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New Committeemen To Be Elected Dec. 28th

According to information from the State Department, through G. J. audience. A Christmas quartet was Lane, County Agent for Dickens sung by Hollis Vernon, Sue Dell ney to other Texas points in a quick honoring the Bulldog footballers of County, December 28, 1938, is the Hahn, Reginia Draper, and G. J. date set by the State Board for hold- Lane, County Agent. Jerry Hahn Christmas. ing meetings for the purpose of elect- gave the origination of our Christing County and Community commit- mas traditions. teemen for the Dickens County Agricultural Conservation Associa- gave a few points on the 1939 farm tion to serve during the coming year. program.

Due to the fact that committeemen have many responsibilities, and may er and Nona Carol Cmith. be termed as having a direct influence upon farmers of the entire men were appointed. county, all farmers are urged to attend the meetings and cast a vote. It should be the intention of the group to select the best qualified men to fill the posts, and may be termed a duty on each man's part to exer- all present. cise a voice in helping to form the organization's guiding body for 1939. 3rd Thursday of January for the

The meetings scheduled for next next meeting.-Reporter. Wednesday, December 28, will be held in the following places: Dickens: High School Auditorium,

7:00 p. m. Patton Springs: High School Auditorium, 7:00 p. m.

Spur: Spur Theatre, 2:30 p. m. attend the meetings, and the County just completed replacement of slide the younger set, prominent in school cort was Presley Powell; Peggy Agent has requested that farmers doors with pretty glass pannel doors and social affairs, and one of the Hogan, Junior Queen, was escorted make plans early to be able to at- at the front of the building. tend the meetings.

SCHOOL OPERETTA TO BE PRESENTED TONIGHT AT PATTON SPRINGS

This evening at seven o'clock the pupils of Patton Springs school go ON FURLOW into action on the stage with what they term one of the best Operettas ever presented out there.

adors," in two acts, and the capable Christmas holidays visiting with his direction by Mrs. Will Lee Clark, mother. Arden is a graduate of Spur music director, Miss Waltrena Rus- High, class of '34. sell. Physical Education director, and Miss Mildred Holt piano accompan- SUSTAINS ARM INJURY ist, is very ably supported by a special cast chosen from all classes of the high school division.

Setting for the Operetta is sceni cally Spanish. Admission charge has been set at only 10c.

INFORMATION ASKED ON COTTON PRODUCERS BY AGENT

The following producers in Dickens County are entitled to a payment at the rate of \$1.00 per bale on 1933 form C-5-1 Certificiate, and if the Certificiate is sent to the Washington office on or before December 31 1938. Or, an affidavit to the effect that the Certificiate has been lost or destroyed, may be submitted in lieu of the Certificate if such is the case.

Geo. W. Allen, Brantley P. Hindman, Grover Moore, William T. Hill, C. H. Hensarling, Julien F. Nolen, Willie D. Baker, John V. Brantner, Oscar M. McGinty, Ben D. Wiley, Andrew Hefner, Charles R. Bennett, William E. B. Hatch.

Unsuccessful attempts have been made to call this matter to the attention of these producers. Information relative to the whereabouts of the producers above, who are out of the county, will be appreciated by the county agent's office.

G. J. Lane, County Agent

Mrs. C. I. Cannon and son, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cannon, were here Saturday from their farm home in the



Farm Meeting Held At Highway December 15

Highway community met Dec. 15th Hamlin, where they will be joined by for their regular meeting.

Christmas songs were sung by the

A duet was sung by Reginia Drap-The following committee chair-

Program-Charlie Cravy Entertainment-Mrs. Forest Martin

Refreshment-Mrs. Ike Simmons Music-Mrs. Ovie Draper Cookies and coffee were served to

The organization will meet the

NEW FRONT DOORS ON BRYANT-LINK STORE

are pretty good at helping you select McAdoo country. something really useful for gifts.

Corporal Arden Holmes, who has been stationed at San Diego, California, U. S. Marines, arrived in Spur The title of the play is "The Tore- this week end and will spend the

R. R. (Bob) Smith and son, Troy prominent farmers out in the Red Mud country, were in Spur yester- HERE FROM CALIFORNIA day shopping and meeting friends. the car played a "mule trick."

HARRELLS ON HOLIDAY VISIT TO VARIOUS POINTS

First Methodist Church, and Mrs The farmers organization of the Harrell left yesterday morning for

While away they will visit Mrs. Spur Inn, with attendance corres-Harrell's sister in Abilene; thence to ponding to universal interest. Mr. G. J. Lane, County Agent, Breckenridge to visit Mrs. Mattie | Coronation of the '38 Football Hamil, Rev. Harrell's mother and al- Queen, Joyce McCully, voted in last so other relatives in Graham. Rev. week by individual electorate, pre-Harrell says he will see his grand- sented a pretty ceremony and a fit-

> Texas, for awhile on the trip. The Harrells plan to return to season affair, each table was lighted Spur Friday of this week, Miss with candles in Spur High colors of Pauline accompanying them here blue and gold, and likewise incorfor the holidays.

MISS SYBIL BRANTLEY WEDS LUBBOCK MAN

Recipient of cherry wishes from a large circle of friends, Miss Sybil and for the opponent represented. Brantley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Brantley of McAdoo, became mony brought out a glow of lovelithe bride of Mr. R. L. Cates Satur- ness with the Queen's attending day, December 17, in a quiet single queen's-ladies multiplying the beauty With the constant endeavor to ring ceremony at Clovis, New Mex- of the regal scene.

make the Bryant-Link Hardware ico, vows being spoken at six o'clock. store one of the most attractive stores The bride is a graduate of McAdoo Cully, was crowned by Football Cap-It is to every former's interest to in Spur, Mr. Link, the manager, has High School, very popular among tain Pete Wilhoit. Her Majesty's esmost charming young ladies of the by Billie Dee Bell; the Sophomore The Bryant-Link Hardware has a area. She is accomplisher, has finest Queen, Jean Engleman, was escortfine array of Christmas merchandise, qualifications, and shares the esteem ed by G. J. Lane, and Freshman and invite you to come around-they and respect of her fine family in the Queen, Dortha Jean Barber, was

likable young man of the Lubbock and Joe Bell in attendance. business world, and has made many friends in McAdoo.

The new home will be established in Lubbock.

RECEIVES DEATH MESSAGE

Mrs. Lee Gilbert had a message the first of the week informing her of the death of a brother in Arizona. Complete details were not available before press time.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hooper, of Troy is carrying his right arm in Los Angeles, California arrived in Cheer Leaders for Her Royal Domain a sling as a result of a "courtesy Spur this week to spend the holidays crank" job on a car here Saturday with Mrs. Hooper's parents, Mr. and night. Both bones were broken when Mrs. Homer Wilson. Mrs. Hooper is the former Miss Jewel Wilson.

COLLEGIATES TREK HOME TO SWELL option cotton placed in the pool, if they have not heretofore sold the THRONG OF YULE MERRY-MAKERS

corners of the U. S. A. have been Hazel, Baylor University, Waco. gathering for the past week, with a ance, to help bring greater cheer to my, Terrell.

