

# THE SPEARMAN REPORTER

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TWENTIETH YEAR

## The New Ford Car is Here ---Attracting Much Attention

considerable stir was created in Spearman early Wednesday morning, when the news was noised about that Mr. Morton and Leo Dacas had returned from Oklahoma City driving a "Ford." Soon a steady stream of visitors were filling in and out of the big Ford plant and this kept up all day. The Ford force were busy putting things in readiness for demonstrations and full explanations. So much has been said and written about this wonderful new automobile is anxious to see the new one. No one was disappointed, and an actual investigation. Ford seems to be up to the demands which have been put on time to time for the past few weeks. The car which was exhibited here yesterday will be taken to Perryton today; to Tyrone Friday and to Hooker on Saturday for exhibition purposes. After a little three-day trip it will return to Spearman to remain permanently, being the property of Mr. Morton. The local Ford dealer was very fortunate in securing this car, as it is the first one to be brought into this section. It is a policy of the Ford Motor Company to send a demonstration car to all dealers at the same time, but they seem to be rather scarce here. Mr. Morton is taking his car to neighboring dealers for a short demonstration. Mr. Morton and Mr. Dacas drove the new car from Oklahoma City, a distance of 294 miles, seven hours and fifteen minutes, making the last lap of the journey, from a Canadian to Spearman in one hour and fifteen minutes. The new car was driven about a quarter of a mile and many of our men had an opportunity to try it in real performance. Those who tried it, were particularly impressed with the speed, pick-up and handling of the new car and the fact that they are equipped with four wheel brakes, shock absorbers and standard gear-shift mechanism of the type used in cars much higher price class. The new Ford is the talk of the town today, and on all sides is heard with surprise at the striking appearance of this new model. The low, rakish lines, the bright new colors and the luxurious equipment of these new automobiles, made a marked impression upon the minds of visitors to the Ford show at yesterday.

Ford factories at Detroit and plants in other sections of the country are now preparing for early production and it is expected all dealers will be able to meet demands in full within the next few weeks. The design of the new line is so different from that of the Model T that the Detroit factory branch plants have had to undergo a complete equipment change to produce the new cars. It is expected, however, that the next few weeks will see all former Ford production plants broken.

In the meantime Henry Ford has announced that manufacture of replacement parts for Model T Ford will continue to be an important part of the Ford business. It is estimated that there are still more than a million Model T Ford cars in operation and the policy of the Ford Motor Company, it is said, will be to continue supplying parts for these as long as there is any demand for them.

### MISS BETTY JEAN GIVES A CHRISTMAS PARTY

Little Miss Betty Jean Morton entertained a number of her friends at a Christmas party on Tuesday evening, December 20. A pretty lighted Christmas tree gave a most beautiful effect to the room in which the children played many lively games. Refreshments were served soon after everyone was surprised to see Santa Claus come in the door. He gave each child several nuts and a sack of candy, nuts, etc., and promised to return with more Christmas day. Those present were: Craig and Anna Carol Davidson, Francis and Vera Belle Hoskins, Jr. and Doris Jean Russell, Lee Chamberlain, Martha Delon, Patsy Ann Merilyn Snider, R. McClellan Jr., Perrin Lyon, Jr., Anita Beck, Howard Perry, Bobby Norton, Ella Jane McMurphy, Don Williams, Jr.

### C. OF C. DIRECTORS IN INTERESTING MEETING

The directors of the Spearman Chamber of Commerce held an interesting session at their regular weekly meeting on Wednesday morning. The chamber of commerce has a fine program outlined for 1928, and already work has begun on many matters important to the welfare of Spearman and the Spearman country. Just now road signs is one matter that is receiving much attention, and "publicity" will receive its proper share of attention during 1928. The chamber of commerce is working all the time. The directors do not use a megaphone or brass band, but they are on the job, just the same.

### LYNX BASKETEERS TIE INTO FAST STRATFORD TEAM

Lovers of basketball certainly had a treat on Saturday night of last week, when the fast boy's team of Stratford and the girl's team from that school came to Spearman for games with the Lynx. The girl's game resulted in a decided victory for the Lynx and the boy's game was just as emphatically and a little more so, lost by our boys. The Stratford teams are composed of mighty fine boys and girls and their visit to Spearman was enjoyed by both players and fans. It is hoped that after the home team has a little more practice and training they may be allowed to play this good team again.

### MR. AND MRS. MEEK HERE FIRST OF WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. E. Meek were in Spearman and vicinity the first of the week, enroute from their old home in Farmington, Iowa, to Arizona, where they will visit a while with their son, Morris Meek. Their many friends here were glad to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Meek are recovering nicely from injuries received in a recent automobile accident near Moberly, Missouri. Mr. Meek suffered a broken collar bone and Mrs. Meek received very painful injuries in the accident, but both are getting along fine now. The top and windshield of the car which they were driving were wrecked.

### LUMBER YARDS WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY

The undersigned lumber and building material dealers of Spearman will remain closed all day Monday, December 26. It is mutually agreed among the dealers to close the yards at the usual hour on Saturday night and remain closed until Tuesday morning, December 27.

Panhandle Lumber Company, White House Lumber Company, Pickering Lumber Company, Tulsa Rig, Reel and Mfg. Co.

### BANKS WILL CLOSE MONDAY

The Spearman banks will not open Monday, December 26. Christmas falls on Sunday this year, so the banks here and throughout the country will remain closed on the following day.

### A SAD DEATH MESSAGE

Mrs. B. G. Yarborough received word by telegraph on Saturday of last week of the death of Mrs. A. B. C. Kiddle, at their home in Long Beach, California. Mrs. Kiddle was ill only a short time and her death came as a great shock to Mrs. Yarborough and other relatives here. Mrs. Yarborough was unable to attend the funeral, which was held Monday, December 19, at 3:00 o'clock.

### BACK FROM THE WELLS

Wright Hale, popular member of the senior class, Spearman high school and a star on the Lynx football squad, returned Saturday afternoon from Mineral Wells, where he spent the past two weeks, taking treatment for rheumatism. Wright will be ready for the second semester of Spearman HI, as his rheumatic trouble has almost completely disappeared.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hays and little daughter Floydene, were Amarillo visitors the first of the week.

### BUILDING SEPTIC TANK FOR SPEARMAN SEWER SYSTEM

Henry Benton, who is superintending the work of constructing the huge tank for the Spearman sewer system, states that the work is progressing as well as could be expected during such cold weather. He states also that digging the big pits is real work, now that they have gotten down to where the work is mostly in rock. Mr. Benton has been on this job for about two weeks, with a crew of men and teams. He is doing the work for E. F. Hillmer, who has the contract from the Northwest Construction Company, to put in the septic tank. The disposal plant is located about one and one-half miles northwest of town, on the R. P. Kern land. The Northwestern Construction Company has the contract for putting in the entire system, and we understand they will arrive in Spearman at an early date to begin actual construction.

### TWENTIETH CENTURY STUDY CLUB MET

The Twentieth Century Club met in regular session Saturday, December 10, at the home of Mrs. Fred Hoskins with eight members present. A very interesting program, led by Mrs. Buchanan, was rendered. Choice of Literature for Children—Mrs. Buchanan. Selecting Children's Literature—Mrs. Russell. Rhymes by Robert Louis Stevenson—Mrs. Hoskins. A Neglected Duty—Mrs. Lyon. The Home Library—Mrs. Morton. The Value of Music—Mrs. Campfield. The Effect of Literature—Mrs. Kelly. A short business session followed and the meeting adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 27, with Mrs. Campfield as leader, at the home of Mrs. Lyon.

