

HAPPY  
NEW YEAR

# THE TEXAS SPUR

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AND THE DICKENS ITEM

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## The Swift Gin at Spur Burned Early Saturday Morning of the Past Week

The Swift Gin of this city, more commonly known as the J. I. Hayes gin, was destroyed by fire Friday night or early Saturday morning of last week. The cause of the fire is unknown.

The fire department was summoned and a great number of citizens aroused to help fight the flames, but they had gained such headway as to be out of control. Insurance was carried to cover a partial loss.

## American Legion to Have New Year's Feed

The members of the local American Legion Post are to enjoy a most delightful occasion next Monday evening, according to information issued by officers of that organization a few days ago. It will be in the nature of a New Year's banquet. From past observation on the part of participants those attending this event will be amply repaid as the good fellowship which accompanies such banquets as this is well worth while.

The American Legion Post of Spur has been making a fine record the past few weeks. The membership is increasing rapidly, thanks to the efforts of a wide awake membership committee, and now boasts one hundred on the roll. Much interest is being manifested in the endeavors of the organization and some laudable work is being done.

If you are qualified to hold membership in this organization it would be well worth your while to get lined up with it.

## Legion Plans to Erect New Club House Soon

The American Legion Post of Spur is planning to erect a club house in the near future. The present facilities at hand are inadequate for this rapidly growing organization and plans are being furthered that will embrace the building of a spacious house in which their business might be carried on, social affairs given, athletic events sponsored, and the general routine followed.

Earle Senning and family are here this week from Ardmore, Oklahoma, spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Kate Senning and family.

James Hill Perry and Jack Hogan returned Saturday from S. M. U. to spend the holidays with their families and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harper and children of Waco, are visiting their daughter and Mr. and Mrs. John Kinn and ter, Mrs. W. R. King and family.

Mrs. H. V. Link and son of Aspermont spent Christmas in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith and family.

Mrs. Thomas Morrison returns to Dallas today after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Love. Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gibbs will accompany her to Dallas where Mrs. Gibbs will remain for an extended visit to her mother.

## NOTICE IS GIVEN TO CAR OWNERS TO GET LICENSES

No extension of time will be given to owners of cars in securing licenses for 1929. Car licenses must be secured by January 1st, 1929. Anyone not having a license on their car after January 1st will be subject to a fine of from \$1 to \$200—and the law will be enforced.

J. C. KELLER  
Highway Inspector

## CLAY - GOFF

Last Sunday afternoon Miss Nell Goff became the bride of Mr. Joe Shelby Clay at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clay, Rev. A. G. Abbott officiating. The impressive ring ceremony was read.

The bride's only attendant was Miss Annie Mae Hale. Hubert Karr acting as best man. Mrs. Clay was attractively dressed in beige georgette. Miss Hale wore brown georgette and velvet.

Mrs. Clay is a daughter of Frank Goff and is a charming young lady, much loved by her large circle of friends. Joe Shelby is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clay, a well known and highly respected family of this city. The bride and groom will make their home in this city. Mr. Clay having recently established a sandwich shop business here.

## MR. VERGIL BILBERRY AND MISS BURLY PARKS WERE MARRIED CHRISTMAS DAY

On Christmas day Judge Brummett at Dickens united Mr. Vergil Bilberry and Miss Burlly Parks in the holy bonds of matrimony.

Mrs. Bilberry is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Parks, a well known and highly respected family of this community, and is a very charming young lady.

Vergil is son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bilberry, also an old time and highly respected family in this section, and is a young man of integrity and well liked by his many associates.

We join their many friends in wishing this young couple much happiness and success along life's way.

## PICHFORK RANCH HOSTS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Mr. and Mrs. Orwin Lambert were gracious hosts on Christmas Day to a party of friends. The occasion was one of those happy events of such a nature that has made western ranches famous for their hospitality and will be long remembered by everyone enjoying it. Guests were Rev. and Mrs. Rogers and children, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. B. Reed and children, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Chalk, Messrs. and Mesdames H. B. Johnson, Fred Harrison, Morley Dunaway, Chas. Wilbinks, T. S. Lambert, Misses Rachel Langston, Eunice Vermillion, Lavina Conklin, Mr. Callic Ramsey, Billie, Morris, Ley Roy Anderson, Richard Johnson, Wade Hash, and Riley Thacker.

Pi-e Nichols is here from Abilene High, spending the holidays with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols. Santa presented Ike with a new coupe in which he will return to school.

## Nurmi Here Again



Paavo Nurmi, the "Phantom Finn," is back in America. Track experts are wondering whether he will turn professional.



## GIRARD NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jinks Cooper and family are spending the Christmas holidays at Cisco with Mrs. Cooper's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. John Langford have gone to Lubbock to spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. George Spradling, and Mr. Hugh Turner came home Christmas to spend a few hours with their parents. They are now business men of Plomot.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kennon are also off spending the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Darden entertained the young folks of the town with a party Monday night.

Mr. Robert Williams of Spur is visiting at home with his parents this week.

Mrs. Curly was called away on Christmas eve because of a message she received stating that her mother was dangerously ill.

Mr. G. A. Rucker has been ill this week but somewhat better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts of Spur, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Turner this week.

Jack and Lucille Hargrove of Spur spent Christmas with friends in Girard.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Turner are visiting with relatives in Stephens county this week.

Miss Bonnie Spradling went to Plomot Tuesday to visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Darden of Idalou spent this week with relatives and friends in Girard.

Miss Vera McGaha has come home from Spur where she has been attending school, to spend the Xmas holidays.

Most of the teachers are away visiting with friends this week.

Miss Vada Laird has returned home from her work to visit friends and parents.

Mr. Joe and Leo Turner came home from their work near Aspermont to visit with their parents.

Mr. Henry Simmons of Plainview, is spending Christmas holidays in Girard visiting parents and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, of Brownfield, Mr. and Mrs. Pinkerton, of Abilene, Mrs. D. N. Loe of Rochester, J. N. Loe and family were guests on Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lee and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Guss Smith of Jayton spent Christmas in Spur with friends.

