

MALAYA AND CEYLON WILL SELL THEIR RUBBER NOW.

The British Government has decided that Malaya and Ceylon might as well try selling all their rubber, beginning with February and continuing for three months. When it oc-

curred to the producers some time back that the price was too low, the restriction plan was adopted and exports were limited to 85 per cent of the crop. Tire users in this country know what happened after that. The question now is why Great Britain saw fit to relent.

Prior to the entry of "control" in raw rubber, the consumption of it was mounting higher and higher. Normally that ought to assure a steady market if not a rising one. But there has been, of course, development of the rubber plantation yield to meet the demand. In other words, high prices for crude rubber invited persons who wanted profit to produce the rubber, and this kept on until the profit began to dwindle. "Control" then became temperately advantageous. The fact that it is now relinquished seems to show that its adherents are not fully confident of its profitability. Certainly rubber prices have shot high. But high prices of rubber account for experiments with rubber in Florida, the Philippines and elsewhere. High prices encourage guayule production in Texas, and the fact that these price levels have been maintained for a time has centered attention upon the desert rubber plant more than ever.

But the British can not afford to stimulate too much competition. And besides, the growers have rubber on hand which they want to exchange for cash. So the control measures are lifted for a time. Interference with economic law merely brings other laws into play by way of counterbalance and competition.

Were it not for the fact that the automobile tire industry has made tremendous progress of late, the high price of rubber might have limited consumption to such an extent as to defeat itself and the entire automobile industry would have been affected. But the discovery that good stout cotton staple of moderate length could be substituted advantageously for Egyptian and Sea Island cotton in tire fabrics has done much to cheapen the cost of tires. Thus tires have been cheaper than they were years ago. And they are tremendously better tires. On a mileage basis the value of modern tires is several times that of tires made not so very long ago. These improvements have kept the increase in rubber cost from being ruinously onerous on motorists. The corresponding reduction in the cost price of cars has also served to keep the buying public from feeling the full force of the rubber market's bulge.

In view of all these accompanying circumstances calculated to aid the "control" scheme for extorting an uneconomic return on rubber, it is noteworthy indeed that Britain has had to permit a respite of free export of rubber.—Dallas News.

tion, and to the highest bidder for cash, the West End School house, located in Common School District number 10, Dickens County, Texas. The place of sale will be at the said West End school house.

Said sale was ordered by the Honorable County School Board of Dickens County, Texas, at its regular meeting held on the 10th day of April,

A. D. 1925, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Witness my official hand and seal of office this 9th day of December, A. D. 1925.

H. A. C. Brummett,
County Judge, Dickens County, Texas
No 56 3tc

A building several stories high, located in New York City, was literally wrecked by people on the fourth floor doing the "Charleston."

With the arrest of nineteen of the leaders by U. S. Marshalls and prohibition officers, last week, it is thought one of the greatest rum running syndicates on the Atlantic coast was destroyed.

Genuine **BAYER**
ASPIRIN

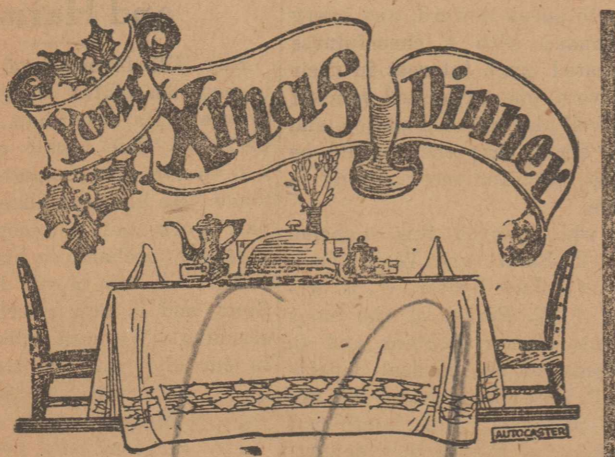
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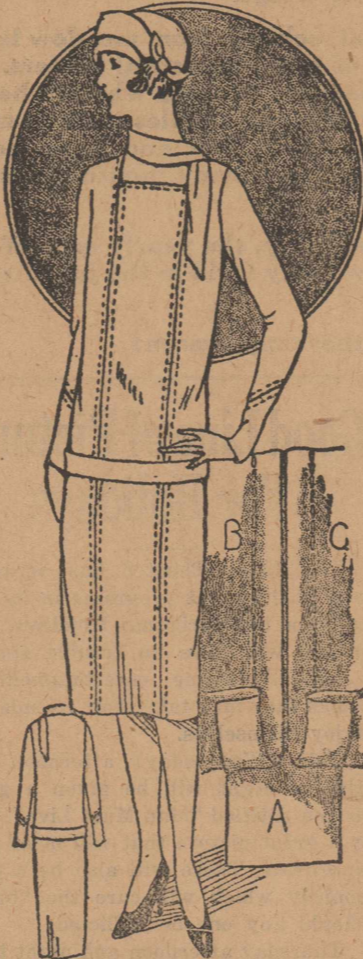
- a cancelled check is a receipt!
- it saves carrying sums of money in the home or purse that may be lost!
- saves running to the bank for money to pay unexpected bills!
- sending a check thru the mail is safe! It also saves time and the price of money order!
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CITY NATIONAL BANK
Spur, Texas

Practical Instructions In HOME SEWING

By Ruth Wyeth Spears



SLOT SEAMS.

