

## WEST TEXAS UTILITIES COMPANY BUYS LOCAL POWER AND LIGHT CO'S PLANT

### Baptist Meeting To Begin Sunday

## HOMES BURGLARIZED AND LOCAL OFFICERS HAVE ONE SUSPECT JAILED

A transaction was consummated the first part of the week whereby the West Texas Utilities Company secured ownership of the Spur Light & Power Company's plant. The transaction was to be as of Jan. 1st, but the local company will look after the business until January 15, when the West Texas Utilities Co. will assume complete control.

In conversation with Mr. G. W. Frye, General Manager for the West Texas Co., with headquarters at Abilene, the Times was informed that there would be some changes made in the business. In other words Spur will be made a sub-station for the present and the adjacent towns will be supplied from this plant. In narrating the outline Mr. Frye said: "The local plant has a 240 horse power engine. We expect to install a 800-hp. Diesel engine with this one, making a little more than 1,000 horse power here. Then we shall construct a line through Girard to Jayton, letting the local plant supply these towns until we can get our main line built."

It will require something like three months to complete the above work. Further information revealed the fact that it would require approximately one year to connect Spur with the main line. This line will be built through Spur via. Roby, Stamford and connect with the main plant. The local plant will be used as a relay unit to keep the service going in case the main line should be wrecked by storm or the lightning should impair the service.

The West Texas Utilities Company have an investment of something like \$15,000,000 in West Texas. Their investment for last year reached the \$3,000,000 mark. It has always been their purpose to lend their influence as they will

### MISS MARGARET MOWAT WILL RECOVER STATES PHYSICIANS

The latest reports in regard to Miss Margaret Mowat, of Dallas, who was seriously injured Sunday, December 26th, state that the attending physicians say she will recover. She is in Baylor Hospital where she is receiving the best medical and surgical attention obtainable in the State.

Miss Mowat and her sister, Miss Fidelity, were out riding when the latter's horse slipped on the icy pavement causing her to dismount. Miss Margaret started in pursuit of the horse, when her horse in turning a corner slipped and threw her against the curb rendering her unconscious for some four or five days.

These young ladies are well known in Spur, having spent two summers here as guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and Eloise and Billie Jo McCrary went to Dallas December 27th, but had not learned of the accident until they arrived. Mr. Johnson returned to Spur Tuesday evening stating that Miss Margaret was getting along nicely, but would have to remain in the hospital for several days yet, and would not regain herself for several weeks.

### BRINGS GOOD REPORT FROM THE PLAINS

Fred Collett, one of the early-day joys of the Modley county country and well known in this county, was here the first of the week visiting his brother, Hamp Collett, his sister, Mrs. Cal Martin, and his cousin, Mrs. Homer Cargile. Upon being asked how were conditions at Hereford, he stated that everything was going all right. People had harvested a very fine crop of the real wheat, which placed most of the farmers on a very good financial basis.

"One thing about our country," said Mr. Collett, "Is that the people do not depend upon credit at the stores nor help at the bank. Most every farmer has a few cows, some hogs and a hundred or more hens. A great many people sold some turkeys and they brought a lot of money into the country. We have plenty of feed, and there will be a few cattle sold out of our part of the country in the early spring."

Upon being questioned about cotton Mr. Collett said that a few people had planted cotton and a very few had made it their paramount crop the past year. "Now you cannot get a farmer to depend upon cotton," he said. "But they are getting away from the one-crop system, he continued, "but they are getting away from that as they can see that the other fellow is getting by better by using three or four crops. We don't have so much money at one time, but you can see that there is a little coming in at almost all parts of the year. We pay as we go and save the interest."



Evangelist V. B. Starnes who will do the preaching during the meeting which begins at the First Baptist Church in Spur at eleven o'clock next Sunday. Rev. Starnes is said to be among the ablest evangelists in America, and while he is a young man, he has always commanded a large congregation wherever he has been. It is reported that there has been as many as fifty men converted in one service where he did the preaching.



Miss Alice McKnight is the pianist. She is not only an accomplished musician, but is a great worker with the young people.



Mr. K. D. Turner who will have charge of the singing during the meeting. Mr. Turner is an excellent singer and also meets the people well. It is hoped that the people of Dickens and surrounding counties will avail themselves of the opportunity of attending the meeting. D. Y. Twaddell, north of town, was looking after business affairs on our streets Tuesday.

### MRS. MILLER WRITES

Abilene, Texas  
Dec. 20, 1926

Dear Friends:  
I want to thank everyone who has added joy by sending cards, letters and flowers. I watch for the mail every day and am never disappointed. Some good words come each mail. Each message recalls a kind deed, a word, a look or smile which betokened real friendship. I am so glad to tell you that I am improving every day and am still very thankful that my accident was no worse. It will be many days before I walk and am a complete shut-in. I am so heavy that I am afraid of crutches.

My friends here have been exceedingly nice to me and have in different ways made my stay pleasant, as could be under the circumstances. Stayed in the Hospital ten days and then moved to a nice little brick apartment at 449 Redding Ave. This is just a short block west after crossing Grape Street on 5th street. Grape is the paved Street on which you enter Abilene from Spur. Come by to see me if you happen to be over here.

Best wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

I get my mail, box 1177.  
Mrs. P. H. Miller

Roy Russell, manager of Love Dry Goods Co. at Panhandle, was here the first of the week looking after business affairs.