### THOUGHT BABY SLEEPING; FOUND THAT IT WAS DEAD

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kanootsen, who live sixteen miles southwest of Spearman, received a terrible shock on Tuesday morning, December 20, when they learned that their four months old baby girl was dead. Mr. and Mrs. Kanootsen arose on Tuesday morning at the usual hour and left the baby sleeping in its bed. Mr. Kanootsen came to Spearman in his truck on business. At about 9:00 o'clock the mother, thinking the baby had slept long enough, went to its bed to awaken it, and found that instead of sleeping, the little one was dead. Neighbors were notified and a doctor summoned at once but the dear little baby was taking its last, long sleep, and now awaits the coming of mama and papa to a better land. It was a terrible shock to the distracted parents, who have the sincere sympathy of everyone, and especially those who are blessed with children. The remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at Lieb on Wednesday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. Acute indigestion and heart trouble are given as the cause of the death of the little one.

### OLD FIDDLER'S CONTEST WAS A KNOCKOUT

The Lyric Theatre staged something a little out of the ordinary on Saturday night of last week. It was an Old Fiddler's Contest. Prizes were offered for the best fiddling, and the audience was judge. Milo Blodgett, J. D. Graham and Auburn Sparks entered the contest and when the smoke cleared away, the audience decided that Mr. Blodgett was entitled to the \$10 cash prize. Mr. Blodgett is a fiddler from who-laid-the-chunk and we can't see why he doesn't enter some of the big statewide fiddler's contests.

### "THE BIG PARADE" TO BE SHOWN HERE SOON

"The Big Parade," which comes to the Rex Theatre on January 2, 3, and 4, is unquestionably the greatest New York has ever known in the realm of big pictures. Speculators fought with the public to get blocks of seats at the box office, and this is the only picture for which tickets are in as big demand at the New York ticket agencies as they customarily are for the most successful flesh-and-blood dramas. The production is in its second year at the Astor Theatre, New York, and is now also on view in the principal capitals of the world. The presentation here will be an exact duplicate in picture of the one in New York.

### ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL SATURDAY SALES DAY

Saturday was another big day in Spearman, despite the bitter cold weather. Many farmers with their families came to town to do Christmas shopping and to take advantage of the great bargains offered by Spearman merchants. The Free Auction Sale conducted by Col. Oliver C. Roney, attracted much attention and everything brought in sold at a satisfactory price. Several merchants have mentioned the fact to the Reporter that they believe the sales days should be held on Monday instead of Saturday. That is a matter to be decided after the first of the year, and in time for the January sale. A meeting will be held and the matter discussed thoroughly, then a day will be set that will be satisfactory to all.

### MANLOVE HAS MANY FACES

Robert Halwood Manlove's career has been as varied as his program is versatile. He has been known in half a dozen companies or more, today he is a "whole show" in himself. "I'm just plain Manlove," he says. But he is not plain. He is extraordinary. There is no other such comedian. It is a clean program that he gives and yet a "full up" one. He has demonstrated time and time again that the cleverest comedy work can be done without a suggestion that would offend. It is the class of work he is doing—has always done. In his character delineation, Manlove is an Irishman, Swede, Jew, Dutchman, Frenchman, Italian, rube, old man, manic, grouch, silly kid, tramp, dude and what not. He laughs and cries and as he laughs you laugh, and as he cries you cry. The Boston Globe said: "It was a snappy entertainment enjoyed by all." The Nashville (Tenn.) Democrat said: "In mimicry he excels, in tragedy he is good, and in the humorous he is superb. He is an entertainer of rare ability." The Register of Carthage, Tex., said: "Manlove's introduction of himself was one of the cleverest things we have ever seen. Carthage wants him again!" The Rising Star of Louisiana said: "Manlove is a wonder." At High School Auditorium, Tuesday night, December 27, auspices Spearman P. T. A.

### CHRISTMAS TREE AND PROGRAM AT HOLT

A short program will be given at the Holt school house on Friday evening, December 23, here also will be a Christmas tree, and everyone is invited to bring presents and place on the tree.

Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Daily Sundayed at the homes of their parents in Guyton.

### J. A. WHITTENBERG SUED FOR \$1,000,000 BY ELECTRA WIDOW

One of Texas richest citizens, the Panhandle's oil king, was the defendant yesterday in what is believed to be the biggest breach of promise suit ever filed in the state. J. A. Whittenberg, 72-year-old rancher and multi-millionaire oil property owner of Plover, Hutchinson county, was sued for \$1,000,000 by Mrs. Dohla Vandever of Electra, Wichita county, in the Eighty-fourth district court at Sennett at 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Payne and Hart of Amarillo are attorneys for Mrs. Vandever, who is said to be a charming widow of about 50 with five children. The case will come up in the January term. Mrs. Vandever, according to her petition was employed as a cook in the Whittenberg hotel at Plover when the romance began in August 1926. All plans had been made and the widow had returned to Electra for final preparations for marriage, when upon her return, she charges, another woman had alienated the aged oil man's affections. Mr. Whittenberg is one of the owners of the famous Whittenberg ranch in the south Hutchinson county oil field. He is reputed to be worth \$15,000,000.—Amarillo News, December 18.

### SHOULD HAVE LIGHTS TESTED AT ONCE

Registration of automobiles by Tax Collector Alvino Richardson will begin on January 1. Remember that to have your car registered you must have a certificate showing that the lights have been tested. You do not have to wait until the last minute to have this little job of light-testing attended to. Drive the family bus around to the Lee Chamberlain Sales Company, next door to the Beck Motor Company, where you will find two mechanics ready and anxious to test your lights at 25 cents per test. If you wait too long the boys may not have time to attend to this job for you. After the first of January, business will pick up at a rapid rate in the tax paying, auto registering and light testing lines.

### ON A CASH BASIS AFTER JANUARY 1

To our Customers and Friends: We will make a change in our business methods on January 1, 1928. On and after this date we shall sell for cash only. We, positively, will have no charge accounts. Our prices will be the merits of our business. We shall strive to make our prices such that they will merit a continuance of your patronage and good will.

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### LET CONTRACT FOR SCHOOL BUILDING AT KIMBALL

P. M. Chesser, W. S. Thomas and A. H. Frazier, trustees of common school district No. 2, Hansford county, were in Spearman on Saturday of last week for the purpose of letting the contract for the construction of a brick school building for their district. The contract was let to C. R. Oldham, who will begin construction of the building about January 2. The building is to be 30x60 feet, built of face brick and finished in a modern way. There will be two large class rooms, two library rooms and two cloak rooms, entrance hall, porches, etc. When completed it will be one of the most modern and conveniently arranged rural schools on the north plains.

When picking your friends be careful not to pick them too much.



