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GEORGE GILPIN FOUND INSANE

At a sanity hearing Wednesday afternoon in Justice of the Peace Malone's office in Spur before a jury with County Judge Newberry presiding, George Gilpin was found to be insane. He will be committed to the asylum at Wichita Falls as quickly as arrangements can be made. At present he is in the Nichols Sanitarium in Spur under guard.

Evidence given at the sanity trial revealed that on last Saturday morning Mr. Gilpin crawled out a window on the south side of the second story of the Central Hotel, located in the heart of the business district in Spur, walked or ran to the rear of the roof of the building occupied by the Safeway Store and jumped to the ground, some several feet, without injury. He then went around to the sidewalk on the "main drag" hollering: "They are after me—Al Capone and his gang." He then went to the Schwarz dry goods store telling the clerks the same story and wanting to hide. He got in the rear of the building and hid in the coal bin or box. He carried a sizeable iron pipe with him and intimated that he was going to battle Capone's gang. He was arrested in the Schwarz store and later incarcerated in the county jail at Dickens. There he got on the bed, sprang and butted his head against the iron bars. It is said by other inmates of the jail that he did this several times before losing consciousness (or being knocked out) by the head injuries. He was brought by Sheriff Arthur to the Nichols Sanitarium for surgical attention and returned to the jail. Tuesday about noon he found a safety razor blade which one of the other prisoners had placed in a crevice after use and attempted to end his life by cutting his throat. A deep, ugly gash was inflicted and he has been in the sanitarium since. The cut was of a serious nature and loss of blood made him very weak.

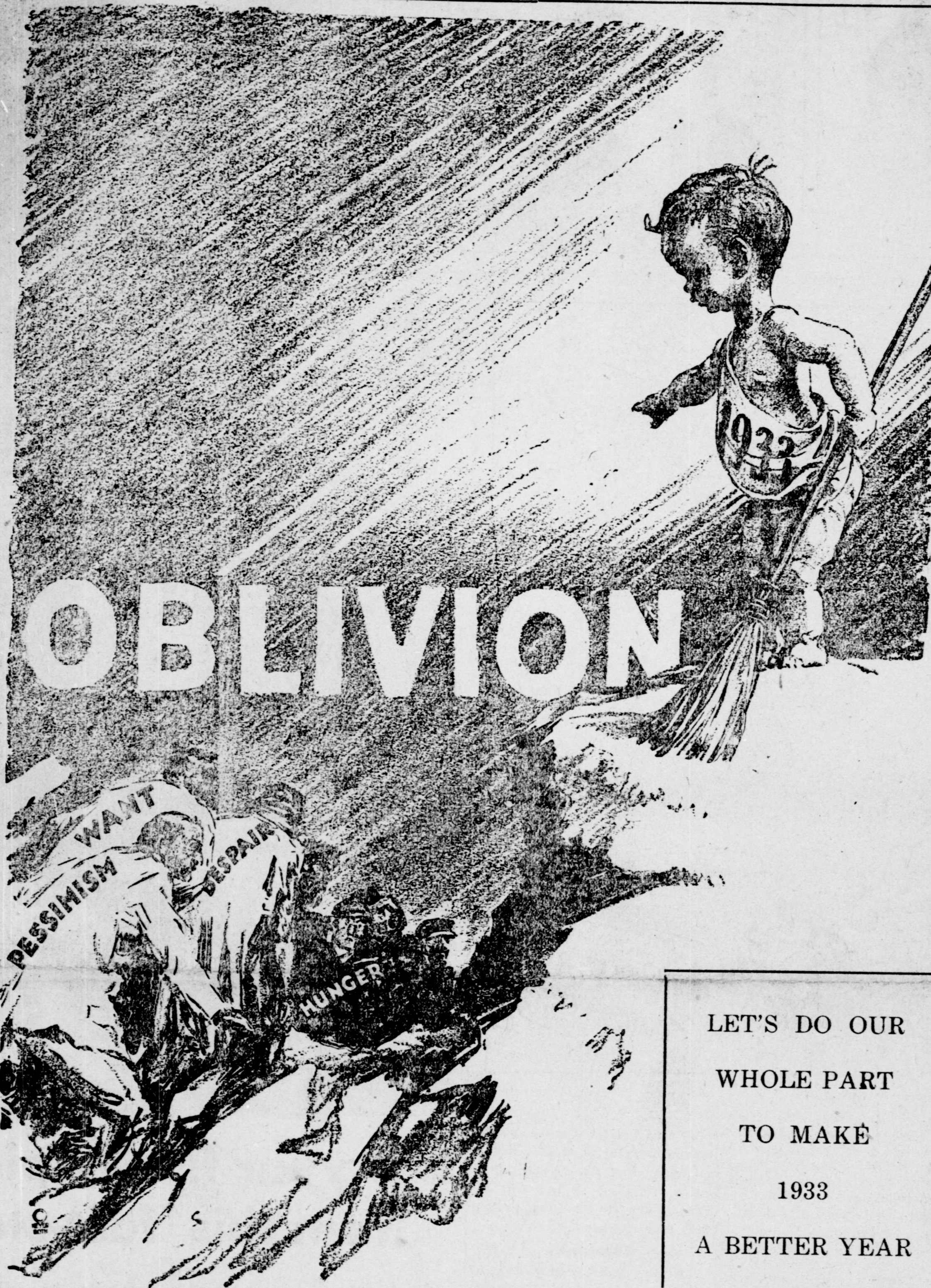
The Gilpin family were pioneers of this county, the small town by that name on the Wichita Valley Railroad east of Spur having been named for George's father. They also resided in Spur a number of years. George has resided in New Mexico the past several years and came to Spur a few weeks ago with a bunch of mules and mates he has been offering for sale.