G. W. Bradley, one of the thrifty ranchmen of the Watson community, was transacting business here Wednesday.

### RETURN HOME AFTER ENJOYABLE VISITS

Judge F. N. Oliver enjoyed the great pleasure of a visit from his sons and only brother during the holidays. The sons are: Ben F. Oliver, of New York City; Frank L. Oliver, of Washington, D. C.; Clifton Oliver, of Amarillo and Coke Oliver, of Slaton. The brother is John F. Oliver, of Portales, New Mexico.

Ben F. Oliver has been with the New York Times for a number of years and is considered one of the best newspaper men of America. Frank L. Oliver is now with the printing department for the Government at Washington City where he has been doing a great service for our country. In these two positions the sons are only following in the footsteps of their father, for Judge Oliver was one of the early newspaper men of our state and state that it is still a great pleasure to visit a newspaper office and talk over old times.

The Judge stated that having his boys with him this Christmas was a great joy as it was the first time all of them had been with him in about thirty years.

### ROTARIANS ENJOY A GREAT DAY WITH THE GOVERNOR PRESENT

The Rotarians of Spur enjoyed a great meeting last Thursday with Will C. Edwards, Governor of the 41st District, present. This was a day that the local Rotarians had been looking forward to for more than a month, and they entered into the meeting with great interest.

Governor Bill arrived in Spur about 11:30 and had a short session with the council. The council was recessed at twelve and the main meeting of the Rotary was convened at the Spur Inn where a fine luncheon was enjoyed, and a great talk from Governor Bill. The Governor impressed upon the members that each one was supposed to represent his particular classification in Rotary to the highest degree and Rotary does not mean the representing of one's own individual business. He said that each Hardware man should represent the hardware business in its highest ethical standard, likewise should dry good men, each grocery man and every other classification that is represented.

The meeting of the council was resumed at one thirty when the officers and committeemen were put through a very thorough test and questioning. The governor's visit was an invaluable one for here were many things that had been neglected that will be a means of success to Spur Rotarians.

The Governor went from here to Abilene where he met with the Rotarians of that city Friday.

The Rotary at Spur meets every Thursday at twelve o'clock at the Spur Inn. Visiting Rotarians are always welcome to be present.

### RECOVER STILL - HOLDING IT FOR OWNER

Constable M. L. Nichols and City Marshal Edd McArthur are holding in custody a very fine still which they found in the Swenson Pasture eight miles east of Spur Sunday. The location was in a canyon about two miles east of the Renfro Ranch.

The still contained a 35-gallon boiler and there was about 200 gallons of mash that was getting in good state for business. Constable Nichols stated that the owner of the still may get it by calling for it and making proof of ownership.

### PERRYTON PIONEER DIES

A message received Tuesday about two o'clock stated that W. G. Butler, an aged citizen of Perryton, was dying. Mr. Butler had suffered a great deal of heart trouble and for the past few weeks had been in the Sanitarium at Perryton.

Mr. Butler was one of the pioneer citizens of the West, having passed his eightieth birthday in useful service. He was a grandfather to Mrs. E. M. Stringfellow of the Times office. Mrs. Stringfellow left Tuesday afternoon for Perryton to attend the funeral services and pay the last respects possible to this deceased relative.

Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, Roy and Freeman, returned Friday from Fort Worth, where they spent the holidays with Mrs. Edmonds' parents.

A number of homes in Spur were burglarized the past Monday night by some unknown parties. There was a great deal of money and several watches taken by the party.

The following homes were reported entered—R. E. Lea lost a watch and \$15 in gold which was a keepsake, Cecil Fox lost his watch and several checks, along with \$15. The checks were recovered. Also his brother, Charlie Fox lost a fine watch and chain containing a ten-dollar gold piece as a charm. C. P. Ensey lost \$50 in money and a billfold. The bill fold was found in Tuesday. Newt Harkey's home was entered but there seems to have been nothing taken. Roy Stovall lost his watch. Rev. I. A. Smith's home was entered but he reported nothing missing.

Tuesday M. L. Nichols, City Marshal Edd McArthur and Deputy Sheriff Rollie Harkey took a party into custody and landed him in all. As to what action has been taken is not yet known, but certain indications leading out give some very good evidence.

Some three or four people who were out late Monday night saw some very suspicious looking people on the streets in the residence action of the town. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Davis saw the parties on West Harris street and Mrs. M. A. Lea saw a man on Carroll avenue that filled the same description as was given by Mr. and Mrs. Davis. The tracks and finger prints left in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Fox gave reasons for the arrest made. Further action of the court is awaited.

### A SAD MESSAGE

A message came to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stafford last Saturday morning stating that their little granddaughter had died at Santa Ana, Calif. The cause of the death was not known but was thought to have been croup as the child had suffered a great deal from the disease.

The baby was the four-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Pleas Curd, and was their only child. Mrs. Curd is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stafford.

The many friends will be sorry to hear of this sadness coming to these dear people, and the Times joins in extending sympathy.

### LEE WALDROP WANTED

Lee Waldrop left the home of W. N. Hainey, four miles north of Lubbock, for his home in Bradshaw, Texas, Taylor County, Wednesday, December 1, 1926, being five weeks ago. He has not been heard from since that date.

The boy is recommended as being very punctual about writing his father. He will be 21 years old in March and is slender of stature, about 135 pounds, dark brown hair, gray eyes, and he wore a brown shirt, leather coat, and a high crown broad brim hat with a small crush in front.

His father, W. F. Waldrop, at Bradshaw, would appreciate any information about him. The father was in Spur last evening making inquiry about him. He had been in search of Lee for the past nine days, and had been in conference with all the officers all the way between Bradshaw and Lubbock.

