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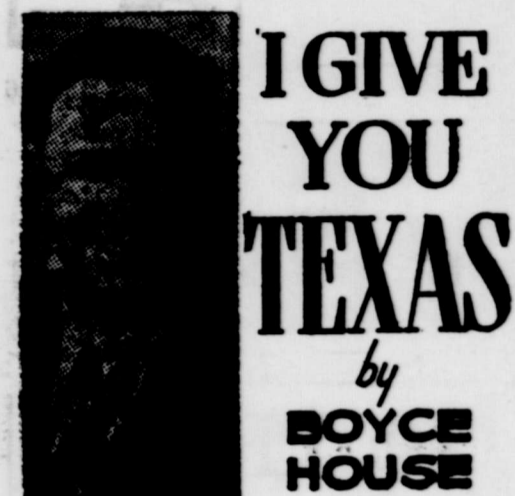
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Remarkable remarks:  
P. T. Barnum—The American  
people like to be humbugged.  
Mark Twain — Everybody talks  
about the weather but nobody does  
anything about it.  
Bob Fitzsimmons, the smallest  
man who was ever world's heavy-  
weight champion prizefighter—The  
bigger they are, the harder they  
fall.  
Vice President Tom Marshall —  
What this country needs is a good  
5-cent cigar.  
Herbert Hoover—A chicken in  
every pot and two cars in every  
garage.  
The Governor of North Carolina  
to the Governor of South Carolina—  
It's a h... of a long time between  
drinks.

If you aren't wearied by personal  
reminiscences (which any seasoned  
news-gatherer can match or surpass  
from his store of experiences), here's  
one more. The postmaster came into  
the Ranger Times office one day  
years ago when I was editor, and  
remarked, just incidentally, that  
there had been a bomb scare at the  
postoffice. One of the clerks had  
reported, "We've got an infernal  
machine." Sure enough you could  
hear the ticking, like clock-work.  
The postmaster soaked the parcel  
in water (as he had read was the  
police procedure) and then remov-  
ed the cord and paper, revealing a  
tin bucket with a lid of the kind  
that takes a knife-blade to pry off.  
The ticking was plainer now.  
The other members of the force  
stood back—after all, he was post-  
master and was drawing the most  
money; besides, his wife was not as  
valuable as a good Democrat's, any-  
how—(this was in the Herbert  
Hoover Days).  
He pried the lid off—and the  
mystery was solved: the pail was  
almost full of Mexican jumping  
beans, which were bouncing against

### WINTERIZE



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### Survey Gives Soldier's "Rules" For Good Morale In Army Camps

HERE are the American soldier's  
own specifications for good  
army "morale":  
1. Fair treatment.  
2. Complete "freedom and variety"  
when on leave.  
3. Decent, hospitable attitudes  
among local townspeople near  
camps, making him feel he's "as  
good as anyone else."  
4. First class training and straight  
talk from his superiors on what  
the war is about, so he can feel  
he's getting something tangible  
out of his experience in the army.  
These "rules" are based on find-  
ings made in a dozen training  
camps and all sorts of places out-  
side by Alden Stevens, widely ex-  
perienced sociologist and writer.  
His report appeared in Survey  
Graphic.  
"The building of army camp  
morale calls for positive action  
now," Stevens declares. "You have  
to provide the conditions that make  
for good morale—then you will get  
it. No mere words cooked up in  
Washington are going to be effec-  
tive unless the fundamental re-  
quirements for good morale are  
present."

There are two sets of factors  
bearing on morale, Stevens finds:  
1—camp and training; 2—recrea-  
tional. A number of things enter  
into the latter "and one of them is  
simply the relative sizes of the  
camp and the nearest town."  
"Most men want to get away  
from any planned recreation,"  
Stevens says, "and anything with  
a welfare or social work tint is  
unpopular. The only group of peo-  
ple who have furnished the army  
with something else to do are the  
private operators of tent-shows,  
carnivals, roller-skating rinks and,  
most of all, the juke joints."  
"There is no more thoroughly  
American institution than the juke  
joint, with its freedom, complete  
informality, and democratic cam-  
araderie."  
"Some of the juke joints need  
control. The United Brewers Indus-  
trial Foundation . . . the beer man-  
ufacturers' conscience . . . which is  
running a nationwide campaign for  
moderation, especially near camps,  
is serving to keep many of the  
proprietors within proper bounds,  
and to improve local regulation  
where it has been slack."

the sides and top of the bucket!  
That story went all over the  
country—and the postmaster got a  
bunch of orders from the East for  
jumping beans.

