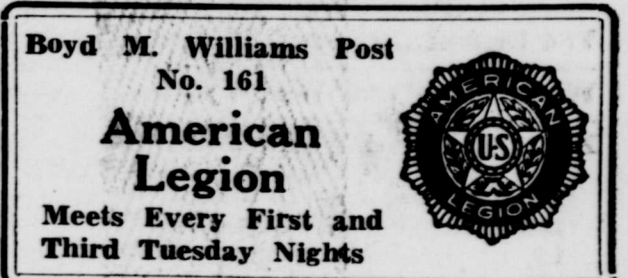




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WADING UP AND DOWN MAIN STREET

BY WADE SCOTT

Mr. and Mrs. HARVEY HOLLY recently attended a meeting of the United Fidelity Life Insurance Co. at the home office in Dallas. Only agents who had been with the Company ten years were on hand to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the company. The guests were entertained at the Dallas Country Club. Harvey said the party at the club was certainly beautiful. The anniversary cake was about four feet wide. Harvey says he was really glad to get back to Spur as it was so crowded in Dallas he couldn't find a place to park his car or anything—An interesting note was that the same officials who formed the Fidelity Life 25 years ago are still with the company.

CECIL GODFREY, formerly of Spur, who was recently discharged from the army, has purchased the home of Mrs. Nell Fox and is moving to Spur. His family have been living in Roaring Springs and will move here after Christmas. Welcome back to Spur!

CAPTAIN WELCH FLIPPIN, recently discharged from the army has purchased the C. H. Tollison home. Mrs. Flippin is a sister of Mrs. Oscar McGinty.

E. C. KING, rural mail carrier, has purchased the Henry Alexander home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. WAGGONER have moved here from Girard and have bought the O. D. Thompson home on N. Parker St. Mr. Waggoner is employed at Godfrey & Smart.

Mrs. LOUIS G. WILLIAMS has purchased the S. W. Williams place 8 miles southwest of Spur.

New homes under construction include those of: BURFORD JOHNSON, HORACE PUCKETT, KELLEY MARSH, C. H. TOLLISON, VINSON BILBERRY and CHAS. W. SMITH.

CECIL FOX, local game warden, hit the jack pot on one hunting party. He reports arrests the first week of hunting paying fines totaling \$443.00 for the following violations: Five for hunting on state game reserve, two trespassing and one hunting from car.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. ALEXANDER have returned to Spur from Los Angeles, where Mr. Alexander was employed in Defense work during the war. Mr. Alexander plans to open a Barber Shop here soon.

JOHNNY HOPKINS, who was very well-known and well thought of in Spur, is in the hospital in El Paso being treated for extensive wounds received while serving his country. He was wounded overseas and has spent much time since in hospitals there and in the states. Johnny has no folks, being an orphan boy. He was visited Sunday in the El Paso hospital by SYBIL McDANIEL, MRS. HELEN WILLIAMS and FRANCES SPRINGER. When Johnny went into the army February of 1942, he was manager of the Palace Theater in Spur. Those who would like to send Christmas cards to Johnny may address him: Ward 5, William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas.

GUS MARTIN of Afton was a visitor in Spur Tuesday and was heard to remark that the northern extremity of a southgoing mule really looked good to him. Gus has recently been discharged from the army and is happy to be back on the farm instead of the battlefield.

Met JOE CHRISTAL and BILL RUCKER having java at Jones Drug Tuesday. Bill is a top cow hand who has been with the 6666 Ranch for the past 10 years. Before that he was one of the boys employed by the Swenson Cattle Co.

SANTA CLAUS STILL OUT OF NYLONS BUT SPUR STORES HAVE MANY VERY TEMPTING ITEMS FOR ALL SHOPPERS

New Oldsmobile On Display Here at Spur Implement

Ed Engleman invites everyone to see the new Oldsmobile now on display in the show room of the Spur Implement Co. The model being displayed is a shiny, black club sedan of the "76-78" Series—a distinctive automobile, attractively styled and modern to the minute.

Mr. Engleman stated that of all the cars produced by Oldsmobile in its 48-year history, he thinks the 1946 models are the most colorful, literally and figuratively, as well as being of fine mechanism.

Information concerning quota and dates of future deliveries of Oldsmobiles to the Spur Implement Co. is indefinite at this time, but Mr. Engleman stated that he hopes to get a nice number of cars in 1946.

A new feature of the 1946 Olds is the General Motors Hydra-Matic Drive, which affords fully automatic shifting through all the forward speeds and eliminates the clutch pedal. This drive has been extensively improved during the war years and remains one of the most important features of the new cars. Hydra-Matic Drive, of a type identical in principle with that employed in Oldsmobile, underwent rigid army tests and proved its stamina and durability. By reason of this excellent performance, it was adopted for use in tanks, "alligators," armored trucks and other military vehicles. The Drive has a war record of which its designers are extremely proud.

Captain Marion Again in Charge Animal Husbandry

Captain Paul I. Marion is back at his old position in charge of Animal Husbandry at Spur Experiment Station.

Captain Marion served four years in the army with the 277th Field Artillery. He was serving with the army of occupation in the European Theatre when returned home for an honorable discharge from the service.

George W. Barnes, John H. Jones and J. K. Riggs, of the animal husbandry division for A&M College were here for three days this week observing the feeding experiment at the Experimental Station and looking for registered bulls for the A&M herd.

Step-Father of W. C. Gruben Is Buried in Roby

Funeral services were attended Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gruben for Mr. E. Gruben, 92 year old step-father of Mr. Gruben, who died at his home in Royston of influenza.

Services were held Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at the Royston Baptist church, with interment in the cemetery at Roby.

Mr. E. Gruben had been a resident of Royston for the past 53 years and was well known throughout the surrounding area.

Mr. McBRUOME and Dr. COX of Lubbock, and RAUL ENGLISH took me and three other dogs out to canvas the Croton community the other day. Brother, me and them dogs really worked but found very few birds. We returned home late that night dead tired and practically empty-handed. I guess Jack Christian and Neal Chastain have gotten all the birds in the country. I'm gonna try again, though.

ERIC SWENSON, CHARLIE HOLLY and BOB WEAVER gave us a fine lesson in Dominoes the other night. It will be alright when we get on to their signs. I'm telling you, you'd think it was a deaf and dumb convention.

Milady may have been dreaming of being able to get a half-dozen pairs of sheer nylon hose THIS Christmas, and father's mouth may have been watering at the sight of the new model cars on display in Spur, thinking what a super Christmas gift for the whole family one would make. It looks like such things as these will have to wait a while to be wrapped up in red and green cellophane.

However, Spur stores are surprisingly well supplied with gift merchandise this year. More toys can be had because, for one thing, there are more stores stocking toys than there were. There may not be any tri- and bicycles, but there are hundreds of things to tickle the fancy of the younger set. Scarce items are scarce everywhere, and one good thing about shopping in Spur is that one is not trampled to bits while trying to look over the merchandise as one is in some of the big city stores where they are just "out" of everything when you get there.

Spur Department stores and shops are featuring sport shirts, robes, pajamas, scarves, and colorful slacks and other items for men; bags, toiletries, cosmetics, table linens, robes, house slippers and ready-to-wear and other items for ladies. Several stores have many distinctive articles in glass, china and porcelain wear and dditions for the house in the furniture line. Some electrical appliances are back on the market, and beautiful table lamps and other gadgets can be bought in Spur.

Spur stores, including grocery stores, can give the Spur shopper numerous gift suggestions for all members of the family, to make this Christmas almost as good as any pre-war Yuletide.

Farm-Ranch Land Prices Soar To Near Boom Level

Farm and ranch land prices in Texas are higher now than they were at the end of World War I, and are advancing toward the boom level of 1920, according to long range studies made by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The peak in Texas land prices occurred about two years after the first World War closed, and current prices were found to be approximately three-fourths of that level. They are being pushed upward by high farm and ranch incomes resulting from good commodity prices and favorable weather conditions, according to the survey.

Following World War I, it was found that land prices increased until 1920, declined from 1921 to 1923, and increased again to reach an all-time high in 1926. Then there was a fairly steady decline from 1926 to 1934, and the low level continued through the 1934-1939 period. Since 1940 land prices have advanced rapidly and again are approaching dangerously high levels.

PAYNES' REPORT GOOD FISHING

Catching all the fish they could eat while there and bringing home a nice mess, Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. J. C. Payne report that their fishing trip last week to Possum Kingdom dam was really fine. They went to Caddo where Mrs. Payne's sister, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nelms live. The couple accompanied them to the lake. The best catch of the trip was an eighteen pound catfish.

Jack Christian Addresses Boys At Ralls Banquet

Jack Christian was principal speaker at the Ralls Football Banquet Friday evening in Ralls. Mr. Christian's subject was "Sportsmanship versus Score."

K. J. Houston, rancher of Spur, left Wednesday for Abilene to be with his family during the holidays.

Baptists Secure \$6,706.08 Sunday on Building Fund

Remainder of Sum Hoped to Come In by First of Year

At the two morning services of the First Baptist Church Sunday, a sum of \$6,706.08 was contributed toward the goal of \$10,000 sought by the Finance Committee of the church as a fund for a Sunday school and Recreational Annex to be constructed back of the church.

According to statements from finance committee members, the total amount secured Sunday was gratifying but left a large amount still to be collected before contracts for the badly needed Annex can be let.

The Board of Deacons of the church met Tuesday night with the Finance committee and decided that personal calls and letters to members who have not contributed so far will be made in an attempt to raise the remainder of the sum needed. Hope was expressed by Jack Christian, Finance Chairman, that the \$10,000 fund will be complete by the first of the year, so that ground for the necessary new building can be broken shortly thereafter.

Judge Ratliff Is Host to Federal Judge This Week

Sentence was passed on quails trespassing on the Oscar McGinty place west of town, and a large number of them were expected to be executed shortly after the arrival Wednesday of two big men of the Federal bench who came prepared to judge the chances of a bird-on-the-wing versus a shot gun.

T. Whit Davidson, District Federal Judge of Dallas, and Elmer Reed, Probation Officer of Federal Court in Lubbock, are house guests of Judge L. D. Ratliff, while in Spur pursuing their feathered prey. W. F. Gilbert escorted Mr. Davidson and Mr. Reed to the hunting grounds on Mr. McGinty's place.

Basketball Teams Tangle on Tuesday Night at Dickens

Spur and Dickens boys and girls basketball teams tangled again Tuesday night in the Dickens gymnasium, with Dickens teams victorious. Final score for the boys game was 34-12 in favor of Dickens. Spur girls ended up on the short end of 32-14.

Both games were fast and exciting, with playing honors going to Calvert, and two points each being rung up by McCarty, Watson, Wright and Swaringen for the Spur team. Holly of Dickens made a ringer almost every time he looked at the basket. Dodson rang up 6 points and Noland 2. Spur had one foul and the Dickens team had four.

In the girls' game, Brown of Spur made 7 points, Carlisle made 3 and Dupree made 3. Spur girls had three time-outs and Dickens girls none.

Thacker was high point girl for Dickens with 14 points, Meadow running a close second with 12. Ousley made 6 points.

Line-up for Spur Boy's basketball team is as follows: Roland Hairgrove, Wayne McCarty, forwards; Dean Wright, center; David McAteer Jr., and Billie Dyess, guards. Substitutes, Dewey Watson and William Gollihar, forwards; Jerry Daniels, center; Billie Calvert and Billie Swaringen, guards.

Mrs. Nona Starcher will leave Monday to spend the holidays in the home of Dr. H. E. Snow in Abilene. William D. Starcher, her son who is a junior in Baylor University in Waco, will join her there. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Starcher, who have been visiting Mrs. Starcher here since W. C. returned from army service, are spending Christmas holidays with Mr. Gus Smith in Aspermont.

People Crowd Streets of Spur Second Turkey Day

Total of \$205,000 Bonds Sold During Victory Drive

Dumont Is Only Community To Go Over The Top

At a bond rally in Spur Saturday afternoon, \$10,000 in bonds were sold, winding up the Victory Loan Drive here with a total amount of \$205,000.00 in bonds sold throughout Dickens County, according to W. T. Andrews, county chairman. Of the \$90,000 "E" Series quota, Saturday saw the county still short \$18,500—however, all sales of "E" Series Bonds through December 29th will be counted, and Mr. Andrews stated he hopes this amount will be subscribed by that time.

Hats off to Dumont Community! Dumont, under the leadership of Boy Hand, community chairman, was organized and definitely became the leader of Dickens county in the Victory Loan Drive ending Saturday, by being the only community in the entire county to go over the top.

Dumont's quota of \$7,000 was far exceeded at a bond rally there Friday night when bonds totaling \$14,025.00 were sold within thirty minutes after the sale started. W. T. Andrews was called to Dumont to direct the sale, and he and the county committee were highly gratified at the response received there.

Cowboy Who Drove First Spur Branded Cattle, Passes On

It is with much sorrow that we learned J. D. Raines, more affectionately known to his many friends as Jake, had taken "The Lone Trail."

Jake Raines died in a hospital at Abilene on Nov. 30 and was buried at Sweetwater Dec. 1. (Age 83) where he had for some years been receiving medical treatment at Grogan Wells hospital.

He came to West Texas in 1874. In 1877 he was with Jim Hale, on Middle Peas River near Quitaque Peak where the Spur Brand was first used in West Texas and from there came to Dickens county in 1882 with the Spur cattle when Hall moved his cattle here.

The Spur Cattle were sold by Hall to the first Espuela Land and Cattle Co. of Fort Worth in 1883. Since then Jake Raines was continuously in the employ of the Spurs Ranch until it was sold to the S. M. Swenson interests and continued in their employ for several years.

As a cowboy Jake Raines was exceptional. When he saw a brand he never forgot it and knew the ownership of more brands than anyone of his time.

Repeatedly he was offered the running of both Branding and Trail wagons but preferred to rep for "The Spurs."

Relatives who attended were the Crosses—one niece and one nephew of Big Springs and Calvins—near Dallas—one niece and one nephew. Pall bearers were J. B. Morrison, Horace Wade, Jack Keith and Bob Weatherby. For the old Spur Boys by W. J. Elliott.

Farm Program In Texas Offers New Features for '46

Committeemen to Have Increased Responsibility

As AAA agent in Dickens county, Mr. Hubert Karr calls attention to new features of the 1946 Farm Program in Texas and changes which have been made. More responsibility is placed on county and community committeemen in 1946, according to Production and Marketing Administration release received by Mr. Karr.

County and community committeemen, assisted by other county agricultural workers, will determine how the county allotment will be spent, will select practices, will issue prior approvals and will check the practices to see that specifications have been met.

Texas should again receive about nineteen and one-half million dollars for carrying out approved practices during 1946. This fund will be broken down to various counties according to the number and sizes of farms, acres of cropland, pastureland, woodland, orchards and conservation needs. Administrative expenses involved will not be deducted from the county allotment.

New features of the program include: (1) Forty two soil and water conservation practices have been approved for Texas. Each county will select from these approved practices the ones adaptable and most needed in the county.

(2) An allotment of money will be given each county which will be used to assist farmers in carrying out these adaptable and needed practices.

(3) Prior approval by the county ACA committee will be necessary for practices that are to receive payment. In this way practices not badly needed in a county will not receive payment, and the total prior approvals will not exceed the money available.