M. S. Favor, of Prairie Chapel community, was transacting business in our city Tuesday.

**A Few More Bargains Left**

## FINAL CLEARANCE

- \$4.50 Wool Shirts \$2.95
- \$2.50 Dress Shirts \$1.19
- 6.00 to 9.85 Ladies Shoes—\$3.95
- Men's Heavy Unions—98c
- Children's Heavy Unions—59c
- \$20.00 Justin Boots—\$12.95
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Did you ever see a mechanic assemble a motor without oiling all working parts as they were put together?

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Did you ever see a mechanic trying to adjust a carburetor, race the motor full speed for from one to five minutes, tinker awhile and then race the motor some more.

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WATSON ITEMS

There was a big crowd at the party at the home of Mr. Robinett Friday night.

A big crowd enjoyed the dance at Mr. Lyckman's home Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Rankins of White River were visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Springer Sunday.

Sherman Robinett and Miss Katherine Carr were quietly married Christmas night.

For some reason or other, Oscar Crafton was in a real big hurry to get his jitney fixed last week.

Mr. Gilmore went to Crosbyton Monday to attend to business.

FOR RENT—after January 15, a stucco house. It is beautiful, modern in every respect, close in, completely furnished and very highly desirable. D. Y. Twaddell. 111-tfc

J. A. Murphy, of Espuela, was looking after business affairs here the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding and children returned Tuesday from Hempstead where they had been spending the holidays with Mrs. Golding's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Schwarz.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Cooper, formerly of Rotan, were here the first of the week visiting Mrs. Cooner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Boykin, north of town. Mr.

and Mrs. Cooner are moving to Gorman where Mr. Cooner has a position with a large grocery firm.

C. N. Kidd, of Dry Lake, was taking advantage Saturday of the many bargains being offered by Spur merchants.

O. P. Meador, of Duck Creek, was selling some of the fleecy staple on Spur market Saturday.

B. F. Simmons, of Dry Lake, was looking after business affairs here Saturday.

G. A. Sloan, of Highway, was greeting friends on our streets the first of the week.

A. M. Shepherd, of Dry Lake, was doing some trading with Spur merchants Saturday.

M. B. Gage, of Afton, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

WATSON ITEMS

(Too Late for Last Issue) The Watson gin has installed some new cleaning machinery but

there has not been much cotton brought in the past week on account of the wet weather.

Miss Clytie Crafton spent Friday night and Saturday with Miss Thelma Gilmore.

Mrs. J. M. Aston and children spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crump and Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Grizzle.

Jim Crump and son, Oliver, is attending court at Dickens this week.

W. B. Ford has purchased the old home place of Mrs. B. F. Crump.

M. L. Crafton has bought a place near Spur and will move to it as soon as his crop is gathered here.—Molly

DICKENS SOPHOMORE CLASS OF 1926-1927

The Sophomore Class of Dickens High School held a class meeting Tuesday, December 14, and elected class officers and selected the class colors, class flower and motto.

The following people were elected: Tab Clark, president; Estelle Armstrong, vice-president; Mildred Terry, secretary and treasurer and Benny Worswick, reporter.

The class colors were rose and gold and the class flower is a rose. The motto—"Success does not come in flower beds of ease."—Reporter.

JUDGE OLIVER ASSUMES OFFICIAL DUTIES

F. N. Oliver again assumes the official duties of Justice of the Peace for Precinct 3. The Judge took the oath of office last Saturday and filed his bond with the proper authorities. His first official act was the marriage of Mr. Jesse James Hail and Miss Jewell M. Christopher, two young people of Afton, who were married at three o'clock Sunday afternoon at Judge Oliver's residence.

Judge Oliver opened his first term of court Monday morning. There were a number of cases that came up and were disposed of in a legal manner. The Judge was in the best of humor during court Monday. In a joking manner he said, "Tell the people that I have instituted the Supreme Court of Spur, Texas, and I am qualified to take care of their legal business. I will handle cases within my jurisdiction now. There will be no divorces granted within the first thirty days." Further on he stated

that he was thinking of issuing certificates authorizing old maids and old bachelors to get married.

"I would do this," he said, "Only to show the supreme authority of the Supreme Court of Spur." The Judge related a number of other amusing instances during the intermission of cases and kept those in the court room in a roar of laughter.

Judge Oliver has served the people of Texas as a justice more than sixteen years. He succeeded Justice D. A. Young who has served in the courts here the past nine years in a faithful manner. Judge Oliver entered upon his duties just like he had always been doing them and appeared very much at home in the office.

WATSON ITEMS

There was quite a lot of excitement here last week when one hunting found a dead negro.

Monday night a large crowd had an enjoyable time at the party at Mr. and Mrs. Morris'.

While Jim Crump and family were away to spend Christmas, some one went in their house and took a shot gun. So far nothing else of any value has been missed.

Some of the folks in this community spent Christmas in Plainview and say they had a real Christmas. There was a four inch snow on the ground, big icicles hanging on everything, a Christmas tree and a real Santa Claus. All in harmony with the day.

Jake Grizzle was seen going toward town Tuesday with a very important look. We don't know if he really felt as important as he looked or not.

Sally

G. M. Cox, of Soldier Mound, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

C. S. Kearney, west of town, was

in looking after business affairs Saturday.

Jeff Smith, of Dry Lake, was doing some trading with Spur merchants Saturday.

