

# THE SPEARMAN REPORTER

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Spearman, Hansford County, Texas, December 29, 1927

## A. E. Powers is Dead--Passed Away at 1:00 O'Clock This Thursday Morning

After a lingering illness, continuing over a period of a year or more, A. E. Powers, pioneer cattleman of Hansford county, passed away at 1:00 o'clock this Thursday morning, December 29, 1927. The body was immediately taken in charge by the Wilson Funeral Home, and prepared for burial. Funeral services will be held in the Union church, Spearman, Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, followed by interment in the cemetery at Old Dentree.

Asa E. Powers was born in Mississippi on June 2, 1852, being 75 years, six months and twenty-five days old at the time of his death. At the point of years, he was the oldest of the old-timers of this section, being about six months older than the late James H. Cator. Uncle Asa, as he was lovingly known to his hosts of friends throughout this section, came to this country from Colorado in 1876, first settling on what is now known as Lake creek, and running a cattle ranch in what is now the Turkey track pastures. Later he bought the ranch on the Palo Duro north of Spearman which was known for years as the Simmons ranch. It is now owned by Sam Archer. A few years later he bought the old Potlatch ranch on the Palo Duro north of Spearman, from Arthur Land, a brother of Mrs. James H. Cator, paying about \$400 for the same. It is now known as the Holton ranch.

Mr. Powers sold it several years ago to C. C. Nye and others for a fortune. It is one of the most valuable ranch properties in this section, and is owned by R. H. Holton. After the sale of this ranch, Mr. Powers went down in the El Paso country and remained a year or more, thinking that lower altitude would be beneficial to his health. He came back to this country, however, and bought a big ranch on the Canadian river, south of Spearman, which he owned at the time of his death.

Mr. Powers was a born cattleman, and never followed any other vocation. He was successful in the cattle business and leaves a comfortable fortune to his wife and children. Besides the numerous friends throughout the southwest, there remain to mourn the loss of this kind and generous father, a wife and five children, they being Clark, Oscar, Jimmy Dixon, Jo Ann and Larry Dale. From a former marriage there is living five children, all of whom are well known, especially among the city-day settlers of this country.

They are: Mrs. E. R. Jarvis of Peryton; C. C. Powers of Spearman; A. E. Powers Jr., of Nara Vista, New Mexico; S. F. Powers of Spearman; and D. H. Powers, who is ranchman in Hutchinson county. Another daughter, Mrs. R. C. Allen, died at her home in Peryton last fall, and her last request of the deceased was that he be buried by the side of his daughter.

And thus another old-timer, and one of the most dearly loved, highly respected and widely known of them has gone to his reward.

**FROM MR. AND MRS. HIGGS**  
Christmas Greetings to neighbors and friends from the Magic Valley of the Lower Rio Grande:  
On this day our hearts go back to the old home, old friends, and old neighbors and we wish for one and all a Happy Christmas and a Glad New Year.

We are enjoying to the fullest extent the fruits, vegetables, and last, but not least, the glad hand of welcome given the stranger in a strange land.

We are comfortably situated in our new home with its old time fireplaces and the comfort of a good wood fire.  
When there is no one looking we eat eggs and potatoes and soon we are going to pop corn and makeminy--just harking back to the primitive and living again those good old days of old.

The problem with farmers in the valley is the market, while our old problems were drought and destructive storms.  
Citrus fruits are profitable, many yielding a thousand dollars per acre. Old timers here are the boosters and many have homes beautiful beyond description.  
Even the Mexican in his dire poverty seems happy and we are made ponder and grow sad that our superior Anglo Saxon race is less minded.

### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

At the beginning of each New Year two pathways open. One slants downward, slow deterioration clouding and finally blotting out all mental excellence, spiritual appreciation and even physical strength. The other leads to the finer things of existence, ascending gradually to lofty heights of mind and spirit. At the entrance Life stands with cheery greeting and forward impetus for all who heed. Choose well your way! He who lives fully in the year at hand will create grandly for the year that follows. Regardless of any past, he who is his best self today will find much beauty in tomorrow.—L. D. Stearns.

### WEST TEXAS FIELD PASSES 500,000 BARRELS

Daily average crude oil production in West Texas as a whole last week attained a mark in excess of half a million barrels per day, for the first time in history. Only two oil producing States besides Texas exceed this district. The average for the week ending last Saturday was 501,525 barrels, an increase of 22,600 barrels from that of the previous week.

The increase was entirely due to gains in the new pools in the big West Texas Permian Basin fields, where Crane, Winkler and Pecos production advanced.

The Permian Basin production gained 26,290 barrels from the previous week. The Panhandle registered a sizeable drop and the production of the high gravity district in Central and Northern West Texas continued in their moderate decline.

Of this large production 363,170 barrels came from the Panhandle and Permian Basin areas, both producing sulphur oil from the "big lime" of the Permian series.

Two years ago the production of this section was negligible. Production in the high gravity pools is within about 30,000 barrels of what it was three years ago, making the lime production largely a net gain.—Panhandle Herald.

### A MARKETING SCHOOL

The Annual Directors' School, conducted by The Texas Wheat Growers' Association, will be held in the Round-up Room of the Amarillo Hotel, January 2nd to 6th inclusive. Three sessions will be held each day, forenoon, afternoon and night.

This school is open to the public and the course of study will be based on official records, official reports by government investigators and other marketing activities.

In the last five years Texas has advanced in volume of farm crops marketed cooperatively from twenty-third place among the states until today she stands in seventh place.

The directors in charge of the school urge that bankers, merchants, representatives of the country press, educators and professional men join with the farmers in studying the marketing problem, and its effect on the farm income.

A number of men, prominent in the business and professional ranks of the Panhandle have been invited to speak at the different sessions. The entertainment feature has not been overlooked and music and other entertainment is provided for each session of the school.

The committee in charge has requested that farmers attending the school bring their wives, for this is a question in which the whole family is interested.

Save your money for "The Big Parade" at the Rex Theatre January 2, 3 and 4.

ful of the many blessings of a bountiful hand.

You rarely hear profanity here and rarely see work done on Sunday. All go to church some where.

Remember the Reporter is a very welcome guest. We do not want to miss an issue.

With kindest regards and best wishes.

We are your friends,  
MR. AND MRS. S. H. HIGGS.  
Mercedes, Texas.



### The New Year, Blithe and Bold

The New Year, blithe and bold, enters to do his "turn" and the name of this debonair actor is "1928." His "lines" scintillate with optimism, faith and hope. What the future holds and the applause he is to receive he does not know, yet, like all youth, he feels equal to emergencies and trusts to his "hunches" to carry him safely through. One could do worse than emulate his example.  
At this time when twelve whole months lie ahead on the stage of life, ours to make of them what we will, it might be well to bear this in mind, that the man or woman having the ability always to see life on its brightest side possesses something that will carry him or her far toward the attainment of the heart's desire. Optimism, of course, can be carried too far. There is a hair's breadth between too much and not enough.  
Faith in one's own capabilities is not the least necessary ingredient in the recipe for happiness and success. Like optimism, however, self-faith should be kept on a leash.  
And hope—what would life amount to without hope? Hope for the spiritual as well as the material things that are higher and better than those already yours.

### MATHEWS-FOOTE

At 11:00 o'clock on Wednesday morning, December 28, Miss Nova Mathews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Mathews, and Mr. Cecil Foote, formerly of Spearman but now a resident of Groom, Texas, were joined in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Spearman. The charming bride was adorned in a dress of beautiful blue Georgette, with silver lace over blouse. The attendant guests were Miss Orene McClellan of Lubbock; Mr. Gene Byrd of Dumas, and Miss Lucille Maize of Spearman. Miss Evelyn Mathews, sister to the bride, acted as ring-bearer. The marriage ceremony was said by Rev. O. M. Addison, pastor of the Methodist church of Spearman, after which a bounteous repast was served. The happy young couple started immediately on their bridal tour, which will include the city of Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. Foote will make their home in Groom, Texas, where, after the 15th of January, they will be at home to any and all of their friends.

### WOMBLE-FORESTER

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30, at the Methodist parsonage in Spearman, was solemnized the wedding of Miss Lee Womble to Ralph Forester. The contracting parties are residents of north Hutchinson county, the bride being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Womble and the groom the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Forester. Both families have been identified prominently with Hutchinson county affairs for many years. The newly-weds will visit at Plomons and Amarillo for a time, and will make their home on the groom's fine farm in the Lieb community. The happy bride was a member of the graduating class, Spearman High school, term of 1924-1925.

### A NEW INDUSTRY

An industry of which very little is known and less is said is rapidly growing in importance in the Spearman country. It is the fur business. Spearman now has two fur dealers, who pay good prices for the hides of all fur bearing animals. E. K. Snider, one of the dealers, informed the Reporter the first of the week that he had bought \$1,500 worth of furs the past few days. They buy the hides of coyotes, skunks, badgers, coons and 'possums. A good coyote hide will bring about \$6.00 and a skunk hide \$2.50 to \$3.00.