## CHRISTMAS

Comes Christmas Day. What it means to you depends upon your capacity for knowing just as your appreciation of everything else depends upon your capacities. In the man who can not read, capacity is limited by so much. If he learns to read but cannot read music, his capacity still is limited. As he goes on learning, his capacity of knowing is being increased and thereby his field of enjoyment is enlarged. Ignorance is not bliss, as it sometimes is misquoted as being. Greater happiness comes to those whose faculties have been prepared to appreciate at their proper values all things in life. So what Christmas Day means to all of us depends upon our capacity for knowing. There is a Christmas tree in your home. Around it are those passing through some of the happiest moments they ever will know. Do you not envy the experience of the youngest of the group seeing that tree for the first time? To that little one the tree is an amazing sight. As the years pass it will become less and less amazing but it never will lose its power to give enjoyment. Then all of a sudden, it will become amazing again when the child of today has become a parent. You, who were children yesterday, are children

again today, so know the feelings of all those gathered around the tree, from the tiniest to the largest, for you have known the experiences of all of them. And how merry you are this morning! You know how to make all of the toys run better than any of them—how infinite your capacity for knowing! You do not reflect upon it but it exerts its magical influence. You know there is a Santa Claus—some of the children may look at you knowingly—but, in your heart you know something they must yet learn. They have been infected by a taint of skepticism that once affected you, but you know, ah, you know. You know there is something mysterious and unseen that is more real than the perceptible—something superior to practical genuineness. You cannot give it words nor define it any more than you can the colors that you are conscious of after you look at a bright light and then close your eyelids. They are beautiful colors but they have no actual existence. Yet you see them. For colors the Christmas tree is just as amazing as that, but the children do not see them, because they do not have the same capacity of vision that you possess. Merry Christmas, visionaries all.

## A Good Report

From the summary of the last year's work of Sam W. Martin, as county agent of Hansford county: "The year's work may be said to consist of five successful major projects and one major project that failed to bring the desired result because of crop failure. The statistical report shows a profit of \$47,216.50 on livestock and poultry. Wheat failed to materialize the profit expected because of the drought, but will yield a profit next harvest. The dairy cows will continue to render a profit for a number of years, with proper care, and the bulls will do an untold amount of good work towards im-

proving the dairy cows of this county. "The club work required a large amount of time, but if the results may be measured by the number of boys and girls who went to the Short Course at the A. & M. College, this summer, and the number of completed record books, the work has been very successful in this county. "Since Hansford county can boast of the first car of capons to be shipped from Texas, a good club year, a large increase in dairying, a large increase in sheep, all of which are due to the efforts of the Extension Service, it can rightfully be called a good year's work."



# Merry Merry Christmas



NOW is the time when every face is wreathed in smiles, when all kind folk are exchanging greetings of the season and wishing us good cheer. The

merchants represented here greet their fellow-men, wishing all of you the good things in life: health, prosperity, and happiness for you and yours.

May this Christmas season be the happiest in all of your experience is our wish to our customers and friends here in Spearman and the entire Spearman country.

May your family circles be complete, with the traditional yule log throwing light and cheerfulness into your lives. May the teachings of the Prince of Peace, whose nativity we observe, find a place in your hearts and the hearts of mankind everywhere.

For the support, co-operation and patronage you have given us during the year 1927 and especially during this holiday season, we extend our sincere thanks. Your kindness and indulgence during the pressure of the Pre-Christmas rush has been greatly appreciated, and we trust that our efforts to serve you during this time have met with your satisfaction.

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## A Pioneer's Prosperity

By J. R. Masterson

The county agent of a western Texas county was enjoying a supper at the home of A. J. McGee, a pioneer farmer who moved into this arid section in an oxen-drawn wagon in 1869, but who has grown independent on the farm since then. He wrote down some of the wisdom he drew from the pioneer's lips, and here it is:

"When I first moved west buffalo and wild turkey were plentiful and other provisions for meat were not considered during the first two years. But the third winter, when a severe blizzard came cutting from the north and the native animals, upon which we had depended, traveled south to the hills, Alice and I didn't fare very well through the winter months. The following spring we had a severe drought. Alice and I were almost persuaded to wagon it back to Mississippi friends. But we didn't. This restless season followed by a lean year convinced me that our first undertaking should be to supply the table with products grown on the farm and to store away enough to carry us through the hard years. The

next spring I grew a garden, purchased a start of hogs, secured a milk cow and planted an orchard on the place.

"That was our first step toward prosperity. After that the money crops didn't go for cats and the profits were banked for investments.

"As my little farm interests grew I made numerous mistakes but it was the failures that steadied me again like steps of stupidity. The year that I failed to make a crop, if there was anyone in the country who made a greater success I adopted his plan. In every community some farmer seems to have the foresight or luck to hit upon a more workable plan than the usual practices. He's the man in our neighborhood whose methods I've watched and profited from.

"For example, it used to be the custom for the stockmen out here to lease the farmers' field, after crops were harvested, for winter grazing ground. During wet weather the cattle packed the soil and next spring's plowing didn't pulverize the dirt very well. When dry weather came there was no much to conserve the moisture and our crops suffered

severely during the dry months. One fall I noted that a neighbor who had not stocked his ground through the winter season harvested a bumper crop of corn when the rest of us were gathering nubbins. Since then I have never rented my field to the cattle-men.

"Once after harvest time, having a little surplus cash on hand, I invested \$100 with a fake stock company and lost it all. But I profited from that experience by observing the kinds of investments that were made by those who rarely lost. I noted that my banker preferred a mortgage on livestock or a lien on land when he made a loan, and he was a man who had accumulated. And since then I have often gone to my banker for counsel when I was contemplating an investment.

"I shy from stock companies that are organized in some other town, patent promoters that guarantee a large profit to the investor and land salesmen who paint glowing pictures of the paradise that is somewhere else. When I have surplus cash on hand and am seeking an investment I hunt those properties whose values do not rock too zigzaggedly up and down but have a fairly stabilized market rating, as first lien notes or cattle or land and the sort of properties that I know something about.

"As my interests began to reach out I made a study of market activities. I learned that it is a bad business, most of the time, to buy when the market is booming. Instead I more often invest in the thing that nobody else wants. When there is a big demand for a particular grade of cattle I hold my money in the bank and wait until the bottom drops out before investing. In 1908 I bought some calves at the price of the herd's hide. I was forced to hold them two years but I then sold out at a gain of 300 per cent.

"Following many years of experience I have formulated a program of farming and I do not vary from it materially. I diversify annually and limit the acreage of a single money crop even if the price of a product is up and soaring at planting time. This safe program eliminates the chance element and the possibility of a large loss from the sudden drop in price of a commodity.

"In short I attribute Alice's and my small degree of success to these factors: We always supply the table with the home-grown products and are always prepared for the lean years that slip upon us. I am continuously looking for new ideas and adopting the methods practiced by those who make a greater success. I invest conservatively—when the

market is declining or inactive and in property that I know something about.—Farm & Fireside.

### OPPORTUNITIES TODAY

To realize true success in life one must understand the world in which one lives. And this is a changing world—vastly different from the world of forty, twenty, or even ten years ago.

The machine has not only changed production methods but has revolutionized the entire social and economic structure of the system in which we live. It has centralized business into gigantic trusts and corporations, and has driven out of existence thousands of little one man businesses. It has created enormous institutions such as the steel corporation, General Motors, and the various great public utility systems.

In the city in particular we find this tendency toward industrial and business centralization most marked, for it is there that great industries naturally develop.

"What does this all mean to me?" you ask. The answer is simple.

Your grandfather might have gone to the city with small capital, have opened his own business, and have grown in business stature as the city increased in population. But you cannot go into the city and compete against the great industries that dominate its business life without big capital backing. Your opportunities as an entrepreneur or enterpriser in the city are not nearly so great as were those that faced your grandfather.

Your chances of getting a good job, of course, may be somewhat better than were his. But unless you are a person of unusual ability, that good job may not be satisfactory. It may always keep you in a subordinate position. You may earn a great deal of money but you are not likely to secure independence in your work.

