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"She," Their Christmas Love
By MARY GRAHAM BONNER
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WE WERE stopping over at a little mountain town which was nothing more than a railway divisional point. But all about were splendid, snow-capped mountains. And marvelous to the beauty and scenery they bestow upon mortals.

We wanted to look at the mountains from this quaint little settlement with its wooden sidewalks now crisp with sparkling frozen snow.

So that we might have a few hours longer to walk about we arranged to arrive very early in the morning. The sun was not up. Almost we wished we had not so decided. But we were told we could have an excellent breakfast at the Chinaman's. And to the Chinaman's we went.

He had never made orange juice—but he understood what we meant when we explained it to him, though to him it was a droll drink.

His portions of everything were enormous. His place was never closed. When he slept his brother kept it open. It was immaculately clean. He didn't mind if you went into his kitchen and helped yourself to your second cup of coffee or tea—it was a shining kitchen, a kitchen of which any man would be proud!

Ah, this was all so nice. Here we were far away from every traveler and tourist, on a beautiful Christmas holiday, about to take a splendid walk, having a hot, delicious breakfast, under the most unusual of surroundings. We were in the Christmas spirit. We were joyous and happy and filled with good cheer. The world was a lovely place, and people so nice even in its tucked-away corners, and even the people we had never bothered to know well enough before to appreciate them.

At the other side the restaurant were many trainmen. We liked their looks, too. Sensible, genuine human beings, all of these fellows were.

Their voices rose higher. "Oh, of course! Nothing could be simpler and sweeter and nicer. Always men had to be talking about women, about their charms, about their capabilities, their powers, their 'beautiful lines.'"

Here they were, all discussing what "beautiful lines" "she" had, boasting, each taking so proprietary an interest in her. And she had them all dangling after her!

Oh, yes; human nature was the same, no matter where you went. Always men were thinking of women or talking of them, or longing for their society. The interesting little Chinaman and his clean kitchen and his eager willingness to serve and the newspapers he had about to amuse his guests—he wasn't so interesting any more. Doubtless he, too, was thinking of some Chinese "she."

Couldn't one get away from it for a little while—way off here, for example?

Couldn't we feel the beautiful, pure spirit of Christmas for a sustained length of time?

And there we sat—mortified. It was our human nature that was the same no matter where we went. It was because we thought people were all the same.

We had thought "she" was a woman. "She" was a new engine, and they called her their Christmas love. For the trainmen loved her and her power and her beautiful lines and her attractiveness and her speed.

An Overtory
Oh, the beauty of the Christ Child,
The gentleness, the grace,
The smiling, loving tenderness,
The infantile embrace!
All babyhood He holdeth,
All motherhood enfoldeth—
Yet who hath seen His face?
Oh, the nearness of the Christ Child,
When, for a little space,
He nestles in our very homes,
Light of the human race!
We know Him and we love Him,
No man to us need prove Him—
Yet who hath seen His face?
—Mary Elvira Dodson.

Lance Suits, of the Ralls Banner, was in Spur Wednesday.

A REPORT OF NUTRITION WORK

Now that I have closed my work in Dickens county and have had a little time to look over my figures, I want to tell you so far as statistics can tell the story, what I did during the two months I was there. What we secured.

Regular meetings were held with four Home Demonstration Clubs. Food problems were discussed and demonstrations were given at each meeting. A total of 25 nutrition meetings for mothers was held with an attendance of 210. These were with the Midway, Espuella, Dickens, and Highway women. In addition a few meetings were held at Spur and at Dry Lake.

One pre-school conference was held in the county with two doctors and one dentist in attendance. 44 children were weighed, measured and examined. 20 were underweight 10 per cent or more. 15 were free from any defect and only 10 were of normal weight and free from any defect.

A pre-school Story Hour, really a nutrition class was held in Spur Saturday mornings. A total of 7 meetings with 73 children was held.

Children in 10 schools have been given nutrition instruction regularly. In the county 926 children were weighed and measured. 265 children or 28.6 per cent were under weight 10 per cent or more. About 165 children received examination by a doctor. The percentage of malnutrition has been reduced in Spur from 31 per cent in October to 18.5 per cent in December, in Dickens from 25 per cent in October to 14 per cent in December. Other schools in the county show about the same improvement.