"The Big Parade" is the greatest tragic comedy ever filmed. Coming to the Rex January 2, 3 and 4.

### VISITING IN THE CITY

Wm. E. McClellan, local Chevrolet dealer, accompanied by Allen King, Jimmy Davis and Paul Gill, left Monday morning for Oklahoma City, where they will visit and look after business matters. Mr. McClellan will get the inside dope on the New Chevrolet, which is attracting much attention in the automobile world, while in the city.



### A Happy and Prosperous New Year

We greet you, our subscribers and friends, on the threshold of 1928 with the wish that this may be the happiest year in your entire experience.

And it will be the happiest, and most prosperous too, if we will all profit by the experiences of the past twelve months and of the many years that have gone before. For as we acquire wisdom and understanding we acquire happiness. As we learn to adjust our lives to the environment in which we live we easily and painlessly eliminate those sources of dissatisfaction, unhappiness, and misery that usually grow out of our own folly.

This coming year will be happy for all of us if we will strive a little harder than ever before to make it happy for our immediate family and our larger family which we term our community.

If we will cultivate a greater liking and respect for our friends and neighbors here with whom we have many interests in common.

If we will recognize finally that the happiness and prosperity of our neighbors and friends means greater happiness and prosperity for ourselves.

And if we will agree that it is easier and more pleasant to work in harmony with all of the citizens of the community than to attempt to be independent or indifferent toward those enterprises that are initiated for the purpose of making this a happier and more prosperous community.

So let's greet the New Year with a resolution to make 1928 a happier and more prosperous year for the great host of friends that comprise our community.

## First National Bank Moved to New Home, Corner Main and Davis

**GOOD-BY, OLD YEAR!**  
Good-by, 1927! Good-by—shadows of regret trail they going. The past has never gathered to itself a greater year. The world has never rolled through twelve months so marked with human progress. No other year has ever seen inventive genius contributing so much to the conveniences of mankind.  
Time marks the stately passing of the old, but brings, as well, the more resplendent coming of the new. The year more rarely jeweled is pressing through the portals. The world turns from gloom and death to hope and birth and with the harvest of the past makes rich the new-born year.—William L. Gaston.

### EAGERLY AWAITED FILM HERE SOON

"The Big Parade," which has been rightly called the biggest picture in screen history, has been eagerly awaited in this city. King Vidor's Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture of Laurence Stallings' story, is coming to the Rex Theatre January 2, 3 and 4.

Briefly the story of "The Big Parade" centers in Jim Apperson, a typical fun-loving American and much like every other rich man's son. In the spring of 1917, fired by a new patriotism, he enlists and departs for service in France. His succeeding scenes show Jim and his two buddies; Bull, a former Bowery bartender, and Slim, an ex-riveter, and their life in the doughboys' billets in rural France. Mr. Stallings is said to have created a trio as original as Kipling's "Soldiers Three."

And then Jim meets Melisande—as played by Renee Adoree—and forgets about his American sweetheart. This little French girl in her wooden sabots and milkmaid garb is a figure of high romance. Some of the most touching scenes ever filmed are those of the lovemaking of Jim and Melisande. Then comes the advance to the front and the lovers are separated. Vital moments of drama are shown in the advance through the forest, the attack on the French village, the trenches, shell-holes, machine gun nests, the wounding of Jim and the final fight for his two pals. Then home again and the reconstruction period when the two lovers are reunited. Realism dominates every scene. Supporting John Gilbert are such sterling players as Renee Adoree, Karl Dane, Tom O'Brine, Hobart Bosworth, Claire Adams, Claire McDowell, Rosita Martini and Robert Ober.

### FIND THIS AND GET \$5

The Roswell Weather Bureau station will participate in the international program of upper air exploration that is to be carried out within the next few weeks. Roswell being one of the 12 points selected in the United States for this work. A series of eight sounding balloons will be released from the local station during the period. Each of these will carry aloft a set of delicate instruments that will make a continuous record of the temperature, humidity and atmospheric pressure. The balloon, which is made of thin rubber eventually bursts, and a parachute, to which the instrument cage is attached, lets the equipment back to earth. This is likely to land anywhere from 5 to 200 miles from the station, as the balloon will reach some elevation between eight and twenty miles before bursting. The weather bureau desires to recover each one of these instruments. The instruments are valuable, and the records they carry will make them doubly valuable. The small parachute to which they are attached is a bright red, so that it can be seen a long distance. Five dollars will be paid to the finder of each one. Attached to the instrument will be full instructions what to do with it. So if any of our readers should see a patch of red out on the prairie, or hanging from a tree, he can make five dollars and at the same time aid scientific research, by going over and getting it.—Roswell (N. M.) Dispatch.

The First National bank of Spearman is now comfortably and conveniently domiciled in its new home at the corner of Main and Davis streets, on the pavement. The move was made from the old wooden building, which has served this institution as a home for many years, the first of the week. The doors of the new building were opened to visitors and customers on Tuesday morning, December 27. Cashier Gibner and his able assistants, Bob Thom, Chas. Darnall and Ralph Bort, were busy most all day Tuesday showing friends and customers over the building, and pointing out the great advantages of a modern bank home. The building is 25x80 feet and all of the floor space is occupied by the First National. The big vault, heating appliances and the many conveniences make this one of the most up-to-date bank homes on the north plains.

The Russell building, which occupies the entire lot immediately north of, and the rear 40 feet of the lot on which the First National building stands, will be ready for occupancy about February 1. These two fine buildings have a combined floor space of 7,000 square feet, and are a credit to the town and community.

### WEEK-END PARTY AT TURKEY TRACK

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jordan were host and hostess to a number of friends last week-end, at their hospitable home, the Turkey Track ranch headquarters, on the Canadian in Hutchinson county. A big feast was spread on Christmas day, which was greatly enjoyed. After dinner the guests enjoyed a hay ride to the hills. An old-fashioned coon hunt was staged and three skunks were killed. The only incident which occurred to mar the pleasure of this party was the serious illness of Chunk Fisher, immediately after dinner. Owing to the very careful attention and nursing, Chunk pulled through in good shape. Those who enjoyed this delightful week-end party and outing were: Misses Opal Cline, Mary McMurry, Marguerite DeWitt, Mrs. Doyle Pair, and Messrs. Chunk Fisher, Leonard Jordan, Raymond Jordan, Andy Snowden and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jordan.

### ON CASH BASIS AFTER JANUARY 1

For the purpose of cutting down the overhead and the general expense of conducting the business, I have decided to sell for cash only after January 1. All those knowing themselves indebted to the undersigned firm are kindly requested to come in and make satisfactory settlement at once. I appreciate your business, strive earnestly to please you, and by selling for cash will be able to give you more for your money.

We are glad to have you call at any time, and especially when you need gas, oils, greases, tires, tubes and accessories.

BECK MOTOR COMPANY.  
By N. L. Beck.

### WATER IS SPOUTING FROM BADGER WELL

Reports from the Caldwell well, sometimes called the Badger, are that the drillers ran into artesian water recently and water is spouting several feet into the air from the hole. This well is located on section 21, block 3, in the southwest corner of Hansford county. Drilling will be continued, and the owners and crew confidently believe that they will soon bring in a good well at this location.

### COOTS WELL GOING DOWN

W. W. Windsor, drilling contractor on the Coots well, located in Gus Coots' pasture in the north part of this county was in town on Saturday. Mr. Windsor, who is the driller that put down the Whitson well, out seven miles southwest of Spearman, says the Coots well is going down at a satisfactory pace. The company that made this location and spudded in the hole has turned the entire job over to the Hope Oil Co., a strong concern, and a thorough test will be made at this place.

An after-Christmas wish: That the Christmas spirit linger.



The merchants represented below "make a resolution" to contribute to a Happy New Year with unprecedented service value and goods.



Hail! Hail!

Let's all give a cheer for Nineteen Twenty-Eight, and wish each other the best of luck!

DR. J. E. GOWER



GOOD CHEER!

Here's hoping you rise above Trouble in 1928 and enter the Realms of Happiness.

J. R. COLLARD  
Real Estate: Insurance

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
1928

A bagful of good fortune, prosperity and sincerest wishes for 1928 is the honest wish and earnest hope of

Smith's Variety Store



GOOD LUCK!

May health and happiness attend your path during 1928 and for many years after.

Raney & Hazlewood



Greetings!

May 1928 be an Argosy of Good Luck bringing you Health, Joy and Prosperity for all time.

FAUS MARKET



A YEAR OF JOY

We sincerely hope that all your "castles in the air" materialize in 1928.

McNABB LAND COMPANY



OUR EARNEST HOPE

The old Earth is starting a new trip around the Sun. We hope your voyage will be a pleasant and profitable one.