Business centralization is going on everywhere today to be sure, but we believe that it is not so marked in a small town like Spearman as in a great metropolitan center. Most business in Spearman is still conducted on a small scale, and you, therefore, have an opportunity to start an enterprise of your own with comparatively small capital.

In the light of these facts we believe we can safely say that the small city offers the greatest opportunities to the average young man. It may be more difficult here to secure a high salaried job, but it is easier to own your own business and be independent of the supervision of others in your daily work.

Chicago police are again busily engaged in the task of driving gangsters out of the city. If they succeed Chicago may lose its position as the second city in the country.

When picking your friends be careful not to pick them too much.

### YOUR MOST VALUABLE ASSET

"To what do you attribute your success," we ask one of the business men the other day. His answer came back promptly: "I always make an effort to discount all of my bills. I am especially careful not to overlook small accounts that have a tendency to grow when neglected."

All successful men will tell much the same story. Credit is every man's most priceless asset. You never know when you may need financial backing, when your good credit will give you an opportunity to make big money.

The man who is commonly said to be "good pay" can usually secure financial support from others when needed. The man who is referred to as "slow" or "no good" can rarely get financial backing regardless of his ability as an entertainer or reputation as a "good fellow."

We are about to begin a new year, now. Our suggestion is that you start it off right by cleaning up all outstanding debts, large and small—that you either acquire or maintain the reputation of being a good credit risk.

Sometimes the editor wishes that he were editing the Evening Record at the North Pole, for the night up there lasts six months.

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.

### DIDN'T QUITE MAKE IT

There was once a cashier who wanted to get into the four hundred. Now his number is 395.



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.

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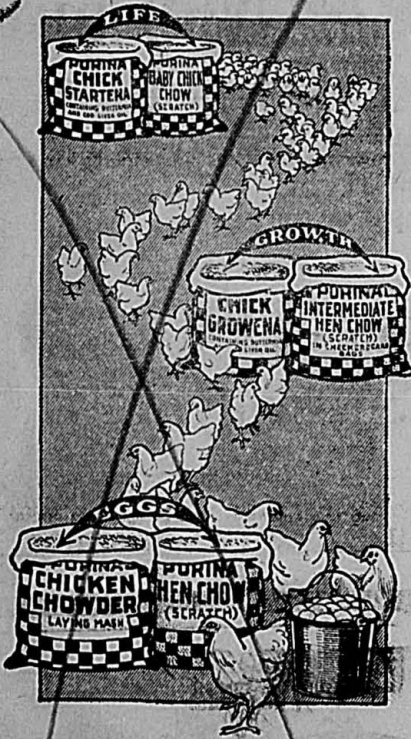
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- ✓ Lighting
- ✓ Ignition
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Look for our red "O. K."  
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**The SPEARMAN REPORTER**

BY  
**ORAN KELLY**

**\$2.00 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE**

Entered as second class matter November 21, 1919, at the post office at Spearman, Texas, under the act of March 9, 1879.

**ADVERTISING RATES:** — Flat rate for plates, 35 cents per inch. If composition is required, 5 cents per inch additional.

Reading notices, 10 cents per line. Recognized agent's commission, 15 per cent; cash discount, 2 per cent.

**THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN OUR COMMUNITY**

The spirit of Christmas is more than a spirit of giving. It is more than a mere exchange of material things. It is a matter of spiritual values, a sort of glorified combination of the realization that "the gift without the giver is bare," the resolution to "do unto others as you would have others do unto you" and the desire for "peace on earth, good will to men." Especially should this be true of the Christmas spirit in our community.

When we have planned for the gifts that we are to give the members of our families and our friends, we must not forget that there is another which should receive a gift from us. It is our community. Our gift to our community should be one of good citizenship, by having an active interest in affairs of government, by aiding the board of education and the teachers in maintaining the highest standards of education in our schools, by actively supporting our churches, by centering all of our trading activities here, by taking pride in the appearance of our homes, our yards, our streets and our parks, by being an active proponent, and not an obstructionist, of any movement which will make our town a better place in which to live—in short, by building up our community in every possible way. For the one best gift to our community is cooperation.

And when we have given this to our community, let us not forget the gift as soon as the holiday season is

over. Instead let us carry over the Christmas spirit into every day of the year so that each succeeding Christmas will be a happier one for all of us because each of us has done his share in giving our community all the good things of life.

**MERCY SHOULD BE SEASON JUSTICE**

The photographer is always ready with a snappy comeback. The other day a middle aged woman was in his studio expressing her dislike for a photograph he had recently made for her daughter.

"I don't think that you have done my daughter justice," was her contention.

"It isn't justice your daughter needs," came the reply, "it's mercy."

**EMERGENCY BLOTTERS**

Plain white blotters are much better than a cloth for taking up spilled liquids of any kind. They quickly and thoroughly absorb the liquid and prevent its spreading while a cloth makes the spot larger. Keep a pack of these blotters on hand to save laundry and cleaning.

**THE MODERN GIRL**

Classified ad we noticed in an exchange recently.

"WANTED employment. Young girl with refs. to hell with housework."

**PROPHETIC**

"If carefully dressed it is hard to tell an old hen from a young chicken."

From an old cook book.

Guest: "I wish I had come to this place last season."

Proprietor: "Ah, I take it that you are enjoying our hospitality."

Guest: "Well, I think this fish would have tasted much better then."

Miss Mary McMurry returned Tuesday from Gainsville, where she is attending high school, to spend the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. McMurry.

**FIRST NATIONAL BUILDING IS NEARING COMPLETION**

The First National bank building is nearing completion and Cashier Gibber informs us that the plan is now to open for business in the new home on Tuesday morning, December 27. The painters and electricians are now busy with their part of the building program, and everyone is doing his best to complete the work on schedule time.

Contractor Rodman is getting along fine with the big Russell building and Mr. Russell hopes to be in his new place of business about the first of February.

**TO SHOOTING MATCH AT GUYMON**

Fred W. Brandt, Paul Higgs and Claude Ellis are in Guymon today, participating in a shooting match. The Guymon Gun Club members are said to be some opions after the clay pigeons, but if they are not very careful these three delegates from Spearman will come home with a goodly number of the trophies.

**LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS**

Spearman, Texas, December 20, 1927.

**DEAR SANTA CLAUS:**  
I want a pair of roller skates, a b. b. gun, erector toys, steamboat, drum, tool chest, two pair of socks, watch, bible, football, marbles, knife and some candy and nuts.

**ORAN ROSS KELLY.**

Spearman, Texas, December 20, 1927.

**DEAR SANTA CLAUS:**  
I want a doll and a bed, some dishes, table and chairs, story book, electric iron and a sewing set. I have been a good girl.

**RUBY RUTH.**

P. S.—Please bring Howard Dean some rides.

Spearman, Texas, December 20, 1927.

**DEAR SANTA CLAUS:**  
I want a doll, some dishes and a doll bed, an iron and some story books. I have been the goodest girl in town.

**COLLEEN.**

P. S.—Bring my little brother a red chair.

America's greatest lover as a doughboy. "The Big Parade" at the Rex January 2, 3, and 4.

J. R. Collard arrived home from Mineral Wells and Amarillo last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard McLain will spend the week-end in Amarillo with friends.

Prof. and Mrs. A. H. Wilcox and the children will leave today for Hollis, Oklahoma, where they will visit a few days with relatives and friends.

Miss Marjorie McCloy arrived from Stirling, Kansas, where she is a student in Sterling College, and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. McCloy, of the Lieb community.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank our kind friends for the many kindnesses shown us during the sickness and death of our baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Daniels.