About people you know: Govern-  
or Coke Stevenson, recently "veto-  
ing" the suggestion he make a long  
trip by plane, said he'd rather drive  
so he could stop along the way and  
visit at the filling stations.

R. T. Craig, veteran editor of the  
Athens Review, has retired, tempo-  
rarily, it is to be hoped—in order to  
obtain a needed rest. Judge Ralph  
Yarborough of Austin earned his  
first dollar by turning a big press  
by hand for Craig.

And modest, capable Garland A.  
Smith, Caldwell editor and presi-  
dent of the South Texas Press As-  
sociation, has been appointed chief  
clerk of the Texas Treasury.

"Beneath this stone, a lump of clay  
Lies Uncle Peter Daniels,  
Who too early in the month of May  
Took off his winter flannels."

Different epochs in world history  
have been known as the stone age,  
the bronze age, the steel age and  
so on. This era may be known as  
the canned juice age. Just a few  
years ago, tomato juice was about  
the only kind that was canned. Now  
you can get pineapple juice, orange  
juice, grapefruit juice, kraut juice,  
and carrot juice (heavens!).

By what process of reasoning  
does a man become an authority  
on world affairs and rate a nation-  
wide radio hookup just because,  
years ago, he flew across the At-  
lantic?

Or, for that matter, does the fact  
that a man has made a lot of auto-  
mobiles and a lot of money make  
his views of any special importance  
on any subject except automobiles  
and money?

And though you can write me  
down as one—who, like Abou Ben  
Adam—loves his fellow man, I have  
difficulty in stretching that affection  
to include men who never served a  
day of their lives on a newspaper  
yet blossom forth as national-syn-

### Civilian Defense To Be Rushed To War-Time Basis

San Antonio, Dec. 10—Governors  
of states in the Eighth Corps Area  
were urged today by R. E. Smith,  
Area Director of the United States  
Office of Civilian Defense, to re-  
cruit all civilian defense services to  
full war strength.

In telephone calls from his San  
Antonio headquarters, Director Smith  
suggested to Governors that state de-  
fense councils be convened immedi-  
ately to perfect civilian defense re-  
cruiting and to take inventory of  
civilian defense organization pro-  
gress in their respective states.

Governors called by Mr. Smith

indicated columnists.

There was an old lady of Wooster  
Who was often annoyed by a rooster.  
She cut off his head  
Until he was dead,  
And now he don't crow like he uster.

I've always liked the paradox,  
"All generalizations are false—in-  
cluding this one."

And there was the fellow who ex-  
claimed, "I'm a perfect fool!" but a  
friend said, "Oh, no—nobody is per-  
fect."

are Coke Stevenson of Texas, Leon  
Phillips of Oklahoma, Ralph Carr  
of Colorado, John E. Miles of New  
Mexico, and Sidney Osborne of  
Arizona.

Governor Stevenson of Texas es-  
pecially was told that it is of utmost  
urgency to organize and to complete  
training of civilian defense units  
along the entire Texas Coast danger  
area. This area has been defined as  
territory within 300 miles of the  
Coast line. Civilian defense protec-  
tion units in this Texas Coast area  
should be brought to full war  
strength and should have regular  
drills and instruction, so that they  
will be prepared for any emergency,  
Mr. Smith said.

"Civilian defense units in all states  
should be placed fully on an alert  
basis without unnecessary alarm,"  
Mr. Smith advised the Governors in  
his area.

In his conversations with the Gov-  
ernors, which he followed up by  
confirming telegrams, Mr. Smith  
suggested that from feelings of  
state defense councils actions neces-  
sary in the various states could be  
determined by the state officials to  
fit their own needs. Where local  
councils have not been formed, Mr.  
Smith suggested that steps be taken  
immediately to organize such local  
councils. He suggested that a min-  
imum of one civilian defense coun-  
cil should be organized immediately  
in each county.

"I have asked the Governors and  
the state civilian defense councils to  
do everything possible to have such  
efficiency that operations under  
their direction cannot be question-  
ed," Mr. Smith said. "I am suggest-  
ing that all state councils take an  
inventory of the progress of organi-  
zation in their states, and to pro-  
ceed with instructions as they see  
fit where local organizations and  
training facilities have not been per-  
fected."

"To each state in this area, the  
Regional Office of Civilian Defense  
at San Antonio is available to sup-  
ply such assistance as might be  
necessary in perfecting organizations  
and in the institution of civilian de-  
fense protection training. State coun-  
cils needing such assistance have  
been advised to inform us immedi-  
ately and steps will be taken to pro-  
vide organizational help and instruc-  
tion."