Mrs. L. H. Perry and Frank Laverty returned this week from Tucumcari, New Mexico, where they had been with their father, J. E. Laverty who has been critically ill. Mr. Laverty returned home with them and will spend some time here recuperating his health.

Mr. Cooper of Coleman is in Spur spending Christmas with his mother Mrs. M. C. Cooper.

Tom Rape, of Steel Hill, was in the city Thursday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston McClanahan spent Christmas in Vernon with his parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gruben, and Walter Gruben spent Christmas in Royston with his parents.

Mrs. E. L. Admas is ill this week with the influenza.

The Best  
**RESOLUTION**  
By Katherine Edelman

FOR several days Billy Gibson had been racking his brain to find a rattling good resolution to make for the New Year. He wanted something that would be different, something that, while difficult, would not be at all hard to keep. He counted over and over again the list of resolutions he knew—all of them good enough in their way—but none of them seemed to be just the thing that he wanted. There surely must be some one resolution that would combine in it all that he wanted to do. But on the last night of the old year as he went to sleep he was as far from finding it as ever.

Unconsciously he drifted into sleep, then crashing upon the night came the sounds of welcome to the New Year. Billy was now wide awake and the first thing he thought of was the resolution still unmade. "What would it be?" he asked himself. He must decide on something and at once. Suddenly into Billy's mind there came the thought of a little verse that his mother had taught him in childhood:

"So many kinds, so many creeds,  
So many ways that wind and wind,  
When just the art of being kind  
Is all the old world needs."

Reverently he repeated the four lines to himself, then he jumped up in bed with a start: "Why can't this be my resolution for this year?" he shouted. It is probably much better than that new and unique one that I was seeking, for the world needs kindness more than any one thing."

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## Boys and Girls at Home From College for the Holidays

Among the number of boys and girls here from colleges to spend the holidays with home folks are Cate Snider and W. B. Lee Jr., from A. & M.; Wallace Bingham from Oklahoma University; Thelma Marsh of Simmons University; Rachel Langston of Simmons University; Misses Annie Mae Hale, Lena Snodgrass, Billie Cooper of Randolph College at Cisco; Hub Hyatt, Jack Hogan of S. M. U.; Freeman Edmonds, Oran McClure Jr., Jim Cloud, Floyd McArthur, John A. Davis, Arch Lanier Powell, Misses Adie and Allie Biggs, Rena Collier, Edith Ritchie, Thelma Caraway of Tech College; Misses Wilma McArthur and Charlsie Hayes of T. W. C. at Fort Worth; Con Newman of A. & M.; Brittain Forbis of Plainview; Jewell Perry of S. M. U.; and others.

J. T. Rose, of McAdoo, was in Spur during the week. He informed us that he and family had just returned from a month's trip to California and other points. They visited Catalina Islands and viewed the sights of the sea. While in California Mr. Rose had his picture made under the oldest naval orange trees of the United States, the tree having been brought here many years ago and is said to be the first of its kind in the nation. The tree, despite its great age, is still bearing fruit. Mr. Rose says that the trip as whole was most enjoyable and the Californian sights most interesting.

Miss Maude Clemmons is here from Dallas to spend the holidays with her mother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings spent Christmas in Stamford with Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Stewart. Mr. Jennings returned Thursday, accompanied by Frederick Stewart, Mrs. Jennings remaining for a more extended visit.

Ben Brothers and daughter Eleice, visited in Spur during the holidays returning Thursday to their home in Quanah.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Speer spent Christmas in Stamford with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Snyder, of that city.

## Election To Pave the Highway From Dickens Co. to Crosbyton

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! \$40,000.00 was the sum set by the Commissioners Court in session last Saturday as Precinct 2's portion of the cost of hard-surfacing Highway 53 from Crosbyton east to the Dickens county line. The election is called for January 12.

The election was called following a call meeting of the Commissioners Court on Saturday, December 8. About seventy-five people were present to discuss the proposition from different parts of the precinct, and speeches were made both pro and con for the proposition. Following the discussions, which lasted the larger part of the morning, the court went into session and the bond election was called.

Mr. Skelton representative of the state highway commission, was present and outlined the benefits derived from hard-surfaced highways and stressed the fact that a recommendation would be made that the stated and federal government furnish two-thirds of the cost of construction of this highway and maintain it after it was finished.

The idea of paving highway No. 53 first originated during the summer among the citizens of the East Plains. Dickens county has just finished paving their part of the highway through the county up to the Crosby county line, and the East Plains people decided to agitate the project to continuing the paving in to Crosbyton from the line. Lubbock county's revised election is to be voted on in January and if this election carries the highways will be paved from Lubbock east to the Crosby county line.

Crosby county has never voted on a paving proposition before. Highway No. 52 has been a well graded highway for several years and according to Mr. Skelton of the highway commission, this construction can be made at a minimum cost.

Last year this road precinct voted a sixty thousand dollar bond issue to build a highway north and south through Crosbyton. This road has been completed and is one of the best dirt roads in this section of the state. It connects the county seats of Floyd, Crosby and Garza counties.—Crosbyton Review.

## Sunday Shows To Be Given At The Lyric In Near Future

In conversation with Manager Flournoy this week he informed us that the Lyric Theatre would soon begin booking plays for Sunday afternoon, the theatre heretofore being closed on that day.

Mr. Flournoy plans to select pictures for these programs that will be beneficial as well as entertaining during the long Sunday afternoons.

It was planned and advertised to show Bebe Daniels in "Hot News" this coming Sunday but the picture will not arrive in time and will be shown on Midnight Matinee Monday night instead. However Mr. Flournoy thinks he will be able to arrange his bookings for a show on the Sunday following.

J. Boyd, Jr., and family are now spending the holidays with relatives and friends at Sweetwater and other points.

## Found in Sewer



This baby was found in a sewer in New York by milkman Joseph Berowitz while he was making his early morning rounds. Hearing sounds issuing from a sewer, Berowitz investigated and found this little tot.