In the small plan at the right I have shown the process of making the slot seams that are used to trim many of the more tailored costumes. To make this kind of seam you will need a stay strip of the material as shown at A. This strip should be cut as long as the seam is to be and about an inch and a half wide. The edges of the seam should be turned back and basted to the stay strip so that there is a narrow opening or slot between them. The stitching as shown at B and C is usually made about three-eighths of an inch back from the edges.

It is always best to press a seam of this kind both before and after it is stitched.

READERS—RUTH WYETH SPEARS' illustrated pamphlet "ALTERING PATTERNS AND FITTING" is free. She'll answer your dressmaking problems. Write her in care of this newspaper, enclosing stamp for pamphlet.

NOTICE OF SALE

State of Texas,
County of Dickens

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of January A. D. 1926, at 11 o'clock, I will sell at public auc-

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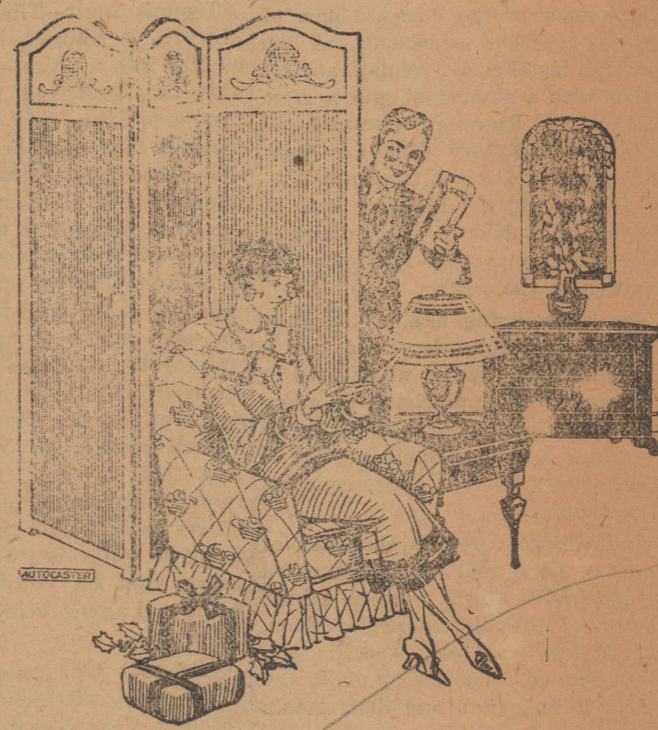
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THE PRESIDENT'S FARM SPEECH

Our western farmers may have thrilled when President Coolidge told them that it was "the embattled farmers" who stood at Concord Bridge and "fired the shot heard around the world," and that in "those tillers of the soil of the great prairie states, prophets, pioneers of freedom, who rose to power in time to make it possible for Lincoln to save the Union" America recognized the men who "turned the tide for the cause of Liberty in the Great World war." Un-

questionably when pause followed period there must have been a hearty round of applause; but "when they woke up in the morning" many of these same farmers were asking themselves how come that the spirit of Concord Bridge seems all wrong when it comes to battling against the industrial and legislative exploitation that has dragged the men who feed the world down to the level of slaves of the soil.

The President spoke truly when he told his farmer friends that "it is not

merely for a supply of food that we look to the farms, but as a never failing source from which we can always replenish the manhood and womanhood of the nation." He might have added that it is the farmer also to whom we look to absorb the major portion of American manufactured commodities, and that when the farmer fails to buy, the effect of stagnant trade is felt in every nook and corner of the land. He might have added too, that the farmer has grown tired of being jockeyed into making just enough money to keep the "wheels of industry humming," that he senses with the Secretary of Agriculture the oppressive injustice of present freight rates, and sees little relief in sight.

Possibly the President may be right in his denunciation of price fixing as a paternal offering that should find no place in the republic, but it must be remembered that the farmers have been driven to desperate ends. They have been used so long and so often that the spirit of Concord Bridge is clearly in the air and their backs are against the wall. Sound government aid in cooperative marketing probably will bring relief, but let it not be forgotten that the call to arms demand action, rather than oratory.

ORDINANCE ORDERING AN ELECTION TO BE HELD TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE CITY OF SPUR SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A MUNICIPAL BAND.

WHEREAS, R. D. Russell and eighty other property tax paying voters in this city being more than ten percent of the total number of votes cast at the last regular municipal election held in said city, have filed with the board of commission a petition that the City Commission submit to the qualified tax paying voters of said city, at an election to be held in accordance with the law for that purpose, the question of whether or not a municipal band shall be established and maintained in said city: and

WHEREAS, the said board of commission of the City of Spur has examined the said petition and the signatures thereto and has ascertained an dodes here record the fact that the said petition is sufficient and is signed by the number of qualified property tax paying voters of said city required by law to require the submission of said question to such voters: and

WHEREAS, in the opinion of said commission the 12th day of January, A. D. 1926, is a proper time for holding said election; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the City of Spur, in the County of Dickens, State of Texas;

Sec. 1. That there by and is hereby ordered a special election, to be participated in by the qualified voters of the City of Spur, who are payers of taxes on property in said City to be held on 12th day of January, A. D. 1926, between the hours of eight o'clock A. M. and Seven o'clock, P. M. in the respective voting boxes in said City. The election hereby ordered shall be held for determining the proposition of whether or not said City shall establish and hereafter maintain a band.