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Mary Helen Draper  
Joe Ericson  
Wade Gilbert  
Idalee Golding  
Paul Dale Hagins  
Louise Ince  
Virginia Johnson  
Dorothy Kelley  
Ouida Lisenby  
Jean Morgan  
Mildred Neaves  
Winona Pace  
Bonnie Doyle Turpen  
Bob Weaver  
Harland Weaver  
Elmer White  
Betty Woodrum

**Seniors, B Average:**

James Victor Allen  
Stephen Barclay  
Billy Ray Barrett  
Nadyne Brewer  
Genet Byrd  
Jessye Choate  
Louise Clower  
Lillie Fern Delisle  
Iwannah Drennen  
Donald Elliott  
Charles Ensey  
Francis Latham  
Margaret Lusk  
Johnny McClain  
Charlene McClellan  
Mable Massey  
Betty Jo Miller  
Yuba Lee Parks  
Maxine Sandlin  
T. C. Sandlin  
Eldon Smith  
Homer Ray Smith  
Lewis Ray Smith  
Pete Swaringen  
Bobbie Lou Watters  
Duwayne Willard

**Juniors, A Average:**

Allie Beth Arthur  
Marvin Blair  
Pat Christal  
Melba Lewis  
Elizabeth Ramsay  
Alfred Walker  
Marie Whitwell

**Juniors, B Average:**

Billy Addy  
Grace Boothe  
Alva Nell Bilberry  
Wilburn Brashear  
A. B. Carlisle  
Collette Davis  
Paul Draper  
Dale Fry  
Keith Garner  
Jewel Garrett  
Mellie Gilmore  
Carl Grantham  
Robbie Hoover  
Evelyn Lewis  
Winford Morrow  
Rose Eileen Petty  
Virgil Rogers  
Johnny Rucker  
Billy Scott  
Billy S. Smith  
Melvo Jo Swaringen,  
Peggy Sweeney  
Robert Ward  
Leonard Wilson

**Sophomores, A Average:**

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Pete Dobbins  
Pike Dobbins  
Ruby Duboise  
Dollie Hagins  
Doris Taylor  
Patsy Turpen  
George Walker  
Geraldine Wright  
William P. Yarbrough

**Sophomores, B Average:**

Dorothy Aber  
Maxine Adams  
Gene Brashear  
Doris Lee Clower

**Freshmen, A Average:**

Eunice Denson  
Jimmie Draper  
Gillene Elkins  
Lane Ericson  
Cecilia Fox  
Frank Franklin  
Sammie Graves  
Henry Gruben  
Jack Hogan  
Thurmond Moore  
Wilma Dee Nix  
Shirley Powell  
Lou Emma Shugart  
Jimmie Vernon  
Bettye Weaver

**Freshmen, B Average:**

Alvis Adcock  
Doyle Akin  
Zane Freeman  
Billy Joe McCombs  
Frank McNeill  
Jackie Rector  
Norma Thurston

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Joy Christensen  
Virginia Crockett  
Billie Louise Conway  
Jerrrie Condron  
Genetta Dement  
Billy Glenn  
Emma Pearl Gruben  
Marjorie Hagins  
Nelda Jo Hindman  
Eurena Hoover  
Gwendolyn McAlpine  
Billy Joe McMahan  
Vera Doris Pickens  
Charlese Powell  
Mary Louise Puckett  
Marjorie Randall  
Betty Jo Reid  
Byrdean Roberson  
Woneva Stanley  
Vernell Wilson  
Billy Jean Woodrum  
Lou Nell Wright  
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## STRAIGHT FROM NEW YORK



**BE PICTURESQUE**  
Evening gowns this winter are dramatic. They "do things" for you—give you glamour and an air of distinction. An outstanding style is this portrait gown with striking molded top, sweeping skirt. It is a New York creation of black crepe and flesh-colored satin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Martin, former Spur citizens of Spur, and who for the past few years have been making their home in Houston, arrived Thursday of last week to spend a week or ten days visiting relatives and friends in Spur and surrounding territory.

Jack Jones, former Spurite, went to Dallas the first of this week to enlist in the Naval Air Corps.

Alma Rhea Eads, Home Economics teacher, and Irvine Schribner, English teacher in Patton Springs schools, were shopping in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Genar L. Byrd is here on a furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Byrd. He is a mechanic in the Army Corps and is stationed at Fort MacArthur, San Pedro, California.