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McADOO ITEMS Miss Marie Eldredge and Mr. Lawrence Fox were united in marriage Saturday, December 22. Both these young people are very popular and we wish them a long and happy life together.

On Sunday, December 23, friends brought dinner and surprised Grandma Pipkin on her 76th birthday. Many beautiful gifts were received and the following guests were present: Mr. and Mrs. N. V. Cypert, Bush Pipkin, J. E. Poteet, Rev. and Mrs. Hester, L. E. Bass, A. C. M. ay, Miss Lucille Cypert, Bradford Bass, O. L. Bass, Sam Pipkin, and Clond Pipkin of Arizona.

Well! Well! And Santa has been here. We had a fine tree in the School Auditorium and the following program was rendered:

Five minute talk—Rev. Isabell. Duet—Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Reading—Frances Lay, Song—Chorus Girls, Reading—Coy Neeley, Duet—Mr. and Mrs. L. Dennis, Reading—Clinton Formby, Reading—Junior Buckner, Pantomime—Frances Lay and Lucille Aull.

Benediction—Rev. Isabell After this Santa came and delivered lots of presents.

Reverend Hester and family are spending Christmas in Hill county. Marshall Formby is spending the holidays with his parents. Marshall is making good in Tech this year.

Cloris Harris is home for the holidays from Austin. He is a student of the State University.

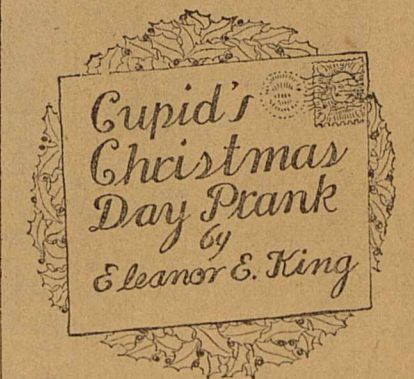
Dan Bass is spending the holidays with his people, L. E. Bass and family. Dan is attending high school at Stamford.

Miss Carrie Pair took her Sunday School class on a picnic this week. Everybody had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Phifer of Spur are spending Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cammack and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Phifer

Miss Onie Phifer is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Phifer. Onie is teaching at Lakeview.

Mr. and Mrs. Byrd and family of Vernon are visiting Mrs. Byrd's sister, Mrs. M. C. Formby.



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"No, of course you didn't. It is a wild venture on my part and may precipitate failure, but, I hope not. The facts of the matter are I have waited a long time, too long a time, for this day to come. Don't you think, Setha, we were very foolish to quarrel as we did? You were twenty-two and I not much more, and neither one of us would give in and admit his or her love. Isn't that about right?"

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As the door of the church auditorium leading from the church house softly closed, a young man proudly escorted his adored one to the parson at the altar.

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ness and fine physique before entering the room of the church house and revealing her presence. Livingston, however, felt her glance and turned quickly. "Setha, how glad I am to see you. You did not let me know whether you would be here or not, and I was in hopes you would come. How lovely you look. Come in and sit down." Setha could only beam and inarticu-



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A querulous call came from an adjoining bedroom, and Pauline went to the door. "Yes, father?" "Isn't the doctor here yet?" "No, dear, but he will come soon." As she arranged his pillows she noticed how thin and pale he was, and a lump rose in her throat. She must do all she could to make him happy. "You must hurry to get up and around again before this lovely snow is gone," she said. "And when the spring comes, and you are getting stronger all the time, think how wonderful it will be! Martin and I will be married, and he will come here to live, too, until Mrs. Morington learns how to take care of things. Martin says he found the nicest bungalow Wednesday, and maybe we'll buy a home of our own—Why, Dad, you're crying!"



The sick man tried to smile. "It's nothing—nothing." "Oh, my dear, you don't think I'd ever love any one enough to forget you, do you?" "No, Pauline, don't you worry. I'll be all right. Only I'll miss my little girl so." "But Mrs. Morington will take good care of you, and Martin and I will come over often. Besides, you'll be well, then." "Yes," he said slowly. "I'll be well,

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"A little, maybe," the other answered. "But don't you young folks waste your time on me. Go along and have your dinner, and I can wait for mine until after the doctor comes. I'll try to take a nap, now."

"All right, Daddy. Are you sure you're comfortable?" "Quite comfortable." "Delicious as it was, the New Year's dinner made little impression on Martin Norcross. He was too busy thinking of other things. Just the fact that they were to be married soon, he thought, made the day a holiday. He said something of the sort to Pauline.

"Martin," she said, "don't you think we had better wait until father is quite well? I am so afraid he might be lonely." "But, my dear, I don't want to take you away from your father. He needs you. Only—I need you, too."

Doc Ellis and family, of the Swenson Ranch near Throckmorton, spent Christmas in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Maples. —Hargrove Will Gin Your Cotton—

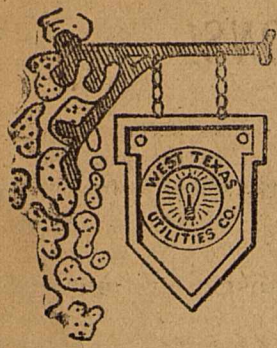
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This was a beautiful and solemn observance. Gathered in the spirit of mutual trust, they sought faith and confidence to meet the problems of the New Year.

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Delicious as it was, the New Year's dinner made little impression on Martin Norcross. He was too busy thinking of other things. Just the fact that they were to be married soon, he thought, made the day a holiday. He said something of the sort to Pauline.

"Martin," she said, "don't you think we had better wait until father is quite well? I am so afraid he might be lonely."

"But, my dear, I don't want to take you away from your father. He needs you. Only—I need you, too."

"And I need you, Martin, oh! ever so much. But poor father looks so frail—"

A knock at the door interrupted her. "It must be the doctor," she said.

Doctor Burson shook the snow from his broad shoulders and stepped in doors. He greeted Pauline and Martin, then went on to his patient's room.

Pauline sat down at the piano. "Sing something, Martin," she asked. "Let's sing 'Until Tomorrow' together."

