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ONLY 15 DAYS REMAIN IN "SHOWER OF GOLD" CONTEST; ENDS DEC. 21

Several Top Notch Workers Waging Great Race For Top Prize Of \$500—Big Test Ahead With All Contestants Prepared For Battle

With only 15 more days in the Texas Spur "Shower of Gold" campaign, all indications are that the race will be an interesting and exciting one from now until the finish.

Contestants are now going after every new subscription and extension on all they have in sight. They realize they must fortify their present standing with every available subscription and extension, as at the present time it is "anybody's race." So close are the leading contestants running that any one of them can win.

Every day hundreds of people in this territory are watching the progress of this race. They know whether you contestants are "hitting the ball." They know you, too, and they know just what to expect of you.

Popularity a Factor

Aside from the fact that you stand to receive the \$500.00 top prize or one of the other valuable awards, estimation of countless numbers who know who you are.

Can You Afford Not To Win

The prizes are too big, too valuable, too extraordinary, not to put forth every effort to win. The personal satisfaction, too, of winning is an intangible thing, but have you thought all this out? Is it possible you can be content to sit by and let others—maybe with no more ability, or friends than you—carry off the honors and the prizes that you wanted?

Anyone Can Be Low

Anyone can be low. It takes no effort to finish at the bottom. But it takes effort, honest - to - goodness work, coupled with sincere desire on the part of yourself and your friends to see you finish in the running.

If you will only show your friends how earnest, how enthusiastic, how sincere is your desire to accomplish, Continued on page 4

Santa Claus Club Organized Here

Mrs. R. A. Taylor, President, City Federation issued calls to representatives of all church organizations; adult study clubs; 1917, 20th Century, 1931; 1933 and the Army club; the C. of C.; American Legion; American Legion Auxiliary; P. T. A.; Rotarians; and the Department to meet Wednesday p. m. at 3 o'clock at the Directors Room of the Spur Security Bank and to which call a number responded and assisted in organization of a "Santa Claus Club."

Mrs. M. H. Brannen was elected General Chairman and after some discussion it was decided to get a general collection at a centralized place and make distribution from there rather than to make individual distributions as heretofore.

The President named as chairmen of committees as follows: Place collection of toys etc., Ned Hogan; Toys, Mrs. R. A. Taylor; Finance, M. C. Golding; Survey, M. Brannen; Secretary, D. L. Grant; Publicity, W. D. Starcher; Mrs. Oran McClue.

In order that we get this work done before the last rush of Christmas preparation the early collection of toys to be repaired and repaired will be a great help. Your convenience a receipt will be placed conveniently for the donation of toys at the following: Hogan & Patton, The Dickens County Times office and The Spur office. Be a member of Santa Claus Club by bringing your toy.

Parker, manager of the Theatre offers a free entrance to the show "Way Down East" Friday and Thursday, December 12, either matinee or evening child who will bring a toy. A box will be placed for the management to hold thought in.

NOTICE KIDDIES

All kiddies wishing their letters sent to Santa Claus by having them printed in the paper, just write out your letter and address it to Santa Claus in care of The Texas Spur and we will send him a copy of the paper by Air Mail just as soon as the letters are printed. There will only be 2 more issues of the paper before Xmas so get your letters in right away so they will be sure to be printed.

Spur's \$27,000 Park Project Underway

Dirt was broken Tuesday on the lot designated for the swimming pool and bath house to be built in Spurs Recreation Park located just north and adjacent to Spur.

S. M. Swenson and sons has made a gift to the City of Spur of a 100 acre tract of land, location of which is from the alley south of the Spur Hill and north to the center of the bed of Duck Creek, for a park site and recreation grounds.

The swimming pool will be 120 feet by 60 feet, also suitable bath houses will be constructed, and which will be under the supervision of W. P. Nugent, of Lubbock, formerly a resident of Spur. Mr. Nugent as foreman will employ 67 men each working day for a period of eight months. The work is scheduled to be completed by May 1, 1936, which would be a splendid time for Spur to plan a formal opening of the swimming pool and Centennial celebration all in one.

The location of the swimming pool and bath house will necessitate some change in the location of the Espuela Golf course and which will require rebuilding a portion of same. The entire Recreation Park project to be built at a cost of \$27,000.00.