### Presbyterian Church

John C. Ramsay, Minister  
10 a. m. Morning Worship and the Word. Sermon: "Security of Him Who Puts His Trust in Jehovah." This is a message to those who feel keenly the shock of World War Number Two, and who wish to find God's help in this tragic hour.  
3 p. m. Outpost Mission  
6:30 p. m. Kingdom Highways League, Mrs. Pete Robinson, Adult Advisor  
7:30 p. m. Evening Worship and the Word. Sermon: "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep and the lowing of the oxen?"  
Mid-Week Prayer Meeting Wednesday at 7:15 p. m.  
Woman's Auxiliary at 4 p. m., Mondays.  
Surely with the first dispatches of the approach of an awful War and all that that means no man who really desires the truest relief can afford to remain absent from his accustomed place of worship and prayer at the Throne of Grace.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Wooten of Amarillo, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan, of Spur, and Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wooten, of McAdoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Higginbotham, of Post, were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan.

If the seed of redbud trees are gathered and planted as soon as they have ripened, they will come up next spring and produce plants two to three feet high in one season.

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# SANTA CLAUS

*Will Be In SPUR  
December 10th*

Kiddies, be sure to see Santa Claus in Spur next Wednesday and tell him what you want for Christmas. He will have lots of candy for you and also presents for the grown folks.

## Appreciation Days

The Merchants of Spur wish to show their appreciation to the people in this trade territory this year, and

do so by giving away . . . .

**\$25.00 in cash**

each week day until Christmas. Starting Wednesday, December 10, awards will be made twice daily.

**\$10.00 given at 10:30 a. m.**

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You can get what you want in Spur and Spur merchants appreciate your patronage.

Don't Miss These Awards . . . . . Come to Spur Every Day

Appreciation Day Is Sponsored By

# Spur Civic Club



**Grandma Gilmore Honored With Shower Sunday**

Grandma Gilmore was joyfully surprised Sunday morning, December 7th when Mrs. Westerman presented her with a Grab Bag, just after Mrs. Rickles had read an article on "Friendship." And we are sure that those who sent gifts were made just as happy in knowing they had a part in gladdening the heart of this dearly beloved pioneer mother. It would have been impossible for all her friends to have participated in this shower, for her friends are known by her acquaintance, and Grandma is known "far and near." We hope that none of her cowboy and other friends will be offended because it was impossible to contact all of you.

We have not known Grandma nearly so long as some of you, but have learned to love and appreciate her both as a friend and neighbor.

She is ninety years old, and a shut-in, as most of us know, and can't enjoy the out of doors. But those who sent gifts brought sunshine into her heart and home.

Old friends! What a multitude of deep and varied emotions are called up from the soul by the utterance of these two words! What happy memories of other days, crowd the brain when they are spoken. How they carry us to other scenes and other places.

Friendships which are born in adversity are more firm and lasting than those in happiness, hence, true friendship can only be molded by the experience of time.

Those sending gifts were: Mrs. Emma Shields, McAdoo; Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones, Morton; Rev. and Mrs. O. Pierce Clark, Lubbock; Miss Ella Garner, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hale, Mrs. Fred Horsbrugh, Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Costolow, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McDaniel, Mrs. Susan Cross, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ericson and sons, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Snider, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Shepherd and mother Mrs. G. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGaughy, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Bingham, Mrs. M. A. Meador, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Meador, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Albin, Mrs. W. W. Ellis, Mrs. Sollock, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Shockley, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Link and son, Geo. S., Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. J. L. King, Mr. L. N. Riter, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Patton, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Mrs. Eliza Self, Mrs. Lottie Dobson, Mr. Ned Bowers, Mrs. Pat Pentecost, Tucumcari, N. M.; Mrs. Kate Buchanan, Mrs. C. Fite, Mrs. F. N. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clay, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Caraway, Mrs. Minnie Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Starcher, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Garrett, Mrs. Ann McClure, Mrs. Potts, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Henson, Avoca; Mrs. J. H. Grace, Helen and son, Ray Williams, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Westerman, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rickles.—Reported.

**Wooten Family Have Family Reunion Sunday**

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Wooten entertained Sunday with a reunion of the Wooten family.

Dinner was served at noon to members of the family including Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Wooten, of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Hunsucker and two small sons of McAdoo, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Hurst, of Abilene, and Mr. W. C. Hunsucker, of McAdoo, and Mrs. Era Foster, of Spur.

