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Merchants Plan Christmas Trade Days

23 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of The Texas Spur, published 23 years ago this week. Oran McClure, editor and publisher.

Lucian Haile of the Afton country had brought to the Texas Spur office a number of big, fine ripe persimmons grow on his farm near Afton.

During the past several weeks carpenters have been engaged in the construction of a new office building on the Experimental Farm, building additions to other houses on the place making substantial improvements for the convenience of employees and the advancement of the general interests of the experimental farm work.

Very effective street work had been done on Burlington Avenue. Cinders have been spread over the mud, making an ideal street.

Mrs. Oscar Jackson entertained her Sunday School class Thursday of last week at her home in the city. Those present were little Misses Hornia Burgoon, Lottie Fite, Bettie Holman, Counts, M. Fox, McMahan and Norma Jackson.

Jim Foster has our thanks for a dollar, having his name added to the growing subscription list of the Texas Spur.

Lee Gilbert sold his garage and business this week to Earn Clay who will continue the business at the same stand. Mr. Gilbert and family will move back to Jayton and make that their home.

J. B. Richburg and wife and J. P. Simmons and wife spent last Thursday hunting and picnicing on the creeks and at the spring north of Spur.

Misses Willie Bell and Lula Martin left this week to begin their schools at Rising Star and Spring Creek.

The report came to Spur Thursday that Al Sullivan shot Texas Ranger Robinson in the arm.

Up to this week Weigher Carlisle has weighed 2,262 bales of cotton in Spur this year.

Following are the grand jury men for the term of District Court: W. J. Ellis, foreman; W. R. Stafford, T. M. Green, T. A. Ham, W. J. Clark, Will Austin, J. E. Kellar, A. J. Farmer, E. D. Chambers, J. M. Rowland, G. A. Draper, J. H. Driver.

Rev. Irwin and family have recently moved to Spur and are now domiciled in the Methodist parsonage, Rev. Irwin having been sent as pastor to the Spur Methodist Church.

Dr. Grace left Tuesday for New Orleans in response to a telegram stating that his brother was in a critical condition.

Mrs. E. Ham of Dickens, was brought to the Standifer Hospital Saturday for an operation for appendicitis and at this time Mrs. Ham is reported doing nicely.

Bill Hyatt was kicked last week by a horse and as a result he is now confined to his bed.

Mrs. Georgia King and little son, John L. Jr., are in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter.

THANKS BUSINESS MEN

The Junior Class of Spur High School thanks the business men and people of Spur for their assistance in electing the Junior Queen for the annual Pop-Squad Football banquet next Friday night.

District Court Meets Monday

The regular winter term of District Court will convene Monday at Dickens. Judge A. J. Folley of Floydada will be on the bench.

Instructions to the grand jury and reading of the docket will occupy most of the first day. Civil cases that do not require a jury will take up the balance of the week with the probability of a petit jury being called for the second Monday.

The fullest docket in several years faces the court and long sessions are forecast so that the docket may be reduced as much as possible.

Honors Awarded Henry Scoggins

Pittsburg, Kansas, Dec. 3—(Special) Henry "Tex" Scoggins of Spur, sophomore tackle of the Pittsburg State Teachers College grid team, was selected by Parke Carroll, Kansas City Journal Post



sports editor, as all state tackle for this season. He was also selected by the Topeka Daily Capital for their third all state team.

The Pittsburg Headlight-Sun and the Kansas City Journal Post placed Scoggins among their selections for the Central Intercollegiate Conference all stars. He was rated on the second all-conference team by the Topeka Daily Capital, the Wichita Beacon, the Topeka State Journal, and the Wichita Eagle.

Pittsburg Teachers finished their grid season this year in second place in the C. I. C. This is Scoggins second year on the Pitt squad. He lettered last year as a freshman.

Basketball Tournament At Dickens December 11-12

The annual girls invitation basketball tournament will be held at Dickens Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11-12. Over twenty schools have been invited this year and a number have already accepted.

This will be the fifth year of the tournament and it is expected to draw a greater attendance than ever before. The first tournament of its kind in West Texas, contesting teams get the first glimpse of their opponents for the season. A small admission fee will be charged. Citizens of Dickens will house the guests that stay over night.

MARRIES IN CALIFORNIA

An announcement has been received by the Texas Spur of the marriage of J. L. Jenkins Friday, November 27th. The marriage took place at San Diego, Calif., where Mr. Jenkins makes his home. He lived in Dickens County many years and has a large number of friends here.

V. L. Patterson left last week for Lubbock where he has accepted a position with Austin Food Stores. Mr. Patterson had been manager of the grocery department of Bryant-Link Company for over ten years.

Spur Merchants To Give Away 20 Turkeys Next Tuesday; Santa Claus Is Coming Tuesday, December 22

In line with the custom of years past Spur merchants will have two big days before Christmas when everybody in the trade territory is invited to Spur to take part in the pre-Christmas festivities. This year Tuesday, December 15th and Tuesday, December 22nd will be the two special days.

Next Tuesday 20 turkeys will be thrown to the public for 20 Christmas dinners from the roofs of store buildings on Burlington Avenue. Part of the turkeys will be thrown from stores in three different blocks giving everyone a chance at a turkey.

Tuesday, Dec. 22, Santa Claus is coming. Old Santa will arrive in a truck this year and plans to spend some time greeting both old and young. He will distribute presents as he passes up and down Burling-

ton Avenue. Bring the kiddies to see Santa without fail. There are other events planned on this days program which will make it worth while to come to Spur.

In the next few days two big Christmas trees will be erected on Burlington Avenue and they will be lighted fully with colored lights.

The merchants have Spur have also financed the purchase of wire, etc. necessary for lighting two blocks of the main street. This will give Spur a real Christmas look as the light lines will cross and recross the street a number of times. The City of Spur is erecting the lines and furnishing the electricity free of charge.

Do your Christmas shopping in Spur. Spur merchants are offering the most complete lines in years as well as quality.

Campbell's Mortuary Formal Opening Held Sunday

Hundreds of visitors inspected held from 9 a. m. until 9:30 p. m. on Saturday when open house was the new Campbell's Mortuary home. Many compliments were passed on the organization for the way in which they have arranged to give service in the future.

Sunday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 a formal dedication program was given. The chapel was filled with friends who gathered to take part in the program. Dr. M. F. Ewton delivered a very beautiful and touching dedication address. Others taking part on the program

Santa Coming To Speer's Saturday

Dick Speer, manager of Speer's Variety Store, announces that Santa Claus will make his first visit of the year to their store in Spur Saturday afternoon. Bring the kiddies to see old Santa and let them tell what they want him to bring.

were: T. J. Seale, M. D. Ivey, Jas. B. Reed, L. W. Langston, G. A. Dunn, Jr., Rev. W. L. Edwards, Mrs. G. B. Wadzeck, Mrs. J. W. Henry, Mrs. Neitha Campbell, Mrs. Webber Williams, Rev. Fred Cairns, and Faust Collier. Webber Williams presided.

West Texas Utilities Company Celebrating Silver Anniversary

ABILENE, Dec. 8—(Special) The West Texas Utilities Company, soon after declaring preferred stock dividends totaling over \$109,000, announced it will observe its Silver Anniversary this week, choosing the Christmas season for the event.