The Espuella school showed the lowest percent of under nutrition—about 18 per cent with Highway and Dry Lake close competitors. The schools in the north end of the county showed an average of 30 per cent to 35 per cent of the children under weight 10 per cent or more. In general where the consumption of milk was low the percentage of malnutrition was higher.

There are many things we wanted to do which we were unable to accomplish. In spite of this we feel that the nutrition work has done much good. To secure the most good from the Nutrition program, however, the work should be continued as far as possible. It does very little good to have the work for two months if at the end of that time, it is just dropped and never thought of again.

The teachers are going to try to do their part. The weighing will continue in some schools. In addition we hope the teachers will teach at least one health lesson a week. In this way the children will be kept from forgetting the things they learned.

The parents have given very fine support to the work while I have been in the county. I hope they will continue to, and will encourage the cooperation of the children in every way.

Besides this, I want you to be thinking of next year. The work is needed in the county. The nutrition program should be repeated next year. This means money to finance it—don't forget that—and especially when some one asks you to join the Red Cross.—Helen Gillette, A.R.C. Nutrition Worker.

WANTS TO SELL FARM IN EAST AND MOVE TO THE WEST

G. A. King of Atlanta, Texas, out near the East boundary line of the state, who has been spending several days up in the Afton country visiting with the Hagoods, Batemans and other relatives and former friends of the

East, called in at the Texas Spur office Monday of this week and left an advertisement to appear in the Texas Spur for the sale of his farm back East. Mr. King is so well pleased with the country and the people of Dickens county that he has decided to follow the age old injunction to "come West."

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Cardui has relieved many kinds of pains and distressing symptoms caused by female trouble. It should help you, too, in the same way. Why not give it a fair trial?"
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Mr. King is a farmer and all-round business man, and will be an addition to the progressive development of the "Great West," and we extend him a hearty welcome and know that he will prosper with the substantial citizenship who have demonstrated what this country can do and made it what it is today.

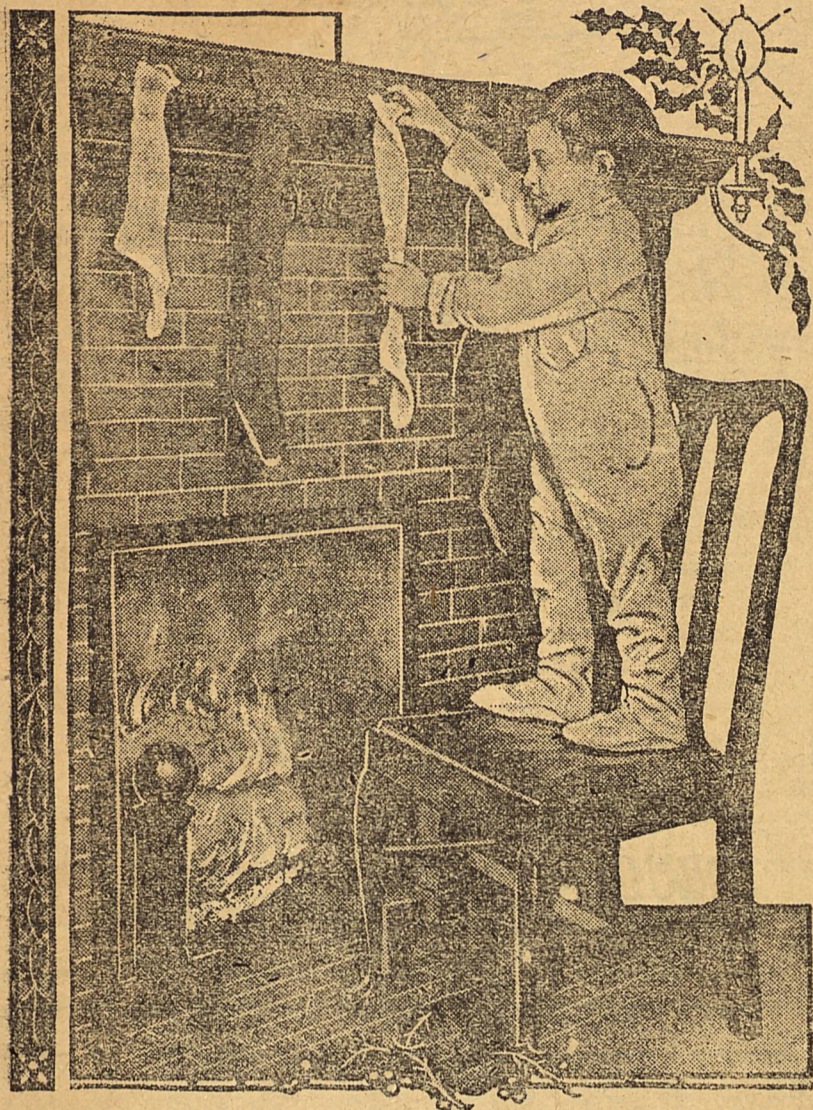
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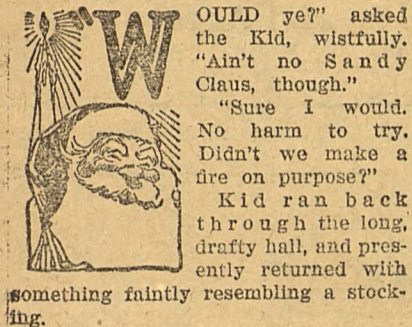
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A REDUCTION IN LAND PRICES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER, 20 1924
For the First Time in the History of Spur, Farm Lands Sales, we Have Lowered existing Prices.
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Ready for Santa's Visit