Sec. 2. The vote at said election shall be upon an official ballot, submitting clearly the proposition and the same shall be expressed upon the ballot as follows: "Shall the City of Spur establish and hereafter maintain a municipal band? Yes. No."

Sec. 3. This special election shall be held and conducted at the voting places, and by the officers herein-after named and in accordance with the ordinances of the City of Spur and the laws of the State of Texas, in regard to holding elections in said City.

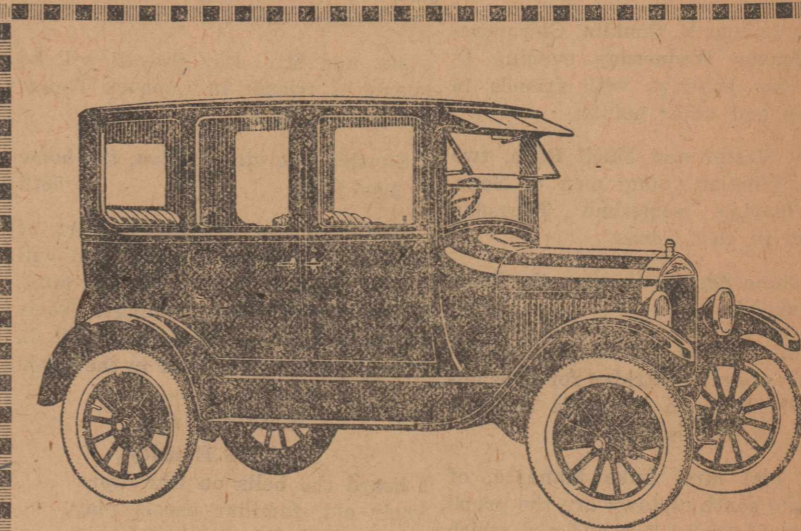
Sec. 4. All returns of said election shall be addressed to Jno. L. King, Mayor, of the City of Spur and shall be authenticated and delivered in accordance with the law in such cases made and provided.

Sec. 5. The place of voting and the officers who shall preside over and conduct such election are as follows: The place of voting shall be—Spur National Bank Directors Room—and shall be conducted by—C. H. Perry.

Sec. 6. The City Secretary of the City of Spur, is hereby ordered to give notice of holding of said election by vausing a copy of this ordinance to be printed in the Dickens County Times, a newspaper published in said City of Spur, once each week for a period of thirty days prior to the date of such election, and by posting a notice thereof at some public place in each of the voting places herein named for ten days next preceeding the holding of said election as herein fixed.

Sec. 7. Every person qualified to vote in said election shall vote at the place fixed in this ordinance, and only those shall be qualified to vote who have the qualifications of electors in said city under the laws of this state and who pay taxes on property within said City, such qualifications as to property to be determined and ascertained by the inspection of the assessment rolls of the City of Spur.

Adopted and approved this 17th day of December A. D. 1925.
J. L. KING, Mayor



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To avoid imitations, always look for the signature of *Charles H. Fletcher* Proven directions on each package. Physicians everywhere recommend it.

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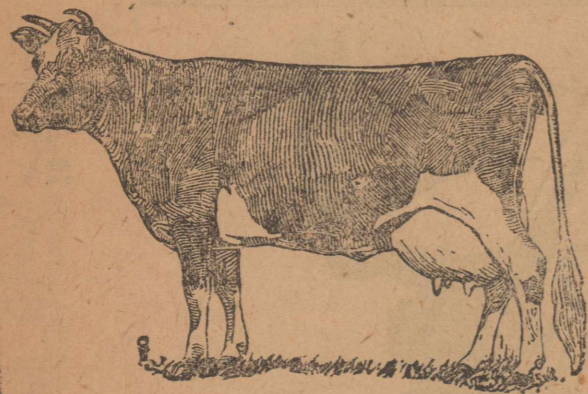
Mother!

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"California Fig Syrup" is Dependable Laxative for Sick Children



Hurry Mother! Even a fretful, feverish, bilious or constipated child loves the pleasant taste of "California Fig Syrup" and it never fails to sweeten the stomach and open the bowels. A teaspoonful today may prevent a sick child tomorrow. It doesn't cramp or overact. Contains no narcotics or soothing drugs. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say "California" or you may get an imitation fig syrup.



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BILL JONES HAD A BAD ACHING HEAD—



HE UNDRESSED AND GOT READY FOR BED—



ONE ANTI-PAIN PILL—



HE FORGOT HE WAS ILL—



—AND WENT TO A PARTY INSTEAD.



LOCALS

Sunshine Service Station, the home of good Oils. 58tn

C. M. Simms, of Swenson, is convalescing from an operation for gall stones a few week ago.

Miss Lavina B. Conklin, Chiropractor, leaves Wednesday evening to spend the holidays with friends in Abilene and other points.

Carl Wester and Mack Rash, two of the popular young men of Spur, are leaving sometime Thursday parents in east Texas.

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S. C. Thomas, of Girard, underwent an operation Friday for appendicitis. It being a drainage case he is very ill at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Manasco, of one mile south of town are the proud parents of an 8 1-2 pound girl which the stork brought last Thursday.