ALLEN KING  
Gent's Furnishings



BEST WISHES

Now at the beginning of a fresh year we repeat anew our sincere expressions of good cheer.

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FOR THE FUTURE

We wish you all that you would wish yourself. May 1928 herald an era of Joy.

HARBISON FURNITURE  
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SMOOTH SAILING

To all our fellow citizens of this community we wish a harmonious, prosperous 1928.

R. L. McCLELLAN  
Wm. E. McCLELLAN



A TIME OF JOY

To all of our patrons and their friends we wish the utmost in Health, Wealth and Happiness for the New Year.

WHITE HOUSE LUMBER CO.  
By C. E. Gilchrist



DESTINY'S DECREE

We earnestly hope it is "writ in the stars" that you are to enjoy a year of good fortune.

NORTH SIDE GARAGE  
T. F. Glover

**NEW HOLT COMBINED HARVESTER COMING**

Farmers in this territory are going to have an opportunity of seeing some of the new Holt Combined Harvesters and the newly developed attachments that now make the combine system of small grain and seed harvesters practical everywhere regardless of weeds, uneven ripening and weather hazards. Blockmen from all sections of the U. S. and Canada have recently attended a convention and school at the Western Harvester Co. factory at Stockton, California, where they first saw Model 38, the new 10-foot combine that is to be offered the medium and small sized farms this year. Improved 12-foot and 16-foot models, as well as the hillside types are also to be ready. These may be extended to 15 1/2 and 20 feet.

The local dealer, McClellan Chevrolet Co., Spearman, says that he will soon have the latest models, as well as the Windrow Header, the Windrow Pick-Up and the Pick-Up Feeder, the three attachments that permit combining all crops over a season as long or longer than the old fashioned binder or header-and-thresher system. Thus, the harvest season may

be started a day or two earlier than with the binder if the farmer wishes, as the windrow of cut grain is laid in a neat endless pile on top of the stubble, so that the air passes under and around it for quick and thorough drying. It can then be picked up by the Pick-Up attachment in a day or so if dry enough, or in case of rain, may be turned over with a side delivery rake for drying. The windrow dries easier and more evenly than does the bundles in the shock, or stack.

Farmers should visit the store as soon as convenient in order not to be disappointed in getting one of the new types with or without attachments for combining from windrow or stack.

The Holt Combined Harvester is made by a factory that has been building combines for 42 years, or since this machine was first manufactured. Out on the Pacific coast, where both the combine and the "Caterpillar" Tractor were developed to meet the arduous farming conditions of hilly, sandy, swampy and rough farms, the Holt machine is so well known that "Combine" and "Holt" are the same to most farmers. Practically all small grain is harvested by this method on the Pacific

slope and in the all-wheat areas of the Southwest. Each year improvements are added to perfect a machine developed over nearly a half century's work on millions of acres of grain that have yielded hundreds of millions of bushels.

**THE BOY AND THE SPARROW**

Once a sweet boy sat and swung on a limb;  
On the ground sat a sparrow-bird, looking at him.

Now, the boy was good, but the sparrow was bad,  
So it shied a stone at the head of the lad  
And it killed the poor boy, and the sparrow was glad.

Then the little boy's mother fled over the trees

"Tell, me where is my little boy, sparrow-bird, please?"  
"He's safe in my pocket," the sparrow-bird said;  
And another stone shied at the mother's head,  
And she fell at the feet of the wicked bird dead.

You imagine, no doubt that the tale I have mixed;  
But it wasn't by me that the story was fixed.

'Twas a dream a boy had after killing a bird;  
And he dreamed it so loud that I heard every word,  
And I jotted it down as it really occurred.

—Selected.

New York specialist says a woman's refusal to talk is a sign of insanity. Fortunately, such cases are rare.

Anyway, the new freedom for youth requires less prevarication than was necessary to establish the old-time alibis.

**PEATLAND TIMOTHY IS INFERIOR TO ALFALFA**

Peatland timothy hay has been shown, by careful feeding tests at the Minnesota Agricultural experiment station, to be superior to upland timothy hay. Chemical analyses have shown that the protein content of peatland timothy is 10.69 per cent, whereas that of upland timothy is 6.50 per cent. Still peatland timothy falls short of alfalfa as feed for young steers.

To determine the relative values of the two forage crops the animal husbandry division of the central station University farm, St. Paul, started a feeding test on three groups of steers of ten each. One was full fed on shelled corn and alfalfa hay, another on shelled corn and peatland timothy, and another on shelled corn and peatland timothy, with two pounds of linseed meal a day added.

It was found at the end of 110 days that the margin per steer over feed cost on shelled corn and alfalfa hay was \$22.47; on shelled corn and peatland timothy, \$17.34, and on shelled corn, linseed meal and peatland timothy, \$25.59. It took the added linseed meal to bring the peatland timothy up to the level of alfalfa. The return per bushel of shell corn in the first group was \$1.33, and in the second group was \$1.16, and in the third \$1.43.

Love! what a volume in a word! an ocean in a tear; a seventh heaven in a glance; a whirlwind in a sigh; the lightning in a touch; a millennium in a moment.—Tupper.

The fellow who believes that advertising is all waste may be interested to learn that the Ford Motor Company has spent approximately \$2,000,000 in announcing the new car. Henry, you know, has a pretty profitable way of wasting money.

**THE ROMANTIC ILLUSION**

H. G. Wells in one of his recent books alludes interestingly to the subject of divorce or the general difficulties that seem to exist in maintaining agreeable marital relations. It is of especial interest now that we hear so much on the subject of companionate and trial marriages.

He places much of the blame on the romantic tradition or romantic illusion. It is all due to a sort of hang over from the days when the men were knight errants, warriors and adventurers. The woman was then the prize to be claimed by the conqueror or upon his return home with tales of brave deeds.

Although the world has changed, literature, the theatre and the cinema particularly, still keep the romantic illusions fresh in mind—perhaps well embellished.

When the girl marries she finds that this dashing knight of hers is a rather ordinary fellow, worried and perplexed over the task of holding his job, engaged in no magnificent adventure, making no startling conquest, finding it rather difficult merely to get along passably well in this world.

The result of her discovery is disillusionment, boredom, innocent, or not so innocent, flirtations, domestic troubles, divorce.

This, in essence, is the theory set forth in Mr. Wells' book. No doubt there is some truth in it. Possibly our movies, many popular magazines, and current novels are putting foolish notions into the minds of young people.

Without question a return to common sense, a knowledge of the realities of life, would solve this divorce problem, and most other perplexing problems for that matter.

A Congressional committee is trying to simplify taxing methods. When they get that worked out they might try simplifying methods for getting the money to pay the tax.

Quite a lot of people have rushed into print to deplore the publicity recently given to a "companionate marriage" at Girard, Kansas. Thus giving it more publicity.

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Send your name and address to  
**OPPORTUNITY EXCHANGE**  
Room 609; 506 S. Wabash Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.

Oklahoma farmers are being instructed in a "meat short course." Some boarding-house keepers appear to have graduated from a short meat course.

Dr. Powell, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist. Will be in Spearman, at offices of Dr. Gower, on Wednesday, January 18th. Glasses fitted and tonsils and adenoids removed.

**J. E. GOWER, M. D.**  
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**The VICTORY SIX**  
BY DODGE BROTHERS  
To be introduced in one of the greatest radio chain hook-ups in history . . . with one of the greatest radio programs . . .  
Wednesday, January 4th.  
9:30 to 10:30 P. M. Central Time

PUBLIC SHOWING - JANUARY - 5th

**PLANNING A NEW HOME?**

Will the new year we are just ushering in mark a new achievement in your career?  
Will it find you more prosperous? Will it mean the realization of that dream of a new home you have so long nurtured?

If you are determined to become a property owner here in Spearman or the Spearman country, start making your plans now. And let us help you with the job. We are equipped to help you solve many of your problems. We are, in short, ready to help you make 1928 more prosperous and more happy.

**PANHANDLE LUMBER COMPANY**  
Courtesy Quality Service

**Building Material**

For any improvements you want to make

Let us figure with you on building material. We can help you.

**WE WISH ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

**Tulsa Rig, Reel and Mfg. Co.**  
HARRY BOWEN, Local Manager  
Phone 89 West Spearman

**It's Easy to Make up a Budget**

At the beginning of the year we men always make up a budget. It's an easy and pleasant job. The real task comes in keeping that budget. We appreciate the difficulties and so we are determined to help you keep from running over your figures. We're going to do this by offering even greater values, if possible, throughout the coming year. At any rate that's our New Year's Resolution.

**Happy New Year**  
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SPEARMAN, TEXAS

**The SPEARMAN REPORTER**

BY  
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**A COMMUNITY BUDGET**

In every great and successful business or industry the beginning of the new year is a time for making of new plans. Each department head presents an outline of the changes, additions, improvements he would like to see effected in his division, together with the probable cost thereof.

