only slightly more than 3 per cent above that of last year, and on this basis it is being predicted that about eight million bales of American cotton will be consumed in this country during the current cotton year. Exports are at such low level that the total for the year is likely to be the smallest in seventy years. In fact, it is probable that the amount of American cotton exported during the current year will be less than that for the year 1938. In any event, exports and domestic consumption together will not be more than ten million bales. This would mean an addition of about two and a half million bales of American cotton to the already immense carry-over before another crop is brought on the market.

Quite a contrast is provided by comparing cotton production figures for the past three years with those of any three year period prior to 1933. Take the three years ending with July, 1932, for example. During that three year period 56.6 per cent of the world's production of cotton was in the United States and only 43.4 per cent was outside of the United States. But during the past three years 57 per cent was produced outside the United States and only 43 per cent was produced in this country. During the three-year period ending with 1932 the world's production was divided into 45,853,000 bales of American cotton and 33,353,000 bales of foreign cotton. During the past three years it was 48,401,000 bales of foreign cotton and 35,746,000 bales of American cotton. The year 1929-29 was the first in all history that as much as eleven million bales of cotton was produced outside of the United States in a year. This year, as noted above, the production of foreign cotton will be 16,711,000 bales. In the fall of 1933 and the spring of 1934 the representatives of the AAA told meetings of farmers in school houses throughout the South that it would be "impossible" to produce thirteen million bales of cotton outside of the United States in a year. Well, more than thirteen million bales of foreign cotton was produced that very year, and since then there have been two years in which more than eighteen million bales of foreign cotton have been produced.

MESDAMES EATON AND PUTNAM ENTERTAIN

Mrs. Della Eaton and Mrs. Mary Putnam were hostesses to a number of friends at the Spur Inn Saturday evening. Games were enjoyed by the guests, and much lively conversation and good fellowship was displayed. Refreshments of coffee, cocoa and cake were served.

The Spur Inn dining room and reception hall were decorated with Christmas effect and everything appeared very beautiful.

Those enjoying this occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Reed, Roy Stovall, M. C. Golding, Henry Alexander, Hollis Atkinson, Bill Putnam, W. T. Andrews, W. D. Starcher, W. F. Gilbert, C. M. Smith of Fort Worth, W. F. Godfrey, Geo. S. Link, W. P. Shugart, Mrs. Nellie Davis, Mrs. Ann McClure, Mrs. Stella Winston, Mrs. Laura Faulkner, and Miss Julia May Hickman.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Twaddell and daughter, Miss Lorelle, of Amarillo, spent a few days here last week visiting Mrs. Twaddell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bowman

VIEWS AND VIEWPOINTS

A brain is as strong as its weakest think.

Kindness can be kept in perfect health only by daily exercise. Are you exercising Kindness daily?

It takes only 13 muscles to make a smile—65 to make a frown—don't overwork.

To do an evil act is base; to do a good act without incurring danger is common enough; but it is the part of a good man to do great and noble deeds, though he risks everything.

Believe it or not—Popularity and purity are not synonymous terms.

"God will put up with a great many things in the human heart, but there is one thing he will not put up with—a second place," says Ruskin. Given the first place he will guide, control, bring peace and safety, but a second place is one that he cannot hold. The first commandment still leads all the rest.

EVEN SO

They say the world is round,
and yet
I often think it square;
So many little hurts we get
From corners here and there.

But there's one truth in life
I've found
While journeying east and west—
The only folks we really wound
Are those we love the best.

We flatter those who scarcely
know,
We please the fleeting guest,
And deal full many a thought-
less blow
To those we love the best
—(Selected)—

LET ME ALONE

In this age of free and liberal religious thinking we often hear someone say: "Preach the gospel and let others alone." The idea is to let others do as they please and let God accept or reject them. Preachers have made quite a study of how to preach and let people alone, yet it is not a success even with the people or the preacher, and surely God is not at all pleased, with such efforts.

The Israelites said to Moses, "Preach the word that we did teach thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians" (Ex. 14:12). This was said when they came to the Red Sea and saw no way of escape.

The prophet Hosea said: "Ephtaim is joined to idols: let him alone." (Hos. 4:17). So often we make what appears to us a case for which there is no hope. It is like casting pearls before swine, and we despair of any good being done. (Ezra 6:7) exhorts certain ones to let the work of the house of God alone. They were not of the people of God, and it is for God's people to take care of the house of God. What a lesson for some now who call on outsiders to help the church!