C. D. Bird, of Matador, was greeting friends in our city Sunday. His son was on his way to Simmons University.

Cecil C. Cammack and Lewis

Dr. T. H. Blackwell

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Williams were through our city Sunday enroute to Abilene where they will resume their studies in Simmons University.

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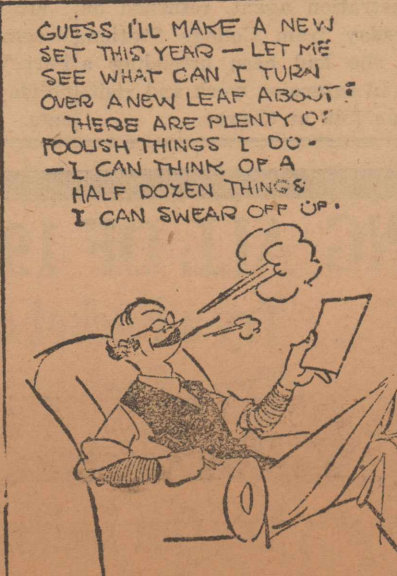
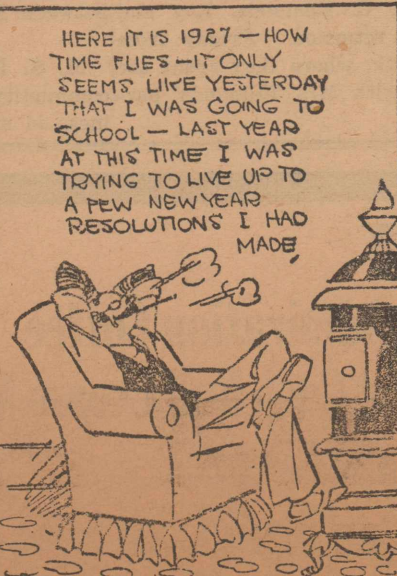
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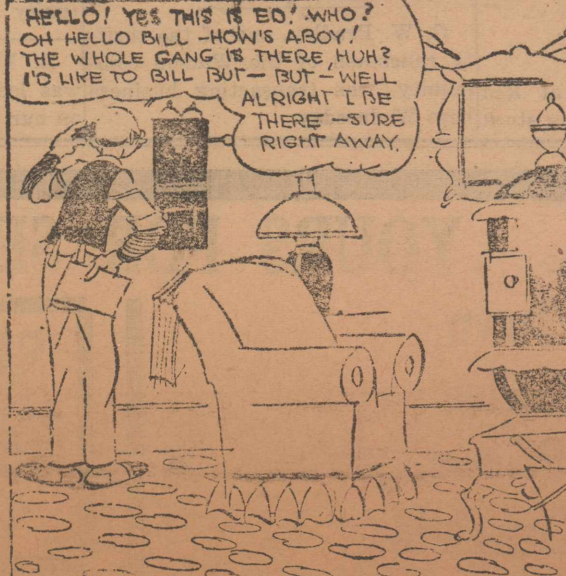
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# Prize Robin Hood Essays

(FIRST PRIZE—MORRIS LANE SEVENTH GRADE)

Before starting the story of this merry archer and earl I will ask you to go back with me to the reign of King Richard, "Of the Lion-Hearted," thus called because of his mighty prowess in battle.

The first part of the story is laid on the preparation to start on the "Holy Crusade." The first scene is the tournament of the knights the prize being a garment of laurels and the rank of second in command of the "Holy Crusade."

The pages announced the last encounter between the two champions, "Sir Guy of Gisbourne," and "Robert Earl of Huntingdon." To gain unfair advantage, Sir Guy strapped himself to his saddle and when the marshals inspected the contestants, "Sir Guy" held his shield over the straps.

"King Richard" waged his golden locket against Prince John's Prize Falcon that the Earl won, but was refused by Prince John, who was secretly in conspiracy with "Sir Guy."

When the heralds of the court announced the encounter of the two knights of mighty England, they met and splintered lances. The second rush unmounted "Sir Guy," giving Huntingdon the victory. He was congratulated by the King and received the "laurel" of victory from the hands of "Lady Marian Fitzwalter," queen of love and beauty for the day.

That night there was feasting and happiness in the palace. There were games, contests and races. Huntingdon went about laughing and cheering discouraged knights. Many knights were spending their last nights with their sweethearts and friends. The merry-making lasted far into the night but finally ended with the call to prepare for departure.

At parting, Huntingdon told his trusty squire to protect Lady Marian with his life. He spent his last hour of parting with Lady Marian, his love. On departing, Prince John, who coveted the throne, told Sir Guy to kill both King Richard and the vallant Huntingdon while away.

Slowly the long train of knights and chariots left the city on their noble mission.

Huntingdon spurred the men on while the deceitful Gisbourne awaited a chance to kill the noble Huntingdon and the mighty Richard. In camp Huntingdon kept up a chery attitude among the knights.

We will now go back to England and will see Prince John's treachry. The dust had hardly settled on the "Crusaders" tracks when Prince John began to execute his unscrupulous plans. He taxed the poor and if they didn't pay he turned them into the streets and took their belongings. He hanged the high officials of King Richard's and filled the offices with his followers.

Lady Marian grew tired of seeing her people suffer under the tyrannical rule of Prince John, so she sent Huntingdon's squire with a message requesting Huntingdon to return and aid the people.