Then the officers and directors carefully analyze these various projects, adopt the recommendations that seem most urgent, establish a budget, and in short fix the course for the coming twelve months.

Some similar action might well be taken here in Spearman. We believe that some representative body, preferably our Chamber of Commerce should devote some study to the various projects for community betterment, and adopt those that seem most likely to produce desirable results or those that seem most urgent at the present time.

Then once such a budget is adopted, let us all unite in supporting the recommendations made. Let us present our various hobbies, then abide by the decision of the majority and work to have the complete program realized.

Unless such a program is outlined, we are too apt to work at cross purposes, each man putting his influence and energy back of his own particular ideas to the general demoralization of a true cooperative spirit that makes real achievement possible.

**RESOLUTIONS**

There is no good reason why New

Year's affords a better time to make a good resolution than any other season of the year. Any date on which one may reach the conclusion that one would be better for desisting from some practice to which one is addicted, or to adopt a course which one has not hitherto followed, is a good time to begin. However, New Year's is a favorite date because it is the start of another year. The slate is wiped clean then and a new account is opened. It is easier to make a resolution than it is to keep it. Resolutions have to do with improvement. It doesn't require resolutions to do worse than one did in the old year. A worse course offers few difficulties in execution. To do better is the one which requires fortitude and persistence.

Despite resolutions we may make most of us do not change greatly from year to year. It's the trend, though, that makes the chief difference. With some the direction is on an ascending plane while others there is a down grade and the latter is the easier course to pursue, though the difference between the two may not be especially perceptible. Most of those who improve a little do not do so conspicuously, while many of those who grow worse do not do so at a rapid rate. The result depends on the kind of a groove in which one is running; for we do run in grooves very largely. The person moving on a plane surface without any ruts to hold him in his course is an exception.

We do not deny New Year's resolutions. Good ones made and broken may be much better than none made at all. Yet, one who never thinks of change of habits and motives except at the inception of another year will not get very far in personal uplift. These dates come too infrequently and there are not enough of them in a lifetime.

The efforts of Mr. Smith and Mr. Vane to get into the United States Senate reminds us of an old story that we heard so long ago we have forgotten the source. A certain individual attempted to get in a masked ball without an invitation. He tried the door six different times, but was turned back each time. Finally one of the bouncers became angry,

grabbed him by the neck, and threw him out of a second story window into the alley. As soon as he had collected the little senses he had he got to his feet and remarked: "Hub, they can't fool me. They don't want me up there."

**THE "NEW" YEAR**

The New year will be a repetition of old experiences, a re-enforcement of old laws, a reaffirmation of another common saying which is that human nature changes little and human relations are much the same today as they were when the first philosophical writer first set his chisel to work on the stone tablets whereon were written the observations and records of that far-off time when the human race first began to discover the antiquity of the planet and the unswerving laws that govern it.

We enter upon the New Year, to be sure, but in it we shall be responsive to the same forces as heretofore. We will be rewarded as we put ourselves into harmony with divine statutes and punished as we disregard them. There are but two lamps by which our feet may be guided, those of experience and conscience. If we profit by one and hearken to the other, we shall avoid many of the pitfalls that lie ahead; the same old pitfalls, in the same old places and hidden in the same old manner. If we play the game in accord with the rules laid down by that "still small warning voice within," we shall escape the old retributions for the same old errors that men and women have been making for thousands of years.

**"GOD BLESS OUR HOME," AGAIN IN FASHION**

"God bless our home" mottoes, which were banished with Victorianism, afghans and tidies, are being smiled upon by fashion again.

In their new form, however, the old sentiments have vanished and instead there are quotations from the much smarter Christopher Morley and others. In a way, too, they are more of a survival of the sampler, which escaped total oblivion along with the hand-worked sentiments that hung over the doors in Grandmother's day.

Among the frank sentiments taking their place upon the mottoes in the homes of twentieth century housewives are some that would have shocked the housewives of fifty years ago. For example, one of Morley's quotations designed for a dining room motto reads: "When we on simple rations sup, how simple is the washing up. But heavy feeding complicates the task by boiling many plates."

A more elaborate sampler, however, bears a quotation from Morley which is only a new way of expressing the old sentiment. It says: "Dear little house! Dear shabby street! Dear books and beds and food to eat! How feeble words are to express the faucets of your tenderness."

Mottoes printed and either framed or guarded by glass and passepartout also are being hung in modern kitchens; bright colors being used to add to the good humored thought expressed.—Cahyon News.

**HOLLYWOOD WOMEN**

It would appear that the cream of American loveliness has hopefully migrated to Hollywood. At any rate there is more feminine attractiveness of every conceivable variety on tap in the card catalogues of the casting agencies than the absent imagination can conjure up any adequate picture of.

When you enter a shop, intent on a purchase, the clerk who waits on you focuses her brilliant eyes on you. There is a chance you may be a director. This may be her "break" for everybody is looking for his or her "break." Some even get it. At any rate, judging by appearances, the only distinguishing mark between the extra ladies on a moving picture stage and the star is the salary of the latter.

After basking for three days among these sunlit asphodels and anemones I strode sadly through the streets peering into each upheld countenance in a vain search for an ugly woman. The Hollywood slogan is "Bigger and better movies; Smaller and prettier gals." They even talk of breeding them eugenically.—Carl Van Vechten in Vanity Fair.

**BLESSING IN DISGUISE**

"Most wives have a daily rush of getting the husband off to work," says the Woman's Home Companion. "They shouldn't complain," says the caustic commentator. "They ought to be thankful they have husbands who will go off to work."

**CITATION BY PUBLICATION**

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Hansford County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon The White Truck Line, Inc. by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county to said Hansford county, to appear at the next regular term of the Justice Court, Precinct No. 4, of Hansford County, to be holden at my office in Gruver, on the 3rd Monday in January, A. D. 1928, the same being the 16th day of January, A. D. 1928, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 27th day of October A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2, wherein J. G. McClintock is plaintiff, and The White Truck Line, Inc. is defendant, and said petition alleging that defendant is indebted to plaintiff in the sum of \$159.64 for hauling on October 6th, 8th and 15, 1926, as shown by itemized account attached to said petition, and plaintiff sues for said debt, damages and cost of suit.

Herein Fail not but have before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand at office in Gruver, Texas.

On this the 20th day of December, A. D. 1927.

W. E. MAUPIN, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 4, 214 Hansford County, Texas.

Apophos of attractive and artistic alliterations, we note that a Mississippi editor refers to certain "purveyors of putrid prejudicial political pot-pourri."



**We Thank YOU . . .**

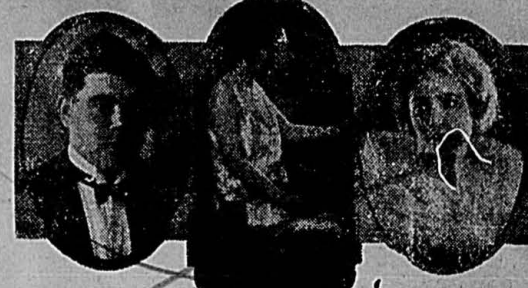
For the excellent patronage you have given us during the past year. And we wish you a

**HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR**

We trust that we can help make the coming year happier for the women of Spearman and vicinity by helping to relieve them of part of the burden of housekeeping.

**R. & S. BAKERY**  
Spearman

**ARTELLS DICKSON CONCERT COMPANY**



Appearing on our entertainment course this season is the Artells Dickson Concert Company in a versatile program of arias, ballads and negro spirituals, viola solos and pianologues. Mr. Artella Dickson, a Southern singer, who for two years was baritone soloist in a great New York church has a rich, resonant voice of exceptional volume, his personality is attractive, his manner unaffected. The violin solos by Miss Helen Hunt and the pianologues and other entertainment features by Martha Dickson, a charming Southern girl, lend variety and charm to the program.

AT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, TUESDAY NIGHT, JANUARY 24, AUSPICES PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.



**Save! Save!**  
**It's a Good Resolution**

Little 1928 now comes on the scene carrying a big kit bag for your savings. Resolve to keep the bag full by depositing with us regularly.

WE WISH YOU A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1928

**First National Bank**  
Spearman, Texas

**HAPPY NEW YEAR 1928**

**Greetings**

—AND BEST WISHES FOR A

**Happy New Year**

May the glad new year bring naught but happiness and prosperity to you and yours.

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GROCERIES FEED COAL  
WORK CLOTHING

On Elevator Row . . . . . Spearman

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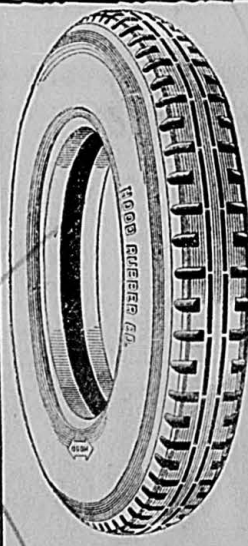
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Cream, Eggs, Poultry, Hides and Furs

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INSURANCE  
ABSTRACTS

**Hansford County Farm Lands**  
**A Specialty**

**We Wish You A Happy New Year**

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Warner C. Davis, teacher of the Grand Plains school spent the holidays at his home in Spearman.