S. M. Swenson and Sons have been most generous to Spur and of which Spur is very appreciative and is to be congratulated upon her achievement of securing this Recreation Park and play ground.

Paving To Begin December 15
E. S. Crider, engineer, of Dickens county will superintend the Spur street paving project which will begin December 15, and which will give employment to most if not all of those needing work in the county for a period of several months.

W. A. Craddock To Be Candidate For The Legislature

W. A. Craddock was transacting business affairs in Spur Monday, from his farm home in the Red Mud community.

Mr. Craddock states that it is now his intention to be a candidate for the Legislature and that his formal announcement and platform will be made at the proper time.

SERVICE!

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

BILL KINNEY
FUNERAL DIRECTOR

W. F. Ragland Is A Candidate For Com. Pre. No. 2

W. F. Ragland is this week placing his name in the announcement column of The Texas Spur, as a candidate for Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, subject to the Democratic Primaries in 1936.

In asking for this office Mr. Ragland does so fully appreciating the importance of the responsibilities of a commissioner and says that if given favorable consideration he will do his best to make Precinct Two the very best commissioner possible.

Mr. Ragland came to Dickens County as a young man 22 years ago and has not only married and reared a family but has acquired a farm and home and contributes his bit to the upbuilding and maintenance of his section. He is well informed as to the needs of his precinct and is also well versed in county business affairs and will cooperate with other members of the Commissioners Court in giving Dickens County a most business like and efficient administration.

He will appreciate your giving him your most careful consideration in the selection of a commissioner at the coming election.

Farmers To Meet Here Friday Night

The most important gathering of its nature will be the community club meeting for the farmers to be held Friday night the 6th of December at East Ward School building, 7:30 o'clock.

The interest of the farmers in their programs will be manifested by the interest taken in such meetings. The officers elected at this meeting will be the leaders for another year, and everyone should be interested to see that the best leadership available is selected. A. W. Watson, the present chairman, will have charge of the meeting, assisted by W. P. Shugart, secretary.

Fourteen other such meetings will be held on dates specified later in the following communities: Red Hill; Highway; Red Mud; Dry Lake and Espuela; Duck Creek; Duncan Flat; Midway and Elton; Dickens; McAdoo; Afton; Soldier Mound, and Croton.

CHAMPION BOLL PULLER

Master Hulan Bass, age 4, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. George Aldredge, of Afton who has been pulling on an average of 70 pounds per day through the fall last week made a record of 103 pounds in one day, having pulled 102 pounds the day before. Master Hulan bids fair to be a real boll puller if he continues to improve through the years.

Harley Sadler And Company Playing Here This Week



HARLEY SADLER

Harley Sadler and his company of entertainers opened a weeks engagement here Monday night Dec. 2, under the auspices of the Parent Teachers Association. The company has all new players this year, and some unusually fine vaudeville acts which include the Jefferies Sisters, juvenile artists. Music is furnished by Duke Arthur and his 12 piece Band.

Mr. Sadler has been coming to Spur for many years, and knows many Spur people who welcome his return. They know that they are assured good clean entertainment when Harley and his capable entertainers hold the stage.

A new feature that the company brings to you this year is Odis Echols and "His All Star Texans." Special reserve seat tickets will be sold at the Red Front Drug store every day. This is the seventeenth annual tour of the Harley Sadler Company.

Roscoe Fort Buys Bailey's Interest In The B. and F. Store

Friday of last week Roscoe Fort bought the interest of Acie Bailey in the B. & F. Food Store and assumed full control Saturday. In July 1932 Acie Bailey moved to Spur from Tahoka and established the Bailey Food Store, which he and associates have operated until Friday when he retired from the business and Mr. Fort became owner of the entire store and will continue the business at the same place.

Mr. Fort came to Spur last July from Lubbock but was formerly from Silvertown where he had lived more than twenty years.

Mr. Fort expresses appreciation for past patronage and will appreciate the continuance of your patronage.

Joe Long Purchases Interest In City Drug

A deal was closed the first of last week whereby Joe Long, formerly of Spur became a partner of Dr. T. H. Blackwell in the City Drug store of this place and arrived this week and assumed management of the store. Dr. Blackwell, will hereafter devote his entire time to his practice.