PLENTY TO EAT AT HIS HOUSE

If the Texas Spur gang gets hungry we know where to go to appease the pain. Ol Taylor who resides in the Duck Creek community on the line of Dickens and Kent County was in to visit with us Saturday afternoon. He invited us out to see him, especially if we get hungry. Said they weren't burdened with money these days but had most everything anybody ought to like to eat, such as home-made syrup, cured hams, sow-belly, big fresh turnips, chickens, etc., and that we would be welcome any time to come out and fill up.

Mr. Taylor is numbered among the old timers in this country and like all of the pioneers he welcomes his neighbors and friends as visitors to his place at any and all times. There is no generosity or deep seated friendship and neighborliness greater on earth than that implanted in the hearts of the pioneers of this West Texas country. They were reared to believe that every man is a good man and entitled to every consideration until his actions prove him unworthy. They called a spade a spade and a nois thief was a nois thief—and a few remaining citizens of that generation still cling to the ideals of REAL HOSPITALITY to everybody who comes to their homes.

Mr. Taylor came with his parents to Floyd County in 1888. They moved to Kent County near Jayton a couple of years later and then to Dickens county. He knows the history of this county from a to z and can relate all the head-liner events occurring here while the way was being paved for the present day civilization of modern conveniences and educational and cultural advantages.



Landers Store Adds New Meat Market

Melvin Landers, who returned to Spur from Swenson several days ago to open Landers Store No. 1, has added to the stock and fixtures of the new place materially the past few days. The stock from the former Landers store was added and modern meat market equipment placed. R. D. Hill, who is well known to the people of this country, will be the meat-cutter on the job and Mr. Landers states that the market will offer nothing but first class white-face meats for sale.

An ad elsewhere in this paper will tell you what Mr. Landers wants you to know.

Mrs. Browning Died Saturday

Mrs. Margie Browning, 38 years, 9 months and 26 days of age, passed away Saturday, December 24th, at 1:30 A. M. at the Nichols Sanitarium after having suffered several days of bronchial pneumonia. The Browning family resides about 30 miles south of Spur.