"the old home town." hue with their presence, with friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones; Clingathering to help make more cheery ton Barrett, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. up of eleven interesting and impresthe welcome. The witty change of R. Barrett; W. K. Harvey, Jr., son of sive numbers, glorifying a full evenlaughter and "new ideas" must have Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Harvey, A & M ing. its place. Ye Old Time round of en- College Station. tertainments, merry gatherings, and Carl Arthur, son of Mr. and Mrs. ford Ousley with the trophy given Mrs. Sam Clemmons and children, the glee of former days live again O. C. Arthur, Texas University, Aus- by Ray Crowell, of Abilene, to the of Amarillo, arrived Tuesday to ter High School, accomplished in the all home together.

schools, however some have trekked Mrs. R. L. Alexander; Francis Gib- most outstanding in leadership in and his mother, Mrs. P. A. Clem- area to make her future home. in from California, and various other son, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. school and on the field, in school mons and family. Sam will join the

was Bill Gruben, son of Mr. and H. and Ruth Cowan, son and daugh-Mrs. W. C. Gruben, who won a ter of Judge and Mrs. E. J. Cowan; manager were awarded sweaters, scholarship to the University of Gladys Robertson, daughter of Mr. namely: Captain Pete Wilhoit, George Southern California, Los Angeles. He and Mrs. J. H. Robertson; Ione and Murphy, Bill Haralson, Hansford came home Sunday, December 11.

all attending A. C. C., Abilene. Andy Hurst, T. W. C., Fort Worth. Mrs. J. C. Keen; Victor Joyner, son TO ARIZONA MAN and Mrs. R. L. Alexander, Wayland as Tech. College, Plainview.

W. A. Bell; Van Hairgrove, son of Denton. Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hairgrove; Alton McCully, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. and Mrs. W. W. Pickens, Draughns wedding taking place in Dickens McCully; Joe Gilbert, son of Mr. Business College, Lubbock. and Mrs. W. F. Gilbert, McMurry,

Mrs. P. C. Nichols, New Mexico Lloyd Wolf; Alma Schooler, of Du-Military Institute, Roswell.

and Mrs. W. S. Campbell, Southwest- Mrs. C. N. Dodson; Wynell McClure, ern University, Georgetown. Wilson Garner, son of Mr. and S. U., Abilene.

Harry Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. If there are others whom we have mother, Mrs. Fannie Sullivan, and

University, Las Cruces.

Mrs. Will Garner; Luther Jones, son Helen Hale, daughter of Dr. and their home. of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones, New Mrs. B. F. Hale; and Bill Caraway, Mexico State Normal, Las Vegas, N. son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Caraway,

With a happy recess from the Miriam Reed, daughter of Mr. and ing cut to football shape, a tasty grind of "getting their higher educa- Mrs. James B. Reed; Melba Jo Hazel, service was named, consisting of: tion," college students from the four daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M.

Bill Putman, son of Mr. and Mrs. few more yet to put in an appear- W. E. Putman, Texas Military Acade- English Peas

Roger Garrison, son of Mr. and Many homes take on a brighter Mrs. W. O. Garrison; Jack Jones, son

About the first to arrive home daughter of Mrs. Ed Lisenby; James ship. Viola Pickens, daughters of Mr. and Ousley, Presley Powell, Billy Sparks, At intervals others have arrived Mrs. Bob Pickens; Nadine Foreman, James Culbert, Charles Hurst, Andy daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Fore- Hurst, Billy Dee Bell, Willie York, Mary Jo Collier, daughter of Mrs. man; Elmer Adams, son of Mr. and Jack Powell, Doyle Bingham, Elbert Blanche Collier; Annie Laurie Lewis, Mrs. John Adams; W. D. Blair, Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Blair; and manager Joe Ausley. Coaches Lewis; and Nelta Pritchett, daugh- Opal McGlathery, daughter of Mr. ter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pritchett, and Mrs. W. F. McGlathery; V. C. Jackets. Smart, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. V. Lance Hurst, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Smart; Jack Keen, son of Mr. and Joe Paul Alexander, son of Dr. of Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Joyner; Tex-

R. J. Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mr. Luther Powell, T. S. C. W.,

Evelyn Pickens, daughter of Mr.

and Mrs. R. C. Joyner; Elizabeth Johnnie Nichols, son of Dr. and Wolf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. mont, Howard-Payne, Brownwood. Isabell Campbell, daughter of Mr. Grace Dodson, daughter of Mr. and through the years.

T. C. U., Ft. Worth. Forrest Martin, New Mexico State failed to mention, we are not inform- little daughter Davie Sue, and sister, ed as to their college and location.

Brilliantly joyous in that spirit and Crowned Queen

their daughter, Miss Pauline, music decorative manner for which Spur instructor in the Hamlin Public High School is noted, the annual Schools, to continue a two-day jour- banquet of the Pep Squad and band, round of visiting relatives before '38, was staged Tuesday evening, December 20, 8:00 o'clock, at the

mother, who resides at South Bend, ting climax to a great football year.

As a setting for the in-betweenporated the colors of opposing football squads that faced the Bulldogs this season. Candles were placed as goal posts, with a field between on which was printed the score for Spur

The impressive Coronation cere-

The Queen of Queens, Joyce Mcescorted by Matthew Gruben, with The groom is a prominent and Pep Squad mascots Carolyn Kelley

Program Grand March-Grace Foster.

Coronation of Queen-Captain Pete Wilhoit.

Greetings to Athletes of Her Royal Highness — Toastmistress Mozelle Arthur. kessonse of Her Royal Subjects-PM Taralson.

Court Musicians—Spur High School Honors Won by Subjects of Her Majesty—Supt. O. C. Thomas.

The Queen's Jester-Manager Jos Ousley.

-Edith Caveness. Knighting of an Honored Subject-Coach Wadzeck.

Prospects for Future Conquests-Coach Gordon Wood. III, Accompanist.

With an emblematic menu placement, gold covering with blue letter-

Turkey and Dressing Cranberry Sauce Giblet Gravy Waldorf Salad Stuffed Potatoes

Parker House Rolls Pecan Pie

Coffee The evening's program was made

Coach Wadzeck presented Hans-

Sixteen football boys and the Gamer, Jeff Smart, J. B. Morrison, Wadzeck and Wood received leather

SPUR WOMAN MARRIED

Union was solemnized Monday December 19, of Mrs. Eva Brown, Billie Louise Powell, daughter of daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marshall, pioneer family of the Duck Creek community, to Mr. Monroe Baker, of Fort Grant, Arizona, the with the ceremony being performed Helen Joyner, daughter of Rev. by Justice of the Peace S. T.

(Thomp) Johnson. Mrs. Baker, and her parents, has a host of friends in this area who extend happy wishes for a rosy path

Mr. and Mrs. Baker left immeddaughter of Mrs. Oran McClure; H. iately after the marriage ceremony for Arizona, where they will make

> Spencer Sullivan, of Los Angeles, is here for the holidays to visit his Mrs. Elmer Shugart and family.

HARRELLS ON HOLIDAY VISIT TO VARIOUS POINTS Rev. J. E. Harrell, pastor of the FOR BULLDOGS; QUEEN IS CROWNED First Methodist Church, and Mrs. BANQUET HELD AT SPUR INN DEC. 20 Cap-Rock Insurance Co. Now Affiliated With Pyramid Co. In an attempt to bring to

In an attempt to bring to area policyholders the utmost in safety and insurance, the Cap-Rock Life Insurance, of which Ned Hogan is President, and R. C. Brown, Secretary, a merger was consumated the past week wherein the company is now affiliated with the Pyramid Life Insurance Company.

With the past fine service and protection, the local company now offers the assets of approximately one and one-half million dollars of this old line legal reserve company, having more than thirteen million dollars of insurance in force.

According to anouncement, the plan has been approved by the Insurance Commissioner of Texas, and unanimously ratified at the Policyholders' Meeting held here last week. Some of the advantages pointed out are the fact that a policy is now guaranteed by this old line legal reserve insurance company; premium rates will not be changed, and insurance will be for the full amount as shown on previously issued policies of Cap-Rock Life.

The new merger does not affect the personnel of the local office, as all former attaches will continue to be ready at all times to give the same fine service as in the past; dues may be paid as in the past at the Spur office, and the same friendly courtesies extended to the general public and policyholders.

The managers have expressed a desire that you "call on us at any time we may be of service to you, or if there is any further information you desire."