There Is a "Sandy" Claus

By FRANK HERBERT SWEET
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"WOULD ye?" asked the Kid, wistfully. "Ain't no Sandy Claus, though."

"Sure I would. No harm to try. Didn't we make a fire on purpose?"

Kid ran back through the long, drafty hall, and presently returned with something faintly resembling a stocking.

"If anything was put in 'em, do ye reckon they would hold it?"

"Well, we won't take no chances," and the other boy took some string from his pockets and tied up the foot-holes, making long sacks of the legs. Then he fumbled a tack from a pocket and fastened one to the mantel, with the other above it.

"Now we'd better be skallyhootin' to give old Sandy a chance," and the other boy pulled closer his apology for a coat and started to trudge off, then paused.

"Could I go out thisaway?" he began, as he opened the front door. Then he shut it. "But I guess I'd ruther go out through the kitchen, for I'd order fix the chairs an' lamp back like before we played. You grand-ma'd jump me if she found I'd been here, an' that stockin' hung up. She don't believe in no Sandy Claus nor nuthin'. If I was you I wouldn't say nothin' 'bout my bein' here."

And the other boy dodged out and a great whirl of wind and snow swallowed him up.

Kid, too sleepy to undress, crawled under a pile of things on the humpy old lounge, and the next thing he knew the sun was shining. Granny was shaking him.

"There you are agial! Goin' to bed with your shoes on! My gracious! I don't know what ye're comin' to. Now ye get up, an' fetch me something to barn. Look 'round in the alley. For the land's sake, what ails ye?" For the Kid was out of the room and tearing down the cold old hall, and she heard him yelling and calling for her to come quick.

She obeyed as fast as her old feet would take her, and they crumpled under her so that she sat down on the first thing, which proved to be a sled the newest, reddest, shiniest sled either she or the Kid had ever seen. Then she came to. The ashes of a burnt-out fire lay on the hearth; the old room had a comfortable lived-in feeling, for all of its chill; the sun came in the old windows bright with the dazzle of the snow. But she did not notice all this, nor did the Kid.



Stockings hanging from the old mantle above the old fireplace.

At last, when all the things lay piled about them, with papers and strings all over the floor, with the Kid trying on a new warm cap with hands clumsy in new red mittens, she, stroking a black and checked shawl that could be meant for no one but herself, like the shoes and groceries lying around, said tremulously: "Now who in the world done it, I want to know. Do you reckon it might 'a' been the Relief corps, or the Salvation Army, or the Ladies Aid?"

"Aw, I should say not. It wa'n't none o' them old things. They never done it; you bet they didn't. It was Sandy Claus—hey, Stumpy?"