Funeral services were conducted at the Cemetery by Rev. Joe E. Boyd, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Spur, interment being made in Spur Cemetery under direction of Mr. Campbell of the Campbell Funeral Parlor.

The husband and five children survive to mourn a great loss. It is indeed sad for little children to be reared in a motherless home.

CLOUD WILL BE JUDGE THE 1ST.

Jim Cloud, county judge elect, was in the city Tuesday mingling with friends and paid the Texas Spur a business visit.

Jim was reared here in Dickens county on a farm a few miles north and a little west of Spur. He so conducted himself from childhood up to man's estate that his friends and neighbors saw fit to elect him this year to the highest office in the gift of the people of the county. This is a compliment and indication of trust and esteem that Jim should and probably will look upon with hallowed pride throughout his life.

Had you ever thought about how hard it is for an old boy to make good at home—the community he is reared in? Most of us in working off the high-pressure steam of boyhood and young manhood manage in some way to stray from the straight and narrow path to extents that our elders feel that we are a great risk from a standpoint of trust. After we have reached the manhood milepost they don't forget about those ducks we pushed in the creek and the green corn we pulled up—hence it's hard to develop our best efforts and attain the highest accomplishments we are capable of unless we venture off into a new settlement where they are in a receptive attitude for "new blood" to take hold and help put things over. This is an actual fact and most of you know it.

Hence we say that Jim Cloud's election to the office of county judge is a REAL COMPLIMENT, an unusual thing, and he should, even though he may rise to the heights in the political world, look back upon this past election day as the highest tribute ever paid him or any other young man. Jim will be looking all dignified-like on the bench over at Dickens after this next Monday.

AGED CITIZEN DIES AT AFTON

Thomas J. Bradford, 83 years, 4 months and 18 days of age died December 24th at 1:40 A. M. at the home of his son, Paul Bradford, in the Afton community. Senile debility and influenza were given as causes of death.

The body was shipped by the Campbell Funeral Parlor to Stratford, Texas, where interment was made.

Mr. Bradford had resided in this county for some time and was a most excellent citizen. His many friends are made sad, with the loved ones, at his passing.

Benson Is Moving To Roaring Springs

R. L. Benson, who had had charge of the market business at the City Grocery the past few months, will leave the first of the year for Roaring Springs where he will be connected with the market department of the Landers Store.

Mr. Benson has made Spur a good citizen and he and Mrs. Benson will be greatly missed by their numerous friends.

W. S. Perry and family spent Christmas with relatives and friends at Dublin.

Mr. Perry is a REAL COMPLIMENT, an unusual thing, and he should, even though he may rise to the heights in the political world, look back upon this past election day as the highest tribute ever paid him or any other young man. Jim will be looking all dignified-like on the bench over at Dickens after this next Monday.

SEES BETTER TIMES AHEAD

Uncle Eb Shaw, pioneer citizen of the Wichita community, was in Saturday to renew acquaintance with the Texas Spur editor. In a discussion of present conditions and future prospects, Mr. Shaw stated that though history recorded that incoming Democratic administrations had shown a downward tendency in commodity prices the first few months he believed this one would be an exception and that we may look for a slow recovery from the depression from the time Roosevelt and Garner take over the reins of government. He bases the opinion on the fact that everybody is afraid of the Hoover regime, both big and little business, but appear to have confidence in the men who will head the government when the democrats take control.

Mr. Shaw stated that he is greatly interested in the highway east of Dickens out through his community. He said that the people out there had experienced considerable difficulty over a period of many years in getting the sort of roads they want and are entitled to as taxpaying citizens. He is in hopes, he stated, that the highway department will go ahead and pave this highway as it is not only badly needed as a main artery of travel from the Plains to Fort Worth and Dallas but is of vital concern to the people residing in the Croton and Wichita communities who have considerable difficulty getting their products

ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS?