J. D. Powell, of Fort Worth spent several days in Spur the latter part of last week looking after business interests and visitin his sons, Luther, and Charley Powell and family.

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By Raymond Gram Swing

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Our Heritage and Our Goal



FREEDOM OF RELIGION

THE Bill of Rights is a hundred and fifty years old, which is a natural occasion for retrospect. But it is a minor reason compared with the peril which must be surmounted if these rights are to be preserved.

Rights that have been safe for a hundred and fifty years are not for that reason safe for two hundred years.

It took sacrifice and heroism to establish them. Through the recurring crises of a century and a half, they have been kept intact in the letter, and most of the time in the spirit.

Today these rights are the essence of a world struggle, which will decide whether the current of the future turns sharply against individual rights. A review of the hundred and fifty years of cherished freedoms should spur the inheritors to as great endeavor to maintain them.

President Roosevelt's four freedoms are more than a summary of the Bill of Rights. Freedom of worship and expression are there explicitly. Freedom from fear is there as regards domestic tyranny, with security against the suspension of legal safeguards. Fear of a foreign tyrant, or a foreign doctrine of tyranny, could hardly be guaranteed in such a document. Neither could the freedom from want. These are the goals which a long-free America is now dedicated to attain.

It is clear, the Bill of Rights would be lost in a world subject to tyranny. It also is clear that without the freedom from want, men will be tempted to forego other freedoms in the pursuit of economic security. So the sesqui-centennial of the Bill of Rights calls for more than reverent gratitude toward the past. It must be the reassertion of its bold spirit. It must carry forward the achievement of pioneers.



FREEDOM OF SPEECH



FREEDOM FROM WANT

FREEDOM FROM FEAR

Top photos by Strauch, Scherz, T. S. Camera, Milwaukee Journal.

**1925 Bridge Club Has Luncheon At Spur Inn Wednesday, Dec. 10**

The 1925 Bridge Club Luncheon guests met at the Spur Inn Wednesday, December 10th at one o'clock.

The luncheon table was decorated with Christmas garlands and burning candles in two tiers of holders flanking the centerpiece.

Luncheon guests included Mesdames Henry Alexander, T. E. Millam, E. L. Caraway and those who remained to play were Mesdames Nell Davis, Della Eaton, M. C. Golding, F. W. Jennings, Paul Marion, Hill Perry, Ann McClure, R. R. Wooten, Eric Swenson, M. H. Brannen, H. P. Gibson, Jack Glover, L. D. Ratliff, and Mrs. O. B. Ratliff.

Mrs. Eric Swenson made high bridge score and was presented the Sterling Silver spoon.

**Letter Received From Lake Charles Louisiana Woman**

"One of our local boys enlisted in the Army and was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia.

While there he started a correspondence with a girl he had never seen. Soon he asked her to marry him, and she accepted.

Here, it is the custom for the boy to buy the girl's wedding clothes, so he sent her the wherewith, all to get her clothes and ring.

It's a three days trip by bus from Fort Benning to Jennings where the girl lives.

He arrived disheveled and unshaved. The girl was disappointed, for he is not handsome at best. But her mother said he would look better after a shave and change of clothes.

Not knowing who to look for, the boy stood at the station a few moments before a girl came up to him and asked, "are you Wilson Hebert?" "Yes," he answered, "are you—" but before he could say more the girl threw her arms around his neck and kissed him.

They were married and came to the boy's mother for a weeks visit.

There was much ado about it, for the boy had never had any girl friends from around here. Because he wasn't handsome and full of "gab," the girls didn't like him.

"How do they know they will get along with each other," some asked. My belief is that they stand as good a chance as if they had been reared together.

For a couple to get married here, the wedding must be announced in church three Sundays before the ceremony. That is if they are to be married by the Priest.

The day of the wedding is a gala event. Relatives and friends of both are invited. Each brings a cake or present, or both.

Wine or lemonade are served with the cake, but more often wine.

That night is for the wedding dance. The first is the wedding march. In couples, with the bride and groom leading they circle the dance hall to the tune of a wedding march by the orchestra.

The next set is for the bride and groom to dance together, then they may dance with whomever they wish.

The boys and girls in this Parish are encouraged to marry young. Most of the parents believe if the girls don't marry young, they will turn to a bad ending because the boys will doubt them.

The girls are allowed to attend dances, shows and parties while they are single for after they are married they have to settle down very quietly to pleasing their husband and rearing babies.

If some of the couples break loose after marriage, the gossips take them, and if a single boy or girl dances with a married person, the gossips still take them.