The other boy had joined them, looking askance at Granny, but sidling toward it; far stocking, suddenly shouting, "Hoppla! Check full! 'Course it's Sandy! Why, I ast a big man on the sidewalk, last night when I went out—fine man with a money bank overcoat, an' armful o' bundles, an' he said, 'Yes, of course. I hope you haven't been losin' faith.' An' I said he'd never left me anything, nor for the Kid, nor for—Granny, so I wa'n't quite sure. Then he stopped an' asked questions, an' laughed, an' said Sandy was a mighty busy man about now, an' had missed us somehow. But if we never quit faith he'd sure find us out. Now I know there's a Sandy," grabbing his stocking and dropping on the floor. "Don't—don't you know, too, Granny?" looking at her doubtfully.

"I guess so," still dazedly; "but I never got nothin' before. Yes, I guess there is a Sandy Claus."

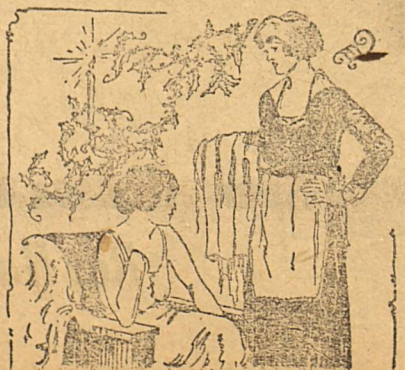
Merry Christmas for Alice

By MARIAN WING
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RUTH ALICE lay abed late Christmas morning. What other girl of eighteen would have stayed lazily in bed with the marvelous Christmas presents waiting her attention that were waiting Ruth Alice's? She was the only daughter of an enormously rich father. She was also, on that Christmas morning, the one shining hope of half a dozen rich beaux. So you can imagine what gifts were hers.

At ten o'clock Ruth Alice's personal maid, Flora, came rather timidly, but determinedly, into the luxurious bedroom where Ruth Alice lay dreaming



never would. But think of a cheap postal doing that to her after all these wonderful things in there and the automobile!"

"What are pearls and a car to love?" whispered Walker, drawing very near to Flora. Laughing, she pushed him away. "Merry Christmas," she laughed back at him over her shoulder as she ran trippingly away up the stairs.

among her pillows, her beautiful eyes half closed.

"Well, Flora, why are you disturbing me? I'm not going to get up yet a while."

"But, Miss Ruth Alice! Your father is just walking back and forth in the library, and asking every half minute when you are coming down."

"Oh, dad! He wants to see my joy over the stocking, I suppose."

"Well, there are lovely things down there, goodness knows! And such flowers!"

"Oh, bother the flowers! I don't want them. But, tell me, has the postman come yet?"

"No. He'll be dreadfully late today, of course."

"Yes, so I supposed. Well, what's the good of getting up, then?"

Ruth Alice stretched her pretty arms above her head and yawned. Flora stared.

"What can the postman bring you that you haven't already, I'd like to know?" But, needless to say, the perfectly trained maid made this remark strictly to herself.

But Ruth Alice suddenly relented.

"All right, Flora, bring me my slippers. I'll get on some clothes and go down to Dad. I needn't spoil his Christmas."

And it was with this determination not to mar her dear dad's Christmas that Ruth Alice ran down the stairs and tripped into the library with a smile. But such a forced smile! The maids noticed it, and the butler, too. And they all puzzled about it and whispered among themselves. They were all very fond of pretty Ruth Alice, and it grieved them to see her so out of sorts, on Christmas of all times.

"And she's been like this for more than a week," Flora sighed to the butler. "Just isn't interested in anything. Oh, yes, there's one thing still can excite her. That is the postman. She sends me out forty times a day to see if he's dropped letters in the box and forgot to ring. Yesterday she even made me go out and look down the street to see if he was anywhere in sight."

"Oh, well, that explains it, then. She hasn't heard from her sweetheart."

"Sweetheart! She's heard from dozens of 'em every mail. And you ought just to take a look at her presents in there. Flowers, books, candy, music! And her father has surprised her with a new limousine all her own. Guess even you didn't know that! Mike kept the secret pretty well. He only let it drop to me by accident." Mike was the chauffeur, of course.

"No! A limousine! And then those pearls! The old man showed them to me himself last night. Just couldn't keep it to himself any longer. They're beauties, you can take my word, and cost a good round fortune."

"How any girl with all that can be glowering around on Christmas de—"

"Ting-a-ling, ting-a-ling," the front-door bell interrupted.