Gratifying Bond Sales Are Made at Theater Premier

Total of \$34,700 Bonds sold on One Night of Showing

The Bond Premier sponsored by the Palace Theatre Thursday night did a great deal to increase bond sales in Spur. J. D. McCain, local manager of the Palace and Spur Theatres, reported that a total of \$34,700 in bonds was sold.

Theatres and the movie industry as a whole have given unstintingly of their time, facilities and merchandise in every bond drive. The Spur theatres have done more than their share in every drive, and much credit and commendation is due them.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Christian and Judy will leave Thursday night for Monahans where Mr. Christian will act as an official in the Monahans-Littlefield game. They will go via Seminole and spend the night with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Oswalt.

Harry Hodges is another who is strictly for reading the home county paper and a good daily as well, as he pays up for the Texas Spur two years and the Abilene Morning News. He lives out on route one, where they have a new carrier.

Climax of Christmas Program Next Friday When Santa Arrives

Free Candy and Lots of Fun For Kiddies Who Come

Spur streets were thronged with people on hand for the second big day of the Christmas program sponsored by merchants of Spur Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Twenty-seven young ladies from the Spur High school band, lent the harmony of their trained voices in loved Christmas Carols to begin the program at 3:00 o'clock. The deep voice of Santa Claus (by short wave from the North Pole Headquarters) with a Christmas message to the young boys and girls inviting them to be present when he makes a personal appearance here next Friday, was heard just before the 27 turkeys, donated by Spur merchants, were set loose, one by one, from the tops of two buildings on Main street.

The turkeys Wednesday were full of fire and reluctant to be caught, flying in every direction and knocking down several people in their momentum.

A lot of fun and excitement accompanied the chase of the big fowls. Many people went away telling how a big one "barely got away" from them, for the turkeys eluded several anxious grasps before being finally captured by lucky ones. Many a table hereabouts will boast a Christmas dinner, all the sweeter for having a piece de resistance "for free."

Santa Claus will arrive next Friday, Dec. 21. Don't forget to be down town to welcome him, kiddies. Free candy and Christmas goodies for you will be here with Santa.

Four Spur Players Make All-District Football Team

Three More Spur Boys Earn Honor Mention in Play

The All-District football team of 1945 in District 4-A, determined by votes of all the football coaches in the district, gives berths to four Spur boys.

They are Williams, George, Barclay, Wright.

The All-District team is as follows:

Ends: Messer, Lockney; Williams, Spur; Womack, Floydada. Tackles: George, Spur; Berry, Floydada.

Guards: Tribble, Floydada; Lancaster, Matador.

Center: Wright, Spur.

Backs: Barclay, Spur; Garmack, Floydada; Payne, Matador; Simmons, Crosbyton.

The following boys were given Honorable mention: Dyess, Spur; Sharp, Spur; McAteer, Spur; Haygood, Floydada; Jeffcoat, of Lockney; Williams, Lockney; Finley, Floydada; Brannen, Ralls; and Payne, Floydada.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shackelford, who have been living at Stennett, Texas, for the last two years, have moved back to Spur and had their paper changed back here, which we were glad to do. It's always nice to have those who have lived here to come back and we want to welcome them.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cransbay of McAdoo have returned from a 10 day trip to Austin, San Antonio, Rio Grande Valley and Alpine. Mr. Cransbay spent one day in a tree, he said, trying to bag a deer, but didn't get a shot.

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E. C. King, the new carrier on Route One, who took Luther Powell's place, is a new man at Spur but not to Texas. He was reared down at Gatesville and in his father's home and not in the State home. His father lived at Gatesville many years. E. C. came here from Vesper, Kans. Having traded with Powell, but Mr. King knows most of the people we know at Gatesville. He went to school with Allen Connel, then there is Pat Holt of The Messenger, and Mat Jones of the News, and he knew the Morrisons who lived at Gatesville many years. Uncle Tom Morrison was a noted Texas Ranger of his day. Mr. King bought the Alexander home here and will move his family here Friday. He has a girl 8 years old and a boy 15. We are glad to welcome him to Spur, and want to say that we believe him to be a dandy carrier, for he is jovial, jolly and friendly and courteous. We want to say that we find the Post Office employees of Spur most kind and courteous and anxious to be of service to the public. The post office is a big business and it is well managed under O. C. Arthur and we have found Mr. Grimes and Mr. Jackson most anxious to help us to get our mailing list straightened out and in any way possible assist, which is to be appreciated because their jobs do not require them to do these extra things. We can say we like these post office fellows a lot and we know they are doing a good job. Mr. King we believe you came to the right place.

Judge L. D. Ratliff is the second in his family to be known as L. D. and to gain some fame as a good lawyer. His father was L. D. and a good lawyer. He was an unusual man, in fact, because he reared eleven children and all were at home at one time, eight boys and three girls. He started practicing law down at Decatur and in 1921 moved out to Haskell where he practiced until his passing two years ago. In fact 40 years practice and all who knew him appreciated him. He was a real old time southern gentleman who could tell more good and clean stories than any other man in Haskell county, and all who knew him enjoyed his stories of the old south. Those old-time lawyers of the pioneer days and of hot courts in the past were characters that we like to remember. We have enjoyed knowing L. D. Ratliff and we find he is a busy lawyer and always in a working mood, yet a very fine man to talk with.

Mrs. S. W. Williams of McAdoo is another good woman from that fine community to pay up for this purveyor of news and messages from merchants. J. W. Jones is another from there to pay up also. That McAdoo place must be a dandy, judging from our subscription list. And speaking subscriptionally, that is a real good way to judge any community.

H. L. Singleton of McAdoo is another McAdoo man who pays up for his paper and we are mighty glad to know him.

Dr. W. F. Hughes is a good doctor. We have been told that by a good many since we came to Spur, but we hope we do not need him too much. He is a busy man yet he wants the Spur and the Star-Telegram and we are glad to serve him. We wondered if he was kin to Mr. W. S. Hughes of Brady whom we have found to be a very fine fellow. We are thinking of our very good friend Dr. Carlisle and Dr. Dykes of Italy, Texas, who kept us well in that land of mud and malaria. Dr. Carlisle has practiced medicine there for 49 years and says next year he will retire when he reaches his 50th year. He is a good Methodist and chairman of the board of his church.

Our good friend George Mahon writes a letter from Washington and sends payment for the paper for which we thank him. We can well remember the time when George got out of law school and ran for county attorney. He won and made good. He ran for district attorney. He won and made good. He ran for Congress. He won and has made good. Now he is going to run for Senator. We have had two letters from him since we came to Spur and we were glad to hear from him. Regardless of whether anyone agrees with Mahon or not, and as to whether they support him, we are not trying to influence you, but we do say he is a good clean man, and a man with good personality and serious purpose.

B. F. Saxon has lived at Dry Lake for quite a while. He came here in 1932 from old Wood Co. down near Mineola but lived at Winnesboro most of his life until he came here. Down there they used to raise good cane syrup and fine potatoes, now they raise mostly negroes, and oil. That was once a fine general farming section and we used to go down there every year and get a lot of good syrup, now you just cannot find anyone who is raising syrup. Maybe it is the war or maybe it is too much money, but we sure would like to have some of that Winnesboro syrup. The Saxons have a son, Billy Bob who has spent three years in the service and is now at Homestead, Fla.

J. W. Jones of McAdoo came in Saturday to renew his paper to the Texas Spur for which we thank him very much. Mr. Jones owns his farm of 160 acres in the McAdoo community where he has lived since 1917, coming here from Jones county where he had lived since 1900, living in Bell county until that time. He does his own work, runs his tractor and does everything around the place which is quite a bit for a man his age, and a real way to make money. We enjoyed talking with him.

Jay Austin, J. A. Swarngen Harvey Taylor, all on the routes out of Spur pay up for the paper for which we thank them. We hope to get lined up to where we can get out and see the folks and get acquainted.

G. B. Callihan, city, pays up for his paper and we thank him.

Mrs. J. C. Keen was in Spur Monday morning having her paper changed to Floydada where she is employed with the Style Shop and paid up for her paper for which we thank her. She has been living here some 30 years, with her late husband who passed away two years ago. He was well known here having been with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Co here for 35 years before his retirement in 1941. Mrs. Keen complimented the paper very highly and wants to keep it coming to her new address. "It's like a letter from home," she said.

The High Sheriff pays up for the paper for which we thank him. We are mighty glad to have him drop in—to pay up—and we appreciate the sheriff and his work. One of our very best and most valued friends is Sheriff Jess Cariker of Ellis county who is a high official in the Texas State Sheriff's association, and a graduate of the FBI school of criminal investigation. He is a fine fellow and we find the high sheriff of Dickens is the same type of man.

There are a lot of Martins out here in Dickens county. In fact most everywhere and we are reminded of two Martins we knew in Ellis county. Both deer hunters and this is the first year in a good many that we did not line up with them on the east side of the square in Llano to get ready for the opening of the season. Cal Martin of the city pays up for his paper and we thank him. We have become acquainted with Everett Martin, the four county veteran's service officer and we find him tops. We think the others must be the same.

F. F. Sonnemaker came in to see about his daily paper and his son, Clinton, was with him and we were very glad to get acquainted with Clinton, who has recently arrived home from overseas service. He spent five years in the service and was in India a year. Mr. Sonnemaker has two other boys in the service, Eugene in air forces and Rogers in overseas duty in Italy quite a while but now at home.

C. C. Haille is an old-time cow man. He drove cattle over the land where Spur is located before the town was established. He came here in 1887 and worked for the Matador ranch for a few years, then with The Spur ranch until 1905. He ran the Spur Inn three years after its opening and has lived here all the time, that is in the county. "If I stay a few more years I may get to be an old timer," he said.

Mrs. B. Rogers came in to pay up for this paper and the Star-Telegram for which we thank her a lot. She said they had been reading both papers a long time and had lived west of town a good many years. They lived on one place 15 years and two years ago bought a place right near Experiment station. They have a boy on Siapan in the service and we hope he is home soon.

Mrs. J. P. Robinson sends the paper as a Christmas gift to two out in California, to G. W. Pope at North Hollywood and Dewey James at Santa Monica. That is one Christmas present they can enjoy all the next year, and out in California we can imagine they can find time to read when those early morning dews come and flood the streets where they can't even get out of the house.

G. L. Delisle of Rt. 1, pays up and we thank him very much. We really do appreciate the men and women on the farms who are paying up and we hope to get better acquainted with them. He pays for the Star-Telegram and saves quite a sum too.

Joe Jeffers is back in the same place, the kitchen at the Hull Top and is busy. We dropped up there to get a bite to eat and he was so busy he just could not look up. And Joe is not only a good cook but he is a good fellow as well. Just back from the service. Mrs. Jeffers pays up for the paper and says they must have the home town paper in their business. Eating and reading are the two things the American people do more of than any other people in the world.

Eric Swenson pays up for the paper for some time and we thank him. The S. M. Swenson & Sons are the "papas" of the town of Spur, we are told and they now have a growing giant in a way. Spur is going to grow too big for a town and be a city some of these days. Of course Eric is not worried if it does because he has plenty to tend to these days of shortage of help in most lines, and he has a big bunch of land and cattle to see after or see that some body else sees after.

Among the finest additions to Dickens County citizenship recently is the Albert McGehee family who bought a ranch east of Dickens. They are from down at Big Springs where oil has made itan flat tabosa grass lands very valuable. Mrs. McGehee is a daughter of Mrs. Mary Chalk, one of the pioneer settlers of that section, and owner of the original Chalk oil field. Mrs. Chalk is a sister to Mrs. Harry Hyman of Colorado City, who was the wife of the late Winfield Scott during his lifetime. They are one of the finest families in that section of the country, and we are glad to count Mrs. Hyman our friend.

Spur stores seem to be able to supply merchandise that few others in the country can supply. Even Lubbock, Abilene, and other city stores have been trying to get Proctor's to let them have some Stetson hats. The Porctor store has been fortunate in getting Stetsons as they have always sold lots of Stetson's and had a large allotment. This same thing is true in a good many other lines handled in Spur, and thus it is certain that if the Spur stores don't have it, it is not available.

W. P. Chandler of the Chandler Funeral Home is a courteous and pleasant gentleman, and a good man to know, although we do not want to do business with him yet. We appreciate his payment for his paper and although he seeks no publicity, we know a good word will not hurt him for a man who deserves good words will always receive them. Our business and relations with Mr. Chandler have been very fine.

Mrs. S. W. Williams came in Saturday and paid up for her paper and said she likes it. She lives at McAdoo, she and her husband are retired farmers and have lived in Dickens county 25 years, coming here from McCullough county. Mr. Williams was reared in Travis county. He is 60 years old. We enjoyed talking with her and thank her very much.

W. R. Caplinger is from old Collin county down close to McKinney but has been out here a long time. He has lived on the same farm 15 years and rents so he must be a good man. It takes a good man to stay on a rent farm that long. "I have only seen my landlord twice during that time," he said.

J. C. McNeill lived here before there was any town at Spur. He has been here more than 45 yrs. There was nothing but mesquite prairies when he came here and he has seen this town and this country go through some good and a lot of bad times. We were mighty glad to get acquainted with Mrs. McNeill who came in to renew for their paper.

Mrs. Mollie Walden pays up for the paper to go to her grandson, Sgt. Emery at Fort Bliss and we thank her. She has a right to be proud of him and we are proud of all the boys who are now or who did serve during any time. We appreciate them a lot.

Mrs. W. D. York pays up for the paper and we appreciate her payment a lot.

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Henry Gruben is not only an expert at repairing watches and other such delicate items but is a fine fellow. He came to our rescue when we broken our glasses in moving here. We just could "not see a thing" and we rushed down to Doc Grubens but he was out of town so the young lady kindly told us to see H. C. and we did. He fixed us up by cementing the glass together and we can see fine and are getting by fine. We had an old radio that had not "played" in months and we had been told by several "experts" that it could not be fixed. We sent it over to Grubens and now we can get any station in the country, even New Orleans and we are tickled. In fact we think the Grubens are experts without the quotation marks and that is gospel truth.

We rushed down to Bell's Cafe to get a bite to eat and sit down by a very friendly gentleman and we found out he was Albert Rose of McAdoo, former commissioner of Precinct 1. Incidentally we later found out that he is the only man ever to serve ten consecutive years as commissioner in the county. That is a pretty good record. His son recently came home from overseas and is now "making a hand" at home. We were mighty glad to meet Mr. Rose and he impressed us as a very fine fellow. We told him we were almost raised with George Mahon and he said he thought Mahon had made a fine Congressman and would doubtless be reelected to that office. Evidently Mr. Rose is a keen observer of political trends.

Miss Lillian Thornton is a new subscriber to the Texas Spur. She was in the office Monday morning being called here to Spur on account of the death of her father, Mr. Luther Thornton. She is employed with the City-County Hospital at Ft. Worth and wants to get the news from Spur and Dickens county. We are glad to have her as a new subscriber.