Herman L. Seiber of Pampa, was a guest in the J. E. Hays home at Gruver, Sunday.

J. F. Berner and son C. F., made a business trip to Gotobo, Oklahoma, last week.

Miss Olivette Hancock, teacher of Texas Lake school, is at home in Spearman for the holidays.

Dr. and Mrs. Jarvis came from Perryton Monday to be at the bedside of her father, A. E. Powers, who is dangerously ill.

Miss Mhdred and Autra Ward spent Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ward, out west of town.

George Whitson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Whitson, came from his home in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to visit during the holidays with his parents.

D. E. Dillon was up from Canyon to spend the holidays with home folks. Mr. Dillon and his sons are building several residences in Canyon, which they will rent.

Misses Maudie and Merle and Ora Holt, students in W. T. S. T. C. at Canyon, spent the holidays in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Holt, of the Holt Community.

Anson Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ward, came from Kansas City last Thursday to spend the holidays with home folks. Anson has been in Kansas City the past two years attending school. He is now associated with a fire concern and is getting along fine in the business.

Born, on Saturday, December 24, a fine 11-pound boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beck in Spearman.

Misses Lois Morton and Virginia Barkley returned home last Thursday from C. I. A. at Denton, to spend the holidays in the homes of their parents.

Miss Lucile Maize, teacher in the schools at Plemo, is spending the vacation period in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Maize, in Spearman.

Mrs. B. G. Yarborough left Monday for St. Louis and other wholesale centers, to purchase spring goods for the Spearman Dry Goods Company. Mrs. Yarborough expects to be away ten days or two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. McCloy came from Lamar, Colorado, the first of the week to visit with his brother M. W. McCloy of Lieb community. R. S. and M. W. and son Wilson were in Spearman Wednesday and were pleasant callers at this shop.

Mrs. Walter Benge, who was injured in a wreck of a bus on the Pampa-Borger line on the 19th of this month, is recovering nicely and is now able to be up and about. Walter was employed at Pampa, but after the accident to Mrs. Benge, came home with her to remain until she recovers.

Ted McClellan, who has been at Stockton, California, for the past month attending a Holt Combine school of instruction, writes home that he spent a rather lonesome Christmas, although he is enjoying his visit fine. Ted expects to be expert in the handling of a Holt Combine when he returns from his school in California.

See the truth about the Great War as no one has ever before dared tell it, in "The Big Parade" at the Rex Theatre January 2, 3, and 4.

Miss Ruth Riddle and Tom Sammon, who have been guests in the B. G. Yarborough home for the past several days, left Sunday for their homes in Dallas.

When his American sweetheart or his French "Ma'meselle?" "The Big Parade" will answer the question. At the Rex Theatre January 2, 3 and 4.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Roper and son Glen of Perryton; Miss Mattie Hartzhorn and Floyd Garwood of Amarillo, and Wm. Jackson of the Holt community, were Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Jackson in Spearman.

Miss Margaret Erwin of Lubbock and Jimmy Hodel of Lockney, are guests in the G. P. Gibner home this week. The latter is a student at Texas Tech at Lubbock, and was a classmate of Pope Gibner when he was a student there.

F. W. Delbriggie and family were here from Chichasha, Okla. to spend several days with relatives and friends, during the holidays. They and the Bob Archer family, with several others, spent a very delightful Christmas Day at the Archer ranch on the Palo Duro, north of Spearman.

John Williamson of Abilene, brother of Mrs. C. F. Berner and Mrs. Cap Richardson and Robert and Merrideth Rollins of Amarillo, were guests in the C. F. Berner home Sunday and Monday of this week. The parties returned to their homes Wednesday. Miss Dortha Berner accompanied her sister, Mrs. Richardson, home for a few days visit.

Mrs. R. E. Townsend and sons Russell and Albert came from Amarillo with J. R. Collard Wednesday afternoon and are guests in the A. E. Townsend home in Spearman. Mrs. Townsend and the boys came up from their home at Electra and spent several days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Collard at Amarillo, before coming here for a visit.

#### AL SMITH WILL NOT BE NOMINATED

New York today is wet. Al Smith is the governor of New York. The United States does not want that sort of a leader.

However, he is due to receive the backing of a vast number of men and women who are members of the Democratic party in his campaign for the nomination.

His star began to set with the death of Bourke Cochran. The Tammany orator seven years ago made a speech in San Francisco before the gathered hosts of the democratic party, in which he placed the name of Al Smith before the convention. A Texan writing concerning the speech of Cochran stated that "Bourke Cochran made us all love Al Smith today." The Texan, however, mistook understanding and admiration for love. The story of the rise of Al Smith from rags to the exalted position which he now holds, which position he held several years ago, is bound to elicit the admiration of the people. The shouting and tumult, after the oration, continued for 36 minutes.

The matchless William Jennings Bryan followed Mr. Cochran to the platform and when he had finished his defense of the dry laws of the land, the convention cheered for forty six minutes. Al Smith's star had set.

In the years intervening between the San Francisco convention and the Madison Square party of 1924, Mr. Cochran passed beyond the stage of action and Al Smith had lost his chief spokesman. With all the blare and bombardment of the convention hall right in the home city of Al Smith, his adherents were unable to put him over as democratic standard bearer.

They have tried to elect him on both sides of the continent and they will fail in the middle or anywhere else. He may have had plenty of real democrats in his hand wagon but the number of consistent democratic states that have been for him are about as thick as hen's teeth.—Abilene Times.

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#### SCHOOLING

Most Americans get their schooling between the ages of 6 and 16 years, says Prof. Dallas L. Sharp, of Boston University.

That is true. But most of us do not begin to get our real education until we leave school. Experience remains the greatest teacher.

When a school graduate strikes out in the world for himself, one of the first things he has to do is unlearn much of what he has been taught. The delusion that takes most time to get out of the head is youth's inflated conception of the possibilities of success.

#### YES, OF COURSE

Dear Brownie: Is a zebra white with black stripes or black with white stripes?

Stewed-ent.

A press agent says of a lecturer that he never visits the same city twice. Maybe he doesn't dare to.

Days are so short. Right after supper it is dark enough to go joy riding.

"Money is easy," says the market report, but it is hard for some kind of borrowers.

Many a small boy is kept in after school because his father worked his arithmetic wrong.

Cement makers use 14,000,000 pounds of dynamite a year. May we say their business is booming.

Don't call the fire department for that black smoke. It's merely a Christmas cigar.

The congressional hopper is gradually filling up with bills, and for most of them that's all that will happen.

We know what the new Ford looks like, but have hardly had time to judge its tonal quality.

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## Our New Year's Greeting

We're starting the New Year right. We are offering our greeting in a form that you will appreciate, being **LOW PRICES ON DRY GOODS AND GROCERIES** We thank you for your good business during 1927, and will strive to merit a continuance of the same.

# W. L. Russell

Dry Goods, Groceries

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Next year, of all years, you will need the best. A President, United States Senator, Governor and other State officials will be elected.

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## We Resolve

That we shall continue to give our friends here in Spearman and vicinity the same high class service, the same excellent values that we have given throughout the years of our business career.

That we shall make every possible effort to improve our service and the quality of our merchandise, profiting by the experience of the past.

That we're going to maintain the friendly, personal relations that have existed between ourselves and our customers in the past.

**Pickering Lumber Company**  
SPEARMAN, TEXAS

# LISTEN!

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# NEW FORDS

Is now on display in our showroom

We invite you to come and see it

We will take great pleasure in showing you

Orders will be filled exactly in the order in which they are taken. **PLACE YOUR ORDER NOW**

**Shipment Expected Soon**

We wish you much happiness and prosperity during 1928

# R. W. Morton

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SPEARMAN

# New Year's

—is the time for Good Resolutions.

Among the Resolutions of this firm is one that we will strive harder than ever before to merit a continuance of the splendid business given us during 1927.

We thank you, friends and customers, and wish you a happy and prosperous 1928.

## BECK MOTOR COMPANY

By N. L. BECK

SPEARMAN



WISHING ALL A

## Happy New Year

With Kind Remembrances of 1927

And with the new friends and patrons the year brought to us we look over the year seeing much to be thankful for. And as the new year dawns we are looking forward in anticipation of continued pleasant relations with our old patrons and many new ones as well.

PRE-NEW YEAR BARGAINS THROUGHOUT STORE

### Spearman Dry Goods Co.

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We represent the Federal Land Bank of Houston and can make you a loan at 5 per cent interest.