When the doctor came back into the room, Pauline rose. "Well, doctor?"

"He is about the same," Doctor Burson answered. "but I want to talk to you young people for a minute. Miss Pauline, I ask you to postpone your wedding indefinitely."

"Is that necessary, doctor?" Martin broke in to ask.

"I'm sorry, Martin, but I'm afraid it is. Miss Pauline, you may as well know that your father will never recover."

Pauline's eyes were dry and wide. When she spoke her voice sounded harsh and far away. "I suppose, doctor; I have suspected this for several weeks—"

She broke down, then, in the relief of tears, and Martin stood awkwardly by while the doctor tried to comfort her.

"The whole thing is," the doctor explained, "that Mr. Hughes is very weak, and any excitement will affect him fatally. Besides, I am sure that he secretly dreads the time when you will have to give your best attention and thought to someone else." He paused. "I know your love for him will invent excuses for the delay." He took his hat and bag. "I'll go now. You take care of her. Mar-



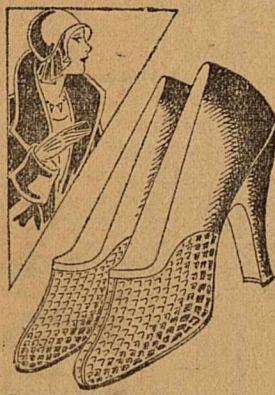
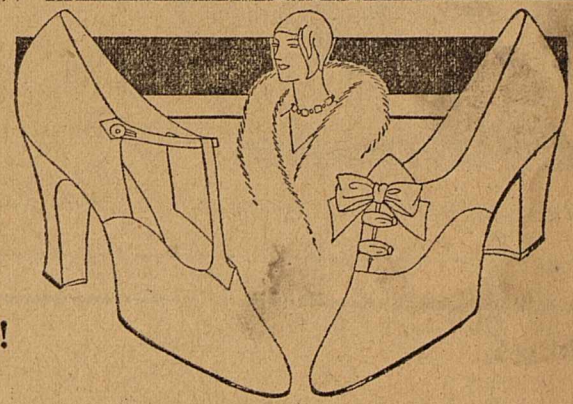
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At last the girl turned a tear-stained face to her lover. "You'll wait for me, Martin?" she asked.

"Forever," he answered. "I could wait—"

"Pauline" came her father's voice. "Aren't you going to bring my dinner?"

"Yes, daddy. In just a minute, dear."

Martin took her in his arms. "Remember, Pauline, that I am waiting."

"Remember, Martin, that I love you."

"Go to your father, dear. A year or two from our young lives will soon be only a memory, but they are all that he has left. I will see you soon again, and I will wait. Good-by, my dear, and a blessed New Year."

Pauline wiped from her eyes the traces of tears and patted her hair. "I'm coming, father," she called. Her voice was steady and cool.

She carried the tray into her father's room, and propped the pillows behind him. "Here's your New Year dinner, daddy."

"Thank you, Pauline." His hands trembled as he picked up his spoon. "I don't know what I should ever do without you."

From the corner of the house came the fragments of a song, fading in the distance:

Until tomorrow, I'll dream of you;  
Until tomorrow, when dreams come true—

Tears burned in Pauline's eyes, but she smiled around her lips.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Mort Smith returned to their old home at Bridgeport to spend the holidays with relatives and friends and to be with Mr. Smith's father, who is in ill health.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kellam spent Christmas in Lubbock with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Russell, of Borger, spent the holidays in Spur with her parents Mr. and Mes. C. L. Love and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Gorham returned this week to their home at Friona, Texas, after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Tanner spent Christmas in Stamford with friends.

Mrs. P. A. Watson returned to her home at Foss, Oklahoma after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love and family.

Jimmie Kennady of Lubbock spent Tuesday in Spur visiting Miss Nell Albin.

Mrs. W. S. Patrick and daughter, Viralyn are ill this week with the influenza.

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ACETYLENE AND ARC WELDING

New Year's Peace  
By Radio

By Florence Harris Wells

IT WAS New Year's eve but Robert Holden had refused all the numerous invitations that had come to him to watch the Old Year out. Robert was in no mood for festivities of any kind or description. A year ago he and Katharine had welcomed the New Year together planning how before the year ended they would be settled in their own little home and now here he was still in his bachelor quarters, more lonely and more forlorn than ever before in his life; for Katharine's musical career had proved too alluring and she had decided she could not give it up.

"No, not even for you, Bob," she had smilingly, albeit seriously replied to his ardent pleadings. "At least not yet," she had added. "I must taste the sweetness of success for a while. It has been too slow in coming and too dearly paid for to turn away from it so quickly."

All Bob's entreaties and arguments were of no avail. Katharine was adamant; so Katharine had gone to her many engagements from coast to coast and Bob had gone about his day's work. But all the zest and inspiration was taken from his labors. Absent-mindedly Robert turned to his radio and tuned-in on something—anything, he didn't care what.

The words, "Katharine Mulder will now sing—" finally cut into his wandering thoughts.

Bob did not wait to hear what Katharine would sing. Out into the night he rushed and aimlessly he trudged through the softly falling snow oblivious of direction or time. He could see nothing but Katharine's smiling, resolute face, hear nothing but her rich contralto voice as she used to sing the old song favorites for him and that never one, "At Peace with the World with You," which seemed to just fit in with their mood when together.

"Peace," he muttered. "There is no such thing!"

It was nearing midnight when he approached his club, still unaware of time or place.

Bewildered he looked about him and gradually he realized that for some unknown reason he was the center of attention. The breezy remarks penetrated his consciousness:

"Pretty good New Year, old chap, after all, isn't it?"

"Thought you'd get around to share your glad message with us."

"Great of you, I'd say, to come back to us for the last song."

"About time for it now, isn't it? Let's tune in."

It was then Bob roused enough to stammer:

"What's it all about? What do you mean?"

It was Bob's best friend, Hal, who grasped the situation first:

"He doesn't know fellows!" Hal threw his arm about Bob's broad shoulders and led him apart from the others.