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S. L. Benefield is an active Farm Bureau worker and was secretary of the Dickens county farm bureau last year. He is a fine fellow and we appreciate his payment on subscription to this paper. The farm bureau has a good membership in this county and is doing a good work among the farm folks, trying to improve their living conditions and help them do better. Mr. Benefield says which we find is a worthy and audable ambition.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Barclay lived here a long time and then up and moved to Petersburg and now have moved back and farm 5 1-2 miles Nw west of Spur. They have two sons, one is a Sophomore in school here. He is Joe Max. Winston is in the service with the Coast Guard and has been in two years. He is leaving the Marshal Islands in the Pacific and is expected home the 18th which is good news to them and their many friends. That is he expects to be here by Xmas.

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Their Golden Wedding Anniversary Is Celebrated By Prominent Local Couple

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Abernathy Bought Farm Here in 1914

Thirty-one of the fifty years they have been married have been spent by Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Abernathy on their farm five miles north of Spur on the old Dickens highway. They bought the farm when they came here in 1914, and to quote Mrs. Abernathy, they "have been busy ever since farming, rearing our children and tending to our own business."

The Abernathy's are known far and wide hereabouts as being one of the most substantial and industrious couples in the community.

Since coming to West Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy stated that they have always had excellent health. Mrs. Abernathy once had a nervous breakdown and went to visit her brother, and while she was gone Mr. Abernathy was ill with an attack of influenza, which is the only time since they've been married that he has been ill. Mrs. Abernathy's only illnesses during that time were two attacks of flu.

Mr. Abernathy is now milking seven cows and he and Mrs. Abernathy are doing quite a bit to relieve the milk shortage here by delivering fresh, wholesome milk to grocery stores each morning. Mrs. Abernathy said she sold 53 quarts one day last week. When asked if she did any milking, Mrs. Abernathy laughed and said no, that her mother-in-law told her many years ago how to avoid having to milk and tend to the milk too. "My mother-in-law said for me to tell my husband there would be no hot supper whenever I milked the cow, and he was her baby boy, too. She was a very wise and wonderful mother-in-law to me in more ways than one."

Congratulations to this fine couple on their 50th wedding anniversary!

Luncheon Club Meets With Mrs. C. H. Elliott

Mrs. C. H. Elliott entertained the Thursday Luncheon Club last week. The luncheon table was beautifully decorated and had a large centerpiece of red gladioli. Plate favors were miniature pine cones.

Mrs. Conner and Mrs. R. E. Dickson were guests, with high guest prize going to Mrs. Conner.

Members present were Mmes. Neal Chastain, Jack Christian, M. C. Golding, W. T. Andrews, Fred Jennings, Horace Hodges and Eric Swenson.

Open House and Dinner Party Given Couple

Their Golden Wedding Anniversary (fifty years) was celebrated last week by Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Abernathy when two parties were given in their honor. Open house was held at the home of their daughter, Mrs. H. P. Gibson, and a dinner party was given at the home of another daughter Mrs. L. E. Lee.

At open house, one hundred and eleven gifts were sent to the couple, and many guests called during the afternoon. They were received by children of Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy who were: Mrs. Horace Gibson and Mrs. L. E. Lee of Spur; W. E. Abernathy of Pampa; D. S. Abernathy of Menard; Mrs. W. H. Pearce of Los Angeles. Grandchildren who served refreshments to the guests were Frances Gibson, Doris Gibson, Shirley and Don Abernathy, Patsy Ruth, Lynn and Tony Abernathy, Delbert and Elizabeth Ann Pearce.

Mrs. Lee presented her mother with a corsage and ladies in the receiving line wore yellow chrysanthemums. Large yellow chrysanthemums decorated the rooms of Mrs. Gibson's home.

Guests who called during the afternoon were: Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shugart, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Legg, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Holly, Mrs. H. M. Christian, Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Moore, Mrs. Funk Goff, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reed, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Godfrey, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Hindman, Mrs. W. H. Condon, Mrs. W. E. Ballard, Mrs. Buck Ballard, Mrs. Andy Hurst, Mrs. Bernice Hurst, Mrs. E. L. Hurst.

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ine, and Mrs. Fred C. Haile. Elizabeth Pearce, Toni, Shirley Abernathy, Don Abernathy, Delbert Pearce, Doris Faye Gibson, Frances Gibson, Mrs. H. P. Gibson, Gladys Lee, W. H. Pearce, Lena Pearce, Jerry, Bill, Patsy Ruth Lynn Abernathy.

Miss Mary Alice Ratliff Hostess For Xmas Party

Mary Alice Ratliff, assisted by her mother, Mrs. L. D. Ratliff, was hostess at a Christmas party at her home Tuesday night. The sparkle of Christmas decorations in the rooms added to the gaiety of the guests who played many interesting games.

Partners for refreshments were chosen by turning out all lights and drawing for numbers. Boys' numbers were pinned to their coats and each one was given a candle and a match. When the candles were lighted the girls with corresponding numbers were their partners.

Refreshments were Christmas sandwiches, popcorn balls, red punch and fruit cake. Plate favors were Christmas stockings filled with candy.

Guests present were: Annette Lee, Lucy Boothe, Mary Wood, Margie Campbell, Beverly Wood, Arlene Wilson, Joyce Daughtry, Mable Whitener, Dean Henderson, Don Hill, Joe Reid Scott, Colin Reese, Beryl Durham, Kenneth Watson, Billy Hoover, and Gerry Graves.

HOUSE GUESTS ENJOY HUNTING

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Christian had as their guests over the week end Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hall and children, Patricia and Carol of Lubbock; Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Jordan and son, Donny, of Brownwood and Mr. and Mrs. Conway Clinghan of Lubbock. While here the men of the party enjoyed a day of quail hunting and returned home with a nice amount of birds.

French Music Is Heard at Harmony Club Meeting

Selections of French music were enjoyed by members of the Harmony Club Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Raul English.

Mrs. Joe Long was leader and announced program numbers. Mrs. W. T. Andrews played a piano solo, Gounod's Funeral March of a Marionette, and Mrs. J. E. Berry's violin solo was Saint Saens' "The Swan."

Mrs. George Gabriel, president, presented a delegate's report of the Federated Music Clubs convention in Amarillo attended by Mmes: Andrews, Bowman, Berry and herself.

Plans for their Christmas program on Dec. 18 were discussed, and it was decided to bring gifts to be drawn by numbers.

Mrs. English served fruit cake with whipped cream, olives, popcorn balls and coffee.

Junior Harmony Has American Folk Music Program

"American Folk Music" was studied at the meeting of the Junior Harmony Club Monday night with Donna Gene Wright and Juanelle DeGraffenreid as hostesses.

Ann Hull, president, introduced Gonna Gene Wright as leader. Roll call was answered with "My Favorite Folk Song."

Juanelle DeGraffenreid gave "What Is American Folk Music," Norma and Betty Sechrist played a piano duet; Mary Olive married "Songs of the South." A talk on Stephen Foster was scheduled for the program by Jean Arthur, who was ill and unable to attend.

Refreshments of sandwiches, hot chocolate and cookies were served.

Spaniards call bull-fighting, their national sport, touromaquia.

East Ward PTA Hears Roy Deaver and Rhythm Band

Attired in their uniforms of black trousers, white shirts and red ties and white dresses with red bows, boys and girls of the first and second grade rhythm bands, accompanied by Mrs. Madge Alexander, played Christmas carols for the meeting Tuesday afternoon of the East Ward PTA. Reverend Roy Deaver, pastor of the Church of Christ, was the principal speaker, using as his subject, "Religion in a Post-War World."

Directors for the first grade band numbers were Mrs. A. G. Dunwoody, Miss Marjorie Watson and Mrs. John F. Moore. Second grade band directors were Mrs. Homer Marcy and Mrs. Reese McNeill.

A large number of PTA members were present for the meeting. When a room count was made to determine which room was best represented by parents, Mrs. Marcy's room came out winner, and will have a treat soon as prize.

CORRECTION

In last week's paper it was erroneously stated that Reverend Arnold officiated with Reverend Gilbert at funeral services for Mrs. Clyde Mae Rankin. Mrs. Rankin was a member of the Baptist Church in the Hiway community, and her pastor there, Reverend Bibberry, officiated at the services. We are sorry this error was made.

Mrs. Cloyce B. Young and Mrs. Pat Fletcher visited in Lubbock Monday.

Little Barbara Nell Foreman Has Birthday Party

Little Miss Barbara Nell Foreman was honored with a birthday party recently on the occasion of her fifth birthday. Her birthday cake was a white and pink square one, beautifully decorated with birthday greetings. Refreshments of cake and pink lemonade were served from a white lace table cloth laid over a pink cloth.

Favors were Christmas candy in cups wrapped in red paper.

Games were played and gifts from the following unwrapped: Diana Delisle, Rosaland Lewis, Ann Reagan, Judy Bell, Linda Ousley, Agatha Ellis, Murla Bea and Paula Dean Foreman, Martha Tom, Arleta and Polly Ann Smith, Nancy Johnson, Loyd Del Roberts, Jane Ann Albin, Lavon Dean Reagan, Jolene Terrell, Leslie Albin, Joe Pullis, Ronny Cloud, William Coy McMahan, Ronnie Stafford, Freda Don Terrell, Hardy Bell, Billie Brad Hyatt, Eddie Hilley, Joe Jeneath Watson, Jerry Lanier Foster, Tom David Vivian, Jimmy McAteer, John David Foreman, Bob, Dick and Mickie Christian.

Mrs. Josie Burton returned to her home in Wichita Falls last Thursday after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Carlisle and family Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle, Mrs. Fannie Rash, who is visiting here from California, accompanied Mrs. Burton to Wichita Falls, where Mrs. Rush visited her son who is stationed at Camp Sheppard. They returned Thursday. Mrs. Rash visiting her sisters, Mrs. John Rande land Mrs. Preston Boothe of Spur.

BETTYE WEAVER APPEARS IN SYMPHONY CONCERT

Miss Bettye Weaver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weaver of Spur, student at TSCW, at Denton, appeared with the Symphony Orchestra at the college on December 11 when the annual fall Symphony concert was given. Miss Weaver plays a french horn in the orchestra. She is a sophomore majoring in sociology.

Please help us get the personal news. Phone 128 and tell us of your visitors, they will appreciate it and so will we and other friends.

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Proctor's

Ward H. Harris, McAdoo Old-Timer Is Buried Sunday

Long Illness Culminates In His Death

For almost a quarter of a century a resident of McAdoo, Mr. Ward H. Harris, who had been in ill health for a number of years, and seriously ill for the past six weeks, passed away December 7th. Funeral services for Mr. Harris were held at the Methodist church in McAdoo at 3:00 p.m. December 9, with the Reverend J. B. Baker, former pastor of McAdoo and Reverends Dunn and McCloude officiating. Interment was in the McAdoo cemetery.

Ward H. Harris was born in Lamar Co., Alabama in 1871, moving to McAdoo in 1921 after his marriage in Waco to Miss Mollie Johnson of that city.

Pall bearers for the funeral services were N. L. Fox, C. L. Harris, Bennie Anderson, J. B. Barton, Doc Cooper, G. Potts and Buck Robertson. Campbell's Funeral Home of Spur was in charge of arrangements.

Surviving Mr. Harris are: His wife, Mrs. Mollie Harris and one son, William R. Harris of McAdoo; brother, G. F. Harris of McAdoo; two sisters, Pearl Anderson of Crosbyton, and Mrs. J. R. Montgomery of Hawley.

Home From Overseas With Army Service Release



E. B. BUCKNER JR.

E. B. Buckner Jr., now discharged, is at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Buckner of McAdoo, for the first time since he went into the army almost three years ago.

E. B. Buckner Jr. was inducted into the army in February, 1943. He was with the 202nd Ordnance Company of the first army overseas and saw service in France, Belgium, Germany and Austria. He received his release from the army at Fort Sam Houston December 4th. He wore the EAME ribbon with 5 bronze stars, the Victory and good conduct medals, and 4 overseas service bars.

E. B. was shipped overseas when his basic training was completed without furlough, so he had not seen his parents since entering the army until he received his discharge.

Over 400 rodeos are held in the United States each year.

Local Chapter of F. F. A. Has Meeting

The F. F. A. held their regular meeting last Monday, Dec. 10. The meeting was called to order by Morris Denson, the F.F.A. president.

New business. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the FFA and FHA organizations have a theatre party and go back to the Home-Making building for refreshments.

A motion was made, seconded and carried that Carl Gragon would feed a calf for the Feather and Son banquet which will be held some time later in the Jones Memorial Park.

Donald Cagle, Asst. Reporter.

A SAILOR'S VIEW OF GUAM

As I sit here idly watching the cockroaches run up and down the wall, my mind is filled with thoughts of the beautiful island of Guam, and the fine Naval Receiving Base where I am fortunate enough to be stationed. Let me tell you about it.

We live luxuriously in quonset huts, which tend to remind one of half an oil drum, inverted and furnished with double bunks. The finest thing about these huts is the fine exercise to be obtained in the overland treks to and from the head (lavatory).

And when one arrives at the head, what a fine place! Warm water flows from the drinking fountains, and cold water from the showers. It seems no one ever decided to install a water-heating system in the place, and a shower is only comparable to a brisk swim in the Arctic Ocean around New Years.

What food we are treated to on this island paradise. The finest dehydrated vegetables and Spam that money can buy. Can you imagine a more scrumptious meal than a big thick slice of Spam, dehydrated potatoes, onion gravy, dehydrated beets, marmalade coffee cake and coffee made from coffee beans which undoubtedly saw their best service during World War I.

No story of this island would be complete without some mention of the animal life. At night we build a fire at each end of the hut, and post guards. This is to keep the rats out. Last week, however, the rats overpowered the guards, got into the huts and carried three of the men off into the jungle. We never heard of them again.

Almost as big a hazard as the rats are the mosquitoes. We don't worry much about the two-foot ones—it's the large ones that we are concerned about. We keep bottles of blood plasma on hand constantly, in case of attack.

We have a fine ships store at this base. Whatever you ask for, they are temporarily out of. Unless, of course, you would care for a carton of Kools.

The weather here is ideal. All of the thermometers on the island have long ago popped, but we believe that the temperature rarely exceeds 150 degrees. Of course, when the hourly tropical downpours turn to steam, we sometimes have suspicions of an even higher temperature.

Well, that's about all for now. I was going to enclose a picture of the island, but I sealed the letter before I remembered to enclose it.

Elbert W. Garner, M M 2/c, is home on a 30-day leave having spent 2 years in the South Pacific.

Who Is Going To Suggest Winning Name For Club?

Who is going to look back several years from now and say: "You know, I was the one who named that club and won a prize for doing it, too," whenever the drama club, organization of which will be completed at the January 15th meeting at East Ward school, 7:30 p. m., becomes an important part of recreational activities in Spur.

All interested in becoming a member of this club and having fun foolin' around with dramatics in any shape, form or fashion are invited to join.

Send in the name you think would be best for this organization to the Society Editor of the Texas Spur. The persons suggesting the winning name will be given a brand new five (\$5) bill, an honorary membership for one year (mounting to \$2) and a season ticket to all plays given by the club for one year.

But send it in before Jan. 1—the dead line!