FORMER SPUR MAN DIES COUNTY AGENT'S OFFICE IN ALBUQUERQUE TO BE CLOSED TWO

Fred O. McFall, at one time Coun- DAYS, 24 - 26 ty Clerk of Dickens County and for a number of years an employee of Spur County Agent, that his office would Ranch, died in Albuquerque, New be closed on Saturday, December 24, Mexico, December 7th, it was stated and Monday, December 26, may by friends here this week that re- serve as a reminder to people that ceived the news of his death.

Although McFall has been gone closed those two days. from the Spur country about 21 years, he was well known to many had many friends here. He was and Mrs. Lewis Holly of Dickens.

JOYCE McCULLY

was elected by ballot last week

to mount the throne of Queen-

ship of Spur Football Kingdom.

Coronation ceremonies were held

in conjunction with the annual

Pep-Squad-Football Banquet at

the Spur Inn Tuesday evening,

Miss McCully is the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCully

December 20.

of Spur.

Senior High candidate who

VISIT PARENTS HERE Mrs. Frank Pilley and son, of | 26. Court Anthem-Mrs. J. C. NcNeill Corcoran, California, and Mrs. C. D. Scott and daughter, of Eunice, New Mexico, are here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ott Denson.

MRS. HOBART LEWIS AND

CHIDREN RETURN HOME tarium where little Miss Lewis has holy vows. been under the care of physicians, receiving treatments for an ear in- Dickens Friday evening. fection following an attack of pneu-

Most of the students attend Texas Ted Alexander, son of Mr. and had the honor of being voted the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan, tertaining, and is welcomed to Spur Christmas here.

The notice given out by G. J. Lane, many other offices will likewise be

The general run of businesses will of course be open on Saturday, of the old-timers of this area, and Christmas Eve. No official notice so far has been given out, but it is likebrother-in-law to Will Austin, Afton, ly that practically all businesses in Spur, Dickens, McAdoo, Afton, and the remainder of the communities will be closed on Monday, December

Cafes here will all be open, according to proprietors.

KENT BOY IS MARRIED TO

ROCHESTER GIRL Wedding bells, seasonally tinted with a note of the Christmaa happiness, rang out the nuptials of a hap-Mr. Hobart Lewis motored to py union Friday of last week when Stamford Tuesday afternoon to ac- Raymond Butler, Kent County young company Mrs. Lewis and children to man, and Miss Wanda Guffey, of their home in Spur after a week or Rochester, Texas, went to the Capiten days stay in the Stamford Sani- tol of Dickens County and spoke the

> The marriage was solemnized in The groom is a graduate of Spur High School, a progressive farmer.

well liked in his community. The bride is a graduate of Rochesmember of the football team who spend the holiday season with her domestic sciences, charmingly en-

Gibson; Mary Louise Lisenby, attitude and spirit, and in scholar- family here this week end and spend farm just over the line in Kent County.



Just a word of remembrance for the Christmas Holidays, and wishing you, one and all, the best for 1939.

I could but be appreciative of the fine cooperation I have had from the citizens of Dickens County in past years. and hope that we may go on together in the same great spirit.

MERRY CHRISTMAS IS THE PASS WORD THESE DAYS

J. L. (Johnnie) KOONSMAN



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS __ _

At this Season of the year we greet one another with a smile, a warm hand clasp, and joyous expressions of good will and cheer. Why do we do this? Is it because of custom or habit? Is there something in the atmosphere of this Season that causes us to unconsciously greet each other in this oyous way? If so, what is it? Do we have flimsy thoughts and vain imaginations? Or are there selfish motives back of our hollow pretentions of well wishes? God forbid!



Here's to the happiest Christmas, and the most prosperous year to come, that you have ever had. Come around to see us, and let's all pull together for a greater

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That Grand Time of the Year is here when all feel kindly toward the World Ole Santa imbuses us with a nobler spirit of friendship and cooperation. Peace on

We wish you the Merriest Christmas ever a good year to follow and we really mean it.

The Personnel of

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The Wise Men saw the Bethlehem Star in the East and came to worship the new born King of The Jews. The Shepherds, as they kept watch over their flock by night, saw the angel of the Lord come upon them, and the glory of the Lord as it shone round about them. These experiences filled the hearts of these two classes of widely separated groups of persons with Joy. And what joy it was. The expressions of gladness were divergently opposite; the wist men gave gifts, and the shepherds told the good news; yet there was

common cause for rejoicing. This Bethlehem babe; this "King of the Jews" not only made these to rejoice that night but His advent into the world has caused millions to rejoice, and still, around the world there are "good tidings of great joy." May it ever be so! and, indeed, it will

I greet each of you at this Christmas time in the name of lesus of Lazareth, the Saviour of men. May you lay your gifts at His feet and tell the story of joy and gladness that rings in your hearts as you celebrate the birth of your Saviour. Do not bring on this, the greatest of all days of the year, impure thoughts, unworthy gifts, unwholesome indulgences. If you celebrate Christmas aright, you shall rejoice and cause others to be happy. I join hands and heart with you as we rejoice together in Jesus' name.

J. E. HARRELL, Pastor Methodist Church

BIBLE BAND ENTERTAINED

Band Friday, December 16. There Smallwood played substitute hands members present for the session. were eight members present. Mrs. for absent members, including Mes-Mims led our opening prayer, Mrs. dames W. T. Andrews, C. L. Love and DICKENS AND McADOO FUTURE Tidwell brought a very interesting M. L. Jones. Devotional. Those taking part in bringing the lesson were Mesdames Lewis, Ericson, Cauthers, Simmons, Wood and Tidwell. A delicious refreshment was served consisting of candy. Those present were Mmes. Tidwell, Lewis, Ericson, Cauthers,

We were happy to have Mrs. Bill given: Alexander visit with us. We were dismissed to meet again Thursday, December 22 with Mrs. Tidwell, for Hale. our Christmas party for the members and their husbands.

-Reporter

METHODIST LADIES MET MONDAY

16:19-31.

A "Quiz on Our Work for the Year, E. S. Lee, W. B. Lee, O. M. McGonty, the chorus. was conducted by Mrs. Vernon L. D. Ratliff, O. B.Ratliff, O. C. Campbell and Mrs. Gilbert. Mrs. Thomas, A. M. Walker, and Miss La-charge of the McAdoo chapter. First Payne conducted the business ses- Voris Lee. sion after which the bendiction was given in unison.

CHRISTMAS DINNER PARTY GIVEN BY 1925 BRIDGE CLUB

Highlighting the Yuletide social events of the week was the bridge 1925 Bridge Club, Monday evening tributing the gifts. at the Spur Inn.

The dining table was laid in white at the conclusion. and dusted over with snow, centered with a holly wreath painted red with silver berries. On each side of the TRIPLE TREY MEMBERS center piece were two crystal candle silver frosted bells from which white Street, with Mrs. Wadzeck as hostess. each place.

Favors were poted poinsettas with silver lighted with blue. tree lights.

Four games of contract bridge in ey and Marvin Vaughn. which Mrs. R. R. Wooten made high was a lovely cut-work lace edge AT ENGLEMAN HOME linen lunch cloth, was wrapped and Mrs. E. D. Engleman was hostess

C. Golding, Della Eaton, F. W. Jen- lovely Santa Tree. nings, R. A. Taylor, Nellie Davis, Following the enjoyable program Ann B. McClure, and Miss Hickman. and gift presentation, a refreshment Mrs. Mims entertained the Bible Mesdames Mary Putman and Ronald course was served to the twelve

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB HAS XMAS PROGRAM

ing of the following numbers was making Cottage.

Christmas music-Mrs. O. B. Rat- with a Christmas custom.