Be that as it may, Christmas will soon be here, and we should celebrate this one if we never again celebrate one. We have so much to be thankful for, seeing as how the world is all topsy turvy.

I feel the Christmas spirit this year as I haven't since a child. My house decorations are up and the candles are ready to be lit to burn all Christmas Eve night. I plan to attend Mass at midnight Christmas Eve. I've never attended that Mass before but they tell me the Church is beautiful, and the Priest always brings a wonderful message."

MARIE GRANGER  
Route 2, Box 476c  
Lake Charles, La.

R. R. Wooten, of McAdoo, was trading with Spur merchants and seeing friends here Wednesday.

Mrs. Tol Merriman has our thanks for renewal subscription to the Texas Spur while in Town Friday.

**Defense Production Clinic At Dallas This Week**

Dallas, Texas—Importance of the National Defense Production Clinic at Dallas Thursday and Friday of this week was stressed by A. J. Langford, District Manager of the Division of Contract Distribution, in view of the war.

"As the United States is at war, there will be an immediate need for all available qualified manufacturing facilities to be swung into United States war production," Mr. Langford said.

All manufacturers in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and adjacent States wishing to explore their possibilities in the war production program are invited by Mr. Langford to attend the clinic.

At the clinic, which will be held in the Foods and Automobile Exhibit Buildings at the State Fair Grounds, will be huge exhibits from 10 Government procurement offices, representing immediate needs of the Army, Navy and Maritime Commission.

In addition, more than thirty prime contractors already engaged in war production will have exhibits at the clinic showing items on which they are seeking subcontractors. Opportunities will be provided at the clinic for potential subcontractors to do business, on the ground, with representatives of the prime contractors as well as to do business with the procurement offices of the United States Army, Navy and Maritime Commission.

OPM engineers and thirty or more volunteer consultant engineers from various Southwestern industries will be on duty at the two-day exhibit to direct manufacturers to the prime contract exhibit booths where they are qualified to talk business. High

OPM officials from Washington will attend the clinic and Floyd B. Odum, national Director of the Division of Contract Distribution, will address the assembled manufacturers by telephone from Washington. His address will be broadcast on a regional hook-up of radio stations.

Officers of the OPM Division of Contract Distribution cooperating in the preparations for the clinic are at San Antonio, Houston, El Paso, Oklahoma City, New Orleans and Shreveport.

Mrs. Bostick, of Dry Lake, was shopping in Spur Friday.

Mesdames Hill Perry and Roy Harkey spent Tuesday in Lubbock and Littlefield shopping; Mrs. Eldon Cook accompanied them to Lubbock to spend the day visiting her parents.

**Red Cross Votes To Raise \$1400 War Fund**

Following is a copy of a telegram sent to Norman H. Davis, National Acting Chairman of the American Red Cross, by Rev. John C. Ramsay, Dickens County Red Cross Chairman:

"The Dickens County Chapter Executive Committee this morning voted unanimously to raise the war fund quota for the National Red Cross.

"We are 100% behind you and the President, and pray God's blessings be upon you in this our great crisis.

signed

JOHN C. RAMSAY  
Dickens County Chairman

**CARD OF THANKS**

Dear friends and relatives please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation for the lovely gifts I found in the Grab Bag you gave me Sunday morning, November 30th. It was such a joy to receive them, and I want you to know I love every one of you.

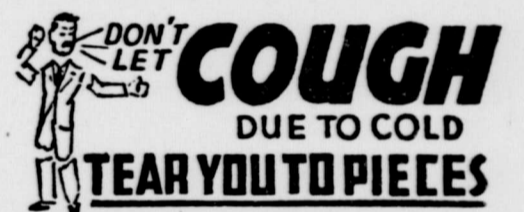
Grandma Meador

Mrs. Susan Loe returned last week to her home, two miles north of Spur, after a visit of several days with relatives and friends in Fort Worth.

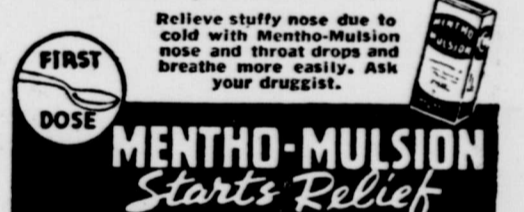
Mesdames Lee Snodgrass and Horace Hodges spent Wednesday shopping in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Hagins of Gilpin were business visitors to Spur Monday.

Mrs. D. I. Loe and daughter, Sue, of Afton, were shopping with Spur merchants and visiting with relatives and friends while here Friday.