Joe Long is a young man of business ability, and a courteous and accommodating salesman. He came to Spur in 1929 as manager of Sanders Pharmacy, a newly established business in Spur, and which he managed for sometime, later going to the City Drug Store as pharmacist and head clerk from which position he resigned in the early part of this year to accept a position with Wylie Jarrett Drug Store, Lubbock from which place he moved to Abilene to accept a more lucrative position. Joe Long has many friends in Spur and surrounding communities who will be pleased to know that he and Mrs. Long are returning to Spur to again engage in business and become identified with the permanent citizenship here.

Dr. Blackwell stated that in making this sale, he did so with the purpose and intention of taking a rest and devoting his entire time to his practice and other interests and will assign to Mr. Long the management of the City Drug Store.

Tangible Results Of AAA Program

Through the month of November 1551 Government checks were received in Dickens County, aggregating \$58,466.23. The checks received were benefit payments to farmers co-operating with the Government in the cotton and corn-hog adjustment programs, which represents, in most cases, second rental payments. In the very near future other checks will be received in payment of parity and pooled tags.

A number of checks are being held in the county agent's office which have not been called for. Those having not received their checks please make inquiry at the office at their earliest convenience in order that all checks may be delivered promptly.

Hogan And Patton Making Improvement

Ned Hogan, manager of Hogan & Patton Gents Furnishings has been making considerable changes and improvements in his store and especially in the tailoring department, having laid concrete floor in the rear of the store building, where a new filter cleaning and drying plant has been installed. The presses and clothes racks having been moved to the other side of the petition wall and into the rear of the store in order to give space for the cleaning plant.

A new and attractive pattern of lenolium has been laid on the store floor and which brightens up the general appearance of the already nicely appearing store.

Will Rogers Fund Donations May Be Made In Spur

Much publicity throughout the country by press and radio has been given the Will Rogers Memorial fund. The recent news is that the money subscribed will be used for the maintenance of an institution that will provide care and treatment for afflicted children. The seriousness with which this movement is being received is exemplified by an actor's association turning over to the Will Rogers Memorial an equipped hospital and five hundred thousand dollars. This supplemented with contributions will be a good start toward the goal.

No one questions the worthiness of the cause. We recall the need of a Dickens County child for treatment in an institution of the kind proposed. That fact interests us as residents of this county and active parties in the noble cause.

Everybody loved Will Rogers. In turn he "never met a man he didn't like". No one that we know of ever made by hard work, fifty thousand dollars and gave every cent of it to the Red Cross and Salvation Army, except Will Rogers. He did that and then borrowed money to buy himself a home. That is too big to be called mere charity.

Now that we have an opportunity of becoming a part of this movement let's make our contributions as liberal as possible. There will be no personal solicitations because we want these contributions to be free will, entirely, and in line with the generosity of Will Rogers, who did not wait to be asked to do a good deed.

School superintendents may explain the movement to their organizations and donate in the name of the school or as individuals. We will appreciate announcements by ministers to their congregations.

Mr. Faust Collier at the Spur Security Bank will receive contributions. So make your contribution to him personally or by mail and your name will be placed on the list. Some have mailed checks already. We have until December 14 only. We know that Dickens County folks are as appreciative of Will Rogers as any one. So let's speak out!

In addition to Mr. Collier, Messrs. Byron Haney, Afton, Z. W. Fowler, Dickens, and Robt. Nickels at McAdoo, or either newspaper office in Spur will receive your contribution. The Committee

New Mail Schedule For Spur Announced

By order of the postal authorities, Sunday, December 8 will mark the beginning of a seven day a week mail service for Spur for the first time in six years.

We wonder if this is supposed to be another evidence that the depression is actually a thing of the past and that normal conditions are assured, anyway we are pleased to have the Sunday mail service as it makes us feel that we are not quite so isolated and are more in touch with the world in general.