It's Katharine. Bob; she sang over the radio tonight for you."

At the mention of Katharine's name Bob started to move away. But Hal held him firmly and the words "For you" brought an immediate response:

"For me! What do you mean?"

"Just what I said. The announcer announced that Katharine Mulder would sing for Bob Holden and she hoped he was listening in. And then what do you suppose she sang?"

Hal didn't wait for any reply:

"She sang that old song 'How Can I Leave Thee! Only, Bob, now get this, she changed it to—"

"How could I leave thee! How could I from thee part! Thou only hast my heart, Dear one believe, Thou hast this soul of mine So closely bound to thine, Naught else can I love, Save thee alone."

Do you get that, Bob? She said "Naught else can I love." Now wait a minute, I'm not through—when she finished the announcer said Miss Mulder would sing again at midnight, and in the meantime her address was right here in this city."

But the last remark fell on the desert air. Bob was at the door.

As the New Year was ushered in with pealing bells and shrilling whistles, over the radio at the club Bob's friends heard a rich contralto voice singing:

"At Peace with the World with You."

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**Spur Schools Are Among Texas Best**

Some people always think of what is noted that of the 52 graduates of last year 36 are now attending some college or university.

Who is responsible for this great progress in the Spur schools? This progress was made possible because of the foresight of the untiring Board of Trustees and the cooperative effort of the people of Spur and Spur community. Who is there who is not proud of the Spur School? —Contributed.

County Agent E. L. Tanner and wife spent the Christmas season in Stamford visiting with relatives and friends.

Rob Davis and family, of Quitaque, spent Christmas in Spur with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Davis and family.

Lee Davis and family, Streling and Dick Davis, of Garza county, spent Christmas in Spur with Mrs. Nellie Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and E. C. Jr., spent Christmas in Fort Worth with Mrs Edmond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Connell and family.

**DORIS RESOLVES**

By ANNA L. NEWSOM

The Spur schools are growing. Last year the transfer roll increased from 21 to 205 and this year there will be near 300. As a result, the funds from tuition increase. In spite of the increase in running the school the deficit decreased nearly \$4000.00. The scholastic census for this year shows that there are 1112 students, whereas, there were only 632, an increase of 480. These numbers show that the scholastic census have practically doubled in the past two years.

In the past two years additional books amounting to several hundred dollars in value have been added to the library. The grounds of both schools have been improved, brush cleared away and basket ball and tennis courts erected.

In the school work proper fourth credit waws obtained in the English Department which makes us affiliated in everything, also, four teachers have been added to the teaching force of the school. The vocational department was initiated into the system this year when Agriculture was added for boys. Next year Home Economics will be added for girls, also, some commercial subjects will be added. In view of these facts and others previously mentioned, we are asking that the Spur High School be placed on the All Southern list of Accredited Schools this year.

We are now about to take a big step upward on the rounds of the ladder. We are about ready to move sign of progress. The new Grammar into a new school building—another School has just been completed. It is a modern, up-to-date, one-story building with ten class rooms at present, all furnished with the best equipment. Besides the numerous rooms, an auditorium which will seat about 400 people, will be one of the most attractive features to all students and parents.

When we move into the new building after Christmas, at the beginning of the second semester, the low and high division of grades will be made. The grades, first to the fourth inclusive, will be in the new building. The present Grammar school will be known as Junior High School with grades from the fifth to the eighth inclusive. The present High School will be termed the Senior High School, limiting its work to the ninth, tenth and eleventh grades.

The students have been engaged in school activities more than ever before. Every phase has been considered so that the individual may take his choice. They may participate in such activities as choral club, ukelele club, pep squad, Spanish club, and the 4-H club; community and chapel programs. Interscholastic League, Future Farmers of Texas—and the Rowel—the student publication.

Spur High School has been well represented to the whole State in regard to the percentage of students attending school elsewhere. This will be seen readily when it

NUMBER THREE whistled at the crossing, slowed down, and came to a stop with a grind of brakes. Doris and Madge hurried up the steps to the platform for the passengers to alight—the man whose trousers showed beneath his blue overalls, who held in each hand the hand of a sleek-faced youngster, the fat woman with a heavy coat—in this stifling weather—and three bundles, the stout old traveling man, the chic flapper, and the tall, dark-eyed man with two heavy grips.

"Did you see that man," Doris asked, as Madge gave her bag to the porter?

"Yes, now don't you go to smiling at him," admonished Madge.

"Not I," laughed Doris as the train started.

Doris went past her father's hardware store on her way home, but she didn't see the dark-eyed man in the office.

"And is that your daughter?" asked Lewis Hollman when Doris had gone. "Well she is the prettiest girl I have ever seen."

"Yes, and the dearest," said the father, "but as full of sentiment as can be. Believes all she reads in books about true love being synonymous with tempests," said the father.

Two hours later Charles Bowen brought home to supper Lewis Hollman, the son of an old college friend—now traveling for a hardware house.

When Hollman left at a late hour Mr. Brown said with a twinkle in his eye:

"Give your father my love—and bring your wife on your next trip."

Lewis grinned and was gone.

After that visit, once each month Lewis Hollman had supper with the Bowens. Doris had never asked her father any questions about him; but when Lewis happened in on New Year's eve—three days before he was due—and asked Doris to go with him to a show to watch the New Year in, she asked her dad if he was married.

"No, why," was his reply?

"He wants to take me to a show."

"Then go; you couldn't go with a finer chap."

Doris went and afterward Lewis said:

"Doris, dear, I've loved you ever since I saw you at the train—my first trip. Will you marry me?"

"But you're married—and my New Year's resolution is not to marry a married man," she teased.

"Surely, you knew that your dad—"

"Did it to make me love some one whom I couldn't have."

"Doris!"

"Lewis!"