**THE MAN OF MANY FACES**



Robert Halwood Mamlove, the versatile character portrayalist, is to appear on our entertainment course this winter. In his character delineations, he becomes in turn an Irishman, Swede, Jew, Dutchman, Frenchman, Italian, a rube, an old man, a grouch, a silly kid, a tramp, a dude and many other characters. He laughs and cries and his audience joins him in both. Mamlove has a full evening program of the snappiest, cleverest and most entertaining comedy you ever saw.

**REPORT A NICE BUSINESS**

McLain and McLain, real estate dealers of this city, report a very satisfactory business during the past week or so. They have sold two and one-half sections of fine Hansford county land to men who intend to improve it. They have also had a nice business in other lines. Despite the fact that we are having a dry winter, and that prospects are not as bright as they have been in the years gone by, the demand for Hansford county farm land is great, and Spearman realty dealers are usually on the jump.

**A. E. POWERS IN ILL HEALTH**

His many friends throughout this section will be glad to know that the condition of A. E. Powers, who has been confined to his home by illness for the past two weeks, is slightly improved this morning. If the weather will permit, Mr. Powers will be taken to the hospital at Shattuck today for treatment.

Mrs. Alexander and little daughters Mary Lee and Beverly Ruth, came from their home at White Deer Wednesday night to spend the holi-

days with their Daddy, W. L. Alexander, who has charge of the Miller Drug Store.

**MOVED THE SIGNBOARDS OFF THE HIGHWAYS**

Acting under instructions from the highway department, I recently moved the signboards off of Highway 88 in Hansford county. I used particular care in moving these signs,

damaging them just as little as possible, and have left them at Clyde Gaither's in Spearman. Anyone wishing to get their sign, will find it at this place.

R. L. KEITH.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Fuller came from Amarillo Monday to spend the holidays at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Fuller of the Black community.

**This Joyful Season**

To our great host of friends here in Spearman and the Spearman country we extend our wishes for a Merry Christmas.

This is the time of year when we all give our idealism full reign. In seeking to bring joy to others we also find happiness for ourselves.

So we are wishing you what we know will be yours, a Merry and Joyful Christmas and happy holiday season.

**First National Bank**  
Spearman, Texas

**McLain & McLain**

**REAL ESTATE INSURANCE ABSTRACTS**

**Hansford County Farm Lands A Specialty**

**We Wish You A Merry Christmas**

**HOOD For Miles**

Give a Tire or a Tube for Christmas.

Quality and Price is Right

**WE WISH YOU A MERRY, MERRY CHRISTMAS**



**Jackson Tire Shop**

Elevator Row Spearman

**Furs! Furs!**

We have a good market for FURS and handle them on a very small profit. We believe we can pay you more than you can get by shipping your furs, as the large number we handle enable us to get better prices than you could get.

The more we can buy, the higher we can sell and pay.

**BRING 'EM IN**

If you must ship, let us bid on them. Then when you get your returns, you will understand how we buy so many furs.

**Snider Produce**

Cream, Eggs, Poultry, Hides and Furs

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SPEARMAN, TEXAS

**Ring Out Ye Bells!**

Christmas, 1927, finds us speeding down the course of time—toward a goal of Love—of Service—of Good Will.

Christmas, 1927, finds this institution sweeping along on a career of business success because it has kept the goal of Service and Good Will ever in front of it.

And to you, whom we number as friends and patrons, we sincerely extend our greetings of the season.

**Spearman Equity Exchange**

**GROCERIES FEED COAL WORK CLOTHING**

On Elevator Row . . . . . Spearman



**A New Coat with an Uneven Hemline**



No. 4133  
50 cents

This coat shows two smart new features, the uneven hemline and the flare front.

**PICTORIAL PRINTED PATTERNS**

Pictorial Magazine, Patterns, Style Books, etc.

**THOMASON BROTHERS**



This woolen frock features a plain and plaid material smartly combined.

**PICTORIAL PRINTED PATTERNS**

**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 18th 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.

**BUT HOW DISAPPOINTING**

A speeding tourist, it is reported, crashed through a billboard on the highway leading into one of our neighboring cities. It is alleged that he wanted to get a view of the scenery.

Fishermen and shepherds are not the only people we know who get their livings by hook and crook.

**A BARGAIN NEVERTHELESS**

"How much did you give for that horse?"  
"I gave my note."  
"Well the horse ain't no good, but you certainly got him cheap."

A Doctor was examining an applicant for life insurance recently. Just prior to making the examination, he asked the usual series of questions.

"Color of hair?"  
"Brown."  
"Any distinctive marks?"  
"None."  
"Ever have any serious accident?"  
"No accidents, a bull threw me over a fence, once."  
"But don't you call that an accident?"  
"No sir, he did it on purpose."

**Richard Dix**

IN THE

**"Quarter Back"**

Rough him! Cuff him! Twist his neck!—An he's back for more with a smile, by heck!

See Dix come through on the grid-iron—and in the game of love! Action-plot until the last white chalk mark is past!

A ticket for "The Quarterback" is a seat on the side-lines at the most thrilling football game you've ever seen. Dix roughed 'em up at school and proves it on the screen.

And Ladies—help worshippers, all of you—what could be more thrilling than this one!

Dix in the role of a popular football idol. On the eve of the "big game" he is accused of professionalism and—!!

"The Quarterback" is your signal for a good time.

LYRIC THEATRE  
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY  
DECEMBER 22 AND 23



**Merry Christmas**

Here's our best wishes for your happiness on the greatest day in the year.

And if you need a few more items to grace the Christmas dinner table, just call on us. We're ready to serve you at this extremely busy season.

**WE WILL BUY YOUR EGGS**

**BURRAN BROTHERS**

GROCERIES

Phone 71

Main St.—Spearman

We trust that this Will prove to be

**Happiest Christmas**

In Your Entire Experience

We appreciate your patronage and consideration during the busy holiday season that is now drawing to a close.

If you have overlooked anyone, come in and let us help you make a nice, sensible selection, even at this late date.

**W. L. Russell**

Dry Goods, Groceries  
Fruits, Nuts and Candies

Phone 78  
Spearman

Ike Vernon "shine" at the Floyd Hays barber shop, chucked up the fire without being told to do so one day recently.

Wesley Maupin and Frank Shapley were in from Grand Plains Wednesday, attending to business matters.

Mrs. C. V. Main and daughter Miss Grace were listed with the sick the first of the week but both are improving nicely at this time.

"The Big Parade," the epic of the world war, showing at the Rex Theatre, Spearman, January 2, 3 and 4. Don't miss it.

Sheriff and Mrs. Alvino Richardson and Mrs. Fannie Richardson visited with friends and attended to business matters in Amarillo the first of the week.

Mrs. John D. Duncan returned Monday from Columbia, Missouri, where she spent the past several weeks a guest in the home of her mother.

Mrs. D. B. Kizzar and daughter Miss Lois, left Sunday for Wichita Falls, Dallas and other points to spend the holiday season with relatives and friends.

Ferrell and Ruth Lee, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Coley Lee of the Holt community, underwent operations for tonsils and adenoids Wednesday afternoon, at the offices of Drs. Gower and Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Leitner and the children will drive down to Durham, Oklahoma, Sunday to eat Christmas dinner at the home of her parents, and to visit for a while with other relatives and friends.

Elmo Maize is home for the holidays, from Texas Tech, at Lubbock.

Weather permitting, W. H. Neilson and family will leave Monday morning for Waco, on a visit to relatives.