G. G. Tharp, who has been working in Abilene the past few months, came up Sunday and is spending the week visiting Mrs. Tharp.

Mesdames Lonnie Harris and Roy Stovall went to Fort Worth the last of the week to see Santa Claus, but failing to see him came back home where they would have a better opportunity.

J. W. Brown, of Girard, was in our city Monday. He passed through this country in April from Oklahoma enroute to California. He came back through about the last of October and rented a farm near Girard and expects to make a crop there next year. If he is successful he will buy a place later on.

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Elmer Speer and Misses Lerla Blakely and Mary Stovall were guests of friends in Abilene Sunday.

Miss Lora Cammack, who has been in school at Abilene, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Starcher, Saturday. She was enroute to Hatador to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stovall will be guests of friends in Lubbock Thursday of this week.

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Frederick and Virginia Stewart, of Stamford, arrived Saturday and will be the guest of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jennings. Their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stewart, will arrive later in the week.

CHRISTMAS

Adelaide Hensley
I heard the bells on Christmas
Their old, familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep:
"God is not dead; or doth he sleep!
The wrong shall fail,
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to men!"

—Longfellow
"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men," sang the angels to the shepherds in the hour of Jesus' birth. These words heralded the mission of Jesus Christ, the bringing of peace to mankind. He was to show man the way of peace and light and love.

Another Christmas is at hand. In memory of the birth of Jesus Christ

the world is gay; hearts are full of love and gratitude. The world is singing, bells are pealing, and there are love and gifts and laughter. But that is not all that this Christmas holds for us; that is not the limit of our happiness.

Let there be many births today. Let this Christmas mark the birth of good in each of us; let it mark the birth of love in our hearts. Let the unreal pass into oblivion as we welcome the eternal, which is thereal. Let us dismiss all ill-feeling; let us hold a love thought for all men.

Did Jesus Christ hold grudges? Did he cling to hatred? Did he nurse hurt feelings or notice seeming slights? He was far above all petty, earthly grievances. Indeed, when he said of his enemies, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," he was voicing the thought of all men who live in his Spirit.

Today let us be filled with forgive-

ness. Let not one error thought about any human being come into our hearts. If we keep poised in the Christ Spirit for one day, the days following will be less chaotic, more peaceful; less turmoil will exist, and more power.

The Christ Spirit can be born in us today if we so desire. It will change our thoughts, our feelings, our manners, and our modes of living; in the Christ Spirit we shall become prosperous and happy.

Love is the law, and the way of the Christ Spirit is a clean heart. Peace on earth, good will to men is established wherever the Christ Spirit is born.

FOR REALIZATION

My heart is purged of every evil thought; through love of God and for man, I am filled with the Christ Spirit.

GINNERS REPORT.

According to reports of Spur ginner there had been 11,580 bales ginned at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. We feel safe in saying that the number will exceed 12,000 bales before Saturday night.

The record now stands: Baker's Gin 1,570; Swift's, 1837; Williams, 1891; Farmers, 2576, Hargrove, 1792; and Long's Gin 1914.

FROM SWIFT'S GIN

We desire to express our appreciation to the people for the liberal patronage given us during this season's ginning. We trust our work has met your approval and that you will feel inclined to still come back to see us.

We appreciate your good wishes which have been given us through your patronage. May you enjoy a great Christmas and may 1926 bring

ever enjoyed.

Swift Gin Company,
J. J. Hays, Manager.

O. V. Woods, of McAdoo, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

Guy Merriman and H. A. Parnell, of Emzy, N. Mex., are here the guests of friends. Mr. Merriman said there had been very fine crops raised in his country and that he is going back to try it another year.

John Young, of Afton, was transacting business in our city Friday.

He who damns his town damns himself.

If the shoe pinches, buy a larger size.

Some men are to lazy to have good luck.

A good line for future use: As cynical as a Tom cat.

SPUR NATIONAL BANK

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS:

A number of our friends have spoken to us about pooling from 100 to 1000 bales of this low grade cotton with the hope of obtaining better prices. There is a distinct advantage in having a large list of cotton to offer for sale, as any buyer will pay more per pound for a large list of cotton than for the same number of bales to be purchased on the street one at a time.

Many of our friends, we are sure, will recall that we assisted in pooling a considerable amount of low grade cotton in 1921, for which a price of \$10.00 to \$25.00 per bale was received above what they had been offered. FIRST, it brought more because of the large list. SECOND, it gave an opportunity to interest buyers who were in the market for that particular class of cotton. The present price of 5c to 8c is not very encouraging to save the crop that we have made, but it seems like business suicide to plow a crop under, then work 12 months to make another one, perhaps just like it.

For the good of our friends and customers, and the community as a whole, we shall be very glad to take charge of your tickets, look after the details, sale of cotton, etc., absolutely free of charge.

Whether a customer or not if you are interested we invite you to come in and discuss this matter with us.

We all feel that we have been hard hit by this short cotton crop and low prices, and have been in a way, but when we stop to think of the splendid feed crop we have and how nearly we came to making a complete failure, we cannot help realizing and appreciating the fact that we have been favorably blest, and have a lot to be thankful for. Let's all forget the things that are behind, and in the past, that we are not responsible for and look forward to a more prosperous 1926.