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**THE NEW WARD SCHOOL BUILDING**

A Criticism by M. Hargrove

To begin with I wish to state that in offering this criticism I do so in the friendliest spirit. I am merely giving the opinion of a private citizen on a question which should be close to the heart of every parent on earth. The comfort, welfare, convenience and safety of our children, who go to school; especially the little fellows from ten or eleven to the kindergarten grades—and I do not want to be misunderstood. My only religion is to offer the best possible in the way of education and environment to the children of today. I believe in schools, I believe in better schools than we now have, I believe in efficiency in the schools, but I do not believe in the kind of efficiency in the school room or the school organization that is totally devoid of all sentiment or feeling. The kind that drives, Drives DRIVES! Making a nervous wreck of the teacher and mere mechanical thinkers of the children. But I am progressing. What I started out to do was to offer a bit of friendly criticism of the plan of forcing all the little "kids" in town to attend East Ward school, which plan was rather ably defended in the columns of this paper last week by our Superintendent of Schools, Prof. R. N. Cluck.

We take the position; any plan whether it pertains to the School, Church or State, when its proponents offer lengthy articles in its defense before it is founded, they thereby acknowledge that it has its weak points which must be protected, defended or hidden. A fortress which is vulnerable must either be protected or defended by great battle ships or else camouflaged so that it cannot be found.

In setting forth the advantages of having all grades below the fourth in the East ward building, Mr. Cluck says in part, "The smaller pupils will be separated from the larger pupils. This will avoid quarrels between larger and smaller children; dirty jokes, profane language, bullying and abusive conduct will be greatly eliminated from the daily life of the very small children."

Now to folks of my age this sounds most sacrilegious; in our day all such conduct on the school grounds or in the school room was absolutely taboo. Nor do we believe that as a disciplinarian Supt. Cluck is so lax as to allow abusive language, profanity and dirty jokes in and around the school buildings. We take the position that Mr. Cluck just made this statement for arguments sake, and that no such conditions exist over at the High School or will exist at the Junior High which we are about to inaugurate. If such language and conduct is allowed and is the rule rather than the exception and by segregating the little fellows in the east ward building you can prevent them acquiring

such habits, then for God's sake put them there and keep them there till they graduate.

Mr. Cluck gives his next reason for putting all the little ones in the East Ward building the matter of saving \$600 or \$700 of the people's money. We approve of all steps in real economy, but we heartily disapprove squandering funds either public or private under a guise of false economy. And right here I want to say a word about the New school building, as a building. Of the building proper we have no criticism to offer. So far as we can see it is a good and sufficient building, strong and well lighted and ventilated; but with a heating system that only our Father Noah could be proud. We wonder how the minds of seven good business men like the ones we have on the School Board could have been working: when they would approve a plan of heating in order to save in the initial cost of installation. 3 or 4 thousand dollars on a thirty-five or forty thousand dollar building which places an old filthy antiquated stove in each room of the building, when by adding only ten per cent or less to the first cost we could have had a well-equipped modern steam heating plant which would have been clean and sanitary in every way; and where we now will have ten or more fires to keep going, we would with steam heat only have one; thus with steam heat we would save from 20% to 50% in fuel for all time to come. We call the money saved by the school board by substituting stoves for steam heat False Economy gone to seed. This of course, is the mistake of the board, as we presume Mr. Cluck had nothing to do with the building or heating system.

Mr. Cluck gives as his third reason for having all the little tots attend the East Ward School in his own words, "Another advantage is the fact that none of the smaller children will have to face a north wind going to school every morning." However, streets of the city run nearly due North and nearly due East and West; and as the new building only lacks one block of being in the extreme north part of the east side of town we wonder how a child living in the south, south-east or south-west part of town could possibly reach this school building without facing north wind at least a part of the way, when the wind happened to be blowing from the north which is quite common in the winter. But we do not think any power would insist on building a school house in such location that no child attending a school there would ever have to face a north wind either going or coming—so that part of the question is useless to discuss.

But when Mr. Cluck in his fourth reason in defense of putting all the little fellows in the East ward building says that "just as many have to cross main street (Burlington Ave.) going to the old building as will have to go to the new building." Now my good

friends, I take the position that this argument is inconsistent. The question that has been raised is this: That with a ward school in west Spur and a ward School in east Spur each school teaching the children living in the ward in which the school building is located up to a certain grade (let it be the 4th if you will) then the danger to little fellows who are unable to properly take care of themselves in the congested traffic on Burlington Avenue would be to a great extent eliminated, and right here I want to insert a clipping from the Ft. Worth Star Telegram of December 11—

**CHILDRESS BOY IS KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE**

Childress, Dec. 10.—On his way home from school Charles Coppedge, 6, was struck by an automobile and killed almost instantly here today.

The fight on the location of the new school building which was left to vote (illegally) last summer is too fresh in the minds of all of us to rehearse here. Suffer me to say that we of the east side know that since there are almost twice the number of legal voters living west of Burlington Avenue as live east of the same thoroughfare, we could not have hoped and did not take to win this election without the help of some of the good, big-hearted, and liberal minded people of the west side. And I now on behalf of those of us on the east side who fought so faithfully for the location of this building on this side of town wish to thank those of the good people in the west ward for helping us win both from an unsympathetic majority of the School Board and School Superintendent. But at the same time in the spirit of the season wish to express my regrets that the same school board and the same superintendent seem determined, as it were to give you a figurative spanking in punishment for voting the way you did by forcing you to send your little ones across and through the dangerous and congested traffic of Burlington Avenue. I say I regret this on your account because in your liberal mindedness you little thought that you were voting an added hazard on your almost helpless offspring; for with an irresponsible "jelly bean" with his 'Tank' full of bad bootleg liquor, and the tank of his dad's automobile full of good gasoline and he using Burlington Avenue as a race track when it is already full of legitimate traffic; it is dangerous for a full grown athlete to cross on foot, much less a little child.

To you, fathers and mothers of the west side I will say that my personal interest in this is not great. As my youngest will soon be in Junior High, and as Mr. Cluck says, this is the only way we can have a Junior High it would stand to reason that if I was going to take a personal interest, I would favor the Cluck plan. But I do not—I repeat that any school plan that puts efficiency ahead of convenience, comfort and safety is unsound.