RELATIVE VOTE STANDING

OF CONTESTANTS IN THE TEXAS SPUR'S BIG PRIZE CAMPAIGN

THE WORKERS ARE WINNING

HELP YOUR FAVORITE WITH A FIVE YEAR SUBSCRIPTION TODAY

Contestants	Entered By	Address	Votes
Patsy Arrington	Mrs. Roy Arrington	Spur	1,250,000
Billie Conaway	W. J. Conaway	Spur Rt. A.	1,248,000
Donnie Leon Lawson	Mrs. Ruby Lawson	Afton	1,247,000
Joyce Rae Rose	Mrs. Austin Rose	McAdoo	1,246,000
Jane and Jean Karr	Mrs. Hubert Karr	Spur	1,245,000
Gene Carmichael	Miss Mona Lawrence	Spur	1,000,000
Linda and Wanda Russell	Mrs. Emma Russell	Rt. A.	400,000

Benson's Meat Market

STEAK Fore Quarter Lb. 15c

SAUSAGE Mix Lb. 15c

FISH Cat, Dressed Lb. 28c

MEAT GRINDING LB. 1c

Phone 80

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Personal Mention

Frank Forbis of the Chandler community, north of Aton was a business visitor in Spur Monday.

Weldon McClure left the past week for Ada, Oklahoma, where he has a position on the Ada Daily Independent, owned and published by Messrs Stanford and L. G. Hardy. We hope that he will not only make a fortune but that he will be happy and contented in his new field of endeavor.

Dock Ellis, manager of the Swenson ranching interests, and wife were pleasant host and hostess to a number of friends at a "chuck wagon" and covered dish feed Thanksgiving day at the camp site, one mile south of Spur. A most delicious dinner and a great time was reported by those in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith are the proud parents of a 10 pound baby boy, born Sunday morning, November 24th, named Jimmie Russell.

Mr. A. Woods and son, Horace Woods were transacting business affairs in Spur Saturday from their home in the Antelope community in Kent County.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Watson returned Monday from Austin where they had gone to spend Thanksgiving with their son Jimmie.

V. V. Parr, of the Pitchfork Ranch was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

Cliff Bird, of Highway, was transacting business affairs and incidentally attending the shows in Spur Tuesday and Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hairgrove, of Dry Lake, were among the number attending the shows in Spur Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. W. Edwards, of Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

Floyd Parker, of Balls, visited his brother, J. C. Parker and wife Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meadors, of Dickens were shopping with Spur merchants and transacting other business in the city.

Ed Murphy made a business trip to Fort Worth the first of the week. Miss Bobbie Graves, of Guthrie, visited friends in Spur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGaughey and family had as guests during the Thanksgiving holidays, their daughter, Mrs. L. T. Dane and daughter, Jerry Lynn, of Big Spring.

O. D. Wylie, director of the Texas Tech Band and Mrs. Wylie visited Burgess Brown and his band class at their lesson hour Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Killough and daughter, Mickey June, of Elk City, Okla. spent Thanksgiving in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Watson and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love at the home of the latter.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Conaway and daughter, Margaret, and grand daughter, Earnestine Conaway, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at Sunray with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Black, who entertained Wednesday with a birthday dinner in honor of their small son, upon the occasion of his first birthday anniversary and again Thursday a Thanksgiving feast was prepared and served. While away they spent one day in Clovis, N. M. and Mr. Conaway says that he came even more satisfied with Spur and existing conditions around here.

Miss Peggy Elliot, teacher in the Patton Springs School spent last week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliot, at their Spring Creek farm and ranch home and while here was a business visitor to Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Tree, of Jayton spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Tree at their home in the Highway community.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McKenzie, of Jayton were Saturday visitors to Spur, spending several hours here transacting business affairs and visiting with friends.

Misses Royce and Beth Blackwell Texas Tech students spent Thanksgiving in Spur with their parents Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cunningham and daughter, Miss Christine Cunningham, of Cross Plains spent the Thanksgiving holidays in Spur visiting her sister Mrs. Oran McClure and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Fort had as guests during the Thanksgiving season, their daughter, Mrs. J. D. Strickland and Mr. Strickland of Olton and Mr. and Mrs. John K. West and daughter, Ann, of South Plains.

Mrs. Eula Ford Nolan and sons were business visitors to Spur Monday from their home in the Prairie Chapel community.

Mrs. Ida Edwards and daughter, Miss Cleo, of Dickens, were Spur visitors Monday and attending the show Monday night.