Here's wishing everybody a Pleasant Christmas and a New Year filled with health, happiness and prosperity.

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK



Believing that the relations between

J. P. Wilkes & Son

and his Customers include Good Will, Friendship and Success. We assure you of our appreciation, of your patronage during the past year and ask you to accept our wishes for a Happy and Successful New Year.

J. P. WILKES & SON

The Xmas Store.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

Hello, Everybody. I Know You Are Glad to See Me Coming



To the New Year Greetings May It Bring Prosperity to All

As we hear the departing tread of 1925, we remember it has been one full of featuring prospects that were in the end disappointing. Any way, if we have done our best, we should not harbor regrets. 1925 will soon be history; we cannot rewrite one of its smallest pages; but we can look forward to 1926 with the eye of hope and say in our hearts we will do our part to make it a better year than 1925, and we should be better qualified to live because of our past experience.

Let us express our appreciation for the business you have given us; for the good words spoken in our behalf. And wish for all of you the joys due you at this happy season. And may the New Year come to you laden with new hopes and ambitions. May your ideals be governed by the principles and teachings of the Christ, Whose birth we now celebrate.

We confess to you we have made mistakes during 1925, but we have tried to deal fair. We have endeavored not to forget the Golden Rule and as we look forward to 1926, we expect to be better. We are convinced more and more as we live that God rules the destiny of men and nations and the only road to a successful life is the one dictated by His Son.

Your friends,

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

Christmas Greeting



With the near approach of the greatest day of the year; the one in which the greater portion of the civilized world respect and vacate from business worries, meeting for worship and showing their appreciation of good fellowship. We want to extend to our friends and patrons our appreciation for what they have extended us in patronage and friendship during the period of the past portion and thank you in advance for the future of the coming year of 1926. We realize that without friends the world would be a very dark life for us and to realize the Christian and business ties we have through our relatives and our friends during depressed times and days of sorrow causes us the more to be thank thankful for what we may be in the continuous chain of the greatest section of the United States. We trust for you the great future of the year approaching 1926 as we will endeavor through our co-operation to have you accomplish.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS

LOVE DRY GOODS COMPANY
SPUR, TEXAS

CHRISTMAS PARTY—

Mrs. Geo. S. Link was the charming hostess to the Friday Afternoon Club December 18th at her home on Willard Ave. The home being very attractively decorated in Xmas Colors, Holly graced the room here and there adorned with mistletoe and the home was lighted with red whip candles.

Santa Claus was there in every shape and fashion, 42 being the means of entertainment and Mr. Santa acted a place cards. Each table adorned with Bon Bon Holders, a Santa with a pack on his back full of good things to eat.

There was much enjoyment thout the entire evening and every one spoke of it being the most unique part of the season.

A lovely salad course was served to each guest. Holly was very attractive place one each place. Those present were:- Mesdames C. L. Love, W. T. Andrews, C. A. Love, G. H. Snider, W. F. Godfrey, E. C. Edmonds, M. E. Manning, Chas. Whitener, Pauline Clemmons, W. R. Lewis, W. J. Bryant, R. E. Dickson, Walter Samples, Tracy Gorham, E. L. Caraway, Ruby Pierce, J. E. Morris, Ned Hogan and Sol Davis.

Miss Buelah Copeland, of Red Hill community who underwent an operation recently, was able to return home Saturday.

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Mural Foreman, who came to the sanitarium on account of a fractured limb, was able to return home Friday.

Mrs. J. C. Morris, who is the proud mother of a fine 10 1-2 lb. girl, returned to her home Friday.

Mrs. William, of Afton, who underwent a Caesarian operation December 13, is doing nicely.

NOTICE OF SALE

State of Texas,
County of Dickens

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of January A. D. 1926, at 11 o'clock, I will sell at public auction, and to the highest bidder for cash, the West End School house, located in Common School District number 10, Dickens County, Texas. The place of sale will be at the said West End school house.

Said sale was ordered by the Honorable County School Board of Dickens County, Texas, at its regular meeting held on the 10th day of April, A. D. 1925, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order.

Witness my official hand and seal of office this 9th day of December, A. D. 1925.

H. A. C. Brummett,
County Judge, Dickens County, Texas
No 56 3tc

Mrs. L. B. Hancock, of Fort Worth, stones and is doing nicely at this time. underwent an operation here for gall



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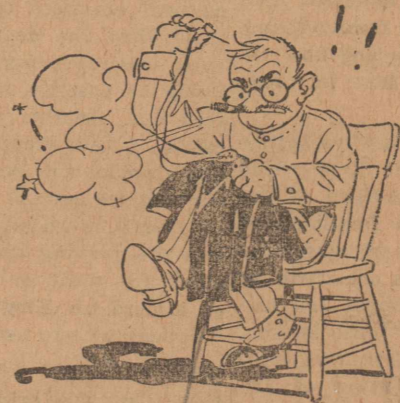
Best New Year's
Wishes

The Spirit of the Holiday Season

Prompts us to express appreciation of our pleasant business relations; and to give credit where credit is due.

We gratefully know that our progress comes from the friendship of folks like you.

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**We Put Workmanship Into Our
Clothes**

Let us make your next Suit or Overcoat. Select your material from the scores of patterns we have ready for you. We're wishing you a real Old Fashioned Xmas, the Jolly Happy kind.