Flora jumped like a Jack-in-the-box when the cover is sprung. "That'll be the postman," she said. "I'll get there this time before Miss Ruth Alice sends me."

But Ruth Alice was at the door first, for she, too, knew the postman's ring. Eagerly she went through the pile of mail. Then her eyes flooded with tears that she could not hide. "Nothing! And it's Christmas day!" she whispered.

"But what's this," Flora asked, bending to pick up a picture postal that had dropped to the floor. Miss Ruth Alice snatched it from her hand, but not before Flora had seen. It was just a picture of a wreath hung on a door, and under it, scrawled in a bold masculine hand, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Miss Norman." That was all except the signature, "Jack Dalton."

But suddenly Miss Ruth Alice laughed merrily and seized Flora by both hands. She whirled her around in a happy dance. "Merry Christmas, Flora," she cried when it was done, and rushed toward the library. She passed the butler on the way. "Merry Christmas, Walker," she cried to him. Then they heard her Merry Christmas-ing her dad!

"Well, I'm glad to hear her saying it," Flora ejaculated. "I thought she

Christmas Diamonds

The most dazzling of Christmas diamonds are snowballs on a lighted Christmas tree. They are only imitation snowballs, but they give a feeling of richness to the hearts of those who see them, which real diamonds, for all their intrinsic worth, seldom do.—Marv Graham Bonner

NOTICE—One red muley cow with white stripe over shoulders; red heifer, coming three; one little fawn colored heifer; one steer, same color and age. All branded MY on left side, marke crop and split in right, and swallow-fork the left. Any information leading to recovery of these cattle will be thankfully received.—M. M. Young, Spur. 8-2t

Help Spur Grow

Warren Cunningham, who has been spending Christmas in Spur with his cousin, Oran McClure, Jr., left Friday for his home in Cross Plains.

Help Spur Grow

Miss Ruth Maples, who has been linotype operator on the Ralls Banner the past year, has returned to her home in Spur.

Archie Suits and family, of Ralls, spent Christmas with relatives and friends at Jayton. Mr. Suits is now with Dick Hyatt on the Ralls Banner.

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A Joyous Christmas and a
Prosperous New Year

MALONES
CAFE

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETING:

We want to thank our many friends of Dickens County and the counties surrounding for the splendid friendship shown us during the past year. We owe to them the wonderful increased business received; the mutual friendship existing is cherished very highly—We trust to be of service to our friends in the coming year of 1925, and expect to be able to better serve our patrons in many ways. Selling is our business and in connection to sales, we have the desire to establish friendship with those whom we come in contact. Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in the future.

LOVE DRY GOODS CO.
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THE NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS!

At this the close of the old year and the beginning of a new year, we want to express our thanks and appreciation for the liberal business given us through the fall, and extend to all the season's greetings.

May The New Year Bring Happiness
And Prosperity.

SWIFT GIN COMPANY
J. I. HAYES, Manager.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

By Rev. Alan Pressley Wilson

CHRISTMAS be merry, and withal. And feast thy poor neighbors, the great with the small.

We live in an age when we think solely of ourselves and our immediate families and we should have brought to our attention the fact that we owe a debt to our neighbor and that that debt must be paid.

There is no geographical limitation when we are extending the hand of assistance to one who needs our help:



The Spirit of Christmas.

wherever there is found one or more whom we can (and should) assist, there neighborliness must begin.

A minister once approached one of his parishioners with the request for a contribution for the purpose of doing Christian work abroad.

"Whom do you consider your neighbor?" asked the minister. "The man whose farm adjoins me," was the prompt reply.

The application of the teaching of Jesus to business and society would produce a perpetual Christmas season;

The giving of cheap presents or money, however, does not constitute Christmas; as well expect a bouquet of flowers (however lovely) to constitute summer!

As we celebrate the anniversary of the birth of Jesus let not the going down of the sun mark the decline of the Christmas spirit but, as the days come and go, and we enter the new year, let us each one reach out the loving hand to the sick, the unfortunate and the outcast, remembering that Jesus the Christ said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of one of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto Me!"