Are you going to make any New Year resolutions? If you make any, do you intend to abide thereby? It is customary, you know, for a big bunch of we way-farers to start off each new year with a conglomeration of good intentions to be a lot better this year than we have in the past. Some quit drinking intoxicating liquors; some swear off the cigarettes; others banish morning cup of reviving Java while still others decide to leave off the "cuss words." Maybe some quit dipping, snuff for all we know, and many husbands and wives vow that no more fussing will disrupt the household. Many decide for a closer allegiance to the Sunday school and church—going to start paying the preacher and make an effort to exemplify in their every day life a real Christian spirit.

Fact of the business is, there's something the matter with a fellow (either male or female) who can't find some things evident in last year's living that couldn't be improved upon this year.

But the making of resolutions is about as useless as hair tonic on the average bald head unless the MAKER has some determination and will power to carry out the said resolutions.

It might be a good idea for each of us to invoice carefully our every day activities of the past year and pick out next year and there where we can show an improvement this next year—then determine wholeheartedly and unreservedly to do so.

The writer sees thousands of places where he might show an improvement. We are picking out some of the very worst deficiencies which we intend to improve upon.

It is our hope that we may live in a way during 1933 that greater good will come to our community through our activities. It is our sincere hope that our conduct will warrant the acquisition of many more good friends who will take an interest in our happiness and we shall take greater interest in their welfare. It is our belief that he who has the most friends is the world's richest man—in happiness and peace of conscience.

We shall endeavor, by getting up earlier and retiring later, to devote sufficient attention to this newspaper that it will more fully convey all the news of this territory and carry such articles of general interest that you will like the Old Home Paper better and take more interest in its welfare.

People have always been good to us, wherever we happened to reside, and Dickens County folks are no exception. We appreciate really more than we can find words to express your kindness and consideration. We hope to so live and conduct this business in 1933 that we may in a measure repay you.

One good resolution that all of us might appropriately make for 1933, we think, would be to "Scatter More Sunshine" among our associates. It's just as easy to place flowers in pathways as to scatter thorns. Let us remember that we too lack much being perfect, then when some of our fellows make mistakes instead of adding fire to the flame, endeavor to minimize same through gentle, friendly words. Nearly everybody's pretty good fellow if you treat them good. Let's make a resolution to make everybody happier for everybody by using less adverse criticism and scattering more bouquets. If you have a good neighbor who has befriended you in many ways—go tell him you appreciate him as a friend and neighbor and think he's one of God's noblemen. All of us already know of our own badness and it's a great joy when someone tells us of our goodness.

The gang connected with the Texas Spur wishes for you a very happy and prosperous 1933. We hope Old Depression gets AWAY ROUND the corner and the good crops and good prices in a measure bring back such portion of prosperity as you may use intelligently for your own good and the good of your fellows.

News of Patients at Nichols Sanitarium

Billy Joe Harrison, of Jayton, is doing nicely after an operation for an infected jaw-bone.

Mrs. Hershel Durham and son Denzil Duane who was born Saturday night are doing quite nicely. The Durhams live at Duck Creek.

Clyde Bean, of Clairemont, who has been an inmate of the Sanitarium the past 8 weeks suffering of a serious fracture of a leg, is getting along well and may soon be able to return home.

Walker Schoonover, of Espuela, who submitted to a gall bladder operation some four weeks ago, is reported doing nicely.

Austin Proctor, of Afton, who received serious gun-shot wounds last week, is recovering nicely.

Charlie Browning, who is suffering of a pneumonia attack, is getting along fine.

Miss Ila Lassetter of the Spur High School faculty submitted to a tonsillectomy operation Thursday.

Abron Gaitan (Mexican) of the Lisenby Ranch is doing nicely after an empyema left rib resection (what ever that is.)

to market at the nominal expense incurred by those living on or near paved roads. With the cheap prices prevailing, he said it is necessary to save at every hand or corner in order to earn a livelihood.

Mr. Shaw said that he had been reading the Texas Spur 23 years, liked the paper, and expected to keep it coming to his home. Thanks, Mr. Shaw.