This pioneer utility organization had its origin 25 years ago—1911—at Abilene. It has since expanded to include 160 communities in 49 counties, stretching across Central West Texas from Kimble County on the south to Dallam County in the Panhandle. General offices are in Abilene; District offices are located in McCamey, San Angelo, Ballinger, Cisco, Stamford, Quanah, Childress and Dalhart, as well as in Abilene.

It has provided Spur with electric power for many years.

Publication of an anniversary souvenir in the form of a newspaper magazine section is one of the main features planned by the company to celebrate the birthyear. Over 50,000 copies were sent out to customers and stockholders in the 45,000 square mile territory.

President Price Campbell announced that intensified efforts will be made during the forthcoming years to multiply the uses of electricity, and spread the benefits to more users, declaring that "the greater the benefits, the greater the consumption, and in turn the lower the steps in unit costs of electric service thereby all four interested parties profit (1) this "Land of Opportunity" West Texas territory, (2) the customers, (3) the employees, and (4) the stockholders."

He reminded the quarter million people served by the company that "average rates have been lowered 70 percent during the last 15 years—never raised." The recent dividend, he said, was declared in the face of government interference and increased taxes, amounting the last three years to 1.7 times—near twice as much for government tax expenditures as has been paid to all shareholders—owners of the company. This preferred stock dividend was made possible by unusual operating economies and intensive new business efforts of the organization. No earnings are yet possible for the common stockholders and none have been for five years.

While gross revenue remains 30 percent below 1929's peak figures due to rate reductions and sale of gas property, kilowatt-hour sales have reached a new all time peak during the last 12 months, he announced. Large increased industrial power usage together with some increased domestic service usage was credited with the hike. This dividend, equivalent to quarterly requirements of \$1.50 a share, is the first full dividend basis since July, 1933, partly paid then from reserves, and the stock is now \$9.50 per share in arrears. Seventy percent of preferred stockholders are West Texans.

John Deere Gave Demonstration Here Tuesday

Advance showing of pictures for the John Deere Centennial which will be held in 1937, were shown here Tuesday in the Implement Building of Bryant-Link Company, local dealers. The free show began at 10:30 in the morning and ran throughout the rest of the day. Coffee and doughnuts were served as refreshment.

Four pictures: "The Blacksmith's Gift"; "Her Husband's Choice"; "From One Anvil"; and "What's New In Implements", were the titles of the pictures. The showing was for entertainment and education, celebrating the building of the first steel plow by John Deere one hundred years ago. New machines, new methods, new economies, and new ways to cut costs on the farm were dealt with.

Out of town representatives of the John Deere Company present were: L. A. Spoons, H. G. Frederickson, L. G. Story and J. A. Thornbury, all representing the Dallas branch office. F. R. Andrew, representative of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, was also present.

P. T. A. Held Meeting Tuesday

The Spur P. T. A. Met in regular session at the East Ward School at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Thirty members were present. The theme of the program was "Friendship" directed by Mrs. O. C. Arthur. Dr. M. F. Ewton gave the invocation.

The East Ward choral club directed by Mrs. G. B. Wadzeck rendered several selections.

Charlese Powell read the "Christ Child" and Marie Summerall gave a reading.

In the business session which was directed by Mrs. E. J. Cowan the room mothers were organized with Mrs. W. L. Gilbert as chairman. Miss Helen Hale gave a well prepared and interesting report from the Parent-Teacher Magazine and Mrs. W. R. Weaver gave a most interesting report on the convention of the State P. T. A. Congress which met in Fort Worth in November.

Senator Connally To Speak Over WFAA

MARLIN, Texas, Dec. 8—(Special) Senator Tom Connally will speak on "The Next Session of Congress", on Wednesday night, December 16, from 9:30 to 9:45 over Station WFAA at Dallas, according to announcement today. The Senator will discuss legislative matters which will receive the attention of Congress when it convenes on January 5th.

Senator Connally is expected at the next session to take the major part in enactment of legislation designed to take the profits out of war. The Texas Senator was chairman of a subcommittee which framed the bill in the Senate at the last session. It was favorably reported to the Senate but action was not had upon it before adjournment and Senator Connally has already announced his intention of pushing such a measure vigorously at this session.

As one of the leading Democrats on the powerful Finance, Judiciary and Foreign Relations Committees of the Senate, Senator Connally will have an important voice in the determination of whatever legislation is enacted at the coming session. The Texan is also a member of the Democratic Steering Committee of the Senate, a group which formulates the legislative policy.

Senator Connally is at present in Texas and will remain in the state until the Senate convenes.

More Funds For Democrats Needed

County Chairman Robt. Nickels of the Democratic Party was in town Tuesday and stated that State Chairman Roy Miller had urged him to make another drive for the Democratic Party campaign fund. The National Committee showed a half million deficit at the close of the recent campaign and Texas was assigned \$50,000 to raise to help pay the party debts.

Dickens County was assessed \$484.00 at the beginning of the campaign. \$308.00 of this amount has been sent in to the state committee, leaving a balance of \$175.25.

Mr. Nickels stated that every precinct committeemen in the county would be held responsible for \$5.00 of this fund. He will conduct a campaign in the McAdoo community and take funds for the deficit. At Spur E. S. Crider, Dr. M. H. Brannen or Jephtha Craig will receive your donation and send it in to the committee.

Dickens County has been highly complimented by Chairman James A. Farley in the past for its work of raising funds and the party and the county leaders urge every loyal Democrat to give a little and Dickens County will go over the top again.

Associational Sunday School Meeting

The Dickens County Baptist Associational Sunday School meeting to be held Sunday, December 13th at 3:00 p. m. in the First Baptist Church, Spur, will study the value of the weekly teachers and officers' meeting and how the meeting is conducted. Every Sunday School teacher and worker in the Association should attend the meeting for the following program:

- 3:00. Song Service.
- 3:15. The Value of the Weekly Teachers' Meeting—Rev. M. F. Ewton.
- 3:25. Creating and Sustaining Morale—James B. Reed.
- 3:35. Maintaining Constant Promotion—Mrs. Fred Arrington.
- 3:45. Improving the Bible Study—Mrs. Ellis Draper.
- 3:55. Demonstration Teachers' Meeting—conducted by M. D. Ivey.
- 4:25. Business.
- 4:30. Adjourn.

SENIOR PLAY DECEMBER 18

Tickets go on sale the last of this week for "Introducing Susan", Senior Class play which will be given at the East Ward School Friday, December 18th. All members of the cast are students in the high school. Proceeds will be used by the class towards a memorial to leave the school.

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SOCIETY

MRS. PAT WATSON HOSTESS TO L. L. L. CLUB

Mrs. Pat Watson was a delightful hostess on Friday evening when she entertained the L. L. L. bridge club at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love on North Trumbull Ave. at eight o'clock.

Lovely chrysanthemums made the rooms more attractive where the guests spent the evening at contract.

In the games Mrs. C. L. Love won high score prize and Mrs. H. P. Gibson won high cut.