Change All Into Love

Christmas day shall change all griefs and quarrels into love.—Shakespeare

The Actor's Christmas Party

By H. Lucius Cook

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ALL of the actors of the Zoroaster Stock company were good, but perhaps Billy Kelly was the best liked by the townspeople.

Mrs. Perkins was a respectable middle-aged widow who had to take a few roomers to help out on expenses. She was not quite sure that it was right to have Billy rooming there, as she had an inherited prejudice against actors, but he paid twice as much as she had ever had before for the rooms.

She had found it over her when she woke up. Mrs. Perkins had just finished telling this and several other incidents to the Ladies' Aid society, when one of the progressive ladies asked:

It certainly looked like a cold Christmas for Billy. But next door to Mrs. Perkins lived a dear old maid who had been housekeeper for the Wellers had been many years.

She had not long to wonder, however, for Billy soon came running down flourishing a crisp new dollar bill which he had found in the envelope, and called to one of the children coming he told Mrs. Perkins of the welcome present and how it had suggested to him to give a party next door in honor of the housekeeper.

He had so many invitations to dinner he had to refuse them all, but he was not sorry for this as he joined Mrs. Perkins at the hotel, and he really liked her best of all.

Might Have Been Worse "What did your wife give you for Christmas?" "Nothing." "That was tough." "Well, it might have been a necktie or a smoking jacket."

A Fourth of July Santa Claus

By Eleanor E. King

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IT WAS the great day of the Fourth of July, and Tommy, like all the other seven children of the busy Allister family was out bright and early.

Tommy, bright and early, had found his way over to Mrs. Askins', as he called her. She was busy getting ready to go to a picnic.

As they loaded the things into the car Tommy trooped along and was introduced to Mr. Miller. While they stood there Tommy spied a balloon man coming down the street.

"Aren't those whoppers, though," Tommy sighed. "See!" "Wouldn't you like one, Tommy?" suggested Mr. Miller, digging into his pocket.

"Of course he will," said Mrs. Haskins. "Oh, I am so glad. My mother she just says I am silly when I ask her and says, 'I am too busy to be bothered with that. Run along, now!' And you know, 'Tommy hastened to add, 'I haven't forgotten his name either. It's Mr. Miller."

"That night Mr. Miller dropped in for a minute at the Haskins'. Before his departure Mrs. Haskins had a moment of conversation with him alone. He said, 'All right,' leaving with the merriest kind of a twinkle in his eyes.

Christmas Eve came. Daddy and Mother Allister were doing their best to keep from looking sorrowful. They know only too well that they could never begin to give the children the number of things each wanted.

The next morning was never equaled in all the annals of the Allister family. Such excitement, such happiness. Tommy, after his recovery from surprise and rapture over his toys, ran to his happy mother as she was trying to get breakfast. Tugging at her skirts, he said, "You see, mother, that man I met on Fourth of July was Santa Claus, and his name is Mr. Miller."

Christmas represents a great historic event and spiritual truth—the most important of all events, the most precious of all truths—no less than the coming of God to earth, in human nature, in the person of a child, to save us from our sins.

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WHY PAY RENT?

We are cutting up the Figure 4 Ranch in Bailey county into 160 acre farms at \$20 per acre, giving 33 years to pay for same.

Each application for a State job, Mr. Ferguson said, has been accompanied by scores of letters and telegrams from the applicant's friends.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. A meeting of the shareholders of the Spur National Bank of Spur, Texas, will be held in the directors room Tuesday, January 13th, 1925, between the hours of nine a. m. and four p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

G. A. JONES, President. W. T. ANDREWS, JR., Cash.

MA BESEIGED BY OFFICE SEEKERS Austin, Texas.—Governor - Elect Miram A. Ferguson has received 900 applications for less than fifty State jobs she will fill by appointment following her inauguration as Governor Jan. 20 next, according to Jas. E. Ferguson, who spent nearly an hour at the State Capitol Friday and called on Gov. Neff. He reiterated that his wife will not announce any intended

appointments "for some time." Each application for a State job, Mr. Ferguson said, has been accompanied by scores of letters and telegrams from the applicant's friends.