1925 BRIDGE CLUB HAS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY MONDAY

Christmas Party at the Spur Inn. The table was beautifully decorated with a cluster of silver bells hanging above with white streamers with small silver bells at each plate and a beautiful poinsetta in red and tinsel pot as plate favors. The center of the table had a beautiful red

holly wreath in the center. A three course dinner was served carrying out the holiday colors. After dinner three tables of bridge

was enjoyed and at the close the annual Christmas tree followed with winner, Mrs. Wooten acting as a Merry Christmas, then the meeting Santa:

Those enjoying the occasion were Mesdames Golding, Wooten, Jennings, Davis, Taylor, Perry, Eaton, McClure, Parr and Miss Hickman.

1917 STUDY CLUB MET WITH MRS. M. H. BRANNEN

The 1917 Study Club met at the home of Mrs. Brannen with 19 members present.

Mrs. Davis was leader of the program with Christmas Carols sung by 25 East Ward children directed by Mrs. Wadzeck with Miss Joyner at the piano.

Nervous, Weak,

cess of acids and poisons due to functional Kidney and Bladder disorders which may also cause Getting Up Nights, Burning Passages, Swollen Joints, Backache, Circles Under Eyes, Excess Acidity, Leg Pains and Dizziness. Help your kidneys purify your blood with Cystex. Usually the very first dose starts helping your kidneys clean out excess acids and this soon may have you feel like new Cystex must make you feel like new. Cystex must satisfy you completely or money back is guaranteed. Get Cystex (siss-tex) today. It costs only 3c a dose at druggists and the guarantee protects you.

Mrs. Adams-Romance of the Candle.

Mrs. Williams-Story of Jesus. The annual Xmas tree followed with Mack Brannen acting as Santa dinner and Christmas party of the assisted by Jane Brannen in dis-

A lovely salad plate was served

MRS. WADZECK ENTERTAINS

One of the lovely social affairs of sticks, each holding two white the Yuletide season was the annual candles; silver and white reindeer Christmas party of the Triple Trey in graceful pose also adorned the Bridge Club, Saturday afternoon at festive board. Suspended from the the lovely new cottage of Mr. and ceiling was a shower of white and Mrs. G. B. Wadzeck, 230 East Second

ribbon streamers attached to smaller. The house decorations were of white and silver frosted bells led to silver and blue including a beautifully decorated Christmas Tree of

post wrapped in red and silver tensel. Bridge table appointments and the Following a shrimp cocktail: the delicious Christmas menu refreshmain course of turkey and dressing, ment plate were in harmonizing cranberry sauce, vegetables. The colors with other house decorations.

salad plate carried a deep red spiced. In the games of contract bridge, apple topped with whipped cream; a Mrs. Henry Bilberry received the dessert course of date pudding top- high score prize. Other club members ped whipped cream completed the present were Mesdames Alton Chapdelicious dinner after which the man, L. D. Ratliff, Vascoe H. Ward, party repaired to the parlor which H. O. Thompson, Pike Nichols, J. P. was lighted only by the Christmas Carson, Jr., E. D. Engleman, Mark Wadzeck, and Miss Margaret Malon-

score were played. The bridge prize 1931 STUDY CLUB ENTERTAINED

placed under the Christmas tree with to the 1931 Study Club Tuesday afexchange gifts for each member. ternoon, December 20, when the Mrs. Wooten played Santa Claus group, ushered in the Yule season to Club members present, including by presentation of a Christmas pro-Mesdames Hill Perry, V. V. Parr, M. gram and exchange of gifts from a

HOMEMAKERS EXCHANGE CLUB MEETINGS

The Dickens and McAdoo chapters of the Future Homemakers of Texas The Twentieth Century Club had had their first exchange club meetice cream in Santa form, cake and a special Christmas program Tues- ing Thursday, December 15 with the day afternoon at the beautiful home Dickens chapter giving the program of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols A and the McAdoo chapter conducting Dyess, Simmons, Wood and the host- program on The Holy Land consist- the social hour in McAdoo Home-

Vice-president, Mary Lee Harkey, "Syria, the Form of the Land, the of the Dickens chapter, called the Climate, and Scenery"-Mrs. B. F. meeting to order after being welcomed by the McAdoo president, "Among the Bethlehem Shepherds" Wanda McGlothlin. The creed was read in unison. "Boosting Club Work" "The Story of a Picture, 'The Light the club song was directed by Winof the World"—Mrs. W. B. Lee. ona Reynolds. Roll call was answered

The program rendered by the The World Outlook program was Gifts were exchanged from a Dickens chapter: Reading, "Good rendered Monday at the Methodist Christmas tree. Those present were Will to Men at the Picture", Mary Church with Mrs. Harrell as leader. Mesdames T. H. Blackwell, E. L. Lee Harkey; "Acrobatic Stunts," Earth, Good Will toward Men! | Mrs. G. H. Snider gave the medita- Caraway, V. J. Campbell, W. S. Bonnie Edmondson; "Christmas tion "Having by Using," also read- Campbell, F. B. Crockett, H. C. Across the Nation," Jane Murphy; reading the scripture from Luke Foote, J. M. Foster, B. F. Hale, O. "Carols That We Sing," Lona Dell L. Kelley, J. A. Koon, G. J. Lane, Arthur; "Star of the East," sung by

Then came the social hour in "Get Acquainted Game" was played.

The groups divided into two sides and played "Spelling Bee" directed by Mrs. Archer, Homemaking teach-On Monday evening the 1925 er of McAdoo. Words were taken Bridge club celebrated its annual from the Homemaking text book. Instead of the letter "a" the right hand was raised and for the letter "t" the left hand was raised. After playing "Buzz" each one answered with a Christmas greeting that had not been given by anyone else. Great fun was had in playing "Jor Ring Toss."

After being served punch, cookies, and sandwiches the clubs sang "The Eyes of Texas," "Silent Night," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "The More We Get Together" and "Good Night Ladies."

The president of the McAdoo chapter wished all good night and



The Door Of Welcome

We would like to greet everyone personally not just because it is Christmastime, but because we sincerely wish you happiness and good luck and health. ____

> BILL and ROY Barber Shop



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TEN YEARS: 1892-1902 CHAPTER XXII

During these years the weather and the rainfall were very much as in the past, except that it was gradually getting a little drier, and the spring general rains, as in recent years, failed to materialize. By general rains I mean heavy continued rains coming from the west or northwest, drenching this part of Texas for a hundred and fifty miles north and south of here. Usually falling from the 30th of April to the 15th of May, and raining for a week or more at a time. When these rains missed us, we usually had a drouth and a 'die-up' followed. With these remarks I will leave the weather for the time being.

For several years before and after 1892, when we had any grass, we were constantly on the lookout for prarie fires. We could never tell at what moment, day or night, they would flare up; more especially when we had good grass. Most of these fires were caused by carelessness, and in some cases by ignorance. During these years there was a great exodus of folks going to New Mexico, to file on land and start new homes. At that time there was only two roads leading directly west through this part of Texas. One was through The Spur Pasture and the other through The Matadors.

These "Movers" as we call them, would "leave their camp fires burning." Never except in rare cases would they ever think of making sure their fire was out. Often after they had left, the wind would cause the fire to come alive, the embers would blow out into the grass, and a prairie fire would be the result. The amount of damage that would be done, would depend on how soon it was discovered and the distance we had to ride to it.

Sometimes twenty square miles of grass would be utterly destroyed. Nearly always these fires would occur during the fall or winter, at a time the loss was always sure to be felt, often very seriously.

At times I have ridden up on a camping place with a cotton wood log still burning, the end of the log in the grass. Had I not put it out then, in an hour or so we would have had "another prairie fire." Once a mover outfit with a bunch of cattle, lost all their bedding, chuck, and wagon. After unhitching the horses, they had started a fire, without preparing a place for the fire. While they were fighting the prairie fire which naturally followed, the wind must have whipped some sparks amongst their bedding and it was unnoticed until their wagon was ablaze. We had not only to fight their fire, but to supply them with bedding. The boys did so, and the ranch let them have an old wagon, and plenty chuck to go on with. Sometimes lightning would set out a fire but not very often. So serious did the prairie fire situation become, that Mr. Horsbrugh gave \$5.00 to the boy who first discovered one and gave the alarm.