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# RURAL TRENDS

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## AFTER THE WAR

Nobody knows how long the present war is going to last. There is no realistic basis upon which to make a prediction.



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War always represents loss. The munitions of war are made for destruction. They destroy life and property, and are themselves destroyed in the process. They have no peace time value or use.

When the end does come, the whole world will have the job of reconstruction—of replacing what has been destroyed—and that will be a greater task after this war than we have ever before known.

Even though the United States is unlikely to be invaded, we shall have problems of reconstruction at home almost as serious as those of Europe, for we are expanding a very large proportion of our productive capacity making armaments and supporting armies. And we are likely to be called upon to contribute much out of our national wealth to the rehabilitation of less fortunate peoples.

Our government is even now planning for post-war activity, for a continuation of regular employment, for improvement in our American standard of living.

And many businesses, through far-sighted executive thinking, have gone far beyond the government itself in trying to gain a clear picture of post-war problems, and in planning to meet them.

It is not too difficult to foresee now what agricultural conditions will be. Our people are learning, even during these war years, to see how much better diet and better housing and better clothes contribute to national welfare and prosperity. We are seeing the beginnings of a vast plastics industry, using for much of its raw material the products of the farm. And we are already sending great supplies of agricultural products to warring nations, with the prospect of continuing to do so for many years to come.

There is almost no limit in sight to the demands that will be made upon American agriculture. Its future is bright. Its present position is strong, and becoming stronger.

This column believes that now, in these days of comparative prosperity, agriculture, too, should plan for the future.

That planning should certainly include a modernization of all America's farms. The farm is entitled to the same efficiency of machines and methods that we have in our factories. Now more than ever is the time for out-dated methods and antiquated machines to go—to be replaced by the greatly improved tools that are today available.

In this way we can insure agricultural production at lower costs, thus making possible, without any sacrifice of the farmer's income, a supply of farm products that will mean continuing health and efficiency—that supply to be within financial reach of all.

Darwin Sprauls, employee of the First National Bank of Lubbock and formerly with the Spur Security Bank was here Monday visiting his sister, Mrs. C. O. Fox and Mr. Fox, and friends here.



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# Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—VOLUME—It looks as though retail business—for the country as a whole—is getting close to the point where the gains it chalks up, week by week, will be accounted for only by the increased prices, and will not mean increased buying of actual goods. In areas not directly stimulated by defense-production employment and payrolls this point has been reached already. Overall, the weekly gains in store sales—which are measured in dollar volume—have been just about matching the average retail price increases. After Christmas, many executives fear, the actual net movement of goods across the counters may be less than in the same weeks a year before. Reasons: Sharp dent rising prices have put in purchasing power of fixed-income, white-collar folks; apprehension about taxes; payment on the large amount of installment buying undertaken earlier this year are now absorbing the surplus income of many families; summer's "beat the tax" shopping splurge got many persons unusually well stocked up on clothing, furnishings, staples.

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WASHINGTON—The strike-curbing bill of Rep. Howard Smith of Virginia, that passed the House by 252 to 136, was considered the most stringent of several Congress had to consider. The fact that it was sent to the labor committee of the Senate, rather than the judicial, lent weight to the opinion it would be considerably tamed down before reaching a Senate vote. Cheered to the echo by the National Association of Manufacturers convention when he appeared there after the House action, Smith quickly warned against assuming the bill was on behalf of manufacturers, said it was "on behalf of all Americans who believe in good and fair government." Bill Knudsen, director-general of OPM, had previously told the group: "... I can't for the life of me understand how in a period of national emergency such foolishness as this can go on. . . . We are in a very good position regarding wages and working conditions. We have all kinds of work to do, and then we have to stop and argue about jurisdictional disputes and organizational disputes, and Heavens knows what. . . ."

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NUTRITION NEEDS—As, defense production mounts, the need for higher nutrition standards becomes greater if we are to have the strength and health necessary for the job, federal food experts say. And as farm prices mount—as they have—the need for more efficient distribution becomes greater if we are to be able to buy enough of the essential protective foods which give that strength—milk, eggs, fresh fruits and vegetables. Wider use of "streamlined" mass distribution methods would help greatly in this respect, according to Earl R. French, marketing director of the A & P's produce-buying affiliate. Speaking before the Connecticut Vegetable Growers Association he declared savings of more than \$100,000,000 to producers and consumers could thus be made on fresh fruits and vegetables alone. As it is today, with much of the nation's distribution machinery antiquated and overcrowded, he said, consumers pay \$2,000,000,000 a year for produce—and only \$700,000,000 of it gets back to the growers.