"But we are not complaining," He added. "Applying for public office is one of the inherent privileges of citizenship. The more the merrier. —Help Spur Grow—"

GREETINGS FOR CHRISTMAS

Oranges—Apples—Candy

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In Conclusion, we were compelled to be away from Spur practically two months on account of the sickness and death of one of our own, and feel there is no better time and place than this to thank our many employees for their devotedness to their work in caring for our business during our absence, and the entire season, as each one has done his best. Especially do we want to thank Mr. Clay, who was in charge and always on the job, meeting customers with a smile; Messrs. Carlisle, weigher; Homer Dobbins, book keeper; Hagle Simmons and Daniels, Ginners; and to each and every one of those on the pay roll for their untiring efforts in our behalf.

With Best Wishes to All For A VERY HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR! We remain as ever yours

THE FARMERS GIN

BY MR. AND MRS. J. E. JOHNSON.

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WILL BE CONTINUED UNTIL THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DEC. 31
IT WILL PAY YOU TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS BIG REDUCTION!

Spur Hardware & Furniture Co.

SPUR'S OLDEST STORE

Condensed Austin News

The State collected approximately \$300,000 of 1 cent per gallon gasoline tax during the month of August, indicating that 30,000,000 gallons of gasoline had been sold in Texas during that month.

Miss Edwina Duer of Dallas has been appointed assistant to Mrs. C. R. Fields, secretary of public health education of Texas. Miss Duer is a graduate of the University of Texas school of journalism, receiving her degree in June, 1923.

An amendment to the charter of the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe Railway Company, giving the company power to issue bonds with or without mortgage, has been approved by the Attorney General's Department and filed with the Secretary of State.

Major Charles E. Cooke of the United States Geological Survey, who has had and will again have charge of all the joint topographic work in Texas, will reach this state in time to attend the meeting of the Texas Conservation Association which will be held in Fort Worth.

The State Treasurer states that the present deficiency in the general fund has reached \$1,500,000 and that it will continue to grow until November, when the \$1,000,000 of gross receipts taxes are collected. The first call to pay warrants was made on Oct. 2 and was for \$300,000.

A contest of the election at which Austin adopted 22 charter amendments, putting into operation the commission-manager plan of administration, has been filed in Travis County District Court by N. A. Ladd and L. East against members of the City Council.

W. W. Boyd, State Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner, has gone to Houston with reference to the effect the hoof and mouth cattle disease will have on hunting in that section of the State, some protests having been made against hunters taking the field and transporting game from one section to another for fear of spreading the disease.

Eugene Miller of Weatherford, nominated for the State Senate from the Twenty-Second Senatorial District, has been in Austin and announced that he will offer a bill to reduce the tax on automobiles in this State. He also said he will oppose any kind of new taxation or any raise unless it can be shown that same is absolutely necessary.

The State Board of Control has summoned all asylum heads to come to Austin to discuss the appropriation budgets for the two fiscal years beginning Sept. 1, 1925, particularly the building program for these institutions. This will almost complete the hearings on the general budgets, as only a few departments

The State Treasurer issued a call for payment of warrants up to and including 32,366, amounting to \$104,149. All warrants affected by the call were issued prior to Sept. 1.

Thomas B. Love of Dallas has been in Austin conferring with Attorney General Keeling and State Bank Commissioner Chapman. Mr. Love said his visit related solely to private business matters and had no connection with politics.

The Supreme Court, the Court of Criminal Appeals, after three months' vacation have reconvened for new terms, and in each court the docket was heavy. All members of the three courts were present when the new terms were formally opened. The docket of the Court of Criminal Appeals is the heaviest in the history of the court, numbering 660.

The Attorney General, through Assistant E. A. Wilson, has advised Judge Scott, Commissioner of Insurance, that no opinion will be given with reference to the Commissioner's ruling that Texas-licensed insurance companies can not split agents' commissions with non-licensed brokers, that if the insurance companies and others want the ruling tested they must appeal to the courts.

The alleged whipping of an Austin business man is to be investigated by the Travis County grand jury which has just been organized. It is alleged that the whipping was administered in a tent at one of Austin's bathing resorts and that a woman was an eye-witness to the affair. Judge James R. Hamilton in empanelling the grand jury called special attention to the law against flogging.

During the month of September, \$973,748 was spent under the direction of the State Highway Commission for road construction in this State and \$419,314 for road maintenance. Of the former amount \$424,113 was State aid and \$549,635 Federal funds. Highway department last month aggregated \$1,423,628, and it had a balance on September 30 of \$2,869,249. During September it had net receipts of \$1,007,333.