Mrs. Doyle F. Fair and Miss Marguerite DeWitt arrived from Altus, Oklahoma, Monday to spend the holiday season at the home of Mrs. Fair's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Jordan. Leonard Jordan is also home for the holidays.

Mrs. B. G. Yarborough is enjoying a visit from her daughter, Miss Ruth Riddle of Dallas, who arrived on Monday morning for a several days' stay in Spearman. Miss Riddle was accompanied from Dallas by Jim Sammon, and this is their first visit to the north plains country.

Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Richards and daughters Jimmy B. and Max, left Tuesday morning for Houston and other points south, to spend the holiday season with relatives and friends. Miss Myrtle Balentine accompanied them as far as Fort Worth, where she will visit with relatives.

Mrs. J. E. Gower returned to the hospital at Shattuck on Monday of this week for further diagnosis and treatment at the hospital there. Mrs. Gower has been ill for several months and her many friends here sincerely hope that she will return from the hospital greatly improved. A letter from the hospital attendants received this Thursday morning, states that Mrs. Gower's condition is greatly improved.

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A periodic analysis keeps one informed when business or market conditions make investment changes advisable.

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- Beautiful new low body lines
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**Arrange for Demonstration**

**R. W. Morton**

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SPEARMAN



WE HOPE YOU FIND THIS A

# Bountiful Christmas

That you may be kept busy throughout the day receiving the wishes and Christmas tokens from a host of dear friends.

That this holiday week proves to be glorious conclusion to the most happy and prosperous year in your entire experience.

These are our holiday wishes to you, friends and customers here in Spearman and vicinity.

We thank you for your patronage during this Holiday season and express appreciation for the friendship that has existed between us during the past.

**BECK MOTOR COMPANY**  
N. L. BECK, Manager



## The Christmas Store

Just such remembrances as you would appreciate await your selection at this store. Every accessory that adds to comfort, style, beauty and long wear can be selected here. Carefully selected gifts for each member of the family. Coats, Dresses, Silk Underwear, Hose, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Hat Boxes, Sweaters and Scarfs. Ladies overshoes with novelty cuff and service heel, formerly \$3.98. Special at ..... \$3.00  
Felt and Satin Slippers ..... 90c to \$1.00  
Men's Ties, both imported and domestic, 90c to \$1.50  
Men's fleeced unions, \$1.25; Part wool unions . \$1.75  
Men's flannel shirts, \$2.95 to close at ..... \$2.00

**Spearman Dry Goods Co.**  
The Store of Better Values  
EAST SIDE MAIN SPEARMAN

## Hansford Abstract Co.

ABSTRACTS LOANS AND INSURANCE

Abstracts of title to any land in Hansford county or to any town in any town in Hansford county, prepared accurately, neatly and promptly.

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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## Merry Christmas

Is much more, Dear Friends,  
Than a stereotyped phrase to us.  
It expresses our Friendship, Respect  
And high regard for you.  
And gratitude, too for  
Your patronage of the past year.

You will find many useful, practical gifts at our store, for late Christmas Shopping.

## Spearman Hardware

Paul Higgs Hardware  
W. W. Wilmeth Implements

### CHAMPION PORK PRODUCER TELLS HOW HE DID IT

Adolph Larson, Washington County, Iowa, champion pork producer, raises his prize pigs at a total cost of about seven cents a pound live weight, according to statements made when he was awarded the \$200 first prize of the Iowa Pork Producers contest sponsored by the extension department of Iowa State College.

In producing 1,930 pounds of pork per sow for each of eight sows in six months time, consisting of 944 pigs per sow, averaging 204.4 pounds each at 180 days, Mr. Larson was declared Iowa's champion pork raiser in 1927, winning over 250 hog men who entered the contest. He used Spotted Poland China hogs.

"I fed just a little linseed meal in ground oat slop," said Mr. Larson, "to have the sows in good condition, and I spent a lot of time at the hog house even before the pigs came. I made a mixture of 40 pounds tankage, 40 pounds alfalfa meal and 20 pounds linseed meal, and I put about 6 quarts of this in 14 quarts of whole oats in a trough morning and night in addition to the slop and 2 ears of corn per sow."

Mr. Larson kept a fairly accurate account of the amount of feed fed from farrowing until the pigs were sold. It reads as follows: corn 1,100 bushels; oats 28 bushels; tankage 1,800 pounds; linseed meal 1,400 pounds; alfalfa meal 800 pounds, 200 pounds of minerals and the run of ten acres of clover pasture.

The cost of corn, Mr. Larson calculates, was \$682; oats \$9.80; tankage \$68; alfalfa meal \$12; minerals \$4.50; pasture \$52; linseed meal \$36.40.

The cost per pound of gain upon this basis for feed alone would be actually 4.9 or approximately 5 cents per pound.

This feed cost represents about 80 percent of the cost of growing these pigs. Including labor cost, etc. the gross production cost is approximately seven cents a pound.

### COMMUNITY BUILDING

Walking down a city thoroughfare some day you see steam shovels at work excavating for the basement of a new skyscraper. Shortly thereafter a high board fence is erected and the work is concealed from your curiosity.

You pass the spot day after day and week after week. You see no progress. You imagine that the work is at a stand-still. But all this time men are busy sinking caissons, supporting walls of adjoining structures, driving piles and running concrete footings.

Then some day the steel work appears above the fence and you are greeted with a view of tremendous activity. Gigantic cranes swing enormous girders and beams into place, while men perched precariously above the passing crowds below catch hot rivets and drive them into place with their noisy riveting hammers. "Amazing progress," you say as the great structure rears its head into the clouds.

How similar is community building. First comes the building of the foundation. It is slow, laborious, thankless work that neither catches the eye nor arouses the imagination of the crowd. Progress seems so slow that one imagines that little is being accomplished, and yet the most important work of the entire enterprise of making the town a better city is under way.

Then after years of work on the foundation the superstructure begins to appear. New business comes to the community. New social and recreational enterprises begin to take tangible form, and we all applaud. "Ah," we say, "at last something is being done," forgetting, of course, that something was being done for several years.

The editor believes that this analogy applies particularly well to us at the present time. We believe that our community leaders are busily engaged these days in laying the foundation for a better and larger community. When their work is completed, and well done, more spectacular things will begin to happen. Then we shall applaud the work of those who are promoting our community interests, forgetting all the while the conscientious and thankless job of the men who built a firm, substantial foundation.

### EVIDENCE STRICKEN FROM RECORDS

Attorney: "Well now you can thank me for proving that you are crazy and giving you your freedom. My fee is \$10,000."

Client: "Yes, but don't think I'm as crazy as you proved me to be."

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### FARMERS CAN INCREASE PROTEIN IN WHEAT

"Climatic and soil conditions have almost everything to do with the protein contents of wheat," says H. M. Bainer, Director of the Southwestern Wheat Improvement Association. Continuing he says, "While the farmer cannot control the climate he can control the soil conditions to a large extent.

"Nitrogen is one of the principle constituents of protein in wheat. And in this connection, it has been found that the protein content of wheat will vary in direct proportion to the amount of available nitrates in the soil. Anything, therefore, that the farmer can do to increase the available soil nitrates will increase the protein in his wheat. There are two practical ways of increasing the soil nitrogen: (1) by growing legumes preceding the wheat, and (2) by early preparation of the seedbed.