BOX SUPPER AND FARMERS COTTON MEETING TO BE HELD AT PATTON SPRINGS

There will be a box supper at Patton Springs school, Friday night December 6, in connection with the annual farmers' meeting for the election of Cotton Committees for 1936.

Music will be provided. A number of interesting speakers will talk on the cotton program. Mr. V. J. Campbell, Attorney-at-Law, of Spur will auction the boxes. Everyone is invited to attend. The proceeds of the box supper will be used by the school board to assist in securing a loud speaking system for the school auditorium.

WANTED

DON'T SCRATCH! Get Paracide Ointment, the guaranteed itch remedy. Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to relieve itch, eczema, itching piles or skin irritations or money refunded. Large Jar 50¢ at CITY DRUG STORE. 2/5/6p

For Sale—20 Jersey Cows. Come look before you buy.—W. G. Hen-son. 2-4p

NO TRESPASSING
Notice is hereby given that all persons guilty of wood hauling, fishing, hunting or otherwise trespassing on any property owned by the Windham Estate will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.—Mrs. C. H. Windham. 1-4t

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FOR SALE—Jersey Milk Cows—WHIT BUMPUS. 4-4t

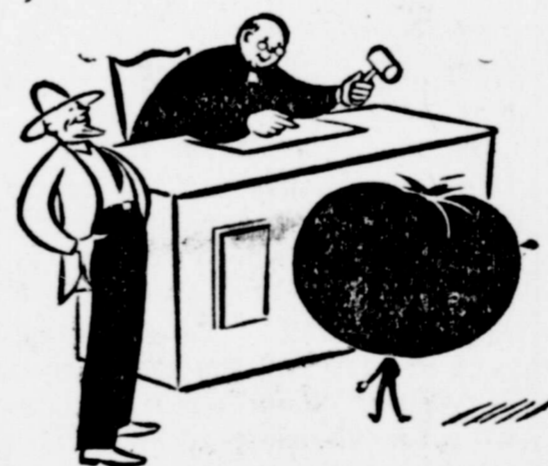
For Sale or Trade at a Bargain—One John Deere Tractor, call at the Farmall House, Spur. 3-ft

FOUND—Between Spur and Jayton, a 33x5 truck tire on rim. Owner may have by describing and paying for this ad.—Call at Texas Spur office. 1tc

LOST—Keys, on streets of Spur, Thanksgiving day. Return to Texas Spur office for Reward 1tp

For Sale—Iron Bound Wheel Wagon. See C. L. LOVE 2tp

Notice—Kindly see me about your past due notes. This is pay day —C. L. LOVE. 2p



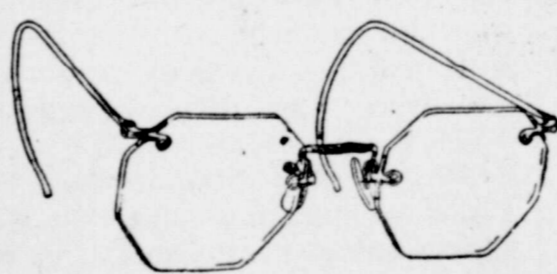
Here's a Fine Red Fruit

A SUPREME COURT judge in Virginia has just ruled that the tomato is a fruit. He based his ruling on the dictionary definition which describes it as a "South American herb widely cultivated, and excused a man from jury duty on the ground that he was busy picking tomatoes. A Virginia statute exempts from jury duty "any fruit grower while actively engaged in harvesting his crops." They evidently take pride in their farm products in the Old Dominion, and they're right. For what could taste better than almost any dish in which the tomato plays a dominant part? Tomatoes play prominent parts in many dishes with which everyone is familiar, but how about their role in the following recipes?

Tomatoes the Stars

Tomato Timbales with Cheese Sauce: Combine the contents of a No. 2 can tomatoes, one slice onion, one-half bay leaf, three whole cloves, one-half teaspoon salt, one teaspoon sugar and a few grains of pepper and cook gently for a few minutes, then press through a sieve. Add one-half cup soft bread crumbs and two slightly-beaten eggs, and turn into buttered timbale cases or custard cups and set in a pan of hot water. Bake from thirty to forty minutes in a 375 degree oven, or until a knife comes out clean. Turn out and pour over them a very rich cheese sauce. Serves four.