Every effort will be made by the State Board of Control to complete its budget of appropriations for submission to the next Legislature in time to give them to the printer this month. The total will be in the neighborhood of \$40,000,000, and the board is endeavoring to keep within revenues and at the same time provide for enlargements at the State educational and eleemosynary institutions.

Applications of candidates for the two Rhodes scholarships assigned to Texas for selection to enter Oxford in 1925 must be made to the committees of the educational institutions of the State not later than Oct. 18. Dr. T. W. Riker, chairman of the committee to pass upon the candidates from the University of Texas, urges that candidates from that institution submit their applications

Smallpox is epidemic in the State Insane Asylum in Austin, at least thirty well developed cases having been officially reported. The city of Austin has placed a rigid quarantine against the institution, all traffic in and out of the asylum grounds being prohibited. The disease has spread to a number of the wards and efforts are being made to check it before the entire institution is involved.

During the month of September the Big Lake Oil Company paid \$14,834 to the University of Texas as royalty on oil produced on University land in Reagan County, and this is by far the largest single month's remittance in royalties. This shows the Big Lake field is growing and that the University may get substantial amounts in royalties commencing in the near future.

Judge H. E. Bell, chief oil and gas supervisor of the Railroad Commission, will personally investigate the gas wastage in the Panhandle fields and will conduct a hearing in Amarillo soon to consider methods of drilling to be used so as to conserve the gas supply. In drilling for oil in that section gas sands are encountered and much gas has been permitted to waste as a result of this condition. Judge Bell proposes to stop it.

Wild ducks are appearing on the Texas Coast thirty days earlier than in many years, according to Judge R. H. Hamilton of the Commission of Appeals, who has just returned to Austin, from his home at Rockport. The ducks are not only arriving earlier, but they are coming in large numbers. Judge Hamilton said, indicating that there is to be an early and severe winter.

Under recommendation made to the State Board of Control and considered in hearing recently, the Adjutant General is asking for appropriations to support a ranger force of seventy-five men, the maximum allowed under law, as against the present force of fifty men. The Board of Control will later decide what action it will take. The total asked for the ranger force is \$173,155 the first year and \$174,858 the second year, compared to \$114,221 and \$115,422, respectively for the current two years.

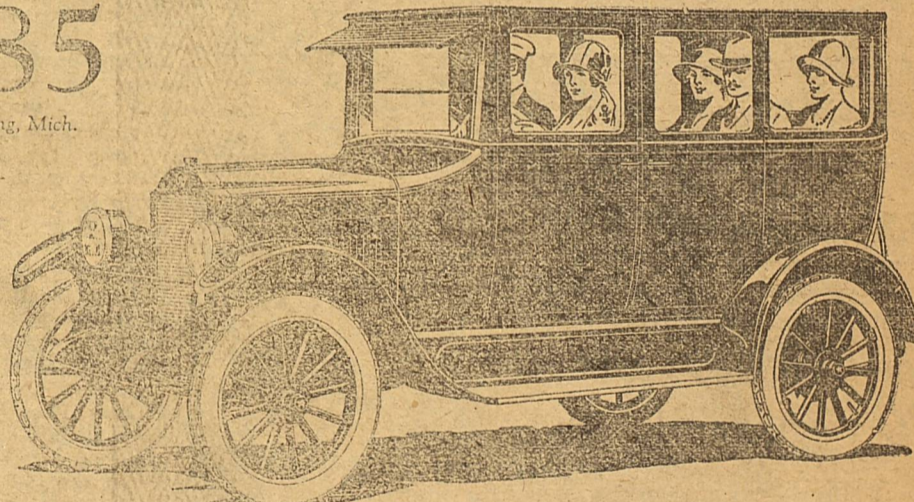
As a result of the higher courts being in vacation for three months the population in the State penitentiary has been reduced to a new low level. It is 3,622, as compared to a high mark of 3,897 in early July. With the Court of Criminal Appeals starting on a new term and affirming scores of appeal cases, more prisoners will go to the penitentiary and the total will again climb. With the heavy docket before the court the number of State convicts is expected to reach about 4,000 by the first of the year.

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