A delightful refreshment plate bearing tuna fish salad, fruit cake and coffee was passed at the conclusion of the bridge hour to Mesdames Clarence Lane, B. C. Langley, Lawis Lee, M. H. Brannen, H. P. Gibson, J. T. Wylie, Weldon Grimes, and C. L. Love.

MRS. GEO. TILLINGHAST HOSTESS TO TRIPLE TREY

Mrs. Geo. Tillinghast entertained members of the Triple Trey bridge club Thursday afternoon in her home on North Trumbull Ave. at 3:30 o'clock.

Two tables were arranged in the living room where games of contract were played during the afternoon.

In the games Mrs. Burgess Brown received the high score award, a lovely perfume atomizer and guest prize, a beautiful picture went to Mrs. L. B. Tillotson.

The hostess served a delightful salad plate to the following guests Mesdames E. D. Engleman, C. L. Love, L. B. Tillotson, B. C. Langley, L. D. Ratliff, Alton B. Chapman, G. B. Wadzeck, and Burgess Brown.

MRS. RECTOR HOSTESS TO THURSDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. O. C. Thomes and Miss Ramey won prizes in the games of contract Thursday evening when Mrs. Jack Rector entertained the Thursday Bridge Club on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in her home West of Spur.

Fall flowers decorated the rooms where tables were arranged for the bridge games. At the conclusion of the games Mrs. Rector served delightful refreshments of toasted cheese sandwiches, individual mince

pies topped with whipped cream and hot coffee.

Included on the guest list were Mesdames F. W. Jennings, W. T. Andrews, R. E. Dickson, C. B. Jones, M. C. Golding, O. C. Thomas, Misses Ramey and Ocedonia Dittrich.

TUESDAY BRIDGE CLUB

Mrs. L. D. Ratliff played high for guest and Mrs. Guy Karr high for members when members of the Tuesday Bridge Club and a few guests met on Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock in the home of Mrs. L. B. Tillotson on West Harris Street for a lovely planned bridge party.

At the conclusion of the game hour a delightful refreshment plate was passed to Mesdames Neal A. Chastain, Guy Karr, Jimmie O. Smith, A. C. Hull, E. M. Wilson, Geo. Tillinghast, L. D. Ratliff and Bynum Britton.

MR. AND MRS. GIBSON HOSTESS TO SETH PARKER

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Gibson were hostesses on Tuesday evening at seven-thirty o'clock when members of the Seth Parker club met in their home for the regular choir practice. With Mrs. Alexander at the piano, the choir practiced several Christmas songs and plans were discussed for the Christmas program.

Special numbers were given by Mrs. Minnie Lewis and Mr. Seales and Mr. Ivey sang a duet.

Delightful refreshments of pumpkin pie with whipped cream and coffee were served to the following guests Mesdames Bob Alexander, E. D. Engleman, P. C. Nichols, L. A. Hindman, Edgar Hayes, B. T. Moore, Minnie Lewis, Messrs and Mesdames Jas. B. Reed, M. D. Ivey, W. P. Shugart, T. J. Seales, and Mr. L. W. Langston.

MRS. WILLIE McCOMBS HONORED WITH SHOWER

Mrs. Willie McCombs was complimented with a lovely miscellaneous shower on Wednesday afternoon of last week from three to six o'clock at the home of Mrs. Jasper Wood. Co-hostesses with Mrs. Wood were Mrs. Clark Lewis and Mrs. Henry Simmons.

The guests were registered in a dainty hand made guest book presided over by Mrs. Clark Lewis. Many lovely and useful gifts were displayed in the bedroom.

A delightful refreshment plate was passed by Mrs. Wood assisted by Mrs. Simmons.

Those calling or sending gifts were Mesdames W. F. Godfrey, H. G. Draper, Clarence Waters, Blanch Lynch, O. C. McCombs, J. E. Berry, Ernest Mayfield, James McCormick, R. L. Westernman, O. C. Pentecost, Artie Patterson, Homer Teague, A. D. Price, G. Gabriel, E. L. Smith, Earnest George, W. T. Potts, D. A. Wilson, Frank Neill, G. C. Wood, Virgil Thomas, Iva Dempsey, Ross Alexander, Kate Buchanan, Allie Goodson, Chas. Kearney, Babe Berry, Bill McClung, Harve Blanton, Donald Ensey, C. P. Ensey, John J. Payne, Sam McGaughey, D. W. Humberson, Joe Stencil, M. Dempsey, J. L. Wolf, Nanie Cruce, Misses Mildred Williams and Eloise McCurtis.

DAUGHTERS OF 1933 STUDY CLUB MET

On Thursday of last week the Daughters of the 1933 Study Club met at the home of Miss La Nell Fallis for the regular meeting.

Misses Billy Louise Powell and Opal McGlathery were initiated.

Following the business session Miss Grace Foster directed the program on "Religious Music."

A poem by Alexander Pope was given by Miss Mozell Arthur. Miss Merriam Reed gave a musical reading "Lead Thou Kindly Night." Parliamentary Law was discussed by Miss Jerry Lee Willard.

A social hour followed the program and the hostess served a salad plate bearing congealed salad, cookies and punch.

The next meeting will be with Miss Mae Barnette Johnson.

Those present were Mrs. C. H. McCully, Misses Opal McGlathery, Billy Louise Powell, Mary Jo Collier, Ruby Cowan, Regina Lee, Mae Barnette Johnson, Marion Hale, Helen Lollar, Margaret Mae Weaver, Joyce McCully, Grace Foster, Belva Swan, Lillian Grace Dickson, Mozelle Arthur, Doris Neaves, Wynelle McClure, Jerry Lee Willard, Miriam Reed, Elizabeth Powell.

A BIRTHDAY SUPPER

Mrs. Kate Conaster acted as hostess in the home of Mrs. Meadows Saturday, November 28, in form as a birthday supper.

The many friends of Mrs. Meadows came bringing a quilt block with their names in them. Each brought cookies or candy and had a delightful time.

Those present were Mesdames McClellan, Kissinger, Juanita Neaves, G. Justice, Rex Carlisle, Brink Carlisle, M. A. Meadows, Jessie Jones, E. A. Bailey, Bascome Rape, Beryl Cherry, Bill Davenport, Belle Williams, H. F. Meadows, Grizzle, Miss Lucille Rape, Mr. H. F. Meadows, Bill Davenport, William Grizzle, Clark, Bert Cherry, McClellan.

Those sending quilt blocks were: Miss Leila Lee Erath, Mesdames G. B. Erath, W. S. Carlisle, Walter Carlisle, J. T. Lewis, Hill, Faye Bailey, Beulah Hill, Henry Williams, Ellis White, John Cozby, Mace Hunter, E. W. Yeakley, M. H. Brasher, Louise Hill.

ARTABAN CLUB MEETING

The Artaban Club met Tuesday, December 8, in the Home Economics Department. The minutes were read by the secretary, Namoi Smith. The program was turned over to Isabell Campbell, "Silent Night" was sung by the club members. Isabell Campbell gave an interesting talk on

making cheap and useful Christmas gifts for all members of the family. "The Origin of the Christmas Tree" was given by Mrs. Thomas. Christmas and customs of Christmas of other lands was discussed by Mrs. Thomas, Isabell Campbell, Joyce Koon and Namoi Franklin. The meeting gave some very helpful and instructive information for the coming holidays. ---Reporter.