Mrs. J. C. Keen of Floydada spent the week end here visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ensey, and with other friends. She is employed with the Style Shop at Floydada.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

From Dry Lake Station. Note to Santa: As you know, these good little boys and girls live on Route 1, Spur, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus: I am going to write you and let you know what I would like for Christmas. I should like you to bring me a bicycle and a train. Please remember our teachers. I am a good little boy. Max Holloway

Dear Santa: Don't forget I have been a good boy. Dennis

Dear Santa: I am going to write you and you know what I would like for Christmas. A bicycle, train and truck. Please remember our teacher, Mrs. Bryant. I am a nice little boy. Lee Kidd

Dear Santa Claus: I am going to write you and let you know what I would like. A tea set, laughing doll, bed and dishes. Jo Ann Johnson

Dear Santa: I am writing you to let you know what to bring me for

Christmas. I should like a tea set, doll bed and dishes. Bring our teacher, Mrs. Bryant, something nice. I have been a good girl. Mary Baker

Dear Santa: I sure would like to have for Christmas a Jeep, gun and train. I am nice. Charlie Cantrel

Dear Santa: For Christmas I should like a doll, and a tea set. Please remember our teacher. I have been a nice little girl. Joyce Lassiter

Dear Santa: I should like a bow and arrow, car, boy scout gun for you to bring me. I am a nice little boy. John Roy Stanley

Dear Santa: I have been a nice little boy so won't you please bring me a train and a bicycle for Christmas? Carlos Bass

Dear Santa: I am a boy and have been good. I should like a cowboy suit and train for Christmas. Robert Moore

Dear Santa: I can hardly wait til Christmas. Whatever you bring me will be alright. Strela Calvert

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NEW BARBER SHOP OPENED

Bryon Jenkins opened a two-chair barbership Saturday known as Bryon's Barber Shop. The shop is located upstairs in the building adjoining the City Drug.

OFFICIAL AT GAME

Jack Christian was an official at the Littlefield-Denver City Bi-District play-off last week when Littlefield ran away with the honors. Mr. Christian will officiate Friday at the Class A Regional Championship game between Littlefield and Monahans at Monahans.

Harold Cargill of the Merchant Marines spent Sunday and Monday here with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Martin. Harold is on leave at his mother's home in Abilene.

Reverend and Mrs. Van Zandt, Mrs. C. H. Elliott, Mrs. M. A. Lee and Mrs. J. C. Payne attended the Harvest Day meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Knox City Tuesday.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to acknowledge with grateful appreciation your assistance and your kind expressions of sympathy in the bereavement of our father and brother, Luther M. Thornton.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thornton, Spur
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thornton, Afton
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- QUESTION:** What would be the general effect on the country of a steel strike?
- ANSWER:** Over 40 percent of all the factory workers in the country earn their living by making steel into useful products for American life. A shut-down of the steel industry would be a disastrous blow to reconversion and would cause a serious loss in both wages and industrial production at a time when they were most needed.
- QUESTION:** Why did they want a long-term contract?
- ANSWER:** In the Union's own words before the War Labor Board, "The Union's request for a termination date of October, 1946, is not made capriciously or pressed here for bargaining purposes. It represents the considered view of the Union that only such a term will adequately serve the needs of stability."
- QUESTION:** Did the recent strike vote violate the contracts?
- ANSWER:** No. Only an actual strike would violate them.
- QUESTION:** Haven't there been strikes already during the life of the contracts?
- ANSWER:** Yes. There were 998 strikes in steel plants during the past year alone. They were mostly local strikes which the Union characterizes as "Wild-cat," but they meant a big loss in production.
- QUESTION:** Does the end of the war justify changing the contracts?
- ANSWER:** No. The bond was sealed on both sides and should be kept whether times be good or bad. The steel companies are continuing to live up to these agreements. If a strike is called, it will be in clear violation of the existing contracts.
- QUESTION:** Is it true that the Steelworkers Union has pledged itself not to strike?
- ANSWER:** Yes. Every contract which the Union has signed this year with the various steel companies has a clause wherein the Union agrees not to strike during the life of the contract.
- QUESTION:** Are those contracts still in effect?
- ANSWER:** Yes. They were signed in the spring of 1945 to run until October, 1946.
- QUESTION:** Who signed for the Union?
- ANSWER:** Its international officials—Philip Murray, Van Bittner, Clinton Golden and others—and the local Union heads at the various plants.
- QUESTION:** Is there no "escape clause" by which either side could end the agreements?
- ANSWER:** No. The Union demanded "a fixed, long-term contract and got it."
- QUESTION:** A strike in the face of existing contracts would shatter any confidence in the validity of union agreements in the steel industry.

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Dickens School Crowns Queen in Royal Ceremony

Pansy Turpen and Delores Barrett Are Hi-Grade Queens

On Friday evening, Dec. 7, in a stately and formal ceremony, with a patriotic motif remembering Pearl Harbor Day, Dickens crowned Miss Pansy Turpen, a Junior, queen of the High School and little Miss Delores Barrett, a Third grader, as queen of the Grammar school. The Junior Escort was Lloyd Holly, and the Third grade Escort was Albert McGehee Jr.

The stage was decorated in Hawaiian palms and tropical greens against a background of mid-summer vegetation and distant mountains. Intermingled with Hawaii were the red and the blue and the white of the United States. The throne was set

against a panel radiant with star points of these colors, thus uniting the Island Dominion with the power of the Union under the protecting shadow of the Stars and Stripes in deference to developments since the sneak attack infamous in infamy since Dec. 7, 1941.

Unto such setting moved the Coronation Processional made up of all the candidates that had shared in the queen contest. The Trumpeters, Ray Ousley and John L. Koonsman Jr. announced the arrivals. Followed a brief program and the crowning, interweaving the customs of the past with the democracy of the present. Those forming the processional, music for which was furnished by Mrs. Bertie Nell Green, were: (Grade named first, queen contestant, and escort):

- First—Evelyn Stewart, Larry Holly.
- Second—Phyllis Thannis, Ira Clower.
- Third—Dolores Barrett, Albert McGehee.
- Fourth—Lela Smith, Donald Lee Mimms.
- Fifth—Louise Partridge, Stanley Jones.
- Sixth—Marie Waiser, Pat Wester.
- Seventh—Barbara Speer, Crystal Swearingen.
- Eighth—Mary Lou Thompson, Bobby Gannaway.
- Freshman—La Nelle Christopher, Aubrey Gregory.
- Sophomore—Marie Jackson, J. W. Watley.
- Junior—Pansy Turpen, Lloyd Holly.
- Senior—Doris Parker, Norman

Wright. Jester, Eldon Mayo. Crown Bearers—Darrell Wayne Holly, James Gordan, Lynn Arthur, Glennis Holly. The program was given as outlined here: Star Spangled Banner—Audience, Jack Jipson directing. Introduction—Clifton Dodson God Bless America—Eight Grade Girls Song of the Islands—Jean Ousley Processional Crowning of Queens—Supt. Wester

A Sleepy Lagoon—Mary and Joyce Reynolds and Helen Johnson

Farewell to Thee—Court The program was the work of a committee who worked without ceasing. Members were Mrs. E. H. Boedeker, Mrs. A. C. Halsell, Coach Harry Martin.

Dickens Owls Open Basketball Season

Beginning their basketball season with a bang the Dickens Owls and their sister squad rang up two sets of winners during the first week of December. Somewhat nettled by the sound drumming handed them by the Flomot Longhorns in their bi-district and final football contest, the Owls ruffled their sorely singed feathers and flew into the Roaring Springs Tuesday, December 4, for a taste of blood. The girls plucked away for a 32 to 16 victory over the Roaring Springs six, while the boys plunged in for

another two-to-one score of 42-21 over the flabbergasted Yellow-jacket squad.

On Thursday evening the two squads dropped down in Spur to find themselves all but dry-picked by the spirited Bulldogs. "We may play better basketball but we'll never find tighter going" commented Coach Martin, as he gathered up his flock and headed for home. "Sometimes up and sometimes down" the girls' team managed to emerge with a score of 30 to 27 when the final whistle brought relief. The less prepared boy's line-up had to play two extra periods before they could luck out with a 32 to 31 victory sizzling margin over the Bulldogs.

Back at home, recuperating from excessive blood pressure John Sharp and Johnnie Cumbe agreed with other fans, "Maybe we'd better be a little more careful about what we get into." Smoothing seared feathers over bruised and discolored portions of the anatomies the Owls went into a huddle Monday for a return engagement with the Bulldogs in the local gymnasium Tuesday evening, December 11. Said Supt. Jack Wester, "That Foster Cook proved himself a good sport and a genial host, if he just wouldn't be so tough to handle."

Dickens PTA To Buy Movie Projector

The Dickens P. T. A. held its regular monthly meeting Thursday evening, Dec. 13, at the school auditorium. A program of Christmas Carols was presented by the Third and Fourth grades, directed by Miss Charmaine Merrill. Other features of the program were talk by A. C. Halsell, subject: What can we substitute for War. And a brief movie by Carl Randolph of Atton.

The PTA has undertaken the purchase of a 16mm projector for the school this year. Already enough money has been made from various projects to assure the organization that a purchasing committee, with full authority to buy now, is in order.

Mrs. Guy Fellmy is president of the Dickens PTA which has some 37 members and an average attendance of fifty or more. Fred Arrington is the active chairman of a committee for promoting the picture machine purchase.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION—Paralleling the Carnival, but part of that event, was a magazine subscription campaign, promoted by the Curtis Publishing Company, sponsored by the seventh and the eighth grades, and directed by A. C. Halsell, their teacher. During the week of selling, some fifty-eight subscriptions were taken, \$155.00 were gleaned, and over \$50.00 stored away to pay for a new set of encyclopedia for this group.

Outstanding salesmen for the classes were Joanne Fellmy, \$46. Ray Ousley, \$34.50 and Crystal Swearingen, \$31.50.

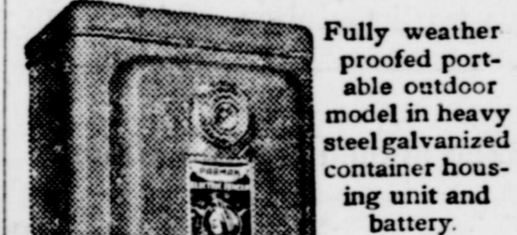
The Seventh Grade, as a whole, proved the more scientific and tactful in approaches for they gathered well-over two dollars to one found by the Eighth Grade. "Both groups did a swell job and hustled like experienced salesmen," said Mr. Halsell.

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A BETTER WAY

Luke vi 31

The lad who tries to mend his ways Deserves another chance; Encourage him with words of praise His efforts to enhance. Don't shove him in the murky slough To mire and sink or swim; For "As ye would that men should do To you, do ye to them."

A little thing, but fine and grand When you're in trouble deep, To have a neighbor lend a hand To brace your errant feet; A kindly, "Go ahead, my boy, And strive to be a man, Don't seek revenge and hate employ, We know a better plan."

Not tame as some is this wild lad, But that's no reason why, Tho' free to say things good or bad, That you should smear the guy. A little pat upon the back, A kind word now and then, Are better far than nasty cracks About your fellow men.

A lot of good things you could say, If you would only try; You know the best of us might stray Just like the other guy. Oh, sure, this lad has faults galore, He's what you'd call a "heel," But aren't there things in days of yore We all would fain conceal? And wouldn't it be better far To praise the good you see Than heap hot coals upon the scar And cause more misery? Our Master came to this old earth To point the better way, The Golden Rule still has its worth, Let's use it more today. —D. H. Sandidge

We've never seen a woman dentist, and probably never shall, because few women want a man to open his mouth.

Picture Comin gto The Palace Theatre



Sydney Greenstreet and Humphrey Bogart in a scene from their latest thriller, "Conflict," with Alexis Smith and Rose Hobart.

Miss Roberts, Former Spur Girl, Marries

A wedding at her parent's home in Roseburg, Oregon recently is of interest to Spur residents who will remember the bride as Miss Mary Nancy Roberts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Roberts, formerly of Spur.

Miss Roberts became the bride of Major Andrew Holmes King, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. King, of Atlanta, Georgia, at a beautiful and impressive candlelight ceremony in Roseburg, Oregon.

Miss Betty Jane Roberts, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Following the maid of honor, the bride appeared on the stairway dressed in a wedding gown of ivory satin with full length train. She wore a Juliet cap of small pearls and carried a cascade arrangement of Rapture and Pinochio roses.

The bride was graduated from Roseburg high school in 1940 and from N.T.S.T.C. at Denton in 1944 and served as dietician in the Orange, Texas, schools the last year.

Following a honeymoon on the Oregon coast, Major and Mrs. King went to Atlanta, Georgia.

Purchases of Real Estate Completed Here Recently

E. D. Butler has completed purchase of the Dick Speer property located back of the Wilson Hotel.

Olan Butler closed deal to buy the C. C. Kimmel residence in front of Firemen's Park.

J. C. McNeill completed purchase of the Bowman brick home across from the Methodist church. J. W. Falkner closed deal on the property known as the Pressley place.

Bill Yoakum has purchased the Conner property west of town.

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Senior Science

The Senior members of the T.N.T. Science Club held their annual Christmas party in the Brannen's recreation house Monday evening from eight until nine-thirty.

A variety of table games, music and carroms furnished the entertainment until "Little" Sheridan and a few other impatient ones insisted on the distribution of the Christmas presents.

Refreshments of sandwiches, cocoa and peppermint stick candy were served by Ernestine Berry, Donna Gene Wright, Juanell DeGraffenreid and Mafai Carlisle. Verna Bea Cantrell, Margie Brasher, and Betty Jean Perkins did a good job of planning and decorating.

Others present were: Margaret Hensley, Dot Hines, Trinia Mae Taylor, LeNelle Brashear, Howard Wilson, Homer Wilson, William Gollihar, Deane Wright, Sherian Campbell, Roland Hairgrove, Billy Wayne Dyess, Billy McMahon, David McAteer, James Robert Sharp, Joe Max Barclay, JuRon Rickels, Bobby Wright, Wayne McCarty, Wendell George, Kenneth Hairgrove, Haden Moore, Dix Thornton, Mac Brannen, Eugene Tollison and Ernest Roberts.

IN S.H.S. WE HAVE A:

Westfall but no Eastfall
Sharp but no Dull
Hill but no Mountain
Campbell but no Horse
Taylor but no seamstress
Fry but no Stew
Reid but no Write
Steele but no Tin
Love but no Hate
Young but no Old
Hull but no Shell
Hairgrove but no Orangegrove
London but no Paris
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Scott but no Irish
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Booth but no Table
Kar but no Bicycle
Waggoner but no Trucker
Witt but no Moron (?)
Dyess but no dominoes
Rector but no Deacon
Mars but no Saturn
Ford but no Chevrolet
Cook but no Chef
Wright but no wrong (?)
Arthur but no Poet
Penn but no pencil
Cage but no Bars
Legg but no Arm
Bass but no Trout
Brown but no Black
Weaver but no Spinner

The astounded clerk took a second look. "Four years old, my eye!" he cried. "Why, this fellow you're carrying is over six feet tall, weighs about 160 pounds—and has a beard as thick as a mattress!"

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Junior Science

The Junior members of the T.N.T. Science Club and other General Science students, had a Christmas party at 6:30, Monday, December 3, at Mrs. Brannen's home. After a weniier roast and games in the back yard, Christmas presents were exchanged. Then card games, music and other games were enjoyed until 9 o'clock.