But possibly the most interesting thing connected with the expression, "Let me alone," is when God told Moses to let him alone and He would destroy the Israelites. (Ex. 32:10). Why did God speak to Moses? Who did he ever tell, before or after, to let him alone when he got ready to do anything. Who or what was Moses, that God seemingly consulted him before acting? Again, why did he take the advice of Moses rather than do as he said he would, which was to destroy the people? Did Moses have to instruct God as to what people would say about his action? Had God got so angry and so hasty in it that Moses had to give him a rebuke to settle affairs for the best and let God not do anything rashly? Well, I think not, but God was putting Moses to a test. If he would plead for a people who had gone astray; if he would die with them; if he would even be blotted out if they were not spared, then God could look with some hope on Moses as a leader in patience, love, and intense interest. What a noble spirit to plead for the rebellious! What a great thing to know that Moses pleaded with God to spare Israel and let him lead them to success! If God would destroy those who were rebellious, then what hope would Moses have? For he, too, was rebellious in not glorifying God in the rock. Let us not want to let God alone, and may we never want him to let us alone.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion B. and little daughter, of spent last week here with uncle and aunt, Mr. W. Jennings.

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WHAT is being done to build America's great new Citizen Army Today? HOW do the Nation's young Soldiers live? ... WHAT do they learn? ... HOW are they trained? ... Now you Can See For Yourself In This "Inside Story" of U. S. Defense Today!

"Arms and The Men ... U. S. A."

Will Any Nation Dare Attack? And on the same program—Melvyn Douglas—Myrna Loy

"Third Finger, Left Hand"

PALACE THEATRE SPUR Sunday—Monday Jan. 5th—6th MID-NITE PREVUE Saturday Nite

Coleman Dodson Married

Coleman Dodson and Miss Mary Lee Bilberry were married Thursday, December 26, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett. Rev. Bennett read the ceremony in the presence of a few friends.

The groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dodson who live in the Wilson Draw community. He is a graduate of Spur High School and has been engaged in the newspaper business working on the Dickens County Times and Texas Spur. He is now with Stamford American. The bride comes from a prominent Jayton family.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodson will make their home in Stamford where he will continue his career with the Stamford American.

Is Your Typewriter On The Bum?

R. E. DuPriest, the typewriter, adding machine and cash register repair man is here and will be glad to take care of your typewriter, adding machine and cash register troubles. Phone 30 today and Friday and he will call for your machines.

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We take this means of publicly expressing our thanks to our neighbors and friends for your kindness during the illness and death of our beloved companion, father, son and brother. Your expressions of sympathy and kind deeds were wonderful to us. May you have cheering support in time of sorrow.

Mrs. Lola Collier and children. T. W. Collier Dick Collier Peter Collier Mrs. Opal Guffey Mrs. Rubye Walsworth.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE — Beautiful Walnut bed room suit, \$30.00 cash; Also, a \$400 piano for \$50.00 cash. See Madge D. Twaddell at once.

FOR RENT—Five rooms in a good Stucco home near business section. Hot water. Partly furnished at \$15 per month. S. R. Bowman.

FOR RENT—4-room South of Experiment Station. \$7.50 per month. See W. D. Starcher. 1tc.

WANTED: Man for Rawleigh Route, Permanent if you are a hustler. For particulars write Rawleigh's, Dept. TXA-704-103, Memphis, Tenn.

LOTS FOR SALE OR TRADE—No. 17 and 18 in block 5 on Burton, South of Mission Service. See or write Roy C. Curry, 12-23-4tp.

"20" Farmall Tractor for rent with it. I. L. West of Girard. 2tp.

Views And Viewpoints

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us, and we only know them when they are gone. (Selected).

Be yourself: think your own thoughts, speak your own words, achieve your own destiny; do not make yourself a mere imitator of somebody else. Some one has said: "There are no two persons alike; if there are, one of them is of no account. (Selected).

How sad is this fact: The world may make a beaten path to the door of him who makes a better mousetrap, but the man who has the divine message of Eternal Life must hunt men down like the betsets of the forest to get them to accept "true riches." (Selected).

The little kindnesses of life are like the stones in the brook: they help us across.

CONSCIENCE

Conscience is the moral sense or consciousness within oneself that determines whether one considers one's own conduct right or wrong; popularly, the moral sense within one's sense of right. Therefore, our moral sense of right or wrong conduct cannot for us be a safe guide, unless such moral sense is in strict harmony with the teaching in God's word. Many people err in intrusting their souls into the watch care of conscience trained only by traditions and commandments of men, with little or no knowledge of the Living Way.

Saul of Tarsus (later the apostle Paul), before he became a Christian, "laid waste the church" causing the weak ones to tremble, trying to make Christians blasphemous, and "entering into every house, and dragging men and women committed them to prison."