The squire delivered the message to Huntingdon, who wanted to return immediately but he knew the "Holy Crusade" would fail if he told the king. He asked permission to return home but is refused by the king. Realizing the danger that threatened England he decides to return without permission. As he started to mount his steed he was shot by Sir Guy, who saw a good chance to get rid of his enemy and yet not be arrested. He told the king he had shot Huntingdon, who was attempting to desert. Before starting Huntingdon had sent a carried pigeon with an answer to Lady Marian. Sir Guy told the king of this message and the king left Huntingdon and his squire in a tower as prisoners.

That night Sir Guy attempted to kill King Richard. He crawled in the king's tent and thrust his dagger through the covers into the sleeping form of the jester, which he believed to be that of the King. By the alertness of the squire,

he and Huntingdon escaped from the tower and returned to England.

Sir Guk returned to England and told Prince John of Lady Marian's message, who vowed to kill her. Lady Marian escaped and found refuge in the "Convent of the Holy Church."

## II

Soon after Huntingdon returned to England he began to gather men together to humble the proud Prince John. Men poured into Sherwood Forest to join the merry band of outlaws that Robinhood, formerly Huntingdon, had organized. Robin Hood robbed the rich and gave to the poor.

A messenger told King Richard of this bold outlaw, whom Prince John feared. The King was pleased to hear of Robin Hood and he suspected the real name of the bold archer. He was displeased to hear of Prince John's harsh rule and made plans to return immediately to England to join ranks with Robin Hood.

Some of Prince John's men robbed "The Holy Church" of many valuable ornaments as the men were returning home they were captured by Robin Hood and his merry band. Robin returned the stolen property to the convent and there he found Lady Marian. He told her he would return for "When the Lark Sings in the Morn." As he left a spy of Prince John's recognized him and reported to Prince John.

Prince John demanded her arrest and summoned her to be brought to the castle.

Robin Hood returned to his lair, awakened his men and told them to stay and fight the Prince's troops while he, Allan-a-Dale and Will Scarlet would capture Nottingham.

After the departure of Robin Hood a mysterious stranger appeared and asked permission to join the band of merry men. Friar Tuck told him he must prove his strength in a quarter-stave duel. The stranger fought and promptly defeated the boastful Friar Tuck.

Little know the men that this is their loyal king.

Robin Hood and his two men rushed to Nottingham and called an assembly of the people who hated the deceitful prince. In the meanwhile Sir Guy was beseeching

Lady Marian's love. She threatened to jump out of the window if he came near her.

Robin Hood shot arrows everywhere and almost hit the "High Sheriff of Nottingham" and just missed the prince who was offering a reward for the capture of Robin Hood. The Prince called together his men and they chased the active Robin, who climbed the drawbridge chain and entered a trap door. Just as he started up a vine swing Lady Marian leaped out to evade the persistent Sir Guy.

Robin Hood caught her and took her to safety. After finding out Sir Guy was the cause of her unhappiness he twisted Sir Guy around a column until his spine cracked. Just at this time the Prince's men rushed in, he fought until he heard three blasts, which announced the approach of his men. He then surrendered, being assured of his safety. The men took him to Prince John, and was ordered to die. Forty archers were ordered to shoot Robin Hood as Prince John dipped his dapper in the wine. Just as the arrows flew a shield inscribed with three lions comes between him and the arrows. Prince John at once knew that King Richard had returned and he knew his tyrannical reign was at an end. Robin Hood's men stormed the castle and captured all the Prince's officers.

With his superior strength King Richard lifted Prince John up and carried him to the drawbridge and left him outside, an outcast. This was the end of his treacherous reign.

Happiness and joy again reigned in the palace; there was much merrymaking and feasting in the castle where only yesterday was sorrow and unhappiness. The people were all glad to hear that Robin Hood was really the Earl of Huntingdon, their favorite. The wedding of Robin Hood and Lady Marian occurred that night and his event was celebrated by their many friends who knew of the oyalty of their love.

Leaving Huntingdon and all his friends happy. I will once again return to modern times. Hoping I have clearly described the bravery and chivalry of the "Middle Ages". Even though this story of this brave archer is untrue it describes the prowess and chivalry of the

ons of England during the "Middle Ages."

## ROBINHOOD

Second Prize  
Seventh Grade  
WALTER DUNN

Time has almost forgotten the ancient times and ways of the bold outlaws, knights, and robbers who lived in merry old England in the Middle Ages.

The poets have again brought forth the scenes and times of Chivalry when knights had battles and tournaments to see who was the best at arms.

The day before King Richard the Lion-hearted was to leave on the Holy Crusade. A great tournament took place to determine who would be second in command on the Crusade.

The great palace looked down upon England's knighthood in all its splendor.

Two of the contestants were Sir Guy of Gisbourne and Robert Earl of Huntingdon.

The Earl of Huntingdon had won the favor of the king by his many brave and noble deeds. Sir Guy had won the favor of Prince John, the brother of King Richard, by agolling to help execute the unscrupulous plans of the prince to secure the throne.

To the joy of King Richard the Earl of Huntingdon won the victory and was crowned with a wreath of laurels by Lady Marion Fitzwalter who had been chosen Queen of love and beauty to reign or one day.

The Earl of Huntingdon loved Lady Marion dearly and it was a sad hour of parting when he bade her farewell. The king had given him leave saying, "Even kings must wait on love."

Before departing Sir Guy of Gisbourne promised Prince John that he would see that neither Huntingdon or the king would return from the Holy Land.

The Earl of Huntingdon led the crusade with much pomp and array.

When any of the knights seemed despondant or homesick Huntingdon spurred them on saying that they would succeed and return to England with victory.

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# A GOSPEL MEETING

The home forces of the Church of Christ in Spur will begin a Protracted Meeting Sunday, January 9, to continue for two weeks or over three Sundays.