It was not long after the westward move began, before fire guards were plowed across the pastures, from east to west, to minimize the loss, but while it helped, we were continually on our toes anyway.

In fighting prairie fires, everything was tried, brooms, saddle blankets, slickers, and wet sacks. But the most successful way when the fire was over a large surface, was to kill a cow and use her hide to smother out the flames. This was done by two men on horseback, with their ropes attached to the spread out hide; one man riding on the burned off land and the other on the unburned grass. These two were followed by three or four men afoot, who struck out anything that might cause fire to break out again.

This sounds quite simple, but in a mesquite brush country, many places had to be left for the boys following on foot to put out. Sometimes the wind would change, bringing back the flames over the territory already fought out, thus necessitating a fresh start at another place of beginning.

As often happened we would fight fire all night, sometimes well into the morning before the fire would be put out. Of course it is out of the question now, to try it as a cure for insomnia for the time being, but I can recommend that all night prairie fire fighting will work.

In 1893 the drouth was still holding on. The Spurs had cattle in pastures as follows: the Ray ner pasture in Stonewall County, the Red Deer pastures, and the Dixon Creek pastures near Pampa, Texas; and in Kansas, 1,000 head of steers. Along about the 1st of June Mr. Sam Carson, a fellow Scotchman, was appointed to assist Mr. Horbrugh in managing the ranch. It was fortunate for Mr. Horsbrugh that this appointment was made; although those responsible for it had other intentions than to help him. As Old Robbie says "the best laid plans o' mice and men, gang a'ft agley."

Mr. Horbrugh was having his hands full, and was going to have them over-flowing pretty soon; trying to sell cattle when there was little or no demand for them, as well as seeing after the many scattered herds. That was quite enough for one man to attend to. Mr. Carson did relieve him of a great deal of detail work.

On June 29, 1893, a surprise package by Mr. A. M. Brittan was handed the Directors of The Spur Ranch, and added to Mr. Horsbrugh many troubles and anxieties. This was the same Brittan, who with Mr. Lomax, organized and sold The Spur Ranch to the Scotchmen in 1884. He filed a petition for receivership before Judge Billy McGill at Seymour, Texas. When the case was heard there, it was transferred to Vernon, and J. W. Robbins was appointed temporary receiver. When the trial came off at Vernon, it was again transferred to the Federal Court at Dallas, where it should have been filed first. A new receiver was appointed and the case set for trial.

Company, testified that he was the only mortgage holder, (he held the prior lien bonds amounting to \$800,000.00) and that he did not want them paid. Mr. Brittan only wanted to get hold of the ranch for personal reasons. The only thing he did was to tie up the funds here during the time of litigation, causing a great deal of inconvenience while it lasted, which made it very disagreeable.

During the time this was happening, the store keeper and postmaster, R. A. (Shorty) Wilkerson, was at Mineral Wells, and as I had taken his place for the time he was away, it was my business to supply the Ranch with chuck, being paid monthly for them. During the whole of "the receivership" I never got a single dollar from them. I got promises, lots of them, but that was all. The receivers expected that I would supply the chuck just the same as always and I did so. The merchants at Colorado City, who had been supplying the store with merchandise for many years, were good enough to take my word that they would be paid, and supplied me personally with the goods I ordered, to keep the ranch running. I sent them what cash I took in for goods sold to others. Such a condition could not exist now. The worry I underwent in those days, was what made me bald-headed now, and that worry was not a patch to what Mr. Horsbrugh had to carry for many months. I again want to emphasize that we were in the middle of the worst drouth that ever this part of Texas has undergone.

Court, it was immediately dismissed. The Com-

pany had no unpaid indebtedness in the U.S. A.

or anywhere else. Mr. McNab, a director of the

The country was so badly hurt by the drouth, that Dickens County script was worth thirty-five cents on the dollar, and few purchasers could be found at that price. The conditions got so very bad that the officers of the County were seriously "put to it" to get food. Mr. Horsbrugh got The Matadors and The Pitchfork ranches to form a pool with The Spurs to pay the County officers eighty five cents on the dollar for their script so that they could live. Every one of them greatly appreciated this courtesy. Hardly anyone today could realize how serious the condition was and the hardships the people here then had to undergo on account of the drouth. No government or state aid was ever thought of or offered.

The first rainfall for many months fell on the 17th of July, 1893, and every Nester in the country went to planting sorghum, so that if luck was with them, they might have some feed for winter. Lady luck was with a few. Two showers fell in August, and enough feed for winter use was raised by most of them.

During those three terrible years of drouth some folks might wonder how our saddle horse managed to live. While many of them did die from poverty, "The Good Lord" had provided for The Spurs to have some winter feed in the shape of roughness. As before mentioned, The Spurs in 1888 had put in cultivation, and planted in one field, over 700 acres. all in sorghum.

It was this fine crop of sorghum, the harvesting of which was enormous work, that saved us. The farm boss, Mr. W. S. Cook, had seen that every stack was properly finished. This was "A Godsend," for this old sorghum was the only fodder our horses had during the four winters from 1891 to 1894. What corn was fed was freighted from Colorado City, and cost, laid down at the ranch, \$1.321/2 per bushel.

To again emphasize the condition, I will state that the prarie dogs died in thousands, and that if the opportunity had been taken then to have poisoned them, they could easily have been "cleaned up" at little expense. That opportunity to the same extent never occurred again.

In the fall of 1895 Handy Cole was made foreman of The Ranch and Joe Stokes, who had been foreman started on "his own." A year or so before Stokes left, while Handy Cole was still branding boss, something happened in the branding outfit which will illustrate the peculiar ethics of the cowboy. During those years when the Western Move was on, there were many cattle lost, or left in the pasture, by those movers passing through. Not knowing to whom these stray cattle belonged, or in which direction to send them, they were necessarily turned loose with the roundup after The Spur calves were branded and the days work was done.

In the course of time there were a good many Mavericks, and while the morals of all the men then on the payroll were above reproach, in so far as they were loyal to the Spurs, they could not see why, a sure enough Maverick, should not belong to them as well as to someone else. (a Maverick is a calf or yearling, naturally weaned, unbranded, and not following its mother). They were not Spur calves, and as the temptation was great, some of the boys fell victims to the necessity of having to put a brand on those Mavericks.

Consequently that spring at the first work, many of those Mavericks arrived at the roundup with a brand on them. One conspicious brand was O U LIGHTNING. There must have been six or eight of them in that roundup. The Spurs had as much right to them if not more than anyone else, after they had quit following their mothers, and before a brand was put on them, but not after they were branded. All the boys in the outfit knew they were not Spur calves. They (the boys) could not very well put The Spur brand on them without orders to do so. Joe Stokes, the foreman, was there and ordered The Spurs on them and the other brand barred out.

The boys who were running that "Maverick Brand" (O U Lightning) knew that to acknowledge it, was to cost them their job, yet they spoke up and said "not to bother those yearlings, as they were not Spur calves, but that if Handy Cole thought the Spurs should be on them to go ahead, but not otherwise." Handy knew the calves as well as anyone, and he told Stokes what calves When the case was called before the Federal they were. The Spurs brand was not put on them,

but those boys quit working for The Spurs.

While I am sure the "Epizutic" of cattle theft in the coming years was not the outcome of those years of hardship, I am sure that it did materially help to make the outbreak so bad when it did come. Those men who had got off with those Maverick had, with many others, left the state for the north, and an entirely new set of men had come in. The market for stolen cattle was established by men who had not the courage to steal on an extended scale themselves. These men would and did buy stolen cattle, for as little as \$4.00 for yearlings, when they knew the cattle they were buying were stolen from neighboring ranches.