Spur Tailor Shop

DEATHS

Thomas Marion Thompson, of near Spur, departed this life last Friday. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson and had spent most of his life in this country. He was born December 4th, 1896, and was 29 years and 13 days old at the time of his demise.

Funeral services were conducted and interment made in Spur Cemetery. Campbell and Campbell were funeral directors.

McARTHUR—Mrs. W. C. McArthur an aged and respected lady, died at her home last Friday. She was born April 1st, 1841, and was 84 years, 8 months and 17 days old at the time of her death.

She leaves six children, four boys and two daughters, who mourn her departure. The children are Jim, Tom, Bill and Edd McArthur, and Mrs. S. B. Scott and Mrs. Less Scott, all of Spur.

Funeral services were conducted at Spur by Rev. Young, of the Plains.

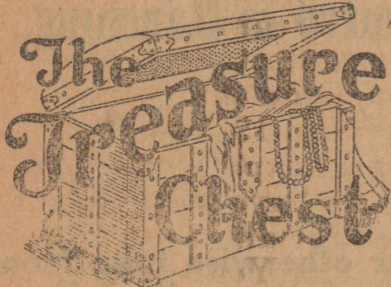
Interment was made in Spur Cemetery. Campbell & Campbell were the funeral directors.

PHILFER—The little infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Phifer, of McAdoo, died late Saturday night. Funeral services were held and interment made in McAdoo Cemetery Sunday afternoon.

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A LIVING FIRST FROM THE FARM

By Senator Capper

The farm will yield a good living to everyone who will give it a chance. I often have suggested to farm folks that one of the first things they should do is to lay plans so that the land they work will yield the family a living, irrespective of the outcome of the major farm enterprises. Those who took this course during the depression came out best. In times of prosperity this plan is equally worth while, because it will help increase the surplus of a good year and permit the laying away of large savings or the buying of more merchandise needed or desired.

I was much interested the other day in reading a bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture devoted to an investigation of the family living from the farm. It contained data from 30 farming localities in 21 states for the year 1918 to 1922. The information indicated how important a factor the family living from the farm really is and how vital a relationship it has to prosperity.

This inquiry showed that the family living from the farm at farm prices was approximately one third of the cost of living of farm families and two thirds of the cost of food, fuel and house rent. It was one ninth as much as the farm receipts and one third as much as the farm income.

In 1921 and 1922, years of agricultural depression, the value of the family living from the farm was one third of the farm income. If this living had been bought over the counter

in retail stores, the survey shows, the cost would have been twice the value given which is based on farm prices, so that it really represents a larger part of the farm income than is indicated.

The more nearly the farm is made to supply the family, the safer and more stable is the business of agriculture. Earning a living is the first aim of every man. He feels safe when that is accomplished and surplus earnings he is willing to save or expend as conditions warrant. But the living is the big thing. In that respect the farmer has an advantage over the city man—an advantage he can make greater the harder he tries. And by his endeavor he will increase his chances of making the other farming operations pay a profit, at least when averaged over a term of years.

Getting a living for the family from the farm, thru gardens, cows, sows and hens, and from an orchard, well may be considered as a form of insurance. Certainly it is the part of wisdom to grow all the food supplies for the family that can be produced. Those things which cannot be grown such as sugar, coffee and similar products, can be paid for by producing a surplus of eggs, butter or poultry.

Another interesting fact this survey revealed was that the family living from the farm is more stable than the farm receipts, the farm income or the labor income.

Now that farmers are enjoying more prosperity than they have had for several years, I feel it is important that they hold firm to the agricultural practices that helped bring them thru the depression. One of these was producing as much of their living as possible from the soil and feed lots. Another was the diversification of their cropping programs, so they would not be entirely dependent on the success or failure of one crop, such as wheat. A third practice was the growing and feeding of livestock for meat or the development of a herd of dairy animals. These practices all are sound. They saved many a farmer during the depression. They will help him in the days of prosperity. They are worth trying up to in a permanent relationship.

By so doing the farmer certainly can help himself toward a realization of his hope for a stabilized, paying agriculture.

SHORTAGE OF FAT BEEF CATTLE IN SOUTHWEST

"There is a shortage of fat beef cattle and of two and three year olds in the south west. This means that there will be a scarcity of fat cattle on the markets and that many yearlings and fat heifers will be sacrificed, if the market holds."

This statement was made last week in the course of a survey of the livestock situation among stockmen and farmers of the southwest, just completed by A. K. Short, of Dallas.

"Since last March there has been a steady advance in the price of well-bred cattle until it now appears that before Spring the \$40 and \$50 cow will replace the \$14 and \$15 cow," the statement continues. "European conditions are improving, which will help in absorbing the American surplus of market cattle."

"Breeders of purebred beef cattle have passed through the hardest period of their existence. The result is that the breeders who are fairly well established financially have been able to keep their heads above water by closely culling their herds, leaving only the individuals of outstanding quality. Less fortunate stockmen, who have had to sacrifice their herds, will rebuild with high quality animals. I believe the livestock industry of the southwest will be built on a sounder, firmer basis than ever before, with quality rather than quantity beef production."

In his survey Mr. Short stated that depression and drouth conditions will bring about similar results in the dairy industry.