Twenty-two Years in Hansford County in the Same Business

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## Pledging Anew Our Faith In Spearman

AND THE SPEARMAN COUNTRY

In our plans for 1928 we are listing as one of our major activities the support of every enterprise that we feel will lead to the betterment of our community.

We are merely wishing our friends the customary New Year's greetings, but we are determined to help make 1928 more happy and prosperous for everyone here.

We want to aid you, as an individual, in the solution of your investment problems.

We stand ready to serve you as a business man in your financial affairs.

### Fidelity Bank of Commerce

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

SECURITY  
RELIABILITY

FRED HOSKINS  
CASHIER

### FARMER EVER AT WAR

While farming is apparently the most peaceful of pursuits, in reality the farmer is everlastingly at war. Not with his fellow men, but with the billions of insects and other animal life which menace his crop on every hand.

The boll weevil, the army worm, the corn borer, the gypsy moth, the cabbage butterfly and other hordes of insects and parasites are working day and night to set his best efforts at naught. And each of these enemies present a distinct problem.

Without scientific aid in fighting insects, it is asserted by high authorities that in time human life would become extinct. The insect and parasites would completely overrun the earth.

It is some comfort to know, then, that under the auspices of the Department of Agriculture, earnest scientists are working diligently to find better means of controlling these pests, and are meeting with a fair degree of success.

Information of the utmost value to the farmer is available through the county farm agents, bulletins from government sources, articles by experts published in the press, and the example of informed neigh-

bors. He owes it to himself to profit by this information and cooperate with these agencies which stand ready to aid him in his warfare against destructive insect pests.

### BEAUTY A TOWN ASSET

In spite of the apparent commercialism of the age in which we live, it is evident to any observer that the American people are rapidly developing a greater appreciation of the beautiful. This is not confined to the wealthier classes, but extends to the great masses in the towns and villages and in the rural districts.

New towns and new sections of the older ones, are being laid out with wider streets, with provisions for larger lawns, more trees, shrubbery and flowers, and a more attractive setting generally.

Recently built houses show better architecture and greater harmony with their surroundings, while unsightly yard fences have largely disappeared. The net result of all these modern developments is beauty. And aside from the satisfaction which it affords the eye, it pays in dollars and cents.

Beautiful cities, towns and villages attract people. They attract permanent residents, they attract tour-

ists, and they attract trade. It is natural that a person selecting a trading center will choose a town that is beautiful and clean in preference to one that is unsightly and dirty, if other conditions are any way near equal.

### ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS

The celebration of December 25 in memory of the birth of Christ dates from the fifth century, before which time it was observed conjointly with the feast of the Epiphany on January 6.

Inasmuch as the exact date of Christ's birth, or even the year, is unknown, the annual observance is in commemoration of the event rather than as the anniversary of its actual occurrence.

The Christmas tree, now an almost universal symbol, is derived from the Egyptian use of a palm branch of twelve shoots to signify the complete year, a custom which prevailed long before the Christian era. Its present significance is by some thought to have originated in Germany.

The use of evergreen decoration, particularly mistletoe, has been observed since the time of the Druids. In the Middle Ages the festivities in-

cident to Christmas were marked by wildly hilarious proceedings. These called forth remonstrances from church authorities, who deplored the tendency to stress the festive rather than the serious significance of the Christmas season.

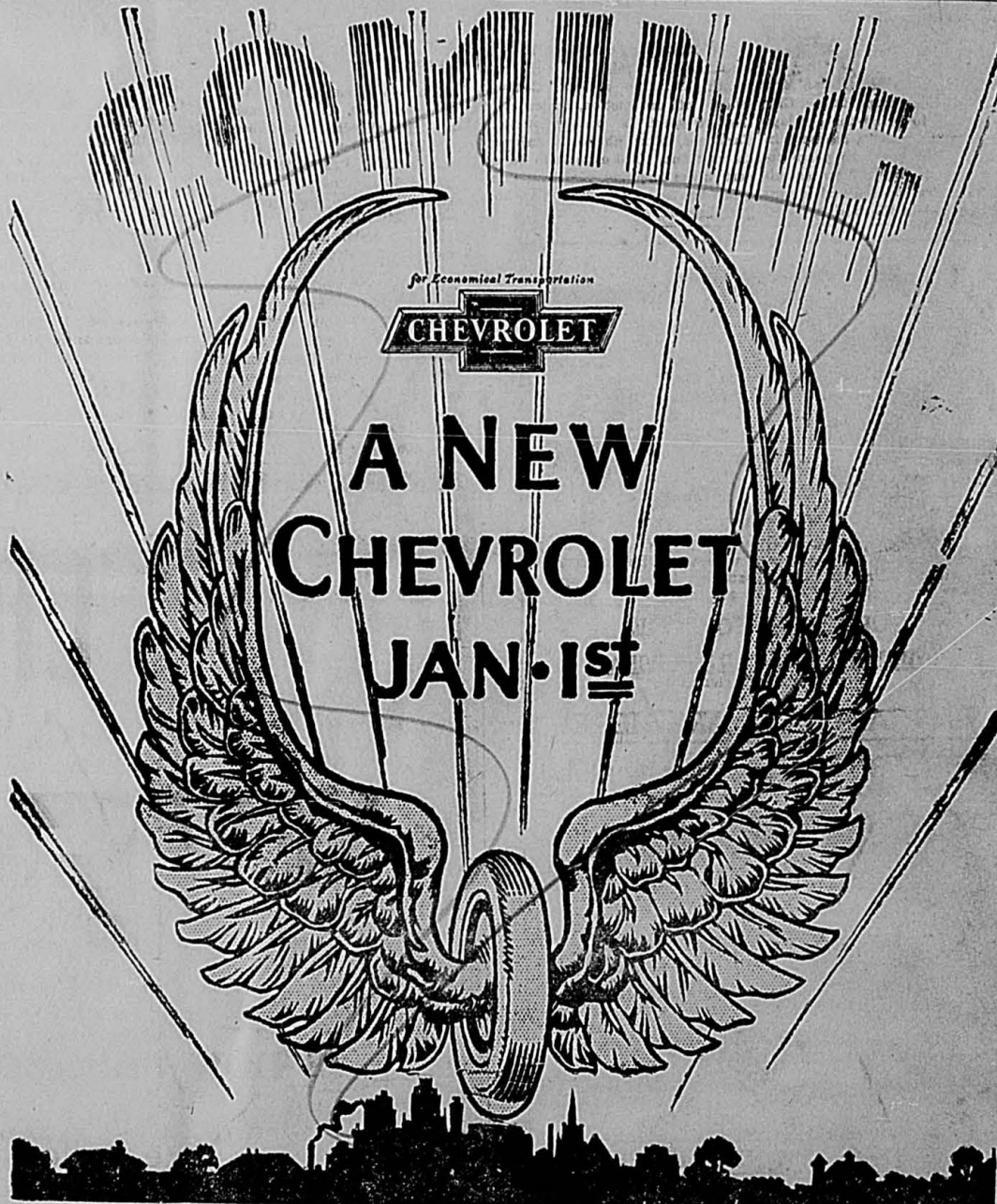
The mythical Santa Clause has been known by many names—Kris Kringle, St. Nicholas, Knecht Ruprecht, Robin Goodfellow, and others. In Germany an ugly hunch backed dwarf known as Grampus was supposed to carry off naughty children instead of rewarding them with presents.

Although it draws its symbolism from many sources, both Christian and pagan, Christmas remains one of the most important and widely observed festivals of the year—a season of "Peace on Earth; Good Will To Ward Men."

Victor Emmanuel is still the king, but Il Duce is the ace.

In the Teapot Dome drama it appears that money played the leading roll.

As expected, the new Ford does somewhat resemble the Lincoln, notably in the number and contour of its wheels.



When you see it you will say, . . . "Only General Motors could produce such a car at Chevrolet's Low Prices"

## McClellan Chevrolet Co.

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NEWS 200 YEARS AGO

In connection with the 200th anniversary of the Maryland Gazette which was celebrated at Annapolis last week, some early copies of that newspaper were exhibited. The news and advertisements of that day were naturally quite different from what is found in current newspapers, as they reflected the customs and beliefs of their times. Some of the stories from Vienna of the burning of several persons convicted of witchcraft, among them a midwife who had baptised 100 children in the name of the devil. A local item related the experience of a negro slave who had been a white man in an argument with a dog fight. The negro was sentenced to have one ear cut off pursuant to the law in such cases. Among the advertisements was one announcing the arrival of a cargo of about 200 choice slaves, which could be exposed for sale on Thursday the 22d of this instance. In its issue of October 21, 1762, the Maryland Gazette published the news of the birth of a son to the fish king and queen, which had occurred on August 12. The story of the headlines: "Great Joy to the Nation! A Prince of Wales is Born. God Save the King." This was the sordid and notorious character who afterwards became George IV. The Maryland Gazette was frequently suspended for varying periods, but it is still published and is edited by the Librarian of Congress with being "the dean of present-day American newspapers."