Oriental Onion and Tomatoes: Peel twelve large white onions, cut in halves crosswise, and lay in baking dish. Melt four tablespoons butter, add one cup sieved canned tomatoes, one-fourth cup strained honey, salt, pepper and a few grains of paprika, and heat to boiling. Pour over onions and bake until tender—about an hour to an hour and a half—in a slow, or 350 degree, oven. Serves six.*



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Dress Up Your CHRISTMAS CANDIES

"Stay as sweet as you are, Don't let a thing ever change you—"

YOU can sing the song all you like, as you cut creamy squares of fudge, or wrap Christmas caramels in waxed paper, but these good candies won't stay as sweet as they are—unless you do something about it. Sugar is temperamental. It doesn't like dampness, and in candies it doesn't like hot dry air. Christmas candies must be nicely packed away into boxes that will retain their goodness.

Smart Containers

In these days of well packed foods, however, your problem is a simple one. Consider the fruit cake which you buy in a gay, decorative tin box. It is put in this tin box so that the last wedge of cake will be as deliciously rich and moist as the first bite you tasted. Today, not only candies and cakes are available in the stores, in tin containers, but there are containers, also, for packing glasses of jellies, jams and relishes, and even for whole hams. These tin containers for ham are made in the shape of bread boxes, so that the housewife may, later, use the box for that purpose. There are also dainty little round boxes made with a knob handle on top, and designed in gay Frenchy stripes, to be used for powder boxes, when the goodies which they originally hold are all gone.

Lovely Ladies and Landscapes

They are unusually pretty this year, these tin boxes. Artists have designed some of them with rural scenes in mellow, sepia tones—moonlight effects, hay-making scenes, all the sort that one doesn't tire of. Others are made in pastel colors and represent French periods—lovely ladies in pompadour wigs, and men in knee breeches and buckles. They come in round, square and oblong shapes and they are made in varying sizes.

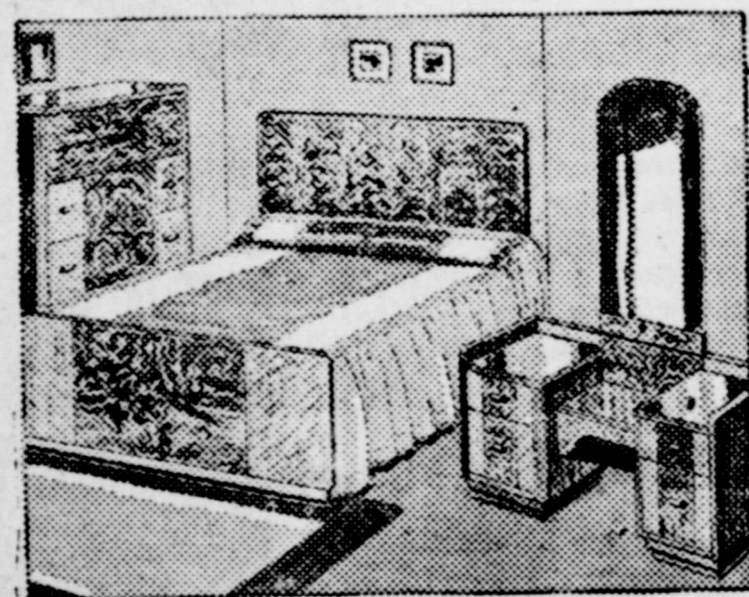
Here are some delicious candies that you can make at home, and pack in these tin boxes. They make delightful Christmas gifts.

Honey Almond Caramels: Combine one cup sugar, one-fourth cup corn syrup, one-third cup canned honey, one-half cup evaporated milk, one-half cup cream and two tablespoons butter. Cook to 246 degrees, or the firm ball stage. Add three-fourths cup of blanched almonds cut in large pieces. Let it get cold, then remove the whole slab of candy to a board and cut into squares. Wrap in oiled paper if desired. This makes one and three-eighths pounds.