When the first martyr, Stephens was stoned to death, Saul stood by, holding the garments of the murderers and consenting unto his death. Afterwards the same man, now a Christian and an apostle of the very Christ he has so bitterly persecuted, stood before the Sanhedrin, and looking steadfastly upon the council, said: "Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day." After having learned the bitter lesson that his conscience had before caused him to so greatly err, he confessed that he was the chief of sinners, even though his conscience had been, unaware of offense.

Many other examples could be cited showing the fallacy of trusting one's conscience for guidance. Let us profit by Paul's experience and take only God's word as our guide, knowing that the man of God has been furnished completely, thoroughly furnished unto every good work. We have the life of Christ and his teachings, as well as the Epistles to the churches and others to guide us—an adequate spiritual guidance. Let us, therefore, study God's word to show ourselves approved unto him, workmen that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing, teaching and obeying the word of truth, trusting our conscience only so far as we know that it is in harmony with God's word.

Cornelius-Yoes Ceremony

Herman Valrie Cornelius and Miss Dollie Ewyne Yoes were married Christmas day at the home of the bride's parents. Rev. J. V. Bilberry read the rites in the presence of a few friends.

Both parties of families of long standing in this community. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Yoes who have lived in our number of years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius will make their home in Spur.

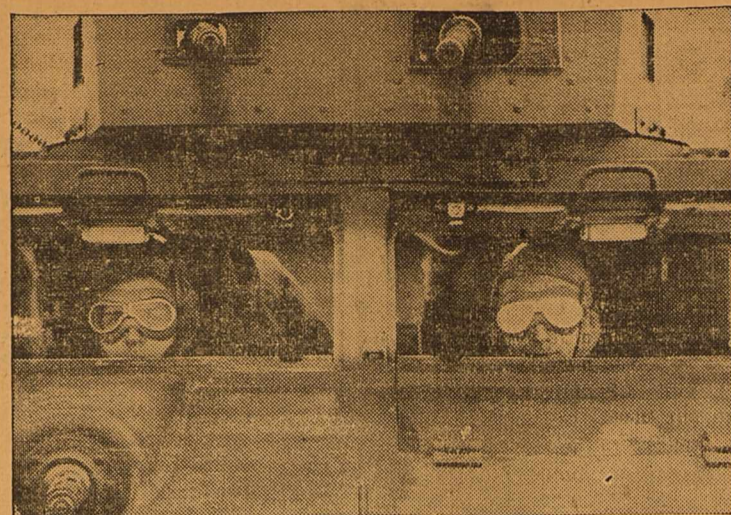
McDaniel-Letray Nuptials

Howard McDaniel and Miss Thelma Letray were married Christmas Day at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. V. Bilberry on Cowan Avenue. Rev. Bilberry read the rites in the presence of a few friends.

Mr. and Mrs. McDaniel will make their home in the Dumont community.

Miss Alberta Sturgeon teacher in the City Schools at Wink, spent a day or two here this week visiting friends. Miss Sturgeon is a former teacher in Spur schools.

No Job for "Softies"!



DRIVING A U.S. ARMY TANK is no job for "softies"! Clad in a helmet and goggles, with radio headphones clamped over his ears, the soldier who drives a tank bounces around on a red-hot engine as he maneuvers his tractor-fortress over rocks and ravines, through streams and thickets, at a speed of 35 m.p.h. There are four men in a tank crew, all deafened by the noise of their machine and guided only by signalled commands. How the Tank Corps and other units of the new U.S. Army function is vividly shown in the latest March of Time film, "Arms and the Men — U.S.A.," which presents the first screen story of the nation's current defense program.

"ARMS AND THE MEN—U. S. A." will be shown at the Palace Theatre Sunday and Monday, and Prevue Saturday Night, on the same program with the new comedy, "Third Finger, Left Hand" which stars Myrna Loy and Melvyn Douglas.

In Free America

The following is an United Press dispatch taken from a Los Angeles newspaper recently relative to a California Court ruling. The news dispatch is dated at Washington, D. C., December 16. It is said by people who have lived in California that about ninety per cent of the population of California are either foreign born or are foreign posterity. The case in mention has been appealed to the United States Supreme Court and another ruling is expected soon. The California Court ruling has been displayed as follows:

The United States Supreme Court agreed today to determine the constitutionality of a California law making it a misdemeanor to assist in bringing an indigent person into the state.

The test case arose in Marysville, Cal., where Fred E. Edwards was sentenced to six months in jail on charges of bringing his brother-in-law, Frank Duncan, from Spur, Texas, to California a year ago.

Edwards admitted Duncan was jobless when he arrived and lived at the Edwards home until he was given assistance by the Federal Farm Security Administration.

State courts upheld the act and Edwards' conviction and the Marysville man appealed to the Supreme Court on grounds that every citizen of the United States has a constitutional right to freedom of movement into any state he sees fit.