Funeral Rites For Mrs. H. A. Booth

Funeral rites for Mrs. Dora Booth (wife of H. A. Booth) were said Saturday at the Church of Christ by Wright Randolph, Minister of that congregation, when a large crowd of sorrowing friends gathered to pay a tribute of respect to this good woman and to mourn with the sorrowing loved ones.

Mrs. Booth, who was practically reared in this county, was 42 years, 4 months and 21 days of age at death. She was a most loving and considerate wife and mother, a neighbor of extraordinary kindness and generosity and a good citizen of excellent ability. In her passing the home, the other loved ones, the neighbors, Spur and this county has suffered a distinct loss.

Interment was made in Spur Cemetery under direction of W. S. Campbell of the Campbell Funeral Parlor.

The husband and two sons of this good woman, the sisters and other near relatives have the sincere sympathy of all Spur country folks. Death in any instance is sad, but more especially so when the mother is taken from the home. A mother's place has never yet been really filled.

R. C. Forbis and family, who reside on the ranch near Afton, spent Christmas in their home in Spur where the Christmas festivities were greatly enjoyed.

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A local item was inadvertently left out last week's Texas Spur. We had made an effort to get the names of all who had come home for the holidays. Some items on "one hook" were overlooked by the Linotype operator and the oversight was not noted until the paper was out. Ben Murry Hale was home for Christmas with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. F. Hale, after an absence of two years. He came in from California.

Claud Reid, manager Stone Department Store, spent Christmas day with his parents in the Canyon Valley community west of Kalgary. The senior Mr. Reid is operating a gin plant at that place.

Mr. Miller of the Miller & Son Grocery of Roaring Springs was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday afternoon. The Miller grocery was recently sold to Melvin Landers of Spur and is the Landers store No. 4.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Burrow and children have returned from Temple, Texas, where they spent Christmas with Mrs. Burrow's sister, Mrs. R. E. Dennis.

R. B. Moon, of Tulia, Texas, was a business visitor in Spur Thursday. He formerly traveled in this territory and has many friends in Spur.

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THE FAMILY NEXT DOOR



Miss Virginia Forbis returned to Lubbock Wednesday after having spent Christmas in Spur with home folks. Miss Virginia is a member of the Lubbock public schools faculties.

Brittain Forbis will return to Lubbock next week to resume his studies in Texas Tech. Stafford Forbis, who made a crop on the ranch near Afton this past year, will also enter Tech after the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Holly, of Lubbock, are in Spur for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bingham, of Oklahoma City, spent Christmas here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Al Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hyatt, of San Angelo, spent Christmas here with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hub Hyatt were also here for Christmas with the home folks.

R. W. Rutherford, of Brownfield, was a visitor in Spur this week. His son, Randolph, who is editor of the North Dickens County News, spent Christmas in Brownfield and he brought him to Spur, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Helton of the Spur Laundry visited with relatives in Amarillo and Clarendon Saturday to Monday, taking advantage of the Christmas holidays to get off from their very regular duties.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stotts, of Lubbock, were Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin.

Mrs. J. E. Reams, of Plainview, was in Spur last week to be at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. H. A. Booth.

Mr. and Mrs. Baron Chapman of Borger, spent Christmas with relatives in Spur.

W. C. Hunsucker, prominent citizen of the McAdoo community, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Wednesday afternoon. He came in to renew his subscription to the Texas Spur and Star Telegram.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Mateer, of Oklahoma City, were Christmas guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin.

Miss Zell Ellis, of Swenson, spent Christmas in Spur.

Mrs. John Pennell, of Wichita, Kansas, is here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lisenby.

Jack Hindman and J. P. Carson Jr. spent Christmas with friends in Abilene.

Miss Louise Collier spent Christmas with her parents at Afton.

Miss Marguerite Graves spent the Christmas holidays with her parents at Guthrie.