"Thousands of low grade, unprofitable milk cows have been thrown on the market at any price. Purebred, high producing cows are taking their places. Every year we are seeing an increase in the average of feed crops in the southwest. This will help the dairy industry."

"There are fewer hogs on the farms of the southwest than for many years. We load up on hogs when they are high, prices go down, due to over production, we get disgusted and unload and by the time prices are up again, we have no hogs to sell. A sane program which would bring profit to most farms would provide for enough home raised pork for family consumption, with a small surplus for the market. There should be profit in marketing hogs during the coming

year. It is found that the 1925 fall pig crop is about 83 per cent of the crop a year ago, with the greatest reduction in the southwest. The prospects point to a pig crop in 1926 that is 94 per cent of that produced last spring."

Increased prices of mutton and wool during the past two years have stimulated the sheep industry of the southwest, according to Mr. Short. Most of the sheep ranches of West Texas are stocked to capacity, he says, with a number of cattle ranches turning to sheep for larger profits.

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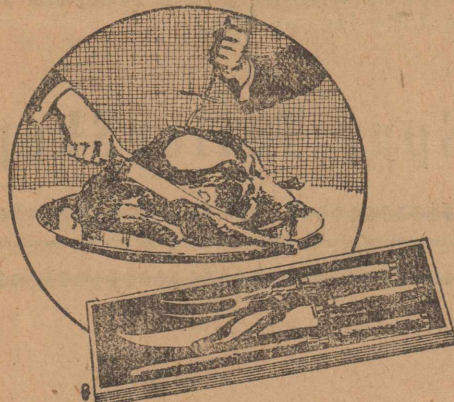
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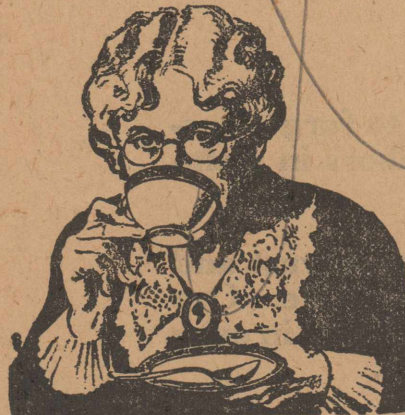


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County Agent cautions growers to be careful of pitfalls in long distance marketing.

There seems to be a surplus of milo on many farms, at least quite a num-

ber of farmers have it for sale with the hope of getting advantage of the full market price. A number of men have spoken to the County Agent concerning the possibility of shipping a market for the Maize Heads.

In such markets as Fort Worth, Waco, and other cities grain dealers

and brokers in these markets will buy products in car load lots readily from farmers, the same as from our local dealers who buy the grain to resell.

While I am not a grain dealer I have secured some information for the benefit of the grain growers who are thinking of selling. There are advantages and disadvantages in selling by car load lots to other dealers. Advantages—you might receive a higher price than local dealers could offer; you could get bids from several dealers and sell to the highest bidder. The chances are that the man loading a car would be offered one or two dollars more per ton than the local dealer could offer to pay.

Disadvantages—here is where the rub comes. The buyer buys on weights at destination and not at the point of loading. Experienced shippers tell us that one may expect a ton or even more of shrinkage from loading weights. The buyer would no doubt have the car inspected at destination by federal or State inspectors and might get a lower grade than the seller expected. The seller cannot see and talk with the buyer. If the buyer was hard boiled or tired to take advantage of the seller, the seller would have to submit or go to the trouble and expense of making a trip in person to straighten out the tangle.

A farmer would more than likely run into a snag with the distant buyer than the local dealer because the local dealer is looked upon as a customer to be treated fairly to insure future trade.

If a Fort Worth dealer offers one \$18.00 per ton f. o. b. at Spur for a 20 ton car, it might shrink and weigh out only 19 tons at Fort Worth and bring 19 times 18.00 or 342.00. If the weights held out the 20 tons would bring \$360.00. The shipper might be 20 days getting his money.

The 20 tons sold to local dealer at \$16.00 per ton would bring \$320.00 sure cash in hand at once without any worry, trouble or uncertainty.

Marketing is a difficult job and requires considerable experience to do successfully. It is a game in itself.

Every man producing stuff owes it to himself to study the market and learn all he can about the marketing situation.

One selling less than a car load would perhaps find it to his advantage to sell to local leaders or else go in with a neighbor or two and load a car.

The County Agent will be glad to get quotations and offers from dealers for anyone wanting to ship milo heads in car load lots, the farmer necessarily transacting all business with the buyer since the County Agt. is a government employee and is not permitted to engage in commercial buying and selling.

He, however, will be glad to assist without cost anyone in finding a buyer for car load shipments.

Last but not least I would urge everyone thinking of shipping, to talk with some one who has had experience along this line.—Fred. S. Reynolds.

Carl Sherman, New York's former attorney general properly complained against criticism of lawyers who take criminal bankruptcy and matrimonial cases. According to some folks lawyers should act only in cases of "respectable law breaking."

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INFLUENZA.

The onset of influenza is invariably sudden and intensive. There are no warnings of its approach. One point, of which we are reasonably certain is, that the infection enters the system thru the breathing passages. During epidemics, the gargle and nasal douch should be used freely after all exposure, as a possible preventive. Contact with suspected cases should be scrupulously avoided if possible. Large or small public gatherings, where a dozen or more are coughing, are very dangerous, and traveling in over-heated trains that are usually crowded, often scatters millions of influenza germs.