MRS. O. C. ARTHUR AND G. A. DUNN, JR. ENTERTAINED

The young people of the Church of Christ were delightfully entertained with a venison dinner Tuesday evening with Mrs. O. C. Arthur and Rev. Gus A. Dunn, Jr. as hostesses in the O. C. Arthur home on East Hill Street.

After the guests arrived they were invited into the dining room

where the dinner was served buffet style. The menu consisted of venison sandwiches, pickles, potato ships, cookies and coffee.

Interesting games and written contests were played in the spacious living room until a late hour when the guests declared Mrs. Arthur and Rev. Dunn delightful hostesses.

Included on the guest list were Misses Bertha Young, Lorene and Maurine McArthur, Regina and Ann Lee, Doris, Nell and Mozelle Arthur, Nelta Boothe, Marion and Earnestine Hale, Dot Taylor, Ora Pearl Johnston, Elizabeth Williams, Margaret Mae Weaver, Canna and Wilma Stevens, Messers Carl Arthur, Glenn and Orval Partain of Littlefield, Francis Bingham, Elvis Holly, Norton Barrett, Dan Ramsey, Jack Goodwin, Leo Nugent, David Hickman, Honey Nugent, Dr. Callan and Rev. Marice McFarland.

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Church News

MEHODIST WOMANS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Womans Missionary Society of the Methodist church met in the home of Mrs. W. S. Campbell Monday at three o'clock p. m. Mrs. L. R. Barrett brought the devotional lesson from First Cor. 3:4, 9. Following a song Mrs. Gates lead in prayer.

In the business session detail plans were made for the banquet next Friday evening.

Members present were Mesdames Gates, J. P. Carson, Kate Morris, C. H. McCully, J. R. Caine, Vernon Campbell, H. C. Foote, J. J. Ensey, W. S. Campbell, L. R. Barrett, Sand age, Ince, Leland Wilson, J. C. Payne and Miss Etta Fite.

BAGBY CIRCLE

Monday afternoon at three o'clock the Bagby Circle met in the home of Mrs. John Hazlewood in a Bible study.

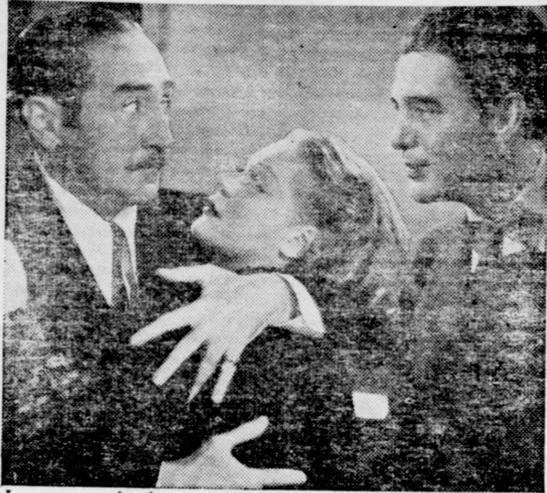
Opening song: "I Am Thine O Lord" followed with prayer by Mrs. Shockley.

Following a short business session conducted by Mrs. Hazlewood, Mrs. A. M. Walker taught an interesting Bible lesson from the last five chapters of First Kings.

Members present were Mesdames G. A. Sloan, Homer Cargile, Shockley, Walker, J. T. Campbell, Bessie McClung, Foy Vernon, S. A. Lawrence and Miss Jennie Shields.

WOMANS COUNCIL OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mrs. S. Ellis was a delightful hostess on Monday afternoon when



Love goes on a laugh spree in "Sing, Baby, Sing," new Twentieth Century-Fox melange of melody, merriment and romance. Above (left to right) ADOLPHE MENJOU, ALICE FAYE and MICHAEL WHALEN in one of the hectic highlights of the film.

"Sing, Baby, Sing" is showing at the Palace Theatre Thursday and Friday, and besides being a highly entertaining picture, there are 300 other good sound reasons why you should see this picture . . . See It!

members of the Womans Council of the First Christian Church met in her home at the Spur Ranch.

Mrs. E. L. Adams gave a well prepared and interesting devotional and was leader for the program on "Moving Forward Thru Sharing". Those giving parts on the program were Mrs. O. L. Hale, Mrs. R. C. Crockett, Mrs. E. L. Caraway, and Mrs. Dolly Putman.

The guests enjoyed visiting in the informal social hour as the hostess served a lovely refreshment plate to fifteen members.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible Study — 10 a. m.
Preaching — 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Lord's Supper — 11:45 a. m.
Young People's Meeting — 6:30 p. m.

Ladies' Bible Class — 4 p. m. Monday

Prayer and Praise — 7:15 p. m. The pulpit will be filled at both services Sunday by G. A. Dunn, Sr. of Dallas, father of the present minister. We want you present.

BELLE BENNETT MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Members of the Belle Bennett Missionary Society met in the home of Mrs. Henry Simmons Monday afternoon at three o'clock for a Harvest Day Program.

After a brief business session conducted by Mrs. Joe Butler, Mrs. Simmons brought an interesting devotional.

"My Life Complete," was the subject of the lesson conducted by Mrs. John Mims. Those giving parts on the program were Mesdames John Albin, Clark Lewis, Joe D. Giddens and M. H. Costello.

The society will meet with Mrs. Joe Butler next Monday for a Christmas program and social.

NORTHWEST CIRCLE OF BAPTIST W. M. S.

Monday afternoon at three o'clock the Northwest Circle of the Baptist W. M. S. met in the home of Mrs. C. L. Martin for a Bible lesson. Mrs. J. H. Swan conducted the business and special attention was called to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Mrs. E. J. Cowan assisted by Mesdames G. M. Williams, B. T. Moore, J. A. Marsh, and J. D. Powell presented the Bible lesson.

The Circle will meet with Mrs. E. L. Smith next Monday.

Refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were passed to Mesdames, Ivey, Cowan, Smith, Draper, Ella Hutto, Marsh, Ewton, Jerry Willard, Homer Boothe, Partain, V. J. Campbell, B. T. Moore, Powell, Langston, Hicks, Williams and Hub Swan.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS OF CHURCH OF CHRIST

The outline study on "Repentance" was conducted in an interesting manner by Rev. Gus A. Dunn, Jr. on Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Church of Christ when members of the Ladies Bible class met in the regular weekly meeting. The usual reports were made.

Members present were Mesdames G. W. Conn, John Luce, Mary Johnson, Dalton Johnston, Lillian Roberts, Able, Biggs, L. Joplin, McDaniels, O. C. Arthur, F. N. Oliver, Malone, Wilson, O. L. Kelly, Joe Allison, Thurmond Moore, Cross, S. Boothe, Loe, Pinkerton, J. H. Clay, Rickles, Pritchett, E. S. Lee, visitors were Miss Nelta Pritchett, and Rev. McFarland.

INTERMEDIATE G. A.'s.

The Intermediate G. A. Girls of the Baptist church met in the Junior Department Monday afternoon for the regular weekly meeting.