I am not sure that I can express what I feel, but I think that many lawyers were a great deal to blame for the extended time, before the outbreak was stopped. I give an instance of what I mean by the following: A case of cattle theft was being tried at Snyder, Texas. The evidence of the witnesses was very emphatic and beyond impeachment. The lawyer for the defense was in a bad way. He had tried all the various ways to have the case thrown out, or continued again and again. But this time he had no excuse that the District Judge would accept, and he was forced into trial. He started an argument, and the District Attorney got very excited. During the excitement the defending lawyer got hold of the indictment, and absent-mindedly ate it (he had to). After a while he caused another argument to arise, and questioned a charge in the indictment. This caused a search to be made for it and "as the indictment could not be produced" the case had to be dismissed.

Another and most amusing case, was the theft of two hogs from Lewis Sewell. The hogs, with several others, had been turned loose on the head of Red Mud shinnery, where Lewis kept an eye on them. Calling them up on Sundays, and feeding them some corn. One Sunday two sows failed to come to his call, so Lewis decided he had better make sure just where they were. After hunting for several days, he finally located them in a pen in Crosby County, about 20 miles from where he had turned them loose. The owner of the place was gone at the time so Lewis had to await his return. When he appeared, Lewis claimed his hogs. The man stoutly claimed the hogs as his own, but the bluff did not work. Lewis knew those hogs as well as any of the horses he worked. After a while he was told to take the hogs and go home. Now the funny part is this: the man was indicted and billed in Crosby County, and when he was tried for the theft of the hogs, his council pleaded that if the hogs were stolen in Dickens County, then Crosby County was without jurisdiction to try the case. The case was dismissed at Emma, then the County Seat of Crosby County. The man was promptly billed at Dickens by the next Grand Jury. When his trial came up there, his lawyer reversed his pleading and claimed that as the hogs were found in Crosby County he should have been tried there. Again the case was dismissed and the party who stole the hogs was never punished.

HOW IS YOUR APPETPITE? CHAPTER XXIII

After the fall work was over in 1892, I was sent to Childress, to meet a cattle buyer and bring him to the Ranch. I took with me to Childress a boy who had been the horse wrangler for the branding outfit that year. Although a kid, Bert made a good horse wrangler. His parents were living apart; one in Texas and the other in a Northern State. First one would send him money to come and stay a while, and then the other would do so. Between the two they kept him pretty well supplied with money. With his wages which he had saved, he had a pretty fair sized roll. So Mr. Horsbrugh told me to keep an eye on him and to get his ticket for the North.

Bert was a light-weight, weighing about 85 pounds, and standing under five feet. The train passed through Childress going East about 7 p. m., so I took him to the restaurant, and told him to get supper while I looked after the team. I got my own supper and then hunted up Bert. He was just finishing his supper. The restaurant man I knew fairly well, so when I walked in for Bert, he came up to me and said: "Say is that kid any kin of yours?" I replied, "why no, what made you ask that?" He said, "nothing, I just wanted to make sure." When I asked him why, he said, anything the matter with him?" "Not that I know of,' I answered. "Well, I'm not going to make anything off his supper." So I told him to come across. He said, "he surely must be sick, his order was half a dozen eggs straight up, a porter-house steak, and a square meal. I thought some of you boys had a poker game somewhere, so I put plenty bread for four on a tray with his order and ask him where he wanted it. He looked at me kind of queer and said, "put it on the table, and I will attend to it." "You can see what he did to it, besides he had two cups of coffee." I looked to where Bert was just getting up from the table and saw about a slice and a half of bread, and a small piece of bone; with these exceptions, he had the plates clear of chuck. I knew Bert was a fairly healthy eater, but no one in a cow camp ever pays any attention to that. The restaurant man had been a cowboy cook, and asked me what he should charge "The Kid" as supper was twobits (25c). I told him to charge a dollar, but he shook his head and said that was too much. He said he guessed he would have to charge him fifty cents, but he hoped he would go somewhere else the next time he wanted to fill up.

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THE SPURS

Next Week

On account of many people being away for the holidays, the history will not appear in The Texas Spur next issue.

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"Oh, to be in England, now that Christmas is there," to paraphrase Robert Browning.

Boyce House

It may be the Charles Dickens' influence but this commentor has always thought that the Yuletide season in the "right little, tight little isle" was just a bit gayer than anywhere else-a big log crackling in the fire-place, the table laden with such delicacies as a whole roast pig, steaming hot, with a red apple in its mouth, and plum pudding. Then, of course, fragrant "Tom and Jerry;" snow covering everything and changed to bright silver by the moon; singers, all bundled up, going from street to street, singing "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen;" an icy crunching underfoot; icicles dangling like crystals from every roof, and sleigh bells all a-jingle. Well, anyway, pass the turkey.

A year ago at the Cotton Bowl game, the governor of Colorado wagered Pike's Peak against the Big Bend Park. May we suggest that on Jan. 2, when St. Mary's meets Texas Tech, the California chief executive wager the Golden Gate and that Governor Allred bet an even bigger object than the Big Bend Park-the state deficit?

How about an "oldest joke" contest to determine the most ancient jest in the world? My nomination is the story of the farmer who saw a giraffe at a circus and declared, "There ain't no sech animal."

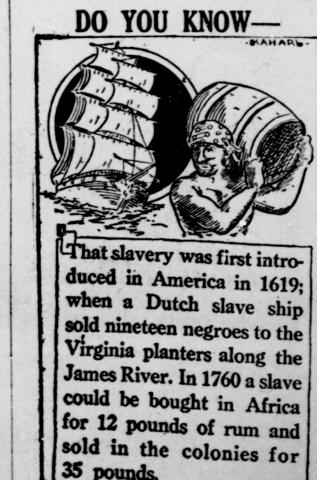
Today's bit of philosophy: Mark Twain once said, "A certain amount of fleas is good for a dog; it keeps him busy and prevents him from broodin' over the fact that he is a dog."

Roaming around over Texas: As one drives along the Eastland-Ranger-Cisco highway to Breckenridge, he observes what appears to be a man standing beside the road at the top of a hill. It turns out to be a life-size figure of Uncle Sam, in red, white and blue costume, holding the farmer's mail box. . . . No excuse for a veteran to miss a session of the Breckenridge American Legion post. On the appropriate day, signs reading "Legion meets tonight" are placed on traffic markers along Main Street. . . . Private Operative No. 2-11-44 says that the most popular tune for fiddle bands and music machines in beer taverns is "It makes No Difference Now." Odd that folks out for a good time seem to prefer tunes tinged with melancholy. A perennial favorite has the lugubrious line, "I wish I had died as a baby and then I'd have never met you."

Sometimes, if I ever get around to it, I'm going to write a book on the "forgotten men" in American literature. Eugene Field, who wrote "Little Boy Blue" (and thereby contributed more in three stanzas than all the hundreds of poems by John Greenleaf Whittier) will be given a place. So will James Whitcomb Riley (you remember "When the Frost Is on the Pumpkin" and "That Old Sweethear of Mine"). And there will be space for Frank L. Stanton (everybody knows "Mighty Lak a Rose") and those priceless lines:

"This world that we're a-livin in Is mighty hard to beat; You git a thorn with every rose. But ain't the roses sweet!"

A favorite story of Senator Tom Connally's: Two negroes were standing in front of a bank. One read aloud the sign, "Capital and surplus. \$1,000,000 and the other asked, "Sam, ef you had a million dollahs, whut would you do?" The other replied, "I'd pay it on my debts jest as fur as it would go."