That economy, that must be paid for in some way in the future is false economy and I say here and now that if the only way to have a Junior High is the plan outlined by Mr. Cluck or build a Junior High School Building, let's build it. We can do it—I will try to pay my part of the tax.

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George W. Benson has filed an application in the County Court of Dickens County, on the 12th day of December, 1928, for letters of Administration in the joint estates of W. C. Benson and Frances Ann Benson, both deceased, which said application will be heard by said Court on the 21st day of January 1929, at the Court House of said County, in Dickens, at which time all persons who are interested in said joint estates are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal, at Dickens, Texas, this 12th day of December 1928

Robert Reynolds, Clerk, County Court, Dickens County, Texas.

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# 'Many New Uses For Cotton Found,' Says Congressman

## Congressman Jones, In Speech Before Congress Dec. 6 Outlines Many New Uses For South's Staple Farm Product

Raw cotton being fed into long rows of machines and coming out a product that looks, feels and wears like silk was described as one of the miracles of modern industrial chemistry by Congressman Marvin Jones of Texas, in the House today.

The House listened with much interest to Mr. Jones' description of the great plant at Elizabethton, Tennessee, where this work is now being done.

For several years Mr. Jones has been interested in the finding of new uses for cotton and is the author of the law which authorizes permanent investigation of new uses by the departments of Commerce and Agriculture.

"The process of silk making is attributed to a Chinese Empress in the year 2040 B. C.," said Mr. Jones. "The silk worm eats mulberry leaves spins a cocoon, which contains a silk thread several hundred yards long. This is unwound by hand and woven into cloth."

"For three thousand years China guarded the precious secret. Tradition has it that the eggs of worm and the seeds of the mulberry tree were carried out of China in a hollow bamboo cane. But the west could not rival the cheap labor of the Orient and for years China and Japan have been selling the United States more than \$4,000,000 worth of silk annually.

"A noted chemist after years of toil has discovered a process similar to that used in the making of the original silk thread.

"The plant where this new product is being made represents an investment of \$20,000,000 is run night and day, employs 2500 people and a new unit is now being installed.

"It uses cotton 'linters,' breaks down the structure, mixes it with chemicals, forces it through the long processing machines, from which it emerges in long silken strands, from which a cloth is woven that requires an expert to distinguish from silk. It is not rayon, which is made

from wood pulp and plant fibre but a much finer appearing fabric.

"This is a real farm relief. If money is merely loaned to take a million bales of cotton off the market it must come back on at a later date to again depress the price. But when a new use is found for even a hundred thousand bales, it is taken permanently off the market, which necessarily enhances the price of cotton.

"The South has within her own borders and at her own threshold," said Mr. Jones, "the raw materials for the building of a wonderful prosperity. She has the climate and the power, and her people have the determination to translate these resources into her own development. She is building her own plants and with the strength and sinew of her own fibre, in the looms of her own genius and with the industry of her own hands, she is weaving the garment of her future glory."

Rev. Beverly Watson spent the Christmas holidays in Spur with W. A. Watson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stotts, of Lubbock, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Mataer, of Oklahoma City, are here spending the holiday season with Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin and family.

Miss Ruth Glasgow, of Dallas, is spending the holidays in Spur with her mother, Mrs. Ben Glasgow, and other relatives and friends of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Stafford, of Swenson, spent the holidays here in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lee and other relatives and friends of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Putman and son, Bill Jr., are in Plano visiting her parents during the Christmas holiday season.

Norman Snodgrass, of Lubbock, was the guest of Miss Dorothy Williams during the holiday season.

John R. Johnson was a guest of Miss Nellie B. Albin during the holiday season.

Mrs. W. L. Hyatt and sons, Horace and Hub spent Christmas in Breckenridge with Mr. and Mrs. Newt Harkey

E. T. Varnell, of the Afton section of country, contributed to the merriment of the Christmas season by calling in and renewing his subscription to the Texas Spur.

Mrs. Carol Cobb is in the city spending the holiday season with her mother, Mrs. Kate Senning.

Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller spent Christmas with relatives and friends in Eastland county.

Mrs. Earnest Seal, who last week underwent a special operation at a Lubbock Sanitarium, returned home this week, the operation having been successful and Mrs. Seal now reported doing nicely and recovering most satisfactory.

Jack Slaton and wife, of San Angelo, are here spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Slaton.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Seals, of California, are in the city spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilbert.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Anz, of Snyder, spent Christmas in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Maples.

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## What Will We Do With 1929?

**C**OULD anything have been more appropriate or significant than the naming of January, the first month of the year, after the Roman deity Janus—the god of all beginnings—the god with two opposite faces, one looking back into the past and the other facing forward. Isn't that the cue for you and me and for everyone else as we begin this new year of 1929? Should we not be as Janus, looking backward and looking forward, studying the past for the lessons it will teach, and facing the future with hope, strength, and confidence?

This is a good time to review the past, not only the past year but the past life. What things have we done, what things have we left undone? What have we learned from the things done and from things undone? Based on all that has gone before, what will we do with 1929? What will we do for ourselves, for our families, for mankind?

We have heard the remark, he or she has a past. Who is there who has not a past? One's past, no matter how ignoble, is a valuable part of his life, because from it he can draw a commendable future.

But in reviewing the past make not the mistake of viewing it with regret. Regrets are useless things; they inject hopelessness into the soul, and waste valuable energy.

Most folks learn by making mistakes. If one has to learn to stand on one's feet through having one's feet slip, there is no cause to regret the slip. The child learns to walk by falling down. Man learns to live the same way. Repent—face about—but do not regret.

Do not worry about that water that has gone under the bridge; there is more coming down stream; keep your eye on that.

1929 is another year. We have a brand new chance to begin life all over again; you and I; to mold things afresh with the knowledge gained from all our past experiences to guide us.

Let us not fret about the mistakes we made in 1928, but make sure we do not repeat them in 1929.