After the business Miss Ruth Cowan was leader for the program on "The Cost of War." Those on

program were Misses Jerry Lee Willard, La Fern Hazlewood, Lois Fayne Adams, Emily and Ruth Cowan. Others present were Mrs. Chas. Powell and one visitor, Miss Dot Taylor.

SUNBEAM BAND

Members of the Sunbeam Band met in the Beginners Department of the Baptist church Monday afternoon with their leader Mrs. Henry Gruben.

The children enjoyed singing and Mrs. Gruben presented an impressive program on "The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Other songs were sung.

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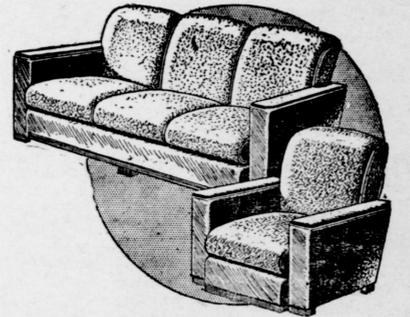
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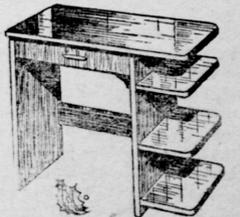
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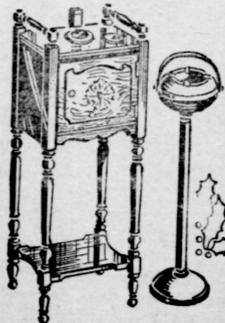
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IT'S TRUE! By Wiley Padan

Greta Garbo was discovered by Eric Putschler, who gave her a screen test. She has an actor brother, Sven Gustafson in Sweden.

Robert Taylor continues his sensational rise to fame in the role of Armand in "Camille" with Greta Garbo.

Greta Garbo wears 13 beautiful costumes in "Camille" they were 6 months in the making.

Robert Taylor took a week off from the filming of "Camille" for a rest. He flew to his home in Nebraska—only to find 12,000 people waiting to meet him!—but no rest!

Garbo has portrayed women of 10 nationalities: Germany, Austria, Russia, Great Britain, America, Holland, Sweden, Italy, France.

Garbo wears gold dust in her hair for close-ups with Robert Taylor.

New York, N. Y.—"IT'S TRUE! that by playing in 'Camille,' the immortal emotional drama of Alexandre Dumas (fils), Garbo follows the course of the greatest dramatic actresses," says Wiley Padan. "It has served as the crowning achievement for such unforgettable stars as Bernhardt, Duse and Rejane." Robert Taylor in the role of Armand wears the latest fashion styles of seventy-five years ago, in this Metro-Goldwyn picture. The picture was filmed on thirty-eight sets with four hundred scenes!"

Questions And Answers Concerning the Brazos River Project—What It Is

THE PROJECT

Q. What is the Brazos River Conservation and Reclamation District?

A. It is a State Agency, embracing the entire Brazos River watershed, created by the 41st Legislature in 1929 to carry out a project to control flood waters on the Brazos River.

Q. What are the purposes of the Brazos Project?

A. Its purposes are four fold: (1) flood control, (2) water conservation for irrigation, industrial and municipal purposes, (3) soil conservation and reclamation, and (4) hydro-electric power production.

Q. How does the Brazos District propose to carry out these objectives?

A. By construction of a chain of 13 major dams on the Brazos and its principal tributaries, and by subsequent construction of a network of smaller dams on lesser streams which contribute to the flood load of the main streams.

Q. How will construction of these dams achieve the purposes of the project?

A. The dams will check the rush of water during flood periods, permitting the streams to carry a bankful load without flooding the fields, and at the same time will store up water in huge reservoirs for use during dry periods. The checking of flood water will greatly reduce soil losses from erosion, and permit bottomland farmers to plant crops on lands which otherwise might be wasted because of the overflow hazard. Hydro-electric power production is incidental to the main objectives of the project, being incorporated only for revenue producing purposes. Provision is made that no stored-up water will be used for hydro-electric power production when such water is needed for more useful purposes.

THE COST

Q. How much will it cost to control floods on the Brazos?

A. A minimum of \$50,000,000.00.

Q. What provisions have been made for obtaining the necessary funds?

A. President Roosevelt, in the fall of 1935, approved a \$30,022,000.00 Works Progress Administration appropriation for construction of the 13 principal dams, contingent upon the District's financing the purchase of land, operations and maintenance.

The State Legislature in 1934 voted to divert the ad valorem taxes, amounting to \$309,000 a year, from 10 counties in the overflow section of the lower Brazos Valley for a period of 20 years. Against those taxes, the District has authorized the issuance of \$3,600,000 in bonds. An additional \$5,000,000 permanent improvement bond issue has been authorized against the sale of hydro-electric power from eight of the major dams.

Q. How much of the \$30,022,000 has been made available?

A. \$3,001,598 for construction of the first dam, the Possum Kingdom dam located in Palo Pinto county near Mineral Wells.

THE ADMINISTRATION

Q. By whom is the District controlled?

A. By a board of 21 directors composed of men living within the watershed, evenly distributed from Plainview on the northwest to Freeport on the southeast.

Q. How are the directors seated and for what length of term?

A. The directors are appointed by the governor, upon the recommendation of the State Board of

Water Engineers, for a term of six years. Seven new directors are seated every two years.

Q. Who are members of the present board?

A. L. Mims, Houston, President; George C. Chance, Bryan, Vice President; Henry Dunlavy, Temple, Secretary; W. E. Abbas, Cleburne; R. E. Baskin, Seymour; M. H. Branen, Spur; C. M. Caldwell, Abilene; W. W. Callan, Waco; Milton E. Mitchell, Breckenridge; J. S. Fox, Granger; William Hallmark, Dublin; F. E. Harrell, Cisco; Herbert S. Hilburn, Plainview; John M. Lawrence, Bryan; Hugh Boyd McCrary, Richmond; A. A. Morrison, Graham; John D. Rogers, Navasota; William W. Sandifer, Franklin; L. E. Seaman, Mineral Wells; John M. Sharpe, Georgetown; and W. W. Siddons, Hillsboro.

Q. Under whom has the board placed the management of the District?

A. John A. Norris, for 18 years a member of the State Board of Water Engineers, 15 of which were as chairman, is general manager and chief engineer of the District. R. D. Collins of Freeport is treasurer-controller of the District.

Q. Who is in charge of WPA activities in the project?

A. H. P. Drought, State WPA Administrator, and E. A. Baugh, State WPA engineer.

Q. By whom will the first dam be constructed?

A. By the U. S. Corps of Army Engineers, under direction of Captain H. A. Montgomery, district engineer.

Q. What authority has control of this dam and of subsequent dams to be constructed?

A. The District has full control of the project, and as each unit of the series of dams is completed, it will be turned over to the District for administration.

THE SCOPE

Q. What is the scope of the Brazos project?

A. Here is a terse summary of the principal data on the Brazos and the project:

The Brazos River is an estimated 1,300 miles long, the longest river in the state and at flood times the most dangerous.

It drains a 44,600 square mile area, or 28,544,000 acres.

Twenty-seven percent of the state's population lives in the Brazos watershed.