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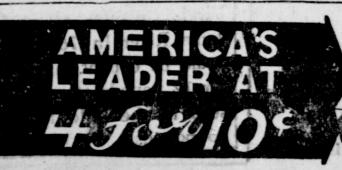
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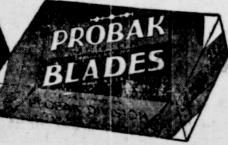
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Festive Gathering At Bird Ranch Home Near Post Has Many People From Spur

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large gathering. Among the guests for the ranch festival from Spur area were Mrs. jie Nell, Linda Beth, Wanda Ruth, the city Monday.

Royal, and Walterena Russell of Pat-Mr. and Mrs. Fumagally and son, starred with specialty numbers; and ter, Vera Nell; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ross Edwards, Lubbock, Mr. and Davis and daughters, Harriet Sue and Mrs. Cliff Bird, Spur, also rendered Edna Earl, and small son; and Mrs. numbers fully appreciated by the I. G. VanLeer and daughter, Mrs Irene Rogers, of Post.

Kate Buchanan, mother of the hos- Mrs. R. F. Rogers of Highway was tess; a sister, Mrs. Emma Russell, among the large number of business and children, Stanley, Charles, Mar- visitors and Christmas shoppers in

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Officials of Texas schools and colleges participating in the National Youth Administration Student Aid Program have reported to J. C. Kellam, State Youth Director, that 39,-868 applications have been received

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of N. M. U., of Los Vagus, New Mexico, arrived last week to spend the Christmas holidays here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Garner, respectfully, and their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson and from students for the 12,333 part- daughter, Miss Lillian Grace, are time NYA jobs made available this going via Abilene the middle of the year. Applications for College Aid week to Galveston, where they will were filed by 21,211 students and spend Christmas with her mother, for School Aid by 18,657 students. Mrs. J. H. Grace and other members A total of 7,758 NYA School Aid of the Grace family. Ray Jr. will jobs have been made available to join them in Abilene and accompany

MOVE TO DUMONT

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Guyear, form-Mrs. C. W. Barrett, of Brownwood, erly living out in the Afton country, arrived last week to spend the Yule- and daughter, Mrs. Butler, were tide season here with her parents, shopping in Spur Monday. Mr. and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bell and family Mrs. Guyear have moved over to and Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barrett and the Dumont vicinity and ordered their copy of The Texas Spur sent

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Quivering nerves can make you old and haggard looking, cranky and hard to live with—can keep you awake nights and rob you of good health, good times and jobs.

Don't let yourself "go" like that. Start taking a good, reliable tonic—one made especially for women. And could you ask for anything whose benefits have been better proved than world-famous Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?

Let the wholesome herbs and roots of Pinkham's Compound help Nature calm your shrieking nerves, tone up your system.

your shrieking nerves, tone up your system, and help lessen distress from female func-tional disorders. Make a note NOW to get a bottle of this



without fail from your druggist. Over a million women have written in letters reporting For the past 60 years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has helped grateful women go "smiling thru" trying ordeals. Why not let it help YOU?



Service as nearly perfect and continuous as possible.

(A) Contributing a payroll of \$1,200,000 to our employee-citizens in West Texas; (B) helping you to shoulder the tax burdens rapidly increasing until now Your Electric Servant's annual tax contribution approximates one-half million dollars; and (C) all with net average electric rates ONE-THIRD LOWER than just ten years ago....

These are (A, B and C) things we believe you want to know about your own West Texas electric servant-performing material things that will help to make 1939 a friendly, prosperous year for us all.

West Texas Utilities

Spur, Texas

Dec. 13, 1938

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barrett, who have been making their home in Brownwood this fall arrived in Spur Friday, with their personal effects, and will spend the holidays in Spur visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bell, and family, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barrett and family. After the holidays the expect to locate in the west, where C. W. has a choice of locations.



This is the eighth time we have sent to you this our Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and if possible we appreciate your patronage and friendship eight times as much, we have and are still attempting to improve our service that we may serve you better. Let us all look forward to the New Year with renewed hope and increased faith in our neighbors. _

PHONE 18 SPUR TAILORS



"The Friendly Shop"





Well, this year is on the run now won't be long until a new one is ushered in. But in the meautime, let's all have a merry Christmas, be in great cheer, and get ready to greet 1939.

We're With You All The Way For A Grand Time Best Wishes From Your Barbers

Alexander-Hurst Barber Shop



SANTA CLAUS LETTERS

Dear Santa Claus:

her a doll too.

Dear Santa

to school at East Ward.

I am a little girl 6 years old and go

Your Little Friend.

My little brother and I want a

crackers and some candy and nuts

and apples and oranges and boxing

AFTON HOME DEMONSTRATION

The business session was held in

and each member drew a number.

Each member received a practical,

Mrs. M. W. Ayers, Mrs. V. S. Ford,

Mrs. Dempsey Clifton, Mrs. Tab Wil-

liams, Mrs. Jess Powell, Mrs. R. C.

Hext, Mrs. Claude Flippen, Mrs

Forbis, Mrs. Byron Haney, Mrs. E.

miles west of Spur, were shopping

with the merchants and visiting with

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Goodwin and

little daughter, and Mrs. H. P. Ed-

wards, of Delwin, spent Sunday and

several days the first of the week

Edwards and granddaughter, Mrs.

years and have a host of friends

Mr. and Mrs. John Mims, Mr. and

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Laverty, of Fort

Worth, arrived in Spur Tuesday for

a short visit with Mrs. Laverty's

mother, Mrs. Hattie Turvin, who will

accompany them home today to

haoFa mWINNERS IN THE WORD

In the mispelled word contest

Passes to the Palace Theatre were

Kathleen McDonald wins the Turkey

won by Mrs. R. K. Caraway, Mrs. J.

H. Miles, Henry Gruben, Jr., and

The page appears this week for

spend the holidays.

for a Christmas feast.

Mrs. Edna Edmonds.

the last time.

CONTEST

are leaving Saturday for Fort Worth,

their son, Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond

Mrs. Carl Randolph.

useful, inexpensive gift.

Hershel and Loyd Brown

With love,

HOLDS ALL DAY SESSION

Lynell Hines

Dear Santa Please bring me a scout suit and a story book and a hatchet.

> With love, Paul Ray Mobley

> > Spur, Texas stove, dishes, fruit, nuts, candy and Box 551 anything else you care to. Be sure Dec. 16, 1938 and dont forget my baby sister, bring

Dear Santa Claus: Please send me a football, a watch, and a bicycle.

Yours truly, David Williams

Dear Santa Claus: want a gun and a holster and red wagon

> With love, Guy Mills

MRS. C. H. HARDWICK ENTERTAINS WITH BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. C. H. Hardwick was a delightful hostess Wednesday evening club met for an all day session at the when she entertained her London home of Mrs. Carl Randolph. Each Bridge Club with a Christmas Party. member brought a covered dish to The house was festive in holiday furnish the Xmas dinner. A real attire with bridge appointments Xmas dinner was served buffet style.

harmonizing. Several games of contract bridge the afternoon. Plans were made for were played with Mrs. Ovia Senning box supper in connection with the day. holding high score at the finish and regular monthly farm meeting on was awarded the high score prize.

Buzbee, Truman Green, C. F. Raley, finished except the big Xmas tree. Pierce and family. Ovia Senning, Allen A. McKimmey, This event climaxed the day. Harvey Giddens, and Wm. O. Leach.

DICKENS HOMEMAKING CLASS HAS CHRISTMAS TEA

A Christmas tea was planned and given by the Dickens Homemaking IA classes Friday, December 16 in program. the living-dining room of the Homemaking department.

The Christmas idea was carried out in the decorations of cedar, red and green candles. The table was covered with a lace cloth. Lighted Forbis, Mrs. Allie Barton, Mrs. Henry red and green candles surrounded with Apples and native cedar made Aubrey Brewster, Mrs. Ina Mae Bateman, Mrs. Gus Martin, Mrs. Clark the centerpiece for the table at which

Winona Reynolds poured tea. On the table were colorful Christmas tree and star sandwiches, red and green fandant and Christmas cookies which had been made by sections one and two of the IA class-

The tea was given for the faculty nembers, honoring club members of the Pioneer chapter, Home Demonstration club agent, County Council Chairman, and local president.