The following were present: Neal A. Chastain, Doris Ann Chambliss, Foster Cook, Virgil Elliott, Virginia Ruth Shugart, Jamie Nell Simmons, La Nelle Brashear, Peggy Jean Rogers, Shirley Hairgrove, LaVerl Cash, Patti Dupre, Bonnie Beth Henry, Kip Karr, Jimmie Koon, Randolph Pritchett, Nelson Rape, Billy Smith, Reuben Waddell, Kenneth Williams, and the club president, Ernest Roberts.

JOKES

She was pretty and ambitious and had studied the matrimonial problem to a nicety.

"Yes, I suppose I shall marry eventually," she said, "but the only kind of masculine nuisance that will suit me must be tall and dark with classical features. He must be brave, yet gentle. He must be strong—a lion among men, but a knight among women."

That evening a bow-legged, lath-framed, chinless youth wearing flannel bags and smoking a cigarette that smelt worse than a burning boot, rattled on the back door and the girl knocked four tumbler and a cutglass dish off the sideboard in her haste to let him in.

"A moth leads an awful life."
"How come?"
"He spends the summer in a fur coat and the winter in a swimming suit."

The sleight-of-hand performance was not going very well.
"Can any lady or gentleman lend me an egg?" asked the conjurer coming down to the footlights.
"If we'd 'ad one," shouted a man in the audience, "you'd 'ave got it long before this."

The first man looked fondly at the fellow he was carrying in his arms. "He's only a baby, mister," he explained. "Only four years old."

Basketball

The basketball teams, both boys and girls, have been quite busy, having played four games recently. Tuesday night, December 4, the teams played at Patton Springs. The boys were defeated, but the girls won 16 to 9.

Thursday night the Dickens teams came to Spur to play. The Spur girls showed some improvement since their last game with the Dickens girls although they lost the game by three points. The scores were 27 and 30. The boys' game kept the excited spectators on their feet most of the time. At the end of the game, the score was tied 25-25. It was decided that the tie would be played off. After two minutes the scores were again tied 29-29. One of the Dickens players fouled and the free shot was made by Deane Wright. This gave Spur a lead of one point, but since the winning shot had to be a field goal the game went to Dickens when they made the first field goal. The final score was 30-31.

Friday, December 7, the Spur teams entered a tournament at McAdoe. At four o'clock the boys' team lost to the Girard team 30-31. (This game had been another tie—29-29.) At 7 o'clock they were defeated in a consolation game by Crosbyton. The girls were defeated later by McAdoe, the final girls' champions. Saturday the girls were again defeated. This time, in the consolation game, Girard girls won over Spur 43-28.

Maude Brown, of the Spur girls' team, was one of the outstanding forwards at the tournament. In the Spur-McAdoe game she made 22 points, and on Saturday in the Spur-Girard game she made 26 points. Deane Wright, Roland Hairgrove, David McAteer and Wayne McCarty were outstanding players for Spur.

JUNIOR NEWS

The Junior class is usually the busiest class in school as it is always necessary for this class to earn a great deal of money to be able to finance its affairs for the year. The Junior Class of 1945-46 is no exception as it has taken advantage of every opportunity to earn money.

The Juniors have earned money a number of different ways, the principal ones being: a stand at the football stadium, a food booth at the Hallowe'en Carnival, and sale of Christmas cards.

This class has a Hundred Dollar War Bond which it received as a result of a scrap drive in Junior High. The Juniors hope to be able to leave this as a gift to the school upon graduation.

Buy War Bonds and Stamps.

FROM GERTRUDE TO SALLY

S.H.S.

Dearet Sally:

My! my! This school has really been bubbling over lately—so much has happened! David and Jonnie have made up again. Yes, again. She is wearing a lovely new ankle chain that he gave her for her birthday.

They say that love is blind but Susie and Glen really should have been able to see Mr. Cook the other day. Do we have fun up here?

It was terribly funny in English class the other—when Inez Penn was asked what a "gladiator" was, she replied, "A gladiator is a combination of a gladiola and a radiator."

School turned out early the other day to catch turkeys down town. Graden Bas caught a beautiful turkey—Inez Penn got knocked from the top of a pick up but came out with only minor injuries.

Things really popped at Joyce Williams party the other night. "Cry-Baby" Sharp really outdid himself—Bill Dyess wasn't far behind.

At the Patton Springs-Spur basketball game the 4th our girls enjoyed a victory. Gee! were they thrilled!!!

Joe Max and Mafai have been seen together rather frequently. Basketball games really make a nice place to get together. And Joe Max was trying so hard to be a lone wolf!

Deane and Jane are lucky to live so close together. That comes in pretty handy—doesn't it, Deane?

Lt. Bill Craddock, nephew of Mrs. Brannen, talked to the physics students the other day. He told them about his combat missions over Germany.

It was hard for several girls to decide which side to yell for when Dickens and Spur played basketball—Geraldine was agraid

to open her mouth and yell either way.

Sherry Campbell and Trinia Taylor really make a precious couple—and do they like to show off!!!

The Band Banquet and the Footbal banquet are not the only ones of interest—Brother! Ned Blackwell has already asked for his date to the Jr.-Sr. Banquet. The Williams girls are highly in favor. And speaking of the Band Banquet—the girls are busy trying to find enough men to ask to the banquet. There seems to be a severe man shortage. These people that play hard-to-get!

Gene Rogers is flashing a beautiful diamond—third finger, left hand! J. T. Franklin is the lucky guy.

Donald is leaving for Colorado Monday. Inez is really sad. But she's got a third-and-left sparkler, too. Lovely!!!

Glenn and Dewie have been going to Crosbyton a lot lately. One of the girl's name is Hazel—we're still trying to find out the name of Glenn's girl. I don't think we ever will.

Donna Gene is not being caught mourning over her old flame—instead, she's being seen with Ju Don Rickels.

Speaking of Rickels—everyone is excited about Ann and Ju Don. We've decided it's love—they don't like anyone around when they're together, and those looks they give each other.....!

Autrey Nell can't even stand up or walk straight. The result—a cut leg, bruised side and a swollen arm. I guess she'll soon learn.

Carrie Kimmel was really excited the other day at noon when Eldred drove off. I think she wasn't the only one.

Bill London and Barbara Ford spent all afternoon together Thursday. Then to the basketball game they went. Hours!!!

I was at the Basketball game, too, of course, and I heard more

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remarks about Roland Hairgrove being so cute. Roland had better be on his guard because these SHS Wolverines are pretty fast—and dangerous!

Randy Pritchett has been dubbed with the title of "an awfully cute boy with an awfully cute smile."

Kip Karr is pretty well known in these halls for his rollicking laughter. You ought to hear him! Juanell and Darold, the new boy, have it bad. They say it's an old acquaintance, though—so, now we know.

Galen Hays and Virginia Shugart were told to remove the bells from their shoe strings in Study Hall. Their bells were meant to say "Merry Christmas."

Ernest Roberts is so cute—and gets cuter every day. Everyone goes around swooning over him. The girls, I mean!

Jerry Daniels and Chris Witt were holding hands down town the other night. Such goings on! Bill Swaringen didn't get to play ball any Thursday night. He was last year's hot shot player—it's still a mystery why he hasn't been given a chance.

Wendell George called Tillie Hill out of the office the other day. Could it be.....?

Janice Jones really ought to be ashamed of herself. Anyway, she says she is really glad her mother doesn't go to the show with her. Lucky Jan!

Overheard the halls the other day was this remark, "Mafai never wants to go with a boy until someone else does." Overheard later, "If Mafai doesn't mind her own boy friend she's going to get beat up." Brother, would I hate to be in her shoes! Tillie Hill is right behind her.

Mildred McCombs has been named as the smartest Bible student. Congratulations to her.

Christmas will be soon be here. We get out the 19th. The holiday

ought to give some news to write you. Until then.....

There are three ways of communication S.H.S., telephone, telegraph, and tell Autra Nell.

Keep diggin' the dirt, Gertrude

BIRTHDAYS IN DECEMBER

The following students have a double reason for being happy in the month of December. Happy Birthday and a Merry Christmas to all of you!

Joe Murray.....	December 1
J. E. Ritchie.....	December 2
Jonnie Deaver.....	December 3
Ernestine Berry.....	December 5
Bonnie Beth Henry.....	December 9
Audrey Ritchie.....	December 11
Voneta Arnold.....	December 12
Gwendolyn Driggers.....	December 12
Ernest Roberts.....	December 14
Wayne McCarty.....	December 15
Jane Brannen.....	December 15
Robert Cherry.....	December 17
Ted Smith.....	December 17
Mafai Carlisle.....	December 20
Charlie Kimmel.....	December 21
Jerry Daniels.....	December 21
Roy McMahan.....	December 23
Carrie L. Kimmel.....	December 23
Wendell George.....	December 25
Billie M. Hindman.....	December 30
Gene Hensley.....	December 30
Sue Beth Legg.....	December 31

ALL IN FUN

Two revellers approached a railway ticket window. One was carrying his friend in his arms. This weight caused him to stagger.

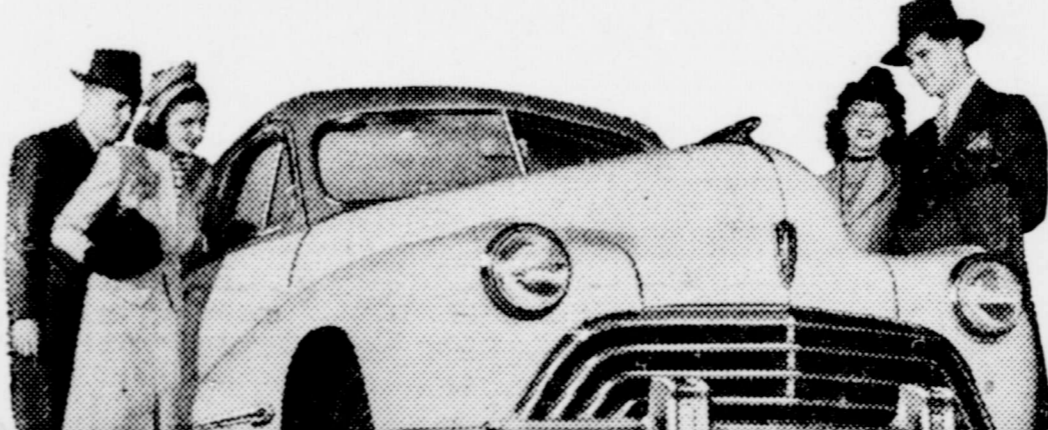
"Two tickets to Manchester," he said.

The clerk studied the money that was handed to him.

"Wait a minute," he said. "You only gave me the price of one ticket. How about your friend?"

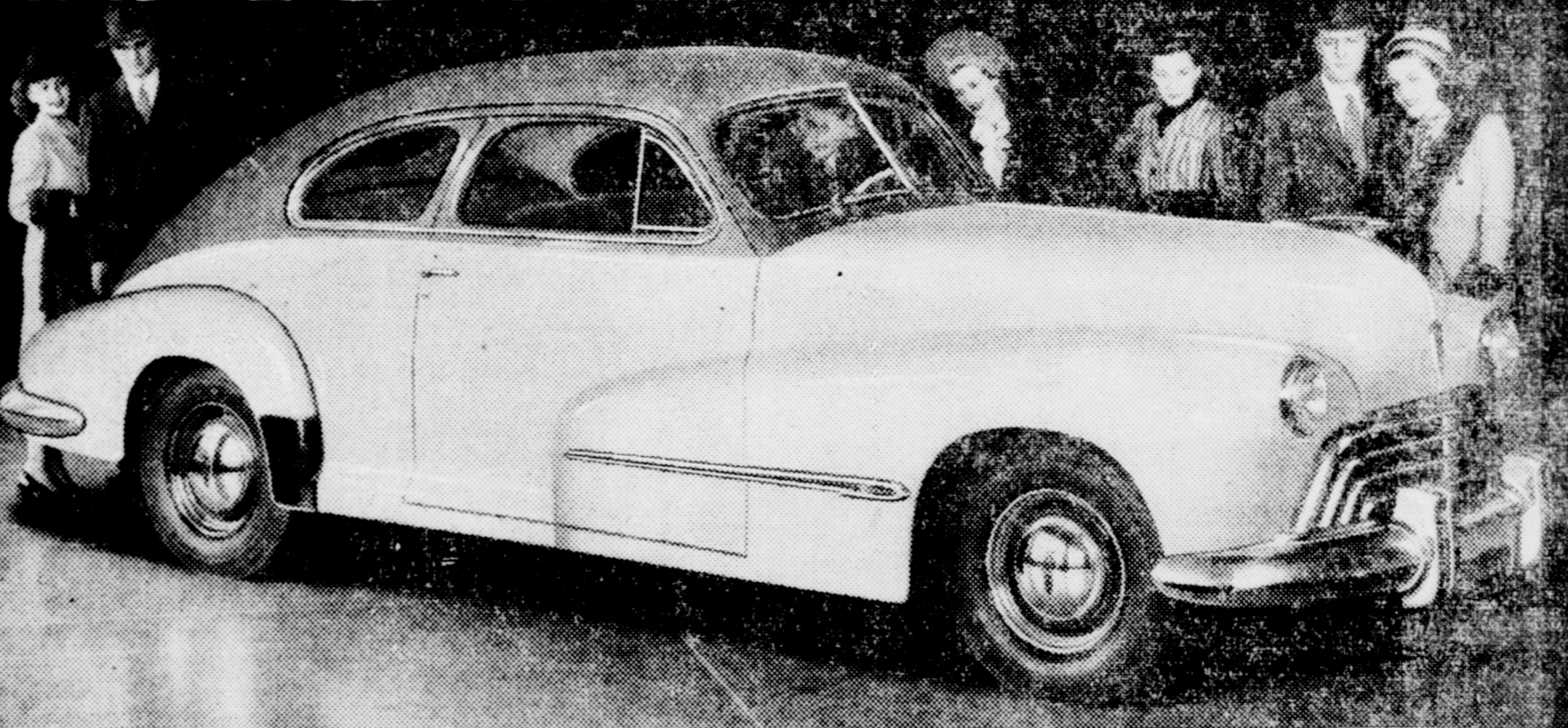
The ticket buyer dropped his burden unceremoniously. "You idiot!" he howled at his pal. "I told you to shave."

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FOR SALE: 1 three room house 30x60 barn, C Case Combine 12 foot, CC Case tractor, 4 row equipment. M. E. RANDALL, Rt. 2, box 31. 7-2tc

FOR SALE—Livestock
FOR SALE—2 purebred golden Buff Minorca cockerels, 9 months old.—Mrs. M. L. Rickels, phone 254. 7-2tc

FOR SALE—Half Durham and half Jersey, 4 months old calf, already weaned, \$25.—J. O. Morris, 1 1-2 mi. N. Spur. 1tp

FOR SALE—Pigs and one young Herford bull. Robert Reynolds, Craton Community, Dickens, Texas. 7-4tp

FOR SALE—Miscellaneous

FOR SALE: 1 Farmall B Tractor, in good condition. 1 new 2-row stalk cutter, 1 cow, 5 yearlings. See H. S. HOLLY, Spur. 52-tfc

BUNDLES FOR SALE: 250 0 bundles Hygera and cane. See O. L. KELLEY, Spur. 5-3t

FOR SALE: Frigidaire, 6-foot, in good condition. See MRS. A. C. HULL or call 236.