There are 70 counties and parts of counties in the watershed.

The watershed contains 39 cities of more than 2,000 population each. It comprises 28,544,000 acres, 3,000,000 of which are subject to overflow, and 9,483,809 of which are under cultivation.

The watershed is larger than any one of 15 states in the United States. It comprises one-sixth the area of Texas.

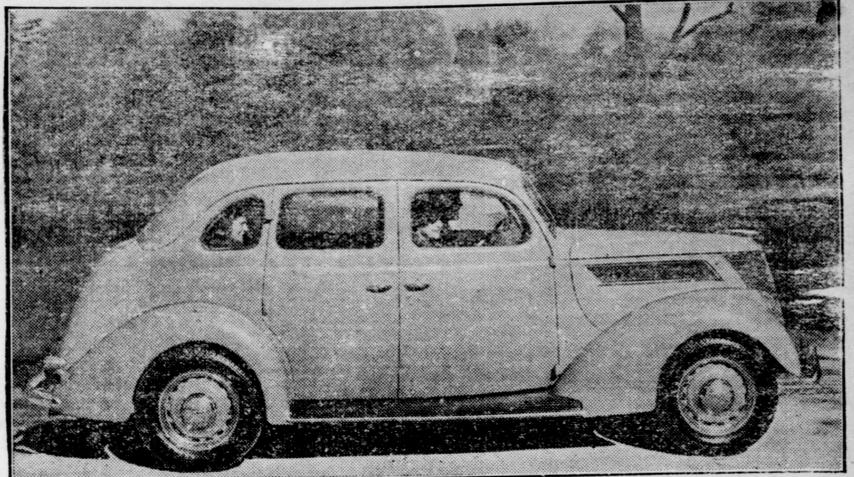
The 13 major dams in the project will impound enough water of maximum storage to cover 4,686,000 acres of land one foot deep.

The dams will make irrigation possible on 2,107,000 acres of land.

The combined area of the lakes to be formed by the 13 dams total 120,000 acres at spillway level.

The 13 dams will be able to produce around 377,000,000 kilowatt hours of electric energy per year.

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The Ford V-8 de Luxe Fordor touring sedan pictured above is a roomy family type car especially suitable for touring. Baggage can be stowed away in the deep luggage compartment, leaving the interior of the car unobstructed. The new grille, new bar bumpers, headlamps recessed into fender aprons and slanting V-type windshield that opens, highlight the car's new lines. Seats are wide enough for three. The rear compartment is fitted with robe rail, foot rest and pillar lights. The body type is available with the 85 horsepower engine, with or without de luxe appointments, or with the new 60 horsepower V-8 engine without de luxe appointments.

THE NEED

Q. Why is there need for flood control on the Brazos?

A. In the September, 1936, Brazos flood, property loss totaled \$7,882,650. One life was lost. Crop damage alone amounted to \$2,802,000. The loss for this year alone would have financed the construction of three of the proposed dams.

The 1936 flood damage figure did not include the intangible losses which frequently aggregate more than the tangible losses. Nor did the 1936 figure include the heavy losses from drought, which have amounted to staggering sums in recent years. Brazos flood damage from 1913 to 1929 amounted to \$29,000,000. During that period 346 persons lost their lives.

The interchange of air currents between the humid warm gulf and the polar front coming down from the northern states brings about a great condensation of moisture, which causes the region within the Brazos watershed to be subject to the most intense rainstorms occurring in the United States. Climatological data show that during the last 45 years 33 great storms occurred in Texas. Twenty of those were of influence in the runoff of water in the Brazos watershed.

THE DAMS

Q. Has construction commenced on any of the dams?

A. Construction of the first dam is expected to get under way in the early part of 1937. Groundwork for construction has been laid, and Army Engineers are now working on final plans for the dam, after exhaustive preparations.

Q. Where are the dams to be located and how much will each cost?

A. The following is a list of the proposed dams, the damsite, location and estimated cost including purchase of land:

- Possum Kingdom, Palo Pinto County, \$3,532,000.
- Breckenridge, Throckmorton Co. \$3, 635,000.
- Seymour, Stonewall County, \$3,-

- 509,000.
- Turkey Creek, Palo Pinto County, 2,050,000.
- Inspiration Point, Palo Pinto County, \$2,075,000.
- Cordova Bend, Hood County, \$2, 229,000.
- Bee Mountain, Bosque County, \$3,636,000.
- Whitney, Bosque County, \$3,- 648,000.
- Lampasas, Bell County, \$1,901,- 000.
- Leon, Bell County, 2,984,000.
- Navasota, Brazos County, 2,312,- 000.
- North San Gabriel, Williamson County, 1,397,000.
- South San Gabriel, Williamson County, \$2,016,000.

SOIL CONSERVATION WORK TO BE DONE BY NYA LADS

LUBBOCK, Dec. 8.—(Special)—Approval of a National Youth Administration Soil Conservation Project sponsored by A. and M. Extension Service to employ 160 youths in 12 South Plains counties has been received by A. V. Bullock, district NYA supervisor. The project is district-wide. Boys will work under the supervision of the various county agricultural agents who will use them to help run contour lines preparatory to terracing. The counties included in the project together with the number of boys called for are: Swisher, 8; Briscoe, 8; Hall, 15; Lamb, 15; Hale, 20; Floyd, 12; Motley, 12;

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According to reports from O. G. Tumlinson, district county agent, there is a greater demand from the farmers to have their land terraced than ever before.
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The Meaning Of Christmas

(By Mrs. P. H. Gates)

(Editor's Note—The following article was first printed in December, 1934 and is reprinted through the courtesy of the Merkel Mail and Mrs. P. H. Gates, author.)

Although Christmas is the celebration of the coming of a babe in a manger in the humble surroundings of a carpenter's shop thousands of years ago, it has a deeper meaning every year.

No wonder the angels from the celestial choir sang over Bethlehem fields that night the babe was born. It was no wonder they sang the message of the prophet, "On earth peace, good will toward men," for peace was what the babe symbolized, and that is what Christmas means today.

If we believe in the Christmas message, we shall look for God among the lowly, the despised of earth. We shall look for, and seek him in self forgetful service to the sinful, the heart-broken, the weak, the friendless, the homeless, the unemployed at this Yuletide season.

At the mention of Christmas deeper feelings of the heart begin to surge throughout one's being. In general, even the story is a romantic one of goodness and good will, humanity at its conventional worst of poverty and sin is made to blossom out with heavenly beauty and sacred joy as for the moment it plays the godlike part of the giver of gifts.

Such beautiful customs and legends about Christmas have been given us in song and story, it is hard to tell fact from fancy. How much that has been told leaves one "smiley 'round the mouth, and teary 'round the lashes," and how much mellowness it has brought! For instance, the story of the hum-

ble wood cutter, who had cut green branches for his hovel, but had nothing with which to beautify those branches for his children's joy. Then in the snow he found a little child shivering in his rags, hungry for want of food. The wood cutter brought the child to the warmth of his fire and gave him his own supper. By morning the child had disappeared, but there on the boughs was a web of light, just such a blaze of glory and silver as many happy fingers will be tracing from thousands of trees on Christmas Eve this year. The wood cutter received because he gave, not expecting any return.