"In the Southwest, some of the best legumes to grow in rotation with wheat are alfalfa and sweet clover, however, soybeans, red clover and beans are almost equally good. Legumes like these, if they are inoculated, have the ability of removing free nitrogen from the air and storing it in the soil. Wheat, following a legume crop uses this stored-up nitrogen, with a resulting increase in yield of from 5 to 10 bushels per acre and an increase in protein content of 1 to 3 per cent.

"Early preparation of the seedbed for wheat also has the effect of increasing the soil nitrogen. Besides keeping down the weeds, the early work gives the heat, sunlight and soil moisture a chance to manufacture more plant food which is accumulated in the soil in the form of nitrates, available for wheat later. On the other hand, ground that is prepared late, usually grows a heavy crop of weeds, before it is worked, which uses up the nitrates as rapidly as they are formed and there is no time left to accumulate more nitrates before sowing time. Early preparation has the effect of increasing the yield from 3 to 7 bushels per acre, besides increasing the protein from 1 to 2 percent."

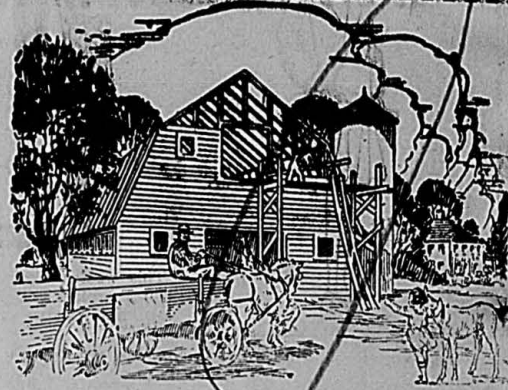
Reporter want-ads bring results. Try one.

### YES, IT'S COMING TO THIS

The mortician, formerly an undertaker, was driving down the street. At the corner he met the criminian, who was through walking his beat and was about to start back to the station. On the way they met a newscian who had been sent out by the managing editor to get a story

from his friend the criminian. They thought it might be best to stop in somewhere where they could talk things over in quiet and so they stopped into a corner drug store where the newscian told the paregorician to set up sodas for the bunch.

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## Building Material

For any improvements you want to make

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

**Tulsa Rig, Reel and Mfg. Co.**

HARRY BOWEN, Local Manager

Phone 89 West Spearman

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FOR

## AMERICA'S FASTEST FOUR

### DODGE BROTHERS ADD NEW EQUIPMENT AT NO INCREASE IN PRICE

Four-wheel brakes of the latest and most efficient Steeldraulic type now insure deceleration equal to the amazing acceleration of America's Fastest Four!

Swift, time-saving travel is now made still safer by increased braking efficiency.

Step on the brake pedal and feel the positive, cushioned braking, absolutely uniform on all four wheels.

At \$875 for the Sedan, f. o. b. Detroit, this famous Four with complete factory equipment, represents the smartest, swiftest, sturdiest, low-cost transportation money can buy.

The car is roomy—yet compact.

Turns in a 38-foot street—parks in 17½ feet of curb space—yet provides ample room and exceptional comfort for five adults.

Spring length 85% of wheelbase—the longest in its price class.

Mile-a-minute performance!

25 miles to the gallon at 25 miles per hour!

A brilliant performer by every standard—a sturdy car from end to end.

A Four of striking beauty—smartly finished—tastefully appointed—luxuriously upholstered—long, low and gracefully designed.

A car you can drive for years because in every detail it is built the good Dodge way—carefully and accurately—of materials that pass Dodge Brothers high and critical standards.

Six months in public service, this Four has already won as proud a name for itself as any product ever built by Dodge Brothers.

After stern trial, it has been accepted as a value—a genuine and trustworthy value. And now with four-wheel brakes at no extra cost, you can buy it knowing that money has no greater buying power in the field of transportation.

**G. P. Gibner and Son**

Phones 1 and 36

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**DODGE BROTHERS, INC.**



## Funeral of Mrs. Polly Record, Moore County Pioneer, Held at Ranch Home

Mrs. Polly Record, 67, pioneer resident of the Panhandle, died in a hospital at Dalhart, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, after an illness of more than four weeks.

Funeral services were held in the family graveyard at the old Record homestead in southeastern Moore county at 3 o'clock, December 18.

Mrs. Record is survived by four sons, Ike, of Texhoma; Joe, Harry and Tom of Moore county; two daughters, Mrs. Lew Hale and Mrs. Archie Stewart of Moore county, and a number of grandchildren.

Mrs. Record came to Texas as a bride, forty-eight years ago from Illinois. After spending several years near Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Record moved to the Panhandle in 1882, filing on land in southeastern Moore county, which is still the property of the family.

Seven children were born to the Records, five boys and two girls. Like their parents, all of the children have been active in the development of the North Plains and are highly respected citizens of that section.

The Record homestead is known to every old timer in the Panhandle. Tears dimmed the eyes of old time Amarillians when they learned of the passing of Mrs. Record, when they thought of the pleasant hours they had spent at the Record home.

The Records were true pioneers. Their faith and love in the Panhandle is portrayed in the fact that they established a family cemetery at the old ranch home, where Mr. Record was buried several years ago and where Mrs. Record's remains were placed.

"The Record home was always open to strangers," said one of Amarillo's most prominent cattlemen yesterday. "As far as I know it was one of the last places where a stranger was always welcome whether the Records were at home or not. They expected visitors to observe the old custom of making themselves at home when they found the family absent and in deed and in truth, they were worthy members of that fast disappearing clan of real West Texans."—Amarillo News.

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS

To our subscribers, our customers, and our many friends here in Spearman and vicinity and elsewhere, we extend the season's greetings. We hope that this Christmas finds you in good health, brings you the delightful company of your family and gives you the happiness that comes with the knowledge that you have helped to make other happy.

Christmas indeed is our greatest as well as our oldest holiday. It is a celebration of the most significant event in history—a time at which we pledge anew our faith in the doctrines, thoughts and beliefs that must stand at the very basis of every well organized and happy society.

Each succeeding age has merely emphasized the eternal truths that were advanced by the Teacher whose birth we celebrate on Christmas. As our race has acquired wisdom and experience it has come to recognize that the greatest thing in life is love for others. It not only promises the solution of our vexatious social problems but points the way to true happiness for the individual. It is only when we forget our own selfish interests that we find the greatest joy that life has to offer.

How happy life might become if everyone would accept and apply in daily life the fundamental precepts of the Christmas faith. How crime, poverty, oppression, distress, war and other scourges of civilization would disappear. What wonderful possibilities to live better, and happier lives would open out for all of us.

With these thoughts in mind we again wish you a Merry Christmas. We trust that the day will bring to you a full realization of its true significance.

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## LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Spearman, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I am a little girl 8 years old. Will you please give me a big buggy and a little trunk and 2 sets of dishes and a suit of doll clothes and a piano and a doll bed.

Your friend,  
LEOTA HARBOUR.

Spearman, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Old Santa, I have been a good boy and I want a tractor set, a fire truck and I'd like to have a train and lots of oranges, apples and candy.

MELVIN CRAWFORD.

P.S.—Old Santa, I won't be at home in Spearman but I'll be at Grannies at Palestine.

Spearman, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I am a little boy eight years old and am in the third grade at school. Will you bring me a story book, a BB gun and a football for Christmas?

EDWIN REED.

Spearman, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I want you to bring me a scooter and a pair of roller skates and a collar for my dog.

I sure would thank you if you would bring me those things.

Merry Christmas,  
JEWEL WARD.

Sinnett, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Please send Billy Board a doll buggy, a tea set, a doll basket and a watch. I want some beads and a ring, too. Bring Mother and Daddy something pretty.