Opera Creams: Caramelize one-fourth cup sugar in an iron skillet. Add one cup evaporated milk mixed with one-half cup water, and stir until all is dissolved. Add one and three-fourths cup sugar and one tablespoon corn syrup. Cook to a soft ball stage—234 degrees. Cool, beat until creamy, then knead with the hands until very creamy. Pat out in a sheet on a buttered plate and cut in squares.

Mocha Christmas Creams: Melt two squares of chocolate, add two cups sugar, add three-fourths cup evaporated milk, one-fourth cup very strong coffee and one tablespoon butter. Bring to boiling. Add one-eighth teaspoon cream of tartar. Boil to 234 degrees, being careful it doesn't burn. Cool, beat until creamy, add one-half cup chopped walnuts, and then knead in the hands. Pat into a square tin, cool and cut into squares.

Rum Patties: Cook three cups sugar, one cup evaporated milk and one-fourth cup light corn syrup to 242 degrees, stirring enough to prevent burning. Add one tablespoon butter and cool to lukewarm. Add three tablespoons rum and beat until creamy and light colored. Drop by spoonfuls onto a buttered tin, making round patties. Press a walnut meat into each patty. This makes one and one-fourth pounds.*



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Thacker's Furniture Co

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Now you've got a real incentive to work. That 2,000,000 vote ballot that goes to the candidate handing in the most money will put you away up in your standing.

You can't afford to let this golden opportunity get by without trying hard to win first place in money turned in from now until Dec. 14, can you?

Read our advertisement over carefully. You can win a total of 2,500,000 extra votes by 9 p. m. Dec. 14. Contestants have been waiting for votes. It is up to you to get them. This is the best prize vote offer of the campaign.

Miss Genella Fort who has been attending Draughts Business College, Lubbock returned Friday to Spur and will assist her father, Roscoe Fort in the operation of their grocery store for the present.

CHILI KING CAFE

The home of good eats, Lunches, Sandwiches and Short Orders.

SMITTY'S

CLEANERS

Today's Dry Cleaning Process for today's Fabrics.

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GOOD ONLY IN TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison had as guests during the Thanksgiving holidays, her daughters and their families; Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Anderson and two children, of Ft. Worth, Mrs. Lawson Morgan and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Spradling and Mrs. George Lott of Amarillo.

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SERIES I, No. 45

Austin, Texas, Nov. 27—Texas independence from Mexico came about through a fortuitous chain of circumstances, the time for revolution being "ripe," as it were, it is pointed out by Juan Haggard-Villasana, translator of the Bexar Archives in the University of Texas Library. Capable, ambitious, industrious Anglo-Americans settled Texas at a propitious time, when the Mexican inhabitants of Texas were sorely victimized by the lack of statesmanship and political economy of their Mexican rulers, and when Indians swooped down on their little colonies and made their wretched existence even more precarious.

"From the earliest colonization of Texas Spain had been compelled to repel foreign aggression," Mr. Villasana pointed out, in explanation of the long trend of circumstances which culminated in Texas independence from Mexico.

"First among foreign invaders of Texas was La Salle, who, in 1685

established a temporary settlement on Garcitas Creek. Then came St. Denis in 1715. These two invaders were French. The Anglo-Americans, with a varied selection of excuses—hunting wild stock, exploring for scientific purposes, losing their way, and even attempting to impart their treasured 'liberty or death' doctrines to the oppressed Mexican—had made several attempts to wrest Texas from Spain. Spain had met acts of war with acts of war and economic duress with stern discipline. When, at last, the Austin gentlemen in a friendly manner requested permission to settle Texas, they were taken into the province wholeheartedly. Nevertheless, Spain was wary. She was going to control colonization in her ancient but effective paternalistic fashion. Suddenly, however, the bloodless revolution of Augustine de Iturbide permanently separated New Spain from her mother. The new regime, boasting of liberty and equality—since fraternity was practically unknown—with inexperienced and rude hand took the infant republic into its custody.

"While Mexican politicians were blundering their way into power in Mexico City, the industrious and energetic Anglo-Americans were digging a new future into the Virgin soil of Texas. The Bexar Archives in the University of Texas reveal that, besides the unceasing toil of the Americans, and the selfish quibbling of Mexican misrulers, there were several other factors which paved the road for Texan independence. Chief among these factors was the perennial Indian enemy. The relentless red man waged an unceasing war on Spaniards, Americans, and Mexicans alike."