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INDEPENDENT — American women are going to be much more independent, economically, after the war. So said experts at the Stephens College forum at Columbia, Mo., citing these factors: So much of today's work is machine-done, with accent on dexterity rather than muscle; vocational training of women is expanding rapidly, to fit them for jobs they'll obtain during the war, and retain afterwards; and industrial progress and invention are making ordinary household work for women relatively obsolete, so that more and more of this work will be done by "experts" working outside the home—while the "woman of the house" may be gainfully employed elsewhere. . . . But in spite of this economic freedom, the conferees agreed that woman's "larger responsibilities" of guidance and moral strength—in family, civic and national matters—are being similarly increased by the war, and that these, too, will remain after the war. New techniques in training will be needed.

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ed to meet this situation, the Forum agreed.

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BITS O' BUSINESS—For the first five months of the present fiscal year (starting with July) the Treasury has taken in only about \$1 for every \$3 it has spent—defense expenditures account for about six and a third billion of the approximately nine billion put out. . . . Dow Chemical company of Midland, Mich., gets "Chem and Met's" (trade magazine) Award for Chemical Engineering Achievement, because of its successful process for getting magnesium out of ocean water—more than 300,000,000 gallons a day are "sifted" at the Freeport, Tex., plant. . . . U. S. soldiers in overseas bases from Iceland to Dutch Guiana will get free-playing juke boxes for Christmas—the Rudolph Wurlitzer company has presented 66 automatic

phonographs, requiring no nickles, to the Army Morale division for the outposts. . . . Commerce Department says lenient interpretation of priorities restrictions provide ray of hope for non-defense building projects in 1942—the year may even come close to equaling 1941's record total of \$10,500,000,000 worth. . . . Donald Nelson of SPAB calls on manufacturers to eliminate the "gadgets a gingerbread without substituting phony imitation frills" to make products look the same—said "the simplified, de-frilled product should

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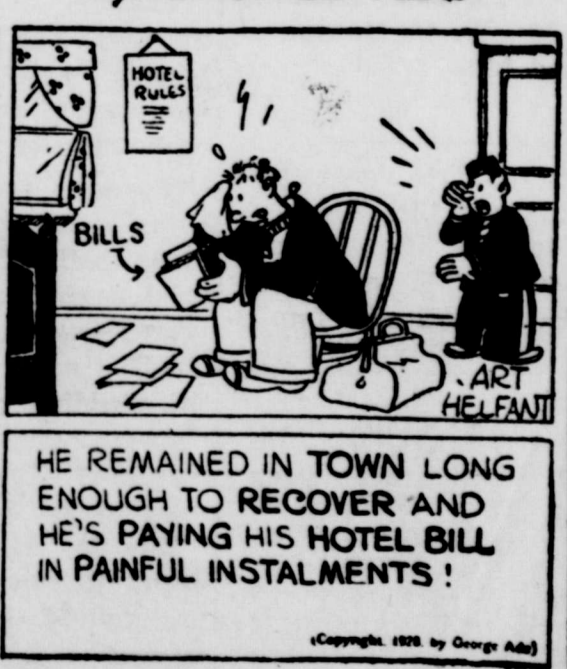
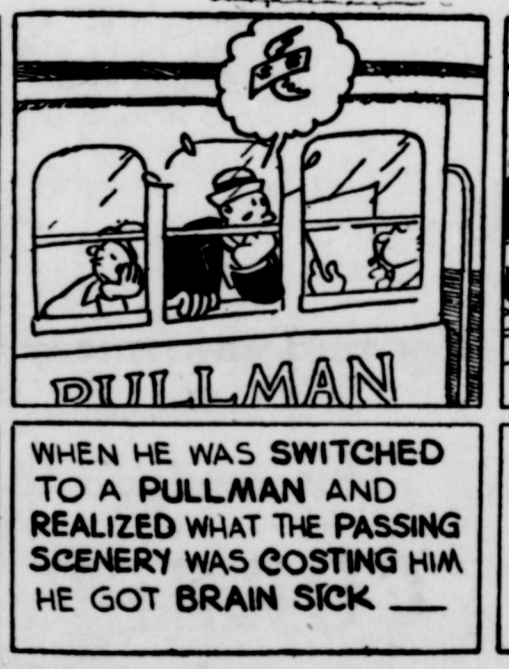
## A Penny For His Thoughts

By Gene Byrnes

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