With great ceremony in the olden days the Christmas log was chosen with care and laid in the fireplace, was lighted with a brand saved from last year's "log." Eating, drinking, singing, telling tales in the ruddy blaze were part of the Christmas celebration. All through the night that Yule log was kept burning and, if, overnight the flame went out, ill luck would surely be-

fall the home. This Yule log was the symbol of Christmas, of cheer and happiness. Peer and peasant joined together, Holly, mistletoe, games, the groaning Christmas dinner, even the service at the church were partaken alike by young and old, rich and poor.

When Christmas comes, how natural to love even our enemies, caress our friends, for we are happy, exuberantly happy. How natural for that mirth to bubble up from within. It makes the young, the old want to ring bells, blow a horn, shout, sing. The fountain of youth opens up, and flows backward to childhood home at Christmas time. Rows of stockings by the old fireplace—and such joy when first those stockings were beheld on Christmas morning—each stocking full, bulging with a dolly at the top in one, a horn in another, on down the line. Those stockings—how much happiness they held! No doubt then, there was a Santa Claus. A real live human with long white beard, a jolly, rotund little fellow, with sparkling eyes. Those were happy days and Christmas meant cheer, mirth, happiness.

But this is not all that Christmas means. It means to wrap up every secret worry, that canker of resentment, that black depression, that impatience, that malice or hatred which has been nursed, maybe for years, and, having wrapped them all up securely, place them at the feet of the Christ child and leave them there.

When the burdens are gone, free and happy again, all can join in the glad hallelujah chorus of the angels as they sing "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward All Men."

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By Faye Powell

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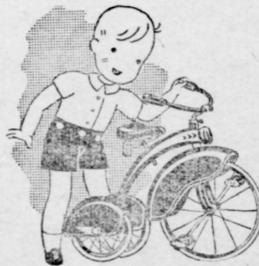
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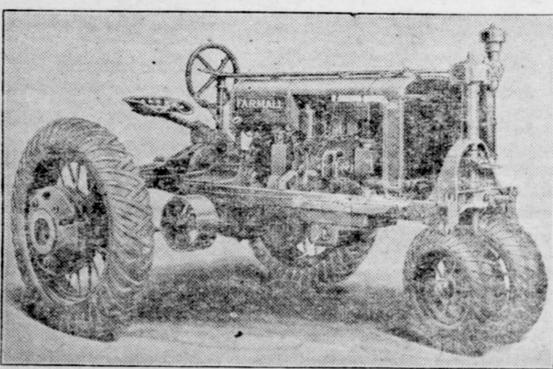
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CLUB NEWS

WINNING DEMONSTRATOR GIVES REPORT

"I enrolled as home food supply demonstrator for the Soldier Mound home demonstration club this year for several reasons. First I was materially interested in canning and had a desire to have a complete pantry. Second, I was a new member in the club and thought I would get more out of my club work by taking an active part. Then, by being food demonstrator, I knew I would learn new and better methods of preserving food," said Mrs. Foster Jones, in the story of her work as she gave it over radio station KFYO Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Jones won first place in the county in home food supply work this year.

"Early in the year we had a program on menu planning when we made daily meal plans for a week. By following these, I have learned to serve well-balanced meals."

"My canning budget called for one hundred pints of leafy, green and yellow colored vegetables, eighty pints of corn, sixty pints of other vegetables, seventy five pints of tomatoes and tomato juice, one hundred twenty-five pints fruit and juices, ten pints hominy, one hundred number two cans of meat, fifty-two pints preserves, jam, jelly, and fifty-two pints pickles and relishes."

"We have canned six hundred thirty-seven pints of food; one hundred twenty-six pints of fruit and juices; one hundred pints of leafy, green and yellow colored vegetables; one hundred forty pints corn and other vegetables and sixteen pints hominy, thirty-three pints of tomatoes; thirty-six pints of preserves, jam and jelly; fifty-nine pints of pickles and relishes and one hundred twenty-five two pound cans of meats."

"When canning the meat, we took the scrap meat that we did not want to use for chili and canned it for the dog. We sold a quarter of the beef and bought canned tomatoes to fill out the budget."

"Heretofore, I have stored my canned products in pasteboard cartons in the cellar. When I wished to use some certain canned product I had to look through several boxes before finding it. This year we have built shelves according to the plan given by Miss Grace Neely, Extension Specialist in Food Preservation. On the top shelf I put jam, jelly, preserves, pickles, relishes as the heat will not cause them to spoil. Fruits and fruit juices including tomatoes were stored on the next shelves as they all contain natural acids that help to keep them. On the fourth shelf I stored leafy, green and yellow vegetables, and corn and other vegetables were placed on the next shelf. The canned meats are on the bottom shelf as this is the coolest place and to preserve the flavor meats should be stored in a cool place."

In our club work this year we have studied the preparation of mild flavored, strong flavored and raw vegetables. I have learned the mild flavored vegetables should be cooked in as small amount of water as possible and string flavored vegetables in a large amount of water. They should be cooked as quickly as possible. Our home demonstration agent gave us a time table for vegetable cookery that I have followed in cooking vegetables. A raw vegetable should be served daily, this may be served as salad. The dish I entered in the vegetable scoring demonstration scored 96.

"By being home food supply demonstrator I have learned new and better ways of preserving foods: meat, for instance, and pickles. I have also learned a great deal about food preparation that I did not know. I certainly consider the work worthwhile. My husband has helped me in every way possible, building the shelves in the cellar and helping with the canning. With out his help I could not have completed my work. We are both proud of our cellar full of canned food."

"Reports from six home food supply demonstrators and 84 cooperators were turned in in the six home food supply achievement programs last month."

"The goals for the cooperators this year were to make and follow daily meal plans for a week; to prepare at least six times each mild flavored, strong flavored and raw vegetables; to present a prepared vegetable dish for scoring; and enter at least six jars in the canned food exhibit."

"For the 90 reporting, 67 had made and followed daily meal plans for a week; 71 had prepared at least six times each mild flavored strong flavored and raw vegetables; 61 presented a vegetable dish for scoring and 67 entered jars in the canned food exhibit."

"The 90 reported 8,542 quarts of canned fruits and vegetables; 970 quarts vegetables brined and pickled; 1,712 quarts canned meat; 706 quarts preserves, jam, jellies; 3,996 pounds stored vegetables; 241 pounds dried fruits; 13,940 pounds cured meat; and 221 pounds stored nuts."

INTEREST IN YARD WORK GROWING

"Interest in yard improvement work in Dickens County is growing even among those who are not enrolled in home demonstration club work. People are realizing that, as one of our yard demonstrators expressed it, 'Styles in yard decoration have changed in the last few years when it was quite the style to have borders of 'old maids', 'bachelor buttons', marigolds, phlox, and so forth on either side of the walk and triangle, circle, square and star shaped beds scattered where ever our fancy prompted us to dig one and set in every kind of flower or shrub we could get," said Mrs. J. R. McArthur, yard improvement demonstrator from Red Top home demonstration club and first place winner in the county, in the program Tuesday afternoon over radio station KFYO.