The following translation of an original letter found in the Bexar Archives, dated Bexar, April 30, 1824, and addressed to Don Juan Quzman, secretary of the interior, by Jose Maria Zambrano, soldier-priest, shows in part the desperate situation of the helpless Texans:

"My Dear Sir:

"The pitiful and decadent conditions of this province is due to the lack of armed forces with which to command respect of the savage Indians infesting it. This need has given rise to the extreme annoyance which the residents here, those of La Bahia, and those in the settlements on the Brasos and Colorado rivers have been suffering from the Indians. Nearly all the horses of the settlers have been stolen. On the 24th of this month, as a climax, a resident of this city was killed near here.

"The perpetrators of these outrages, so this government office has been informed, were from the tribe known as the Tahuayas, whose fierce chieftans have always been obstinate about making peace with this government. Although they have already committed many crimes, they never miss an opportunity to commit as many more whenever the occasion arises.

"The Comanche Indians are con-

sidered friendly because of some peace treaties which were made under a former governor of Ex-Emperor Don Augustin de Yturbe by one of their principal chieftans who represented his tribe in that capital. For this reason the same Comanche chief had the insolation to demand the fulfillment of one of the stipulated articles. Because of the war his tribe is carrying on against the Lipans he insists that peace no longer be maintained with the Lipans. Furthermore, in conformity with the provision of the aforesaid article he asks to be aided by this district with troops until the enemy have been destroyed. Such a proposal could not help but amaze me. What amazes me even more, however, is that such a treaty was ever made with the Comanches since the government knew that it was dealing with savages who have no other ideal than that of exterminating their fellow-creatures. Their tribe will never be able to forget the aforesaid agreement. This is the way the matter was recalled, for, in order to settle it definitely, we hunted for two copies of the treaties which were supposed to be in the archives of this office, supposing that we might have a copy but it was impossible to find one. I was able to satisfy the chief only by promising him that I would inform Your Excellency so that the matter might be referred to His Serene Highness, the supreme executive head, for his final decision.

"The aforesaid Indians have forced me to designate a date when they may learn the results of the inquiry. I have prevailed upon them to wait three months, beginning today. As it stands to reason that this request can not, under any condition, have the effect that they expect, I fear that if by the expiration of that time a sufficient number of troops is not stationed here the discontent that they are bound to feel will bring about disastrous consequences, especially when the fund for Indian gifts has been completely exhausted. This fund is the only weapon upon which the province has relied for its defence. The various orders that His Serene Highness, the supreme executive power, has dispatched to the Intendant of San Luis Potosi so that the sum of two thousand pesos should be placed at the disposal of this office for Indian presents, have been completely ignored.

I am reporting this matter for the information and guidance of Your Excellency.

May God guard Your Excellency many years.

C. P. Allen, of the Dry Lake community was a business visitor in Spur Saturday, and while in town was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

J. B. Wilmon and son, Walter, of Afton were in Spur Tuesday enroute to Baird, Texas to spend a weeks visit with his daughter, Mrs. Otto Schaffrina and Mr. Schaffrina

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Basel Cairnes were transacting business affairs and visiting friends in Spur Monday, from their ranch home near Clairmont in Kent County.

Mrs. Paul Trimmer and daughter, Paula and Mrs. Otis Trimmer, of Rochester spent several days in Spur with her sister, Mrs. Loren Harkey and Mr. Harkey the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Olver Nichols and children, Charlotte Ruth and Buddie, of Knott, Texas are spending this week in Spur guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvie Smith and family.

Miss Maurice Patton, of Jayton, spent the week end in Spur the guest of Miss "Sis" Rose.

A. M. Lay, of the McAadoo Mercantile company was transacting business affairs in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Wallace, of McAadoo community were shopping and transacting business affairs in the city Saturday.

W. T. Lovell, a prominent farmer of the Croton community was trading with Spur merchants Saturday.

District Clerk Nettie Littlefield, was transacting business affairs in the city Monday from her home in the capitol city.

Robert Reynolds, of Dickens was transacting business affairs in Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Ellis and daughters of Swenson were here Saturday for a week end visit with relatives.

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