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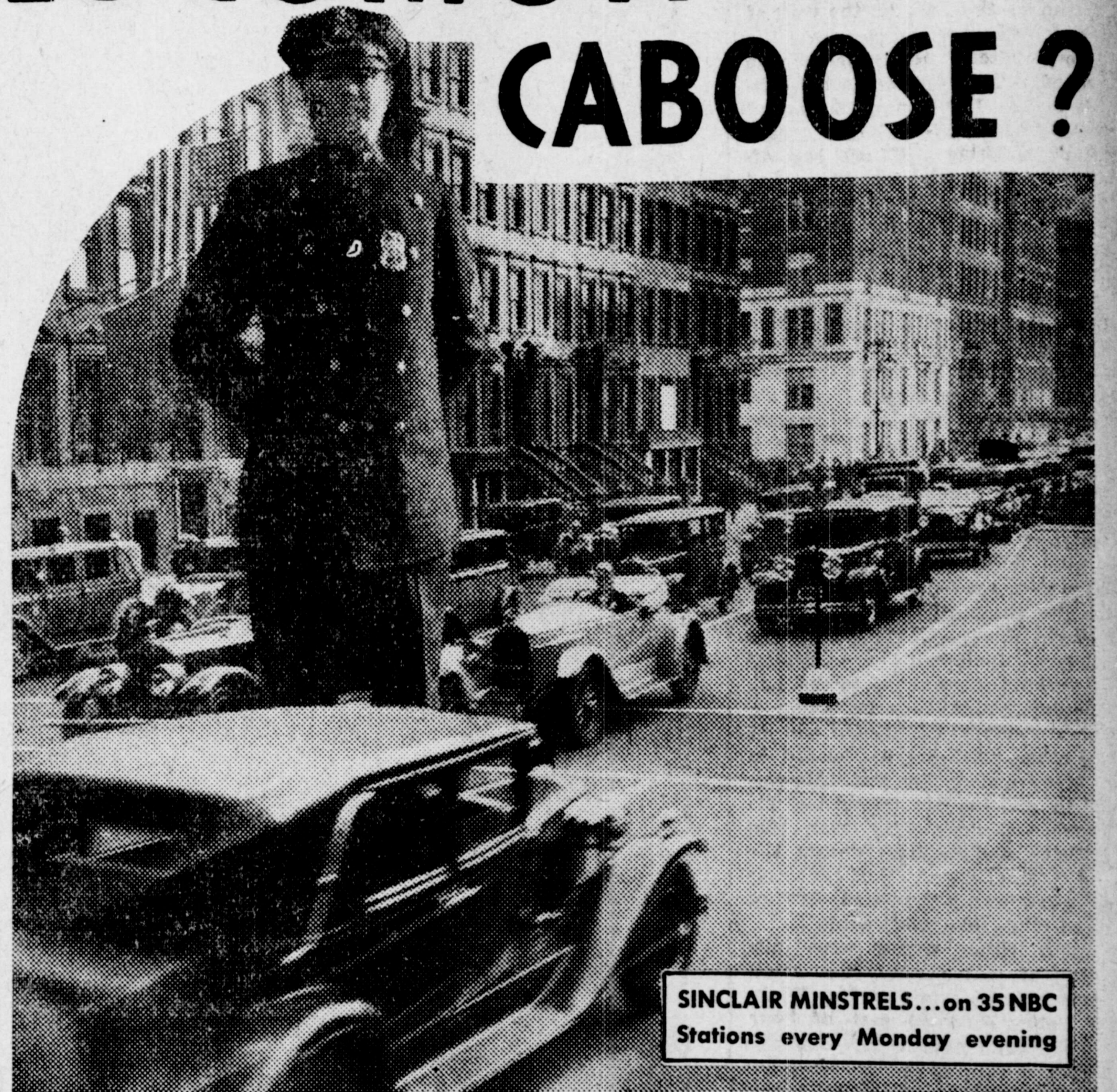
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