FOR SALE OR TRADE for piano: an electric Hot Point water heater, capacity thirty gallon. MRS. J. E. BERRY, tel. 216. tfn

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FOR SALE—Boy's bicycle, excellent condition. Galin Hays, phone 327W. 1tp

FOR SALE—'42 model H John Deere tractor, starter, lights, two row equipment. H. H. Hollingshead, Girard, Texas. 7-3tp

FOR SALE—A few thousand bundles Hegeri, also two short horn Durham Bull yearlings. See Marvin Alexander on Mace Hunter place. 7-1p

FOR SALE—Used Ford, with new engine and overhaul job. Apply to Mrs. J. C. McNeill, Box 1103, Spur, Texas. 7-2tp

FOR SALE—250 bundles Hegeri with good grain, 8c bundle. Mrs. Lillie D. Morgan, Rt. 1, Spur, Texas. 1tp

FOR SALE: Red Fox fur cubby. Good condition. Medium size, \$40.00. See BERT DUNWODY in

FOR SALE—Collie for Christmas. Toybred Collie—an excellent present for the entire family.—Anna D. Baldwin, Dickens, Texas. 1tp

FOR SALE—Nice Chevrolet coupe. Howe's Radiator Shop 1tp

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WANT TO Trade—A clean 36 Chevrolet coupe for a 40, 41, or 42, two drive or club coupe. Will pay difference. See Curtis Holly at H. S. Holly Agency 1tp

WANTED TO BUY: Small improved farm. T. S. HAVENS, Jayton, Texas. 1tp

Will the one who picked up a Navy Blue Topcoat by mistake Wednesday morning at the Spur Helpy-Selfy Laundry, notify MRS. W. E. GARNER, or give to Keith Garner at the Fair Store. 1c

WANTED: To buy farm equipment providing can get place too. C. D. CRAWFORD, c-o G. A. Crawford, Box 19, route 2. 5-2p

WANTED to rent 4 to 6 room house furnished. C. R. WALT-HALL at Safeway. ttc

WANT TO BUY from owner: 5 or 6 room house in Spur. R. C. JONES, box 827, Stamford, Tex. 2tp

NOTICES—Special

LOST—Between the home of W. A. Gardener and Girard, Friday, Nov. 30, a three-quarter Mattress and other bedding in roll. Please notify W. C. Chatwell, Haskell, Texas, Box 129. 7-3tp

LOST: Brown gabardine purse. Liberal reward for return of papers belonging to Jane Barrett. No questions asked. Notify MILDRED CRUMP at Spur Security Bank. 5-2p

BATTERIES for Sale—New batteries for Ford, Chevrolet, Chrysler, etc. O. K. Rubber Welders, Spur. 7-2tc

NOTICE: To property owners of Spur Town Lots: In keeping with our policy to render service for value received, we have condensed our abstracts on Spur town lots in such a manner as to make a saving of some \$10.00 on each Abstract from February 1, 1910 to the present time. We have the sanction of good legal authority to make such condensation. WARREN ABSTRACT COMPANY 5-tfc

ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That the annual meeting of the stockholders of the SPUR SECURITY BANK of Spur, Texas, will be held at the office of said Bank on the 8th day of January, 1946, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Pioneer Hall In Anson Scene of Christmas Balls Commemorates Early Cowboy Square Dances

Anson, Dec. 12.—Commemorating the Historic Square Dance given in the Star Hotel at Anson in 1885, the eleventh annual Cowboy's Christmas Ball will be staged at Pioneer Hall in Anson on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday nights, December 20, 21, 22 and 24, beginning at 8:00 and closing at 12:00 each evening.

As has always been the custom the Ball will be conducted according to historic records, particularly as described in the famous ballad written by Larry Chittenden after witnessing the original Ball.

This historic occasion always draws a large and enthusiastic crowd from all parts of the United States, and even larger gathering is expected this year now that transportation problems have been lessened by the close of the war and release of gasoline.

Elton M. Garner, M M 2/c received his discharge recently after 2 years overseas. He and his wife will make their home here where Elton expects to farm.

FILE FOLDERS, heavy press-board file indexes letter size, 3x5 index cards and indexes, 4x6 cards and indexes, just received at TEXAS SPUR OFFICE.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Donahoo of Brownwood, Mr. and Mrs. Buddie McMeans of Rule, visited Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Fisher and other friends here Sunday.

Mrs. Bob Farrell came in to pay up for this paper and we are glad to mark them up a year.

Lubbock Paper Has Feature Story Of Ratliff Family

An interesting feature story about Mrs. O. B. Ratliff and her mother, Mrs. Charles McGregor, new residents of Lubbock, from Spur, was published with their picture, in the Sunday Lubbock Avalanche-Journal. The story compared the life of Mrs. McGregor at her home in Munich and at her home on an isolated ranch in this country after her marriage to Charles McGregor in London. The artistic ability of Mrs. Ratliff, inherited from her father, who was a member of the Royal Academy of Art in Europe, was commented upon, as well as the beautiful appointments of their new home in Lubbock.

J. P. Goen of Dickens came in to pay up and we thank him.

Mrs. J. W. Carlisle pays up for this paper and we thank her.

Mrs. C. D. Allen says they like the paper fine and pays up for another year and we thank her.

Corporal and Mrs. Melvin Ensey are visiting in Spur at the home of her mother, Mrs. Bill McClung. Cpl. Ensey is stationed at LaJunta, Colo.

Mrs. Floyd Barnett of Spur pays up for two years and we thank her a lot. With three big sheets of folding money we can see lots of prosperity. Anyway we do hope they enjoy the Spur.

We are sorry to report that W. C. Ramsey's mother who was taken to a Temple hospital for an operation, is reported not doing so well. She was operated but is not responding as expected. It is said.

He who takes a poke at a hornet's nest better use a long, long pole.

Rotary Club Hears Judge Boedecker Speak on Finances

W Judge E. H. Boedecker was introduced as principal speaker at the meeting Thursday of the Rotary Club by Lynn Busbee, chairman of entertainment.

Judge Boedecker discussed county finances, and pointed out that with the increase in operating costs, Dickens county taxes have not increased during the war. The county has been operating on a cash basis, and should continue to do so, the Judge said. He also gave some observations on his trip this fall to St. Louis where he and 150 other county judges were guests of the Allis-Chalmers factory.

Rotarians drew names for the exchange of Christmas gifts next Thursday, Dec. 20. All members are urged to attend this meeting and if unable to come are asked to send their gifts.

Supt. Foster Cook announced that Coach "Rusty" Russell of SMU would be the guest speaker at the annual football banquet to be held here at the Spur Inn Friday night, January 4.

Henry L. Hiatt, Jr., was the guest of L. D. Ratliff and Welch Flippin was Oscar McGinty's guest.

J. R. McArthur of Star Rt. 2 pays up for his paper for which we thank him a lot. That is his wife came in and paid and said they wanted to continue to get the paper.

H. S. Crausbay of McAdoo is bound to be a good community for it has so many people who want to keep up with the news and subscribe for this paper. We want to visit that town soon.

Mrs. Ike Simmons pays up for this paper and the Abilene News for which we thank her very much. She said she likes the Spur very much and wants to get it regularly.

W. F. Neaves of Girard is another who wants plenty of good reading and he pays up for the Star-Telegram and the pur and we thank him.

Others who have paid up and whom we thank very much, include: Byron Haney, F. H. Barr, J. N. Luce, E. B. Buckner, J. W. Pickens, A. E. Smith, W. F. Sauls, Herbert Karr, A. M. Walker, George Walker, A. M. Karr, S. P. Fox, C. Phipps, Mrs. Henry Alexander, Mrs. J. C. Payne, J. A. Fincher, J. B. Greenwood, J. W. Henry, C. W. Barclay, J. W. Morris, and a few others whom we have been unable to catch up with.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones of Dallas are visiting Mrs. Jones' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Garner of Spur.

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Luther Thornton Was Matador Ranch Employee 30 Years

With the passing of Luther M. Thornton, age 66, the ranks of old-time cattlemen of this area is lessened again. Luther Thornton, who had worked for the Matador Ranch for the past thirty years, died December 6 in the Traywick Hospital at Matador. He was buried the following day in the Red Mud Cemetery.

Mr. Thornton came to Dickens County in 1906, and for the past fourteen years has made his home in Dickens.

Luther Thornton is survived by two daughters, Lillian of Fort Worth, and Florine of Dickens; one son, Robert, of Matador; three brothers, Felix, of Matador; Joe of Afton; and Earl of Spur; two sisters, Mrs. Given Allison and Mrs. Ruby Cook of Los Angeles, who were the only close

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Household Items Coming Back But Price-Contolled

The electric irons and washing machines Mrs. Housewife has been waiting for will come on the market soon at ceiling prices similar to those in 1942—and the Office of Price Administration is taking steps to see that she doesn't pay more.

William E. Remy, national chief of OPA's rent and durables division, was in Dallas Friday to study problems arising from the release of house furnishings and household appliances.

Remy said that OPA is making the study on a nation-wide basis in an effort to prevent price violations on such shortly-to-be-available items as irons, washers, stoves and vacuum cleaners.

Robert Kuykendall pays up for his paper and we thank him a lot. We intended to ask him if he were kin to J. H. Kuykendall of Milford, Texas, who is general manager of the Three States Telephone Co. for that district, and one of the finest fellows we ever knew. We used to print Telephone directories for him and we never dealt with a finer man. He is a faithful worker in the church and a real citizen.

Perhaps the bride could make the bread like your mother used to make, if the groom provided the dough like papa did.

relatives unable to attend the funeral services.

Pall bearers at Mr Thornton's funeral were Hugh Swearingen, E. J. Scott of Dickens; Ned Bowers, Matador; Robert McAtter Spur; Henry Palmer, Matador; Sade Kennedy, Clovis, N. M.

TWIN WELLS NEWS

Time has wrought many changes since The Texas Spur has had a reporter from "Out our way." Just a few of the pioneers of our community are left, but the spirit of hospitality still reigns supreme.

Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have as their guests, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Conner.

Mr. and Mrs. O. V. Crafton went to Albuquerque, N. M. last week to be with Mrs. Crafton's brother, Alvin Edgar who was critically ill. He passed away November 29. His remains were laid to rest in the Spur cemetery, Sunday afternoon, December 2.

Billie Pierce who is employed at the Spur Bakery spent last Sunday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Pierce. He came to attend a birthday dinner honoring his mother.

Lloyd Walker has accepted a position at the Spur Laundry.

Mr. C. C. Kimmel, who was recently named president of the Farm Bureau has returned from the State Convention of the Farm Bureau which convened at Waco.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Walker's home was the scene of a Thanksgiving dinner which was enjoyed by their daughter, Bertha Nell, their son, Lloyd of Spur, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hindman and daughters, Louise and Rexine of Electra and Mrs. L. B. McMeans of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Ford have as their guest Mrs. Ford's brother, Avil Welch of Bangs, Tex.

Misses Margaret and Dorothy Elliott have postponed their return to England indefinitely; we hope permanently, for it is very gratifying to have such people in our community.

Cotton picking is just about completed in our community however, there was a very small acreage planted seems that King cotton is gradually losing his prestige.

A booster
Mrs. L. B. McMeans

Use the Want Ads for RESULTS!

McAdoo Girl Is Prominent In Campus Clubs

Formal initiation of new members into the James A. Garfield Scholarship Society of Abilene Christian College was held on the campus recently; twelve students were initiated into the organization at the time. Members are elected on a basis of high scholarship and character.

One of the Junior members initiated this year was Estelle McLaughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McLaughlin of 202 Amarillo St., Abilene, Texas. Estelle, a 1943 graduate of McAdoo high school, is majoring in Home Economics in Abilene Christian College. She is also active in Alpha Tau Lambda, Ellen H. Richards Club and Mel-pomenean Players on the ACC Campus.

Fred Harrison of Dickens is another progressive man from old Jack county, where they used to raise mostly grass burs, rabbits and ground squirrels. Now they have oil and suburban Fort Worthians. But Mr. Harrison has been out here since 1916 and is an old timer. He raises live stock and makes it pay. We were glad to get acquainted with him and glad to advance his paper to another year.

'Tis better to emulate than to envy!

MAJOR COWAN BACK

Major James H. Cowan is visiting in the home of his mother, Mrs. Lucy R. Cowan, 2218 Broadway, Lubbock. Major Cowan is a Spur boy who has been in the European Theatre since October, 1944. He has spent most of his time since VE-Day in France. He was with the 289th Engineers. Major Cowan expects to visit in Spur at an early date.

Mrs. Mary Dunn of Dickens was in to pay for her paper and we thank her very much. She wants the paper regularly and we are glad to see that she gets it. Dickens has a fine country about that town, and a lot of people get their paper out of that office.

T. J. Randolph of Afton is leaving Tuesday morning to visit a daughter's family, Cpl and Mrs. J. C. Willman. He is stationed at Camp Attaberry, near Indianapolis, Ind., and another daughter's family, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright at Flint, Michigan.

Bill Barrett is home on a 60 day leave from Kearns, Utah for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barrett. Bill had been in the army 30 months when he received his discharge. He has re-enlisted and will return to Kearns for expected overseas duty.

The wife may be outspoken, but only by few.

1943 Spur Graduate Named in Current College Who's Who

Miss Elizabeth Ramsay, former resident of Spur and graduate of Spur High School in 1943, has recently been named among the eight students of Austin College, Sherman, Texas, selected for "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities."

Miss Ramsay is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John C. Ramsay, former pastor and wife of the first Presbyterian Church of Spur, and now of Westminister Presbyterian Church, Lawton, Okla. She is a Junior Spanish major in Austin College, Secretary of the Y.W.C.A., a member of Kappa Gamma Chi Sorority and the Woman's Council. She expects to spend her Christmas holidays with her parents in Lawton, at which time her brother, Jack Ramsay, also a Spur High graduate, will be there.

MOVE FROM HASKELL

Mr. H. F. Barr and family from Haskell County are new residents on Route 1. Mr. Barr recently purchased a small farm from Carl Proctor and he and his family, (including five children at home) have moved there.

Many a fellow in love can't eat, can't sleep and can't drink. He's broke.

CHARGED WITH BOOTLEGGING

The Flat was raided Saturday night, resulting in the arresting of two persons, a Mexican and one known as "Red Man," for alleged bootlegging.



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SIDELIGHTS FROM WASHINGTON

By GEORGE MAHON

There is every indication that the Labor-Management Conference in Washington is getting no where. In the meantime, the recovery program is being definitely retarded by dissension and strikes.

There are usually two sides to every controversy, but it is regrettable that labor and management refuse to compose their differences and thereby promote the public interest.

Legislation designed to improve the situation and make both labor and management accountable has been recommended by a Congressional Committee. What may be done will depend upon developments. President Truman has requested that no legislation involving the situation be passed during the Labor-Management Conference.