CHANCES

The city industrial worker has one chance in eight of living to be 70 years old. The farmer has one chance in three. So reports a committee of the United Hospital Fund, New York. There, in a nutshell, you have a graphic picture of what civilization is doing to us. Health is close to the soil. The time is not far off when cities will in large part break up, factories moving to the open country and taking workers with them. Either that man heads for extinction. O. O. McIntyre tells of a publicity seeker who got more than he bargained for. He wired a comedian and said: "I am bringing my girl to show tonight. If you can use my name in a gag I will appreciate it." The comedian complied by reading the telegram from the stage.

GETTING HIM TOLD

An exchange tells a very good one concerning a traveling man and a pretty hotel waitress. The yarn is based on the idea, correct or not, that commercial drummers sometimes seek to flirt with girls they meet during their travels. In this instance it is said that when the waitress approached the traveling man's table he put on his most seductive smile and remarked: "Nice day, little one." She promptly agreed that the state of weather was satisfactory, saying: "Yes, it is, and so was yesterday, and my name is Ella, and I know I am a little peach and have lovely eyes, and I have been here quite a while and don't think I am too nice a girl to be working here. I don't think there is a dance in town tonight, and wouldn't go with you if there were. I am a respectable girl from the country, and my brother is cook here and he is a 200-pound football player. Last week he nearly ruined a fresh traveling man who tried to flirt with me. Now, what'll you have—roast pork, roast beef, Irish stew or fried liver?"

SIDELIGHTS

By Marcy B. Darnall

How easily do you sign on the dotted line? To illustrate that few persons read a document they are asked to sign, an Eastern college professor made a talk to his class asking them to sign a petition that the birthday of a noted man be made a holiday. About 50 signed without reading the petition. It requested that the right arms of the signers be cut off at the elbow.

A big switchman kicked a little 13-year-old girl off a railroad track at Wichita, Kansas. Brutal as it sounds, he had to do it to keep her from being run over by a switch engine on which he was working.

Before you get discouraged over minor misfortunes, think of what happened to Paul Kotsy of Hammond, Ind. While working in a steel mill last June a hot steel rod pierced him under the jaw and came out through his temple, 22 feet of the rod being pulled through his skull. Last week he was discharged from the hospital, ready to go to work again.

The octopus squirts a cloud of black ink at its enemies. Quite similar to some of our human ink-slingers.

COMMUNITY SUICIDE

One of the strangest phenomena witnessed in most towns and small cities is the apparent eagerness with which many otherwise good citizens contribute to the tendency to commit community suicide.

These citizens will often show uncommon zeal in boosting any movement to obtain civic improvements, to promote the location of new industries, to secure better educational facilities, and so on. Yet many of these same proud boosters will deliberately engage in a practice which nullifies all their otherwise laudable efforts—and then wonder why their town doesn't go ahead.

We refer to the suicidal habit of buying away from home, which is largely responsible for the failure of many communities to make the progress which their natural advantages should make possible. The money that ought to be kept at home for the expansion of local trade and industry is sent away to distant cities, never to return, through the indifference or thoughtlessness of the very persons who should set an example of local pride and loyalty.

A trifling saving here and there, usually more imaginary than real, is sufficient to cause the average citizen to forget his duty to his community and to himself, which if performed would mean more in the direction of local prosperity than all his other boosting efforts put together.

Why boost in one direction, while committing community suicide in another?

Pounding the keys of typewriter would hardly be considered suitable training for a cow-milking contest, although it might strengthen the fingers at that. Anyway, Miss Ruth Kessel, 18 year-old blonde stenographer of Ashland won the dairymaid championship of Ohio over 123 competitors, mostly country girls, by milking two quarts in one minute, receiving a prize cup containing \$99 in gold.

Straining for a feature story, a London newspaper queried a number of celebrities past 50 years of age, asking whether they could bend over and touch their toes. Most of them couldn't. When a reporter asked George Bernard Shaw over the telephone whether he could touch his toes, the famed dramatist shouted: "Is that what you've called me up for? Well, God forgive you."

Seasick persons seldom need advice as to what they should do; they just naturally do it.

WE ARE ALL STUDENTS

"I never had a chance to make good. My folks could not send me to college, and so without the needed preparation it was always necessary for me to accept employment of whatever nature I could secure."

Is such an excuse for failure convincing? One frequently hears it, but does it ring true?

"No" is the only answer we can offer. The lack of a college education need not deter any man from making a success of life. Learning is not acquired by means of a secret process that the pedagogues in the colleges alone understand.

"The true university is the universality of books," said Thomas Carlyle. Even in his time every man had an opportunity to acquire learning and culture. How much greater is the opportunity afforded all of us today with the many added means of communication that science has placed in our hands.

Certainly four years of college training is not the only key to the treasure chest of learning nor the lack of it a satisfactory excuse for failure to realize the most out of life.

How to name a Chinese baby in honor of Lindbergh and still retain the oriental touch in the youngster's cognomen puzzled Mr. and Mrs. Lee Long of Chicago's chinatown. Finally they hit on the name One Long Hop.



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But we, who give service to the community, proceed along a different path of time. At the threshold of another year we say farewell to 1927 and eagerly welcome 1928. And with all the enthusiasm, with all the gladsome anticipation of a new adventure, but tempered with the experience of past years, we advance toward the goal of Good Will that transcends the passing of time.

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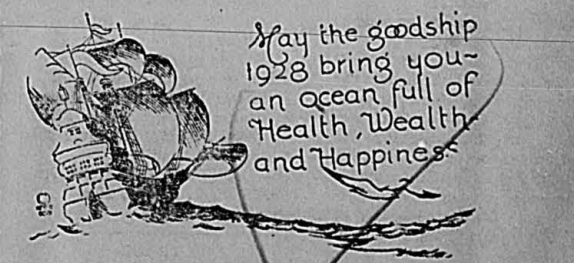
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## At the Churches

### REVIVAL AT UNION CHURCH

Interdenominational revival meetings will begin at the Union church in Spearman on Thursday night, December 29, tonight. Mack Wyatt and Phillip Kerr are the revivalists. A Watch Night service will be held on New Year's Night.

### FIRST COLLEGE OF ITS KIND IN AMERICA

Mrs. Roger W. Babson Makes a New Year's Gift to the Young Women of America.

Wellesley, Mass., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Roger W. Babson will announce on New Year's Day her intention of endowing a college to train women in connection with business and investments. She is naming the institution Webber College after her daughter and grand-daughter. Webber College will do for women what the Babson Institute is doing so successfully for men.

Webber College is something entirely unique in the history of education for women. The founding of this college is as great a step today as was the founding of the first women's college by Mary Lyon ninety years ago. The president of the college is Mr. Austin H. Fitz, who has been in charge of the Finance Department at Babson Institute, and the new Dean is Miss Beatrice Grant of Montreal, who has been connected with the camp work of the Canadian Pacific Railroad in the Rocky Mountains.

Many wonder why Florida has been selected for the location of this school, but Mrs. Babson states that this selection was made only after most careful study. Although New England is today a great center for colleges and other educational institutions yet this is largely accidental. Other sections of the country, especially California and the South, are far more suited climatically for educational work.

Webber College is located in the famous Ridge Section known as the "New England of Florida" where an educational community has already been started known as Babson Park, Florida. Here the girls will be able to combine with their studies, throughout the entire winter, all sports such as golf, tennis, riding, boating, and swimming, thus developing the girls physically as well as mentally and spiritually.

It is said that this is the first school in the world organized under the educational and charitable laws to be operated without profit to teach women business. Furthermore, the short intensive course of less than four months and the modern methods employed make it even more unique in connection with the education of women. As Mrs. Babson has been working on her plans for many months, the college is already prepared to open and the first classes will start Monday, January 9, 1928.

### LUBBOCK PROPERTY TO TRADE

High class duplex, restricted section on Broadway, 70ft. by 136 ft. lot, double garage, servants quarters etc. Bringing \$85.00 monthly. Half way between Technological College and town, paved street, for section of land near Spearman, no more than 8 miles from town. Must be good level land. My property A-1. Or for \$80 acre improved. Proposition will bear strictest investigation.  
GARLAND WOODWARD,  
Abilene, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Morton and the children are in Amarillo, at the bedside of Jimmy Walker of Dumas, who is seriously ill in a hospital there.

## Sullivan R. Spivey Post American Legion Organized

The Sullivan R. Spivey Post American Legion was organized at the Chamber of Commerce rooms, Spearman, on Wednesday night, December 28. A goodly number of ex-service men were present and took a part in the organization of the Post. This matter has been neglected in Spearman for a number of years, but those taking the lead in the matter now are determined to build up a strong Post here, and are going about it in a way that will win.