Weakness is the predominant symptom—indeed that may be the only diagnostic symptom. No other disease prostrates the victim so thoroughly from its moment of onset. There is nothing like this weakness. Sometimes there is fever—at other times none, or so little as to escape notice. Active delirium is common in febrile cases. It is in this stage that pneumonia usually supervenes, if at all. Absolute rest in bed is imperative, and should be resorted to promptly.

Alcohol in diluted form, has proven of inestimable value in the treatment of influenza, if its use is carried on until free sweating occurs. It appears to be antagonistic to the poison, and is useful in combatting the terrible weakness. It should only be used with the advice and observation of the physician. Many doubt the efficacy of vaccines, though I have found them of great value in my cases, and am never without them. Strict quarantine is a wise measure that should not be neglected, in localities where influenza is prevalent. Good nursing is an essential upon which too much emphasis cannot be laid.

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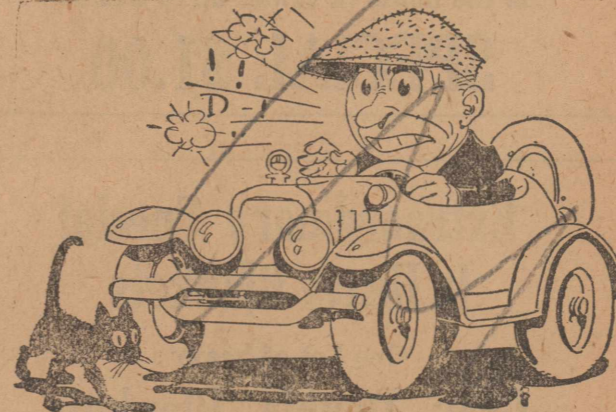
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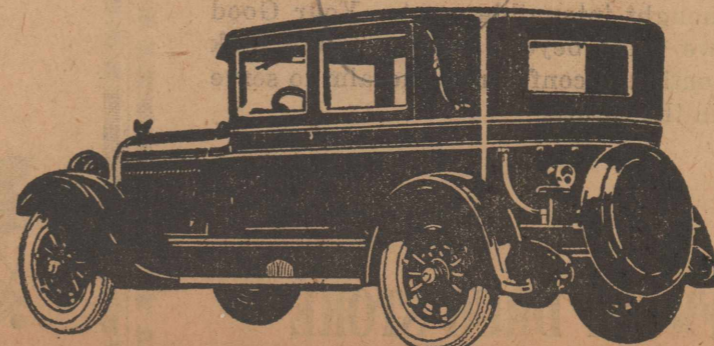
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PROMINENT MATADOR CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

Jack Luckett one of the pioneer citizens of Matador, and a man who had much influence with the growth of that town, died there about eight o'clock Friday morning. Mr. Luckett had been afflicted the past two years with paralysis, but had been able to be about his business most of the time. Thursday evening he was attacked with what his physician called acute indigestion which combined with the old trouble and soon took him away. His physician did all that medical skill could do, but it seemed to be a case of battling against fate. Funeral services were conducted at the First Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. Smallwood. A great number of people attended this last sad rite in his memory, and great sadness seemed to enshroud every one present.

Mr. Luckett was one of the early settlers of Motley County. For a number of years he was employed on the Matador Ranch, and was largely instrumental for the success of that company. He lived an economical life, and won the confidence of his employers which was a stepping stone to his success.

While he was with a herd on the trail to Kansas City, news was brought to him of the death of a near relative. This was sad to him. However, the message further stated that he was to come into possession of the estate, and this was his first opportunity to start into the financial world. He worked on the ranch some little time after this first financial acquisition and then started into business for himself.

Mr. Luckett's disposition to play fair with the boys while he was on the range won him many and lasting friends. It was just part of him, but he found this great characteristic to be very profitable to him in his business life. He was successful in business. He, with a number of cowboy friends, organized the Matador Mercantile Company and he was made secretary and treasurer of the firm. For many years he assumed the business management, and it was through his keenness and alertness that the business enjoyed the success that it has. He was still a member of the firm at the time of his death.

He was one of the men who helped to organize the company and drill the oil well that afterward became the famous "Texas Chief," and that was instrumental in starting the oil development in the Wichita Falls field. Of course, he received quite an income from this industry, but he used every dollar of it judiciously for the happiness and comfort of his family and friends.

He had acquired a number of small farms in different sections of his county. This caused him to come in contact with people a great deal in as much as he had to secure renters for these farms. Yet in all of his dealings no one ever heard of him mistreating one of his renters. He always stood by them in their financial difficulties, and was as much interested in their welfare as he was in his own. He was somewhat reserved until he was fully acquainted with any one, and then he always proved himself a warm and useful friend.

Mr. Luckett leaves his wife, three children and a sister to mourn his departure. He will be greatly missed in his home, for in all his great business rush he never neglected the pleasures of his family. He was kind and considerate, ever ready to provide for their needs which means so much to the happiness in a home. Not only will he be missed by his

wife and children, but there are hundreds of friends whose lives have been benefitted by his benevolent attitude and who will miss him greatly. Mr. Luckett never spurned the needy, but on the other hand always contributed to making them happy. He was a man among men, and made his life stand out for the benefit of Mankind.

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