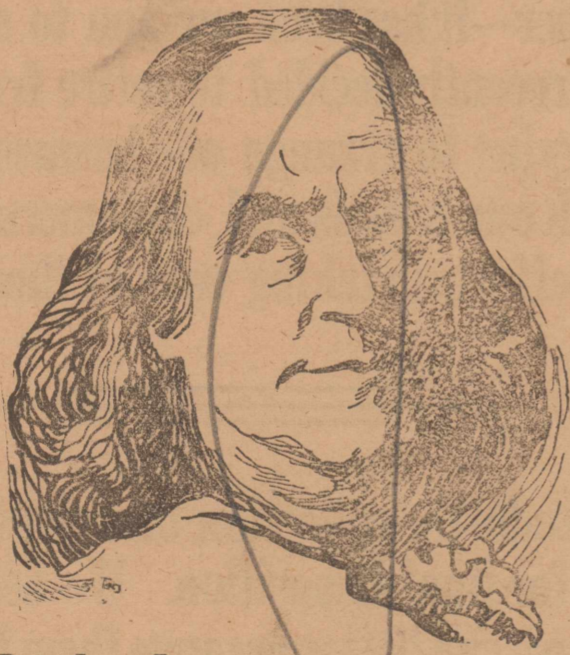
This meeting is for the City of Spur and surrounding communities.

Come and study with us the following subjects:

1. "The Word of God"
2. "The Beginning"
3. "Adam and Eve"
4. "Sin and Its Curse"
5. "Dead With Christ"
6. "When Faith Saves"
7. "When Grace Saves"
8. "When the Blood Saves"
9. "The Character of Jesus Christ"
10. "How God Hardens and Softens the Heart"
11. "Love That Shows Itself"
12. "They that are in the Flesh Cannot Please God"
13. "All Sufficiency of the Gospel and the Church"
14. "Is There Anything In a Name"
15. "The Exalted Christ"

# CHURCH OF CHRIST

## BENJAMIN FRANKLIN Staunch Advocate of THRIFT



Born Jan. 17

Few men knew the value of thrift and practised it in their lives as did Benjamin Franklin. In money matters he was not stingy but saving: not foolish, but wise; not miserly, but frugal.

He practised what he preached and many of his homely rules for handling money still live.

Here are three:

- Save First—Spend Afterward
- To Know the Value of a Dollar—Try to Borrow One
- A Penny Saved is a Penny Earned

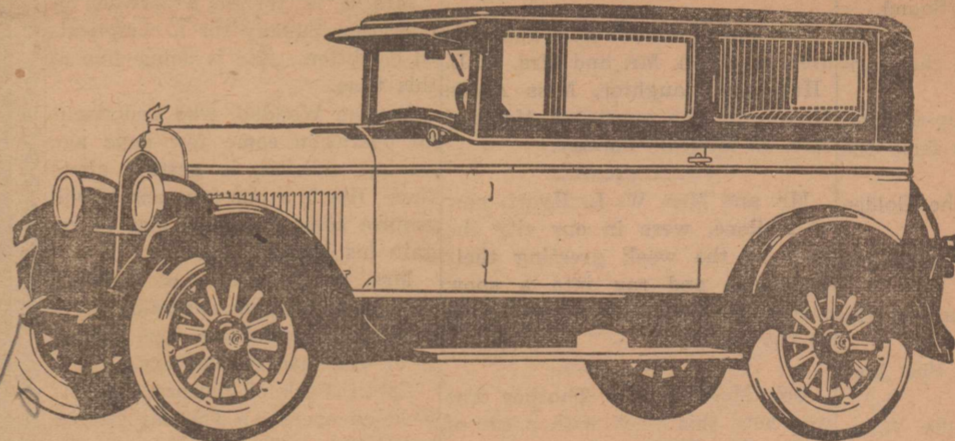
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## E. L. CARAWAY, AGENT

Five body types—Priced from \$1075 to \$1295, f. o. b. Detroit. Subject to current Federal excise tax.

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Protracted Meeting to be Held

On January the 9th, at 11:00 o'clock, we are to begin an old fashioned Protracted meeting. The Rev. V. B. Starnes, Evangelistic Party of Waco, Texas, will conduct this campaign. Very frequently there are as many as fifty grown men converted in one service of Bro. Starnes' meetings. The party is made up of three attractive young men, Rev. V. B. Starnes, Mr. Turner, the singer, and Mr. Baum, the pianist. There is no doubt about this being one of the greatest and most successful Evangelistic Parties in America today. Several of our Spur people have heard Bro. Starnes, and they know what a wonderful Evangelist he is. We are very anxious that all of the christian people of the town without regard to denominational affiliations join right in with us in every service of the meeting and all pull together for the winning of a glorious victory for our Lord. Let every singer in and around Spur accept this most cordial invitation to come right to the choir and join in affecting the greatest gospel singing that we have ever had here. Let all who play any kind of musical instruments bring their instruments and help make the music. Spur needs an old fashion revival and if we will all do our best, I am sure God will give us a revival that will greatly strengthen all of our churches and awaken this whole country spiritually.

I earnestly appeal to my brother pastors of the town and surrounding country to fall in line and work religiously and heroically as I am sure they will, to put a crown on Jesus in this meeting. Let every Sunday School Teacher, B. Y. P. U. worker, Leaguer, and every other church officer in Spur feel the responsibility for success in this meeting. A winter meeting is something new in our community; but the church will be kept warm and comfortable all the time, and you will not realize that it is cold on the outside of the building. So come right along dear fellow towns people and you will not experience a dull moment through the services. Now, this invitation means you! Without regard to your church affiliations. If you are a Christian, and love God, let this be one time when you let the community know about it.