Miss Mary Jo Collier, an honor reshman student in A. C. C., Abilene arrived home Friday to spend Mrs. Gene Bass, of McAdoo. Mrs. the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Blanch Collier and Goodwin lived at McAdoo for many

Mrs. W. H. Wilson of Rule, was a there who enjoy their return visits. recent visitors in Spur, the guest While here, Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin of here niece, Mrs. Mark Wadzeck, closed a deal of the sale of their Mr. Wadzeck, and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. hundred and sixty acre farm to S. Link and George S., Jr., who were Austin Rose. We did not learn the former neighbors of the Wilsons in purchase price. Rule and also in Spur the year Mr. and Mrs. Wilson resided in Spur. Mrs. Henry Simmons and children

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Formby and daughter, Miss Robena, Freshman in Commerce and Grapevine to spend Texas Tech, who is at home for the their Christmas holidays with rela-Christmas Holidays, were in Spur tives and friends. Wednesday shopping and greeting friends.

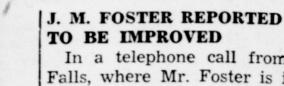
Mrs. James F. Williams and daughter, Miss Mildred, left Friday for Albuquerque, New Mexico, to spend the Yuletide season with her daughter, the former Dorothy Williams, and family.



We indeed have plenty to be happy for at this glad time of the year and believe us, we are saying Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the depths of our hearts. You have given us a splendid business, and it's helping us to realize our hope to give you still better service in 1939. We have the type of patrons that we want congenial, quality-wise people, and we are going to hand it back to you with merchandise you want.

> So, if our wishes can help, You'll be the happiest ever. From the Group at

WHITTACRE - MILAM VARIETY



In a telephone call from Wichita Falls, where Mr. Foster is in a hospital, to Mrs. Foster late last night, she was informed that a doctor's bulletin described Mr. Foster's condition as being very favorable.

DELTA KAPPA GAMMA MEETING WANTED-Position as housekeeper WEDNESDAY EVENING

Gamma Eta Chapter of the Delta mile north of Spur. Kappa Gamma, nine members attended the session at the home of FOR SALE-Full mineral rights on Please bring me a big doll, electric Mrs. W. R. Weaver last night, climax- 41 1/2 acres land 31/2 miles south of ing the year in the pre-holiday meet. After the business session a refreshment plate was served to the following members: Mrs. W. C. Stubbs and Mrs. Earl Jones of Paducah, Miss Thressia Godfrey of Matador, Misses Gentry, Holt and Cassel of Patton Springs, Misses Margaret and Virginia Elliot, Spring little wagon and we want some fire Creek, and Mrs. W. R. Weaver.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelcy Putman and children left today for Vernon where Mrs. Putman and children will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents and Mrs. W. H. Putman. Kelsy plans to return to Spur to accompany Mr. L. N. Riter to El Paso Friday The Afton Home Demonstration where he will spend Christmas with his daughter in law and grand

> children, Mrs. Roscoe Riter and Kelsey will visit his sister, Mrs. C. L. Simmons, Mr. Simmons and family.

Horace Nickels of McAdoo was transacting business in Spur Mon-

the first Thursday in January. All, Mrs. T. E. Gilbert and daughter After the games, Christmas gifts members were urged to stimulate as Miss Wanita White, of Clovis, New were exchanged and the hostess mush interest as possible in this Mexico, arrived in Spur last week served a lovely Christmas menu re- event By the middle of the after- end to spend the Yuletide season with freshment plate to Mesdames Lynn noon all parts of the program were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F.

> The G. J. Lanes are leaving this Numbers were placed on the gifts week for Waco to visit their daughter, Miss Elouise, and the John Brittons and baby.

Miss Jean Day, Home Demonstra-Mrs. Harry Patton who has been tion Agent was present for the days spending a weeks visit with her mother, Mrs. Allen, of Ellisville, re-The following members were pres- turned Sunday to her home in Spur. Accompanying her on the return trip and spending the night in the Patton home were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Allen and Mrs. Carrie Allen, of El-

> Mr. and Mrs. Roger Jones of Wake were visitors in Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elvis Holly, who have been making their home at M. Richardson, Mrs. M. L. Kelly, O'Donnell for the past several months returned recently to Spur. Elvis will be associated with his father, H. S. Mr. and Mrs. White Moore, of ten Holly in the Insurance business and they will be at home in Spur after the first of the year.

Moore, and family while in the city MAHON LUBBOCK OFFICE-CLOSES: GOES TO COLORADO

Congressman George Mahon, who has maintained his office in Lubbock since September, announced early visiting in the home of Mr. and this week that he had closed his Lubbock office and would return to Colorado for the Christmas holidays. He will leave for Washington December 27th to attend the session of Congress which convenes January 3rd. He stated that he would reopen his Lubbock office next fall after the adjournment of Congress.

His secretaries, Lloyd Croslin of Lubbock and George Witten of Colorado, will also return to Washington next week.



Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Brown and Betty Lynn



Hoping that this year has treated you kindly . . and wishing for you an enjoyable Christmas. And we're with you for making the coming year a great one for Spur and her

THACKER - GODFREY CO.

"We Feature The Complete Home"

Dec. 10.-Jack Gipson.

ARTHUR, Dickens.

or caring for children. Good refer-In a regular called meeting of the ences.—Ollie Crow, care A. Biggs, 1 December 1938.

> Spur (for sale this week).—R. E. Darden, Girard, Texas. 1tp

NOTICE IN PROBATE THE STATE OF TEXAS

Dickens County-Greeting:

return day hereof, in a newspaper of the Christmas holiday season. general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice: THE STATE OF TEXAS

To All Persons Interested in The estate of Roxie Kellar, Deceased; Louis Lovett, has filed an application in the County Court of Dickens County, on the 13th day of December 1938, for Partition and distribution of said estate which said application will be heard by said Court on the 26th day of December 1938, at the Court House of said County, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate are

LOST-Red-brindle 3-year old cow, required to appear and answer said one nub-horn; strayed from my lot application, should they desire to 1tp do so.

The report described his condition FOR SALE—Have several Grey- before said Court, on the first day as "resting well at the time, and hounds, good wolf dogs.—E. V. 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 13th day of

Fred Arrington, Clerk County Court, Dickens, County, Texas. By Josephine Green, Deputy.

Mrs. Lillie Belle Mayfield and daughters, Kathryn and Francis, and grandson, Charles, of Los Angeles, To the Sheriff or any Constable of spent the past week end in Spur the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Aber-You are Hereby Commanded to nathy. Mrs. Mayfield, a sister-in-law cause to be published once each week of Mrs. Abernathy, was enroute to for a period of ten days before the Gonzales, her former home, to spend

IF IT'S WOOD WE HAVE IT

-But we don't want to keep it. See us for pole wood cut to lengths you need.

> Homer Cargile WOOD YARD

Check Up On Your

FARM PROFITS

We have some good used Farmall Troctors in the F-12 and F-14 in the regulars, and F-20, that we have traded for. If you will ask a Farmall farmer, he'll show you that there's profit to be made in farming—the right way.

WE CAN GIVE YOU TERMS

McADOO IMPLEMENT COMPANY

McADOO, TEXAS



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

This is the season of our inventories of hopes for the coming year a time when, and as it should be, we check the past against the future ... when we weigh our hopes and dreams for days to come.

With sincerity we wish for all a happy Christmas, a more prosperous 1939, a greater fellowship between all, and a deeper faith in our country and community.

> Enjoy Your Christmas, And Enter 1939 Better Fortified To Ever Go Forward

Spur Security Bank

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