"In spite of the unusually dry summer just past the yards are

"ZIEGFELD" IS THE GREATEST SHOW EVER SCREENED



Myrna Loy and William Powell in "The Great Ziegfeld"

In "The Great Ziegfeld" which will be shown at the Palace Theatre Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, and special mid-night preview Saturday night, Motion picture producers have picked up the torch where the late Florenz Ziegfeld laid it down and have succeeded in out-Ziegfelding the great Ziegfeld himself.

"The Great Ziegfeld" has everything that a great musical picture should have. It has, in the life of Ziegfeld, a most gripping and perfect dramatic story. In its musical numbers, never before produced on such a scale of grandeur, it has many of the most dazzling scenes ever seen in pictures.

In entertainment alone it rates just about 1000 percent. First, there are William Powell as Ziegfeld, Myrna Loy as Billie Burke and Luise Rainer as Anna Held.

Then there are Virginia Bruce as Ziegfeld's greatest glorified Ameri-

can Girl, Frank Morgan as his rival producer, Nat Pendleton as Sandow, Reginald Owen as Ziggy's manager, Fannie Brice as herself, Ray Bolger and his amazing dancing feet, Harriet Hctor, and hordes of the most beautiful girls ever to smile at you from the screen.

The story opens in Ziegfeld's youth in the dazzling Chicago World's Fair of 1893. It progresses as Ziegfeld himself progressed, massing fortunes, to lose them and build other fortunes. But always in the foreground are the spectacular Ziegfeld productions and his amazingly beautiful show girls.

The dance numbers never before have been equalled. The direction of Robert Z. Leonard places him among the king of directors and the photography by Ollie Marsh and George Folsey is a pictorial masterpiece.

looking well, due, no doubt, to the fact that the soil was better prepared before the plants were set and thus giving the plants an opportunity to grow. Thirty lawns were sodded to Bermuda grass with the best and quickest results coming where the seed was sown early in the year."

"One hundred fifty-three nursery and two hundred thirty-four native shrubs are growing in foundation plantings. Four hundred twelve

Chinese elm seedlings were set in groups of three or five to the sides and back of homes to form a background and frame for the home. Forty roses are living and fifty-eight plants were rooted from cuttings."

"Two years ago one of the goals in yard work was to lay flagstone walks. This year twenty-six more walks were laid using native rocks.

"Native flowering shrubs are being used in many of the plantings

with one or more flowering nursery shrubs added to give brighter color. The use of native plants has helped us to see the beauty of the plants that have grown about us for years. The names of which we did not even know. The native red cedar, agarita, yucca, and artemesia or sage, though not sage brush, have been used extensively. While some have used wild currants, commonly called pole-cat or skunk brush, purple leaf plum, cactus and chemise." After giving the above county summary of the yard work Mrs. McArthur told the story of her own yard improvement work which has been printed recently.

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CROTON

The Elmer Rogers home was quite merry last week when Mrs. Rogers' mother, sister and several nieces visited her here. Those making the drive from Mexico and spending several days here were Mrs. C. T. Battle, Mrs. C. F. Marchall and children, Carol, Bonita, and Anne and Miss Dorris Creamer.

The little son, Billie Jr. of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morris, is deperately ill with pneumonia. Bill's mother and brothers are here to help them in this illness of the baby. We hope he will soon recover.

Wm. Butler and Luke Harris went to Fort Worth last week.

The WPA official from Lubbock was here last week resigning the workers on our road work.

M. B. Gage, Dave Hale and a friend returned from their deer hunt Monday. There were three sets of horns in the car, so we suppose each man bagged a deer.

Mrs. Muriel Smith visited W. H. Duke and family last week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Porter visited his father Monday evening.

Croton community was saddened November 20th when Mrs. Gage's mother of M. B. Gage, and A. M. Allison passed away. She was buried Friday evening at Afton.

Mrs. Charlie Brinnel received a telegram Saturday of the death of her grandmother at Hico and Clarence Smith was called to Snider to be with his mother when the end came for her on Nov. 19th. Croton community extends their deepest sympathy to these families in their sorrow.

Mrs. Horace Edwards returned home November 20th. She had been in the hospital at Lubbock. We are glad to report Mrs. Edwards now fully recovered.

Mrs. Nettie Littlefield, Helen Harrison and R. C. Littlefield were in an auto collision last week. Mrs. Littlefield received a black eye and bruised face when she struck R. C.'s head as he went into the wind shield getting bruised instead of cut about his face.

Mrs. Jack Dempsey has as her guest, her brother, Mr. Robinson of Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Perrin visited Mr. and Mrs. Harley Winkler during the Thanksgiving week end.

Mr. Posdarter who has been ill from an eye is some better at present. The doctor reports that he thinks the sight will return unless further complications set up.

CHURCH SERVICES AT DUCK CREEK SUNDAY

Rev. E. C. Armstrong, pastor of the Spur Circuit M. E. Church, announces that he will preach next Sunday at Duck Creek. Everyone is invited.

The following Sunday, Dec. 20th, the First Quarterly Conference will be held at Dickens. Members from all the churches on the circuit and the public are invited to be present. The presiding elder will preach at the eleven o'clock hour. At noon dinner will be served on the ground and the conference held at two o'clock.

Horace Hyatt was in Lubbock Monday to bring Mrs. Hyatt home from a hospital where she recently underwent an operation.

Geo. Penny suffered a bruised leg Tuesday when a pipe fell against him while he was working on the new City water mains.

COUNTY AGENTS ATTEND MEETING AT SWEETWATER

County Agent G. J. Lane and County Home Demonstration Agent Clara Pratt were in Sweetwater the first three days of this week attending the annual meeting of county agent of this district. O. G. Tunlinson, District Agent of College Station, presided over the general sessions.

Plans for 1937 and a study of the 1937 Federal Farm Program were discussed.

ROARING SPRINGS AND AFTON METHODIST CHURCH

Roaring Springs 1st, third and 4th Sunday in each month.

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Services at both the morning and evening hours on these Sundays.

"No citizen of this town either could or would remain in it if the Churches and their influences removed."

Eugene L. Naugle, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Etcyl Church and family and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and family, of Merkel, spent Sunday in the home of Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Gates.

Conn McMurry of Montana, was visiting W. L. Hyatt Tuesday. The two men served as cowboys on the Matador Ranch the last of the past century.

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FOR SALE—My Residence and Filling Station combined, take car and some cash balance like rent. J. J. Ensey. tf

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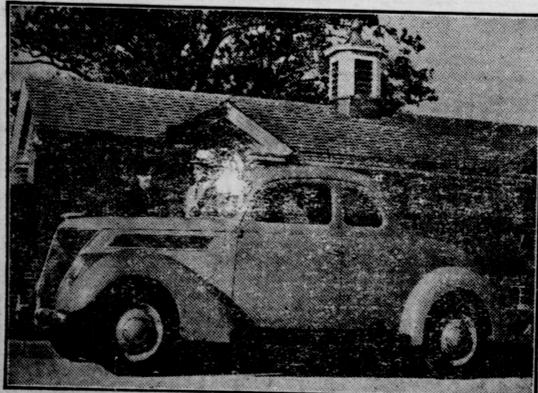
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