Very earnestly,  
L. L. F. Parker, Pastor

GILPIN NEWS

It seems almost as if Gilpin has been on a boom here have been so many people here during the holidays. We are indeed glad to see the folks.

There have been several parties here this week—Monday night at Jesse Hagins', Tuesday night at Walter Diggers, Thursday night at Rev. V. B. Bennett's, and Friday night at Dalton Johnston's, so you see we can give account for being so sleepy.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Carlisle and family spent the first of last week with Mr. and Mrs. J. Carlisle.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hagins of Paris, Texas, spent Christmas in Gilpin with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Hagins, also Mr. J. L. Hagins and Mrs. J. W. Driggers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Nelson, from Matador, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Gregory.

So we notice that Vergil Smith and Henry Gregory had to make the third trip before they got any girls. That's all right boys, as the old saying is: if you don't succeed the first time, "try, try again." I am sure it is not all your fault.

Brother Huffman filled his regular appointment Sunday morning at eleven.

There was singing Sunday night at Mr. Bowen's.

REAL SERVICE

Mr. Haile of the Spur Mutual Life Insurance Association was here Wednesday with a check for \$1,500 for Mrs. P. H. Carroll, Mr. Carroll having died Tuesday. This is real service; and an additional admirable feature of the business is that the claim is being paid out of the surplus fund and there will be no assessment on the policy holders as a result of this claim. With the sort of management Mr. Haile is giving the Spur Mutual, it is fast becoming a household word in this part of Texas, making friends constantly and relieving distress and helping to bear the burdens that always follow in the wake of the hearse. May this good company live long and continue its good work.—Jayton News.

POULTRY DEMONSTRATION AROUSES INTEREST HERE

The poultry demonstration work which was started by County Agent Reynolds November 1st, is showing some marked results. There have been more than twenty ladies and men in the county who have signified their willingness to carry on the work until there is a real test made in regard to the profits in poultry.

From one or two reports we picked up the following information. One of these is the report of Mrs. R. N. James, of Dry Lake community.

Number of hens ----- 40  
Total number of birds ----- 118  
Cash paid for feed ----- \$2.44  
Eggs produced ----- 15 11-12 doz.  
Value of eggs used by family \$1.40  
Value of eggs marketed ----- \$8.20  
Profit on eggs less cost of feed ----- \$7.16  
Value of birds sold ----- \$14.00  
Total income from flock for November ----- \$21.16

This is not so bad for one month for a small farm flock. Here is another report from which we extracted some very good information. There was no allowance made for feed as there was none bought, but the feed had been raised on the farm. This is from the report of Mrs. J. M. Hahn of Espuela community.

Number of hens ----- 25  
Total number of birds ----- 110  
Eggs produced ----- 10 3-4 doz.  
Value of eggs used by family \$4.95  
Value of eggs sold ----- \$1.80  
Profit on eggs less feed ----- \$6.75  
Value of birds sold ----- \$31.75  
Income from flock for Nov. \$38.50

There are a number of others who are keeping records on their flocks but had failed to make a report to the agricultural department when the above data was secured. The object of the work is to determine whether or not the poultry on the farm is profitable. There has been much said about what can be made in the poultry business as a side line on the farm. The following people have agreed to keep records for a year to determine what the profits may be. They have been furnished with record sheets by the County Agricultural Department.

Mr. M. Hahn, Mrs. Luther Jensen, Mrs. Walter Powell, Mrs. R. N. James, Riley McMahan, Mrs. Walter Carr, A. B. Morgan, Mrs. J. R. Carr, C. C. Neely, Mrs. A. R. Reese, Mrs. W. P. Fretwell, Mrs. J. D. Gazden, Dan Pritchett, W. L. Aragon, Mrs. B. F. Middleton, George Erath, O. A. Lefevre, Mrs. Lowe, Mrs. E. R. Rogers, Mrs. W. F. Pierce, Mrs. M. D. Hunter.

As other persons make reports on their work, we expect to publish statements showing the profits, if any, that may result from the work.

MAN GIVES COLD CHECK; BREAKS JAIL

A man who gave his name to officers as Scott broke jail last Monday night. Some days ago he sent a check to some company for a suit of clothes. The company made investigation as the validity of the check and when they found it was no good, turned it over to the officers. Scott made inquiry at the post office for his suit and the officers took charge of him, finding him in jail to await further action of the courts. He made his escape and has not been found.

RHEUMATISM

While in France with the American Army I obtained a French prescription for the treatment of Neuritis and Rheumatism. I have given this to thousands with wonderful results. The prescription cost me nothing. I ask nothing for the field; I am afraid my sack will forget me and think that I am not coming back.—A Farm Girl.  
Paul Case, Dept C-1451, Brockton, Mass.

MEETING

A meeting of the shareholders of the Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, will be held the second Tuesday in January, 1927, in the Director's Room of the Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business to properly come before said meeting.

C. A. JONES, President  
W. T. ANDREWS, JR., Cashier

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Spur has a large number of students enrolled in the various colleges and the most of those came home for the holidays and have returned to their studies. It is a great compliment to have so many young people interested in a higher education. Among those who spent the holidays at home and have returned are: Geo. S. Link, Jr., S. M. U.; Misses Lera and Annis Albain, Southwestern; Miss Mary Ella Hogan at McMurray; Miss Anna Mae Hale at Randolph, Cisco; Roy E. Edmonds, Tech.