I will hang up my stocking behind the stove and I will be a good girl.

With love,  
BILLY BOARD.

Spearman, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Will you please bring me a doll

with a ribbon on its hair, and one that goes to sleep and says mama.

Bye Bye,

Also some candy and nuts.

Your little friend,  
JANELLE WOMBLE.

Spearman, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Will you please bring me an air rifle, one that looks like a real gun and some B.B. shots if you have them. Bring lots of nuts and candy.

Your friend,  
JOE DOUGLAS WOMBLE.

Plemons, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I wish you would bring me a sewing machine and a ball. If you will I sure will appreciate it. I am in the fourth grade and I am ten years old.

Your friend,  
EDNA ERLE PITTS.

Plemons, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I want you to bring me for Christmas a doll, an iron, a set of dishes. If you will bring me these I sure will appreciate it. I am in the fourth grade and I am ten years old.

Your friend,  
RUTH SESSIONS.



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Spearman, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Please bring me a trunk or dresser and plenty of oranges, apples and candy.

CLEO LEVERTON.

Spearman, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Please bring me a train, an air plane, a trunk, a cedar chest and a lot of goodies.

Yours,  
ROBERT OWNBEY.

Plemons, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

I wish you would bring me a phone and an embroidery set. If you will I sure will appreciate it. I am six

years old and I am in the first grade.

Your friend,  
FRANCES RAY PITTS.

Spearman, Texas,  
December 20, 1927.

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

Please bring me a big doll, a trunk, a ball, a black board and fruits, nuts and candy.

Yours  
NANCY ELLEN OWNBEY.

### NOT MUCH CHANCE

"Have you any relatives living in Chicago," we asked a friend the other day.

"I don't know," came the answer, "I haven't seen the morning paper yet."

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### OUR WISHES FOR A

## Merry Christmas

Go to all of our friends here in Spearman and throughout the Spearman country. May this great day find you in good health, in a happy mood, and in financial prosperity.

We thank you for the patronage you have given us, and trust that we can continue to serve you in the future.

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In the good old, time honored way we wish you  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS

May this happiest of all seasons bring to you the greatest joy you have ever known.

We hope that every token you receive brings pleasure and that all the gifts you have given bring happiness to yourself as well as to the recipients.

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Merry Christmas to our Friends and Customers everywhere.



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And we just as sincerely wish you happiness on Christmas and all succeeding days.

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At the Churches

T. E. L. CLASS

On last Thursday evening the T. E. L. Class of the Baptist Sunday school gave a class social at the home of Mrs. C. O. Colvard. A large attendance is reported. A large beautifully decorated Christmas tree held a gift for every member of the class and also a special gift from the class to our beloved teacher, Mrs. Richards. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

METHODIST

Sunday school at 10; preaching at 11. Subject: "The Visit of the Magi." Communion service following the 11 o'clock service. Epworth league at 9:15. Subject: "The Seven Darning Sins of Society." Special song service preceding the evening service. Come worship with us. We will try to have the building nice and warm. We don't want you to suffer here; neither hereafter.

PASTOR.

Tiff Thomason was here from Texhoma Tuesday, attending to business matters.

"The Big Parade" is a picture you have waited for. January 2, 3 and 4 at the Rex Theatre.

Mrs. Jennie Andrews is spending the holidays with relatives and friends in Amarillo.

A picture as great as its subject. "The Big Parade," at the Rex Theatre January 2, 3, and 4.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Martin left Thursday at noon for Gorman, where they will spend the holidays at the home of his parents.

Attorney Jot Horton left Thursday morning for Sherman to spend the holidays with Mrs. Horton and the children.

Cashier Fred Hoskins of the Fidelity Bank of Commerce, and W. W. Wilmeth were Stinnett, visitors Tuesday.

Bob Thom returned Monday from Medicine Lodge, Kansas, where he visited a few days in the home of his parents.

Mrs. J. D. Cotter and the children and Miss Lena Black were visitors to Amarillo the first of the week.

\$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 SPARE TIRE

I lost a 30x5 truck tire on Spearman-Perryton road Monday afternoon. Finder will please leave at Spearman Motor Company, Reporter office or any convenient place and notify

PAUL MAULSBY, Perryton, Texas.

TURKEYS FOR SALE

Extra good thoroughbred Giant Bronz turkeys for sale. See Mrs. J. D. Cotter, four miles west of Spearman.

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Good equipment. Careful, painstaking work. Family washings a specialty. Your work will be called for and delivered. Leave orders at City Cafe.

LUCILLE WILBANKS.

MRS DELON KIRK GIVES A "16-16-7-3" PARTY

Mrs. Delon Kirk gave a most entertaining 42 party for the Twentieth Century Study Club members at her home on Friday evening.

Christmas decorations were beautifully arranged in the rooms, a gift laden tree being the center of interest. The Christmas colors were carried out in the tally, favors, and the delicious refreshments. Little red and gold wishbones brought luck to all the players. Santa Claus gladdened the heart of each guest with a gift. Although no one paid over twenty-five cents in this exchange, many valuable and useful articles were received, which fact proves that the ladies were good bargain hunters, or that there are many bargains to be had in Spearman, or both. Those who enjoyed this novel party were: Mesdames J. H. Buchanan, R. W. Morton, A. F. Barkley, Don S. Rawlings, P. A. Lyon, M. L. McLain, E. K. Snider, Oran Kelly, W. L. Russell, H. E. Campfield, and Fred Hoskins.

UNIQUE ENTERTAINMENT

The Lyric Theatre this city furnished entertainment for its patrons a little bit out of the ordinary on Monday and Tuesday nights of this week. Dr. G. H. Bryant, of the Redpath-Horner Chautauquas, was a visitor in the city, being enroute from his work in Oklahoma to his home in Denver to spend the holidays. While here the Doctor gave two entertainments at the Lyric and also delivered a lecture to the high school students and faculty. He is unquestionably a master mentalist and highly educated man. His lectures were greatly enjoyed and the experiments in mental telepathy given by him at the Lyric were marvelous. Dr. Bryant is surely a great entertainer, and a polished Christian gentleman in every sense of the word.

CANTATA GREATLY ENJOYED

The cantata and program given by the seven grades of Spearman schools, under the direction of Miss Gwinn, on Monday night, was a great success. A large crowd attended the performance, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB WILL MEET NEXT TUESDAY

The Twentieth Century Study Club will meet Tuesday, December 27, at the home of Mrs. P. A. Lyon. All members are urged to be present.

FOR RENT

Four room furnished house on school street.

JOT HORTON.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Dumas will leave today for St. Joseph, Missouri, where they will visit with relatives during the holiday season.

W. T. Coble was here from Amarillo Monday, attending to business matters.

It is remarkable how many doubtful meanings an alleged pure-minded person can find in an entirely respectable joke.

"Time has touched your wife lightly, old man." "Well, perhaps but the beauty specialists have touched me heavily."

Advertisement for 'The Reporter' featuring a large decorative border with a star and the text 'GOD REST YOU MERRY GENTLEMEN' at the top and 'TIS THE MERRY CHRISTMAS TIME' at the bottom. The central text reads: 'A Merry Christmas For all our Friends and Patrons is our sincere wish. The Reporter'.

Advertisement for Thomason Brothers featuring a decorative border with a winter scene and the text: 'Season's Compliments to Friends and Customers WE HOPE that a kindly Providence will grant you a Merry Christmas this year and many more in the future. THOMASON BROTHERS The Quality Store Spearman, Texas'.