Unfortunately, during the war period a few racketeers ran roughshod over the public, fomenting strikes war industries, hampering the war effort, and

jeopardizing the safety of our fighting men. They did a great disservice to the war effort, particularly to the men of the armed forces. They should have been stopped. But despite the efforts, protests and votes of some of us who were referred to as "Southern Democrats," these racketeers were not stopped in their tracks as they should have been. The failure to stop them at that time and fix a definite labor-management policy only makes the solution of the present problem more difficult.

If labor and management will give a little more thought to the public welfare, their own best interest will be better served. I do not mean that the present controversies are one-sided; that only labor is at fault; that only management is at fault. I mean that the people are sick and tired of strife and controversy that is retarding essential production and feel that they have a right to expect a better performance. Organized labor—and I firmly believe in organized labor and collective bargaining—together with an enlightened management, is confronted with the greatest opportunity in history for promoting the public welfare.

Good wages and reasonable profits and good prices for agricultural products would produce an era of good will and great prosperity in America. It is hoped that despite the unpromising present outlook, the prospects may definitely improve in the near future.

There is so much happening both at home and abroad that it is impossible for anyone to keep abreast of the news. China is far away and little known to us, but colorful Pat Hurley put the Chinese situation in the spotlight last week by issuing a blast and resigning as Ambassador to China. The President of the National Press Club in Washington invited me to a luncheon where Mr. Hurley spoke to the newsmen for two hours about the controversy.

In September I had spent two nights with Mr. Hurley in Chungking. The first night he took our group out to dinner at the home of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek. The Generalissimo was evidently sincere in his praise of

Early Days in Spur and West Texas Recalled

Mrs. Fannie Sullivan, a pioneer of Spur, who moved here in 1911, recalls the town at that time as having three grocery stores, two dry goods stores and a post office. Mrs. Sullivan moved away from Spur in 1926, returning here in 1937, and she has been here since that time.

In 1926, Mrs. Sullivan left Spur to do some real pioneering. She went to Borger, built the Midway Hotel in five days, moved her belongings and three children over and sat up in business to become the "oldest inhabitant in point of days" in Borger several years later. She taught the first Sunday school class ever assembled in Borger in the old American theatre building, and though it was attended largely by the little folks, as time went on, the need for a house of worship was realized, and Mrs. Sullivan was active in getting the church built.

In 1935 Mrs. Sullivan moved to Lubbock where she was a house mother to 24 Texas Tech girls. She moved to California in '36 and back to her old home town of Spur in 1937. She tells many interesting tales of early Spur and West Texas days.

INCREASE IN CATTLE PRICES NOTED

The average cost of feeder and stocker cattle at four major markets—Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and St. Paul—during the first three weeks of November was \$12.98 compared with \$11.88 a year ago.

Ambassador Hurley and General Al Wedemeyer, the Commanding General of the Chinese Theatre. Moreover, Chiang seemed to be a man of great sincerity of purpose, though there were rumors that his family had profited financially during the war. At the dinner, a Mr. Frank Price, the son of an American Missionary, told me he had complete faith in the Generalissimo; that he believed him to be a devout Christian gentleman. Mr. Price told me of an incident that occurred during the darkest days of the war when it seemed that Japan would completely engulf China. He said that the Generalissimo sent for him, asked him to make a list of scripture references that would give strength and guidance to the Generalissimo during those trying times.

Ambassador Hurley also introduced us to General Tze-Tung, the head of the Communists, and his staff, who had come to Chungking at Hurley's request for conferences with the Generalissimo. All Chinese more or less look alike to me, and these Communist military leaders were no exception. They were dressed in plain blue denim without brass buttons. General "Joe", as one of them was called, could speak English, and with him and an interpreter, a bright young Chinese official who was a graduate of Princeton University, we carried on a conversation. However, we learned but little. Everything about China is confusing. It is a country that seems hopelessly enmeshed in tradition, ignorance and poverty.

There appears to be little hope for stability and real democracy in China for a long time to come. I hope General George Marshall, who is going on a mission to China as a special representative of President Truman, can help bring order out of chaos. Our own security is best promoted by a peaceful world. Moreover, the Chinese people have a deep and genuine affection for America, and we could not do other than wish them well.

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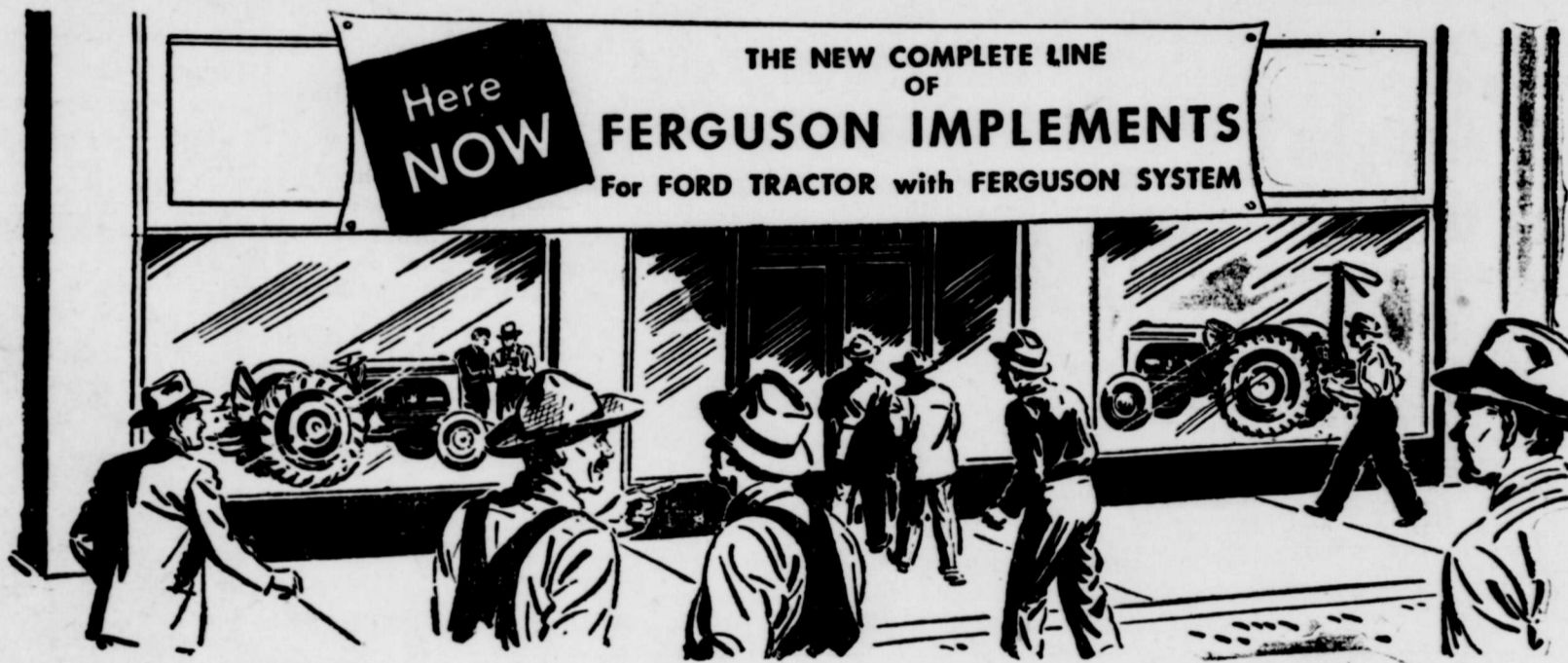


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Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Formby celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary at their home in Spur. They are parents of nine children, seven are living in Calif. one at Muleshoe and one daughter at home. They have been living here thirty years. He came in to pay up for his subscription for which we thank him. We feel

as we have known him for some time, because we knew his cousin's family, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Formby of Italy, Texas quite well during the years we lived there. We are glad to have Mr. Formby come in to see us.

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1946 To Be Big Political Year Calendar Shows

Election Dates, Other Important Events Are Given

Texas Democrats set the stage for 1946 elections Saturday as the state executive committee announced a calendar of election and pre-election dates in a manual of election procedure to be distributed to every county and precinct in the state.

The first Democratic primary is scheduled July 27, the second primary Aug. 24, and the general election Nov. 5, the calendar reveals. All dates are set by statute in Texas.

Political Calendar

Jan. 31—Last day to pay poll taxes and secure exemptions.

February—February term of Commissioners' Court appoints judges for November elections.

March 10—Last day for tax collector to furnish County Clerk statement showing poll tax receipts issued.

March 31—Last day for tax collector to deliver lists of voters and data to the board which furnishes election supplies.

June 3—Last day for candidates seeking district and state offices to file with state chairman to have name placed on primary ballot.

June 10—State executive committee meets to consider written requests of candidates to have names placed on official ballots.

June 15—Last day for candidates seeking county and precinct offices to have name placed on ticket.

June 17—County executive committee meets at county seat to determine various matters in connection with the coming election.

June 24—The county primary committee, which has been appointed by the county executive committee, makes up the official ballot for the July primary.

June 24—Last day for candidates to pay filing fee to have names placed on ballot.

July 2—Last day for filing first expense account. Candidates and campaign managers required to file election expense accounts not more than thirty nor less than twenty five days prior to primary.

July 8—First day for absentee voting. Absentee voters shall apply to county clerk to vote not more than twenty nor less than three days prior to first primary.

July 18—Last day for filing second expense account. Candidates and campaign managers required to file second campaign expense account not more than twelve nor less than eight days prior to primary.

July 20—Last day for tax collector to deliver lists of voters. Tax collector shall deliver to the chairman of county executive committee at least five days before primary, certified and supplemental lists of qualified voters of each precinct.

July 22—If a voter move his residence to a new voting precinct within a city of 10,000 or more, he must apply to tax collector not less than four days before election, to qualify to vote.

July 25—County clerks must mail to presiding judges of proper precinct absentee ballots on second day prior to primary.

July 26—Executive committee charged with responsibility for distribution of election supplies not later than twenty-four hours prior to the opening of the polls.

July 27—Primary election day (first primary), 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., in each precinct in each county in Texas.

July 27—Immediately upon the completion of the counting of the ballots, the precinct election judges shall prepare triplicate returns and deliver a copy of the same to the chairman of the county executive committee within twenty-four hours after ballots counted.

July 27—Precinct conventions held at 2 p.m. in rural precincts, 7 p.m. in city precincts, to elect delegates to county conventions.

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July 29—Upon receiving returns, chairman of the county executive committee shall convene the committee at the county seat and the next succeeding day, declare the results of the election and certify candidates to the county clerk, and the county shall publish the same, and post the names of the nominees in at least five places in the county, one of which shall be the courthouse door. Also a copy must be posted at his office.

July 30—Presiding judges of primary election shall, within seventy-two hours after closing of the polls, make returns to the chairman of the county executive committee.

Aug. 3—(First Saturday after July primary), forenoon county executive committee meets to canvass returns, declare nominees of first primary and provide for runoff primary, fourth Saturday in August.

Aug. 3—County convention meets at 2 p.m. to elect delegates to state convention, at place previously designated by county executive committee.

Aug. 6—Last day for candidates and campaign managers to file third expense account.

August—At August term of Commissioners' Court election precincts are to be created.

Aug. 12—The state executive committee meets at place selected by it to canvass election returns.

Aug. 5—Absentee voters shall apply to county clerk to vote not more than twenty nor less than three days prior to second primary.

Aug. 24—Runoff primary election 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Aug. 31—County executive

committee meets to canvass returns, chairman of the county executive committee shall convene the committee at the county seat and the next succeeding day, declare the results of the election and certify candidates to the county clerk, and the county shall publish the same, and post the names of the nominees in at least five places in the county, one of which shall be the courthouse door. Also a copy must be posted at his office.

Millard Smith, merchant of Girard pays up for the Abilene Morning News and The Texas Spud and we thank him. He was reader down in old Titus county around Mt. Pleasant, where the sand burs are what the kids cut their teeth on. Anyway Millard was smart enough to come out West. He taught school at various places in this county and last year bought a building and business in Girard and is operating it. Back in old Titus county he knew the Denny's, the Cross' and J. P. Masters, who operated the paper there. Masters got his head caught in the old cylinder press and although it did not seriously injure him, it mashed his head out of shape and he always carried that disfigure all his life.

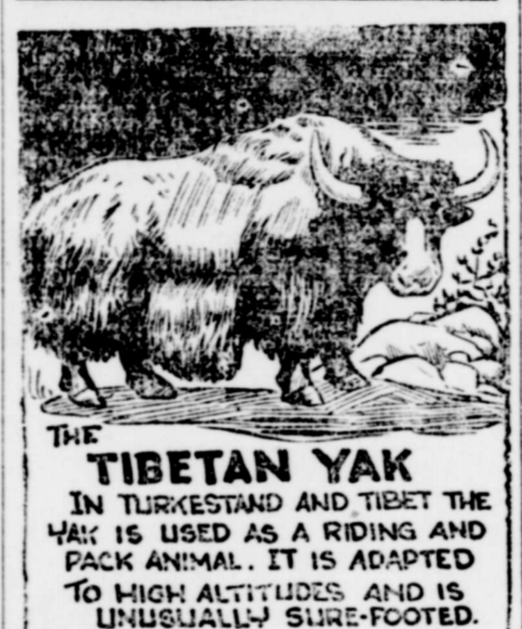
Mr. and Mrs. Ray Williams of Girard send the paper to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Louis E. Johnston of Corpus Christi, and we hope the young folks enjoy the paper, for Mr. Johnston is a newspaperman himself. He is with the Corpus Christi Caller-Times, one of the very best daily papers in South Texas. We remember back in the twenties when Grady Kinsolving quit the Chamber of Commerce at Abilene and with some other bought the Corpus paper. It was a smaller paper then and Corpus was just a town on the bay. Now it's a city and one of the most thriving and most rapidly advancing cities in Texas. In fact it has become a competitor of Houston.

Alton Loe of route 2 pays for the paper and has it sent to him at Muleshoe. He has moved out to the wild and woolly west at Muleshoe where there are lots of good land, and a lot of shinnery land worth very little. That has become a potato country with irrigation raising Irish potatoes and beans. We have a cousin at Muleshoe who served six years as county commissioner and we visited him and tried to sell him a road grader but he caught on to our racket. Muleshoe is a good town, where Jess Mitchell, a former Presbyterian preacher made a fortune in the newspaper and real estate business and retired—mostly real estate.

L. E. Cox of McAdoo mails in check to pay for his paper and we thank him. That fine little Dickens county town evidently has a lot of fine people, because a very great number of them are subscribers to this paper.

The older we get the more it costs to look younger.