Wickes Wamboldt  
1929

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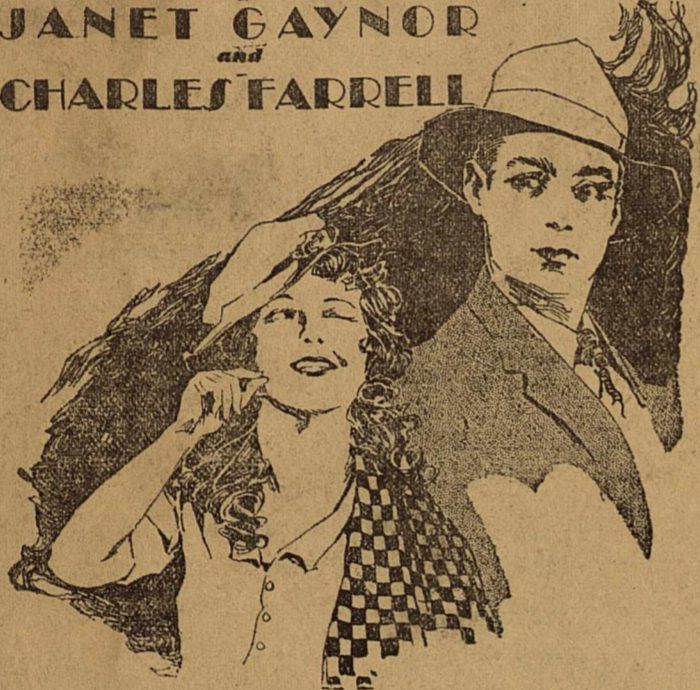
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LYRIC THEATRE

MONDAY AFTERNOON; TUESDAY AFTERNOON & NIGHT, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1st.

Mrs. Ray Sanders and Mrs. S. R. Bowman spent the holidays in Hubbard with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dunlap spent the holidays at McAdoo and Jayton with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. John King, and Mr. and Mrs. Harper, of Waco, made a trip to Lubbock Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Campbell and daughter, Bonnie and Isabell are ill with flu this week.

Reports come to us this week that Bill Davis, a former Spur boy, was operated in a California hospital this week. The seriousness of his condition is not known.

Mr. and Mrs. Delisle from Dry Lake, spent Christmas with Melvin Landers and family.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

But It Was Cold

By Clara Agee Hays

GRANT BARKER sneaked into his bedroom slippers and bathrobe, slipped on a pair of rubbers at the back door, and shivered out into the gray New Year's dawn. Murder burned in Grant's eyes. He forgot the sprinkle of goose flesh which covered him, the shivers which wrenched him as the frosty air blew up his pajama legs. Viciously, he tossed the revolver onto a bank of snow by the door. Too noisy! Somebody'd hear, and there'd been so much in the papers. He picked up a stick. That would get him. Grant's teeth grated in hate. Stealthily he slipped alley-ward until he neared a large yellow cat. He paused. Better catch him and call the Humane society to kill him. Then, nobody'd know. There'd been such a fuss about killing pets already.

It was like Rolland Watts to have a cat—and let him howl in people's back yards all night. Grant remembered when they had been pals before they had married and tried living side by side. Now they never spoke. Why should they? Watts was unreasonable. He'd even called the police about Grant's dog! Couldn't prove anything. Teddy's never bit ten anybody, let alone the Watts brats. Grant snatched at his yellow enemy. The cat darted through his hands and up the alley.

Barker hesitated, listening to a suspicious crunching of snow near him. Quickly realizing that his yellow hair stood on end, his ankles,



red with the cold, were bare, and his pajamas flapped below his ridiculous bathrobe, he slunk against the garage.

"Daddy, did you get Barker's dog?" called a childish voice. Grant bristled angrily. So! "Sh! Not yet—Go back to bed," a voice stage-whispered near him.

Grant could stand no more. He lunged across a snowdrift toward the sound.

"So!" he said accusingly. Rolland Watts jumped back in astonishment. He, too, wore a frayed bathrobe. Under it Grant saw a trace of outing nightshirt and bare legs. Watts held a piece of raw meat.

Grant's teeth chattered in the cold. "Trying to poison my dog, huh?" he sneered.

Rolland looked at the meat guiltily; then glared. "What're you doing, yourself, with that stick—after my cat, huh?"

The two men stepped closer, menacingly. A tinkle halted them. Whirling, they saw the milk man eyeing them in amusement. He turned quickly and respectfully. "Happy New Year, gentlemen!" he called. Some thing like the old boyish twinkle showed slowly in Rolland's eyes.

"Honest, Grant, I didn't know the cat bothered you," he said at last.



"Gosh, we'll shut him up nights after this!"

Grant looked up. The rotund, baldish man with the silly night shirt and the meat was, after all, old Rolland. He laughed. "I'm going to muzzle Teddy right away," he said and dropped the stick. "Happy New Year, old man! Lord, ain't it cold?"

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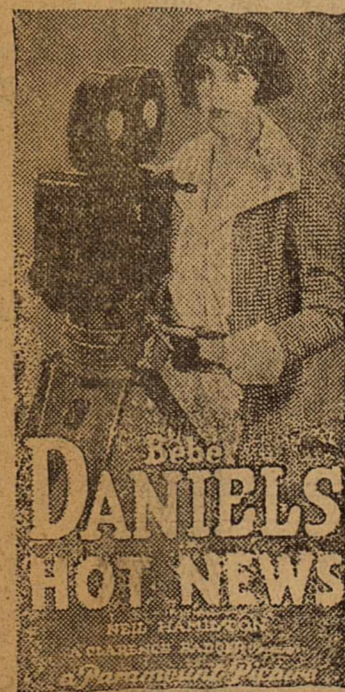
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We are just now turning the corner of 1928 and entering 1929. We have taken many of these turns and wish for our friends and patrons that each of us may turn many more. It is hoped much that 1929 may bring each of us prosperity and happiness. We want to start you with the habit of thinking of this store when in the city or on the street. We are going to strive very hard to make it worth while in value giving as well as styles that will command the attention of the better dresser. Nothing can possess value without the vital points; we are careful to have you guarded by selling you lines of the better kind.

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