The meeting last night was called to order by M. L. McLain, and the following officers were elected. C. W. Smith, Post Commander. M. L. McLain, Vice Post Commander. Harry L. Dumas, Post Adjutant. Leo Dacus, Finance Officer. Fred Linn, Sergeant-at-Arms. Mart Hart, Chaplain. Max Lackey, Historian.

These officers will serve until the next meeting, which will be held at the C. of C. rooms on January 10, when their election will be made permanent, or others may be elected in their stead. The Post starts off with a paid membership of 15 or 20 and everyone of these is serving as a member of a membership committee, to secure additional members.

The boys are anxious to have a big attendance at the meeting to be held on January 10. Matters of much importance will be given attention at this time.

### MR. SPECKLES' GREAT IDEA

Santa Claus sat on a bench next the sunny side of his North Pole bungalow. The old gentleman wore a worried and harassed look quite foreign to his usual jovial expression. Sam Speckles, a foreman in one of Santa's toy shops, passed by and noticed the good old saint. "What's the matter, Santa?" he asked.

"This job is getting too big for one man," answered Santa. "The world's getting better and better all the time, and that means I have that much more work to do, and it's getting to be a mighty hard task to make things enough to go around, let alone distributing them."

Mr. Speckles scratched his head. "Well," he said, "here's an idea, and I think it's a mighty good one. Remember that fine magazine full of stories and pictures and nice things you had the other day?" "Oh, you mean The Youth's Companion," said Santa. "Yes, that's it," said Sam. "Well, it seems to me that if you'd tell a lot of parents about that magazine and how fine and enjoyable it was for boys and girls they'd give subscriptions to The Youth's Companion as a Christmas gift to lots of young folks, and that would help you a lot."

"That's a mighty good idea," said Santa, "and, as a matter of fact, many parents do just that already, but—" Santa sighed, "I wish that more of them realized what a fine gift The Youth's Companion makes, and would give it, too."

Just send your order to the address below, and we will see to it that our Uncle Sam relieves Santa of the burden of delivering at least one gift. Subscribers will receive:

1. The Youth's Companion—12 big monthly issues in 1928, and
  2. Two extra numbers to new subscribers ordering within 30 days.
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- The Companion's new book of humor "1001 One Minute Stories" also included FREE (send 10 cents to cover postage and handling).

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### HOGS FOR SALE

One registered Duroc Jersey male hog for sale. Also, some choice bred and open gilts for sale. One-half mile west of Spearman.  
R. P. KERN.

An exchange contends that it is ungrammatical to say "the sick aviator has flu."

### GUESTS HONORED

Miss Beatrice and Pope Gibner entertained Wednesday evening in honor of their guests, Miss Margaret Erwin of Lubbock and Jimmy Hodel of Lockney, with a six o'clock dinner. The home was beautifully decorated in the season's gayest colors, to the most minute details. After dinner other guests arrived and a very pleasant evening was spent playing bridge. Mr. Hodel held high score and was rewarded with an attractive deck of bridge cards. At 11:30 a plate lunch was served with very unique favors. Guests were: Guests of honor, Miss Erwin and Mr. Hodel; others, Misses Alta Hays, Vera Campbell, Ruth Prutsman; Messers. J. B. Cooke, Woodrow Gibner and Ralph Bort, and Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Gibner.

### A GOOD ENTERTAINER

Robert Halwood Manlove, who appeared on the lyceum program sponsored by the Spearman P. T. A. at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening of this week, gave a very enjoyable entertainment. Manlove has a full evening's program, which is interesting and instructive. The next number of the lyceum course will be held on January 24.

### NEW ERA IN SCHOOL TEACHING IS HAILED

"With the coming of the new year one of our brightest outlooks is that a new era is dawning in the teaching of schools. But life is not so simple and school is a cross section of life, so it cannot all come at once, but things are looking up for the pupil." This is the view of Angelo Patri, noted New York educator. "The old way of teaching," says Patri, "meant imposed knowledge, imposed conduct, dependence, unquestioning acceptance. The teacher was the core of the school. The child was merged in the mass."

"The new way implies a search for knowledge, a purpose and a will in each searcher. The child is the heart of the school and the more he differs from his mates in gifts and abilities the prouder the record of the school."

"Life flowed by the closed door of the old school. It flows through today and the children laugh and cry and cheer and push on with their elders. School is life and we are all living it. It is the new way."

Subscribe for the Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Lackey are visiting friends in Wichita, Kansas, and near-by points. They are expected home the latter part of this week.

Robert Forester of Farnsworth lost a handbag which was found by Henry Keith. A two-bit local in the Reporter restored the handbag to the rightful owner.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McClellan and daughters Opene and Opal, came from Lubbock, where the girls are students at Texas Tech., to spend the holidays at the old home and with relatives and friends.

### \$100 REWARD

I will pay a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of any person for the offense of giving, selling or furnishing in any way, any sort of intoxicating liquor to any school boy or girl in Hansford county.  
ALVINO RICHARDSON, Sheriff.

### LOST

A red brood sow. Has been gone about two weeks. Weights about 450 lbs. and is of the Sutton stock. If found please notify  
3t1p. PAUL THOMPSON,  
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### BANKS WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, JANUARY 2

New Year's day falls on Sunday this year, and the banks of Spearman will remain closed on Monday, January 2. Govern yourself accordingly.

About the hardest thing to cure is injured feelings.

Here's luck to the fellow who ushers in the New Year with a big head. We hope he learns his lesson.

A hypocrite is one who pretends to believe you when he knows you are lying.

Well, one more couldn't do much harm. Why not have a "Mind Your Own Business Week?"

California wants to annex Nevada, but that would simply ruin Reno's leading industry.

It's strange how much the world's statesmen are thinking about "un-thinkable" wars.

"When the roll is called up yonder" the size of a man's roll will not count for so much.

A doctor gets paid according to his knowledge of the patient's physical and financial condition.

Being old-fashioned, we still feel that a girl should not propose to a man except as a last resort.

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### THE ONLY CURE

If you don't feel just right,  
If you can't sleep at night;  
If you moan and you sigh,  
If your throat feels dry;  
If you don't care to smoke,  
If your food makes you choke;  
If your heart doesn't beat,  
If you're getting cold feet;  
If your head's in a whirl,  
Why not marry the girl?

The Queen of Spain bemoans the fact that she cannot get her hair bobbed and still wear her crown. But why wear the heavy thing? It means nothing nowadays.



THE SPEARMAN REPORTER

### NIGHT WATCH KILLED; DRUGGIST WOUNDED

(From Last Weeks Hutchinson County News.)

Louis Grim, a druggist of Berger, was shot and dangerously wounded in a gun battle with G. B. Dodd, a night watchman, Monday. Dodd was instantly killed by one shot that struck him. The cause of the trouble that led up to the shooting is not entirely known. It appears that Dodd told Grim that he was making too much noise and to quiet down. Grim resented the advice and the quarrel followed. The trouble occurred out on the street, and many people were near, but fortunately no innocent bystanders were hit by stray bullets.

### DISCUSS COUNTY HOSPITAL PROBLEMS

The County Commissioners and Dr. Malone and the grand jury were busy the first of the week, trying to straighten out the county hospital, or pest house tangle. We understand that the matter was not entirely settled, but that Dr. Malone agreed to relinquish control of the institution, provided he was paid, for the equipment he had installed. This matter was settled on, but it was not decided, who would have charge of it in the future, or just how it would be operated. This matter has been a bone of contention for quite awhile, and everyone would be glad to have it settled.

### APPENDICITIS CASE

Johnroe Hedgecock, County Treasurer, is in Amarillo this week, with one of his sons, who was operated on for appendicitis Tuesday. At last reports the young man was getting along alright, and should be completely recovered.

cations set up, would soon be able to leave the hospital.

### NOTICE TO DEALERS

The county Auditor of Hutchinson County, Texas, will receive bids from dealers up until 10 o'clock, January 9th, 1928, for the following culverts: 6 24 in., 14 ga. culverts 34 ft. long; 6 25 in., 14 ga. joining bands; 10 30 in., 14 ga. culverts 24 ft. long; 10 30 in., 14 ga. joining bands; 10 36 in., 14 ga. culverts, 40 ft. long; 10 36 in., 14 ga. joining bands. Culverts to be in two sections, to meet Highway specifications as to finish, strength and workmanship, F. O. B., Stinnett, Texas. The court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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For the patronage you have given us during the past year we thank you heartily and appreciate the friendliness and cordiality of the business relations that have existed between us during the past twelve months, and we are confident that we shall continue to deal with each other on the same friendly basis during the ensuing year.

The year 1927 has dealt kindly with all of us. Life has been extremely pleasant in our fine little city, and we trust that 1928 will bring us even more joy, greater prosperity, and a more profound realization of the happiness that life on the North Plains has to offer.

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