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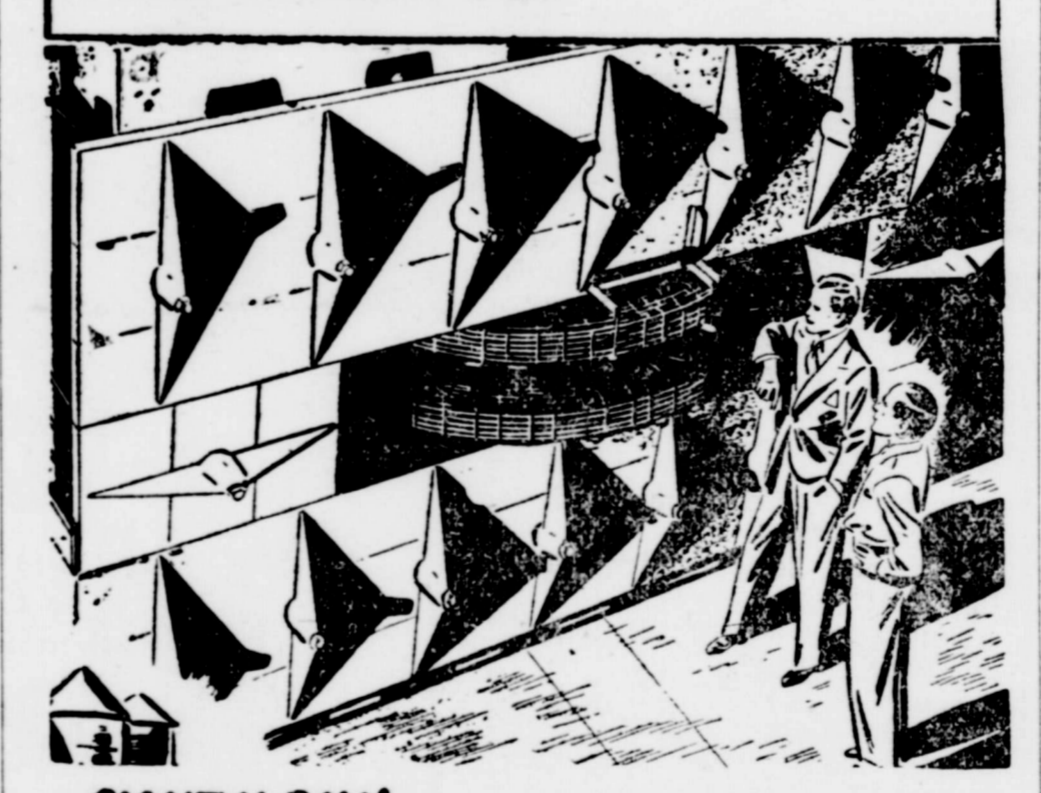


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W. O. Formby came in to tell us about a house for sale and to pay up for his paper and we were glad to get acquainted. The first thing we ask was "are you kin to Tom Formby at Italy, Texas?" and he said "Just a cousin." Well, we felt like we knew him already, because W. F. Formby of Italy was our good friend and one of the best men in Ellis county. He married one of the McClung girls there, daughter of a Baptist preacher who has four sons that are preachers making five preachers in that family. W. O. has been out here a long time. He and Mrs. Formby Tuesday celebrated their fifty-third wedding anniversary.

A. E. McClain of Star route 2, Spur, came to this section in 1890 and lives on the place his father settled in 1890 and has farmed all that time. He has proven that farming in West Texas can be done successfully, and he is bound to be a good one to stay that long. In other words it takes

a good man to stick to anything that long. A. J. McClain was the first County Judge of Dickens county.

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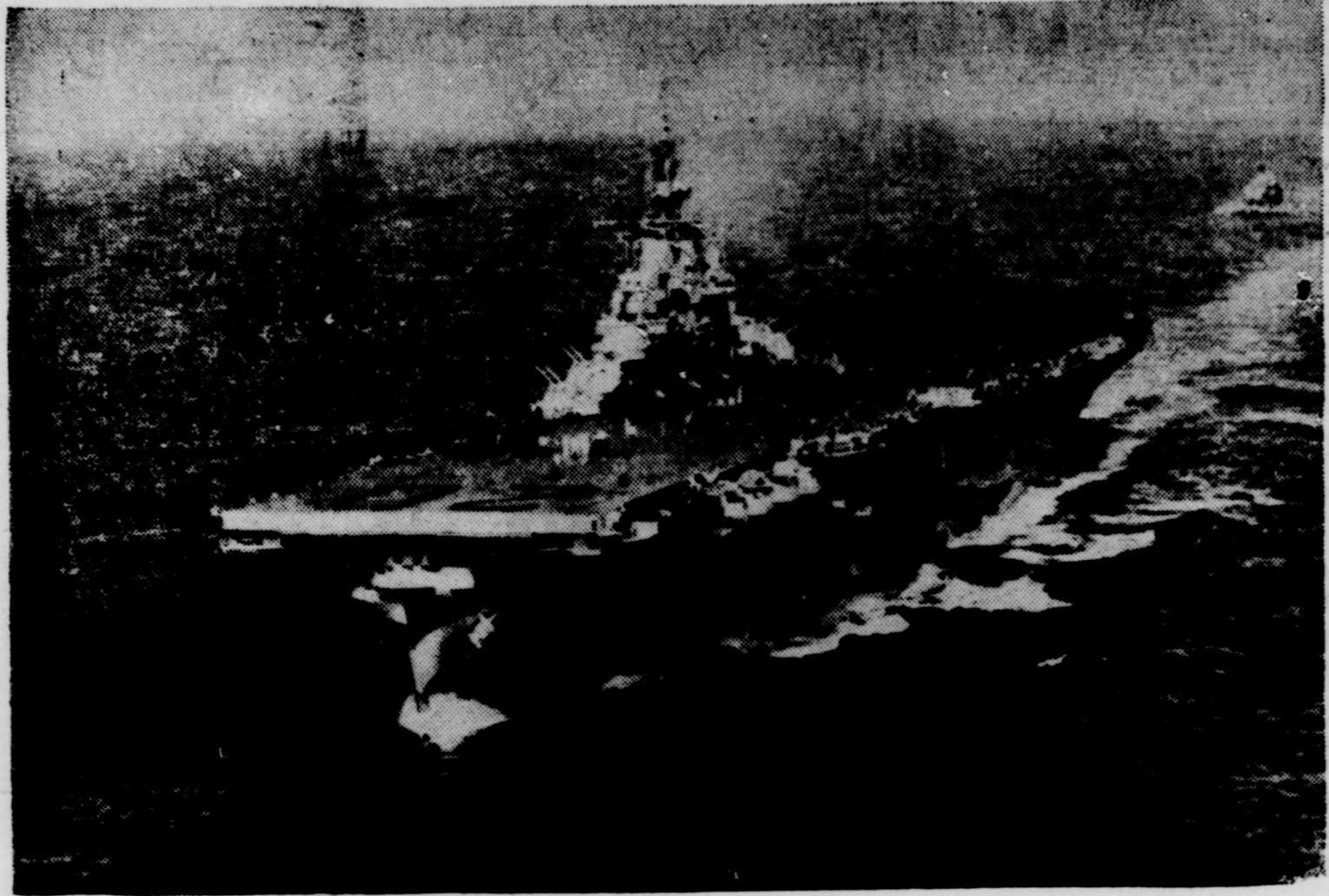
LADIES

- Fitted Cases
- Cutex Sets
- Stationary

MEN'S

- Brush Sets
- Bill Folds
- Shaving Sets
- Overnight Kits

JONES DRUG



The above picture shows the USS Bennington, which docked in San Francisco last month, as she plowed through the Pacific with her planes lashed to the flight deck. The aircraft carrier participated in the first air strike against Japan with the Task Force 58. Oran R. McClure, seaman, first class, USNR, son of Mrs. Anna McClure, Spur, served on the ship and was released after the ship docked Nov. 7. The ship participated in the first carrier strike against Japan. Despite damage inflicted by the terrific typhoon of June 4-5, 1945, the Bennington later returned to Japan and launched an attack against Kyushu airfields. Her planes also took part in strikes against Iwo Jima, Okinawa, Keramo Retto, and other Jap home islands.

School Carnival at Dickens Proved Most Entertaining and Profitable; More Than \$700 Realized For School Class Activity

Moving Picture Projector One of Goals of School

For a large and a merry crowd the Dickens Public School belatedly staged their annual carnival Friday evening, Dec. 7, as a benefit feature, netting well over \$700.00 for the high school classes and for the grammar school library. The entire performance, according to reports from those in charge, was a sweeping success. Held in the school building, the carnival opened at six-thirty and extended until after ten o'clock.

"With nothing to make the show unfold, except an excellent

spirit of school interest and a hearty co-operation on the part of the patrons," asserted Supt. Jack D. Wester, "the affair moved to a satisfying climax, amply rewarding both the teachers and the student body for their fine display of untiring and co-ordinated effort."

No chances were sold No undue pressure was brought to bear upon the town and the community, but loyalty and generosity held sway to topple old records of money making and to "set up" the high school classes in "financial independence" for the school year, and to supply the grammar school with a wealth of much needed library books.

Built around a lively contest to determine queens for a dual coronation, the program gathered unexpected momentum. The Queen Contests alone placed \$575.40 in the bank. Of this amount an Auction Sale of gifts presented the various groups accounted for some \$150.00. Claude Swearingen, Dickens business man and a member of the school board, as master of ceremonies, caused boxes of groceries to sell like priceless pearls, a Sophomore name-quilt and a Junior doubleblanket, a tire for the seventh grade and boxes of mixed merchandise from the third and the sixth to soar as exceedingly rare pieces of aged furniture at a collector's convention. An even dozen of assorted booths averaged, clear of all expenses, over ten dollars to the unit.

A senior feature, the selection of a Carnival Beauty, from the

miniature debutantes of Dickens Grammar school, Wester declared to be quite the thing. Little Miss Jean Holly, as representative of the Eastside Grocery, was given supreme distinction by competent judges and was awarded a beautiful gold cross necklace. A complete list of the entrants and of their sponsors follows:

Betty Swearingen—Rock Inn Service Station.
Nelora Winkler—Sam Koonsman Service Station.
Patsy Mobley—Jeff Earthmen's Phillips 66 Station.
Denie Mobley—Miller's Groc. Sharon Green—Dickens Lumber Yard.

Evelyn Stewart—Meadors and Street Grocery
Delores Barrett—Gipson Drug.
Peggy Beth Koonsman—Ben's Cafe.

Thelma Collins—Lex Stanford's Service Station.
Jean Holly—Eastside Grocery.
Gennyce Taylor—E. H. Ousley, District and County Clerk.
Glennis Holly—Watt Holly Service Station

Carolyn Garden—Mrs. Herbert and Mrs. Street Speer's Red & White Grocery, Guy Fellmy, Fred Christopher.

Other donors to this fund were Citizens gin, Dickens, and Allen Auto Supply, Palace Theatre, the Corner Barber hop, Tri-County Lumber Co., Citizens gin, all of Spur.

Booths by grade and clubs, with the sponsor of each and the money cleared were:

Table tennis and fortune telling, first grade, Miss Nettie Faye Gardner, \$2.75.

Fishing pond, second grade, Miss Inez Gilbert, sponsor, \$3.70.

Movie, third and fourth grades, Miss Charmine Merrill, \$18.30.

Country store and grab box, fifth and sixth, Mrs. E. H. Boedeker, \$32.50.

Picture fortune, seventh and eighth, Mr. A. C. Halsell, \$3.80.

House of horrors, freshmen, Mrs. A. C. Halsell, \$15.36.

Ring ton and dsoCynul't son0f,5u

Ring toss and dart boards, Sophomores, Mrs. Jack D. Wester, \$15.00.

Basketball pitch, Juniors, Jack D. Wester, \$8.15.

Doll rack, Seniors, Harry Martin, \$10.95.

Bingo, Pep Squad, Mrs. Jack D. Wester, \$14.76.

Foods, Home Ec. Club, Mrs. Jack D. Wester, \$12.10.

Cake walk, PTA, Mrs. Guy Fellmy.

A turkey, given by the Third and Fourth grade movie booth to the customer holding the lucky number, went to Mrs. Madge Renfrow when little Miss Nan Jo Futch plucked Number 902 from the box. "The pictures presented for this group by the Albert McGehee family were entertaining Mr. Wester said, "and furnished and wholesomely worth seeing," further proof that our school must have a projector of its own."

PERSONAL ITEMS FROM DICKENS

BY ONETA MARTIN

Johnnie Cumble Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cumble of Dickens visited a while in the home of Mrs. Dorothy Green of Childress this past weekend.

Miss Annie and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Baker of Dickens were shopping in Spur Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Martin received word this week from their son, Wright Martin, S 1-C, of the U. S. Navy, that he was doing well and hoped to see them soon. Wright has been in the Navy since last December 21.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ethredge and Mrs. Cecil Meadors spent Wednesday in Spur.

R. C. Littlefield and Billy Overstreet were in from Texas Tech this last weekend. This is RC's second year and Billy's first year at Tech.

Mrs. Guy Fembey was in Spur shopping and visiting around last Tuesday.

Monroe Pernel of Afton was in Dickens on business Monday.

Word was received this week from Kenneth N. Houston, S 1-C, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Houston of Bowie, formerly of Midway, that he was well and was somewhere at sea on the USS Kasaan Bay.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Martin of Lubbock were visiting in the home of Mrs. H. W. Barrett of Dickens Tuesday. Mrs Barrett is Mr. Martin's sister.

Mrs. L. Holly was shopping and visiting friends in Spur Monday.

Fannie Lou and Clyde McAlister of Afton were visiting in Dickens Friday night. Clyde is leaving for the armed forces this month.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Martin and children, Jimmy, Anita Faye and Junior were shopping for Xmas late Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pernel and children Barbara and Clyde were in Spur Saturday.

M. B. Gage of the Croton community was in Dickens this week. Billy Pat Winkler, Arnel Rhea and Johnnie Sumbie were in Spur Thursday.

Miss Edith Stanford daughter of Mrs. Lex Stanford of Dickens is back home after staying in Lubbock and working for a while.

aPnsy Dale Turpen, Edith Stanford, Helen Johnson, and Nina Jo Thacker al lof Dickens, were in Spur Thursday.

Johnny Calvert, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Calvert of Lubbock, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Martin this past weekend.

Howard K. Richey, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Richey of Dickens was recently discharged from the armed forces. He served in the ETO. He was overseas 32 months.

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PEP SQUAD TO BANQUET FOOTBALL TEAM

In keeping with an old custom, the football team of Dickens High school will be entertained by the Pep Squad girls Tuesday night, Dec. 17, with an informal banquet to be given in the High school. Other guests will include the faculty and the trustees and their wives.

MOVES TO LUBBOCK

Mrs. R. F. Self, who has been residing in Spur with her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, has purchased a home at 1509 29th street in Lubbock and is having her household goods moved there. Mrs. Johnson plans to make her home with another daughter in the future.

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Make only essential trips during the holidays

528,000 home-bound members of our victorious forces will reach West Coast ports this month

The biggest gift that thousands and thousands of the men and women in our fighting forces could get is a chance to spend the Christmas holidays with the folks at home. But getting them home is far more than a matter of discharge papers or a holiday leave—there's the problem of getting them to wherever home is. Tens of thousands are now in California ports waiting to get home. The Army and Navy tell us that better than a half million service personnel will be returning in December. That means 17,000, on the average, must be taken care of each day.

Our trains are already overcrowded. We don't want to disappoint a single soldier, sailor, marine, coast guardsman, Wac, Wave or Spar we can possibly find space for. So won't you help us to do our share in playing Santa Claus to them by postponing your trip until after the holidays—unless it has to be made. You'll get—we'll bet—a little glow out of knowing that you're making it possible for somebody in the service to be home. So again we ask, in all friendliness, won't you postpone your trip until we can serve you in the traditional Santa Fe manner.

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