He held further that the California act was an attempt to regulate a form of interstate commerce, thus invading a field reserved by the constitution to the federal government.

Superior Judge Warren Steel of Yuba county, in upholding the act, ruled it was a valid exercise of the police powers of the state. Higher courts, he said, had not passed on its constitutionality, although precedents in other cases strongly suggest "invalidity," he said.

"The question is of importance to the public, considering times and conditions, and should be finally settled by the higher courts," Steel said.

J. B. Greenwood Marries

J. B. Greenwood, Jr., and Miss Louise Waller were married in Spur last Saturday. Rev. W. B. Bennett read the ceremony in the presence of a few friends.

The groom is a member of a prominent family of Glenn and is held in high esteem. The bride, also, comes from a fine family.

Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood will make their home in Glenn community.

C. R. Bennett Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bennett, of Giplin, were happy to have all their children with them for Christmas dinner. Mrs. Bennett prepared a very fine repast for the day and all the children arrived home to be with them.

Children who visited them were: Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bennett and children, of Pep, N. Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Lofton Bennett and daughter, of Rogers, N. Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bingham and children of Spur. Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett of Spur, were guests in the C. R. Bennett home Christmas Day.

Miss Murline Fincher Marries

Marshall Cornelius Cox and Miss Wanda Murline Fincher were married Saturday, December 28, at Spur. Rev. W. B. Bennett read the ceremony in the presence of a few friends.

Both members of the bridal party hail from prominent families of Girard community. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fincher who have lived at Girard several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox will make their home in Girard community, according to reports.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Honored

When Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Garrison got home from church Sunday they wondered if their house was on fire, for all the folk from church had followed them and were parking their cars in the yard.

Men, women and children began pouring out of the cars and rushing into the house with well-filled baskets and lovely gifts for the Garrisons who are moving away. After a typical Red Mud basket lunch was served, the gifts were opened and admired.

A very pleasant afternoon followed. The grown-ups spent the time the conservation while youngsters engaged in out-door games.

Thirty-six registered in the guest book. Many who were unable to be present, sent gifts and best wishes.

Gerald K. Choate Dies of Diphtheria

Gerald K. Choate, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Choate of Croton community, passed away Tuesday morning after a short illness of what was thought to be diphtheria. Funeral services were held at Dickens Wednesday, with Curry Funeral Home in charge.

The child is survived by its parents an dtw sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding and daughter, Miss Ida Lee Golding left Saturday for Dallas, Austin, Houston and Hempstead, where they will visit relatives and friends. The Goldings are expected to be home by Saturday.

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Red Cedar Being Planted In Shelterbelts

"Over 144,000 Red Cedar are being dug at the Plainview Nursery for planting in Texas shelterbelts." Over 5,000 to be planted in Motley and Dickens Counties, reported W. E. Webb, State Director of the Prairie States Forestry Project. Due to unusually favorable weather, planting of Red Cedar is already underway.

Better survival is expected from these Red Cedar than in previous years, stated Mr. Webb, as these trees have gone through a hardening off process which has put them in excellent condition for handling and setting in the ground. In past years, these trees had to be hauled long distances and often it took three to six weeks from the time they left the nursery until they were placed in the ground. Everything possible was done to keep the trees dormant even to placing them in cold storage, but even this failing, the trees are going to be dug at the Plainview Nursery twice weekly and placed in the ground before the week has gone by.

This year early experimental plantings indicate that the locally grown Red Cedar will give much better results, declared Mr. Webb. Trees planted in October and early November are in excellent condi-

tion due to the presence of plenty of soil moisture. Very few show any signs of dying.

Later on a good many thousand Southern Yellow Pine will be planted in Texas Shelterbelts. Some Southern Pine will be delivered to the Shelterbelt Project by E. O. Siecke, Director of the Texas Service and a good many Western Yellow Pine will be received from the National Forest Nursery at Monument, Colorado.

These evergreen grows through slower growing than the rest of the belt, are the best trees in the shelterbelt to give complete protection all the year around. After they set their roots into the ground and begin to draw on the soil for food and water, they really begin to grow. Just keep them from being covered up, baby them the first year and these evergreens will give you some real comfort and joy in the future, stated Mr. Webb in closing.

Ministers Alliance To Meet Monday

The Ministers Alliance of Spur and vicinity will meet at 10 a. m. on next Monday, January 6th. All ministers of Dickens County and neighboring counties are welcome. The meeting will be held at the Round Up, the S. S. building behind the Methodist church.

C. R. Joyner, President. John C. Ramsay, Secretary.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express to every one who assisted during the illness of our husband and father appreciation for your thoughtfulness of each and every one. May God bless is our prayer.

Mrs. Frank Stephens Lorilla, Orin and Walda Stephens Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stephens and son Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Millican Glenn Skinner.

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