Sula R. Gardner, of the Pitch Fork Rancho, was looking after business here for his rancho the first of the week.

FOR SALE—Pure bred Buff Orpington cockerels at \$1.50 to \$3.50 each. Mrs. V. C. Smart. 102-4t

FOR SALE—S. C. White Leghorn Cockerels \$1.50 each. Dan Pritchett—Spur, Texas. 102-3tp

FOR RENT—A Ford, at the Sunshine Service Station.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Ninety-five acres of land about one mile north of Spur School house and 5-room residence on Hill Street. M. W. Chapman. pd

LOST—A B-Flat Clarinet in case on the Crosbyton-Spur highway. Finder please return to W. B. Dillard at Salem's Quainty and receive reward.

NO WAY OUT

Sam was charged with theft and the Judge was talking to him in court.

"Now, Sam, you know what happens if you don't tell the truth, don't you?"

"Yes, Suh—Ah goes to hell and burns."

"And now what will happen if you tell the truth?"

"Ah'll done get 30 days!"

H. A. C. Brummett, our official County Judge, was over from the county seat Saturday greeting his old friends.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The ladies of the Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at the Methodist church.

An interesting program from our Missionary paper "The Voice Was Given." Mrs. Blackwell was the Leader.

After this the following officers were elected for the new year:

Mrs. Snider, President.  
Mrs. Payne, Vice-Pres.  
Mrs. Smith, Cor. Sec.

Mrs. Rector, Rec. Sec.  
Mrs. S. H. Twaddell, Treas.  
Mrs. Morris, local Treas.

Mrs. M. H. Brannen, Supt. of Young people.

Mrs. Murray Lee, Supt. of the Children.

Mrs. Blackwell, Supt. of the Study.

Mrs. Fite, Supt. of Supplies.  
Mrs. Hogan, Supt. of Social Service.

Mrs. Campbell, Supt. Publicity.  
Mrs. Whitener, Supt. of Local Work.

Mrs. Manning, Voice Agent.

—Reporter

Miss Maydell Parker, a teacher near Seagraves, Texas, was here the last of the week having her ears and throat treated. Dr. Blackwell treated the condition and she felt much improved when she left.

JOI DE VOI

Mrs. D. H. Zachry had the Club and other bridge players on Thursday afternoon. A delicious salad course was served and then we played several interesting games. High score favors were given Mrs. Fred Reynolds and Mrs. M. A. Lea. Booby to Mrs. J. E. Hall.

Those present were: Mrs. Fred Reynolds, Mrs. W. D. Wilson, Mrs. F. W. Jennings, Mrs. C. L. Love, Mrs. C. A. Love, Mrs. J. B. Reed, Mrs. Alger, Mrs. Nell Davis, Mrs. Chas. Powell, Mrs. T. C. Morrison, Mrs. W. E. Flint, Mrs. M. A. Lea, Jr., Mrs. Floyd Barnett, Mrs. H. P. Schrimsher, Mrs. Willis King, Mrs. A. C. Hull and Mrs. J. E. Hall. The Club meets next week with Mrs. Floyd Barnett.—Reporter.

R. A. BOYS

The R. A. Boys of the Baptist church are progressing nicely with 16 members enrolled, and the Sunday before Christmas a nice program for "Our Mothers" was given with ten mothers present. Shortly after the program a Christmas tree was enjoyed and the mothers received presents from their sons. The Chief-Counselor was presented with two large boxes of candy by

the boys. The boys gave \$4.50 to the Christmas offering and sent a Christmas box to the Orphans Home boys.

Last Sunday was our first meeting since Christmas and we met promptly at 3 o'clock, with Walter Dunn as our leader, and some very interesting stories were told by the different members. Some resolutions were made and we then dismissed to meet again.—Reporter.

RETURNS FROM MARKET

M. C. Goulding of B. Schwarz & Son has returned from market in Dallas with the most complete line of spring stuff for the ladies it has been our pleasure to witness for some time. The ladies will all please take notice.

EDWARDS' SALE CLOSING

One of those real bargain feasts recently closed in Spur—C. R. Edwards & Co's. Sale conducted by Mr. Craig. Mr. Edwards says that the greatest bargains are just being placed in his shelves for the 1927 shoppers that he could buy.

Miss Lois Langford of Girard, was here the last of the past week to have her tonsils removed. Dr. Blackwell performed the operation and she is getting along fine.

A Good Safe Place To Trade  
B. Schwarz & Son Spur Texas  
The Store of Little Profit

Every Silk and Cloth Winter Dress in the House  
\$4.95 Value \$11.95 to \$24.95  
This Dress Sale is one of the important things of the Season to the women of Spur who shop regularly at B. SCWARZ & SON. We urge you to choose early as they will not last long.

Extraordinary Coat Sale---Winter Coats, sizes for Women or Misses  
ONE HALF PRICE!  
These are Coat Values that we doubt will be duplicated this season.  
\$22.50 Coat for \$11.25---\$25.00 Coat for \$12.50  
\$30 Coat for \$15.00  
\$40 Coat for \$20.00

250 pairs of Ladies New Fall Slippers, Value \$4.95 to \$8.45---Close Out Sale.  
\$2.95  
These shoes will be displayed on tables. These shoes were extra good values at \$4.95 to \$8.45, but on account of the sizes being considerably broken, we are offering them at \$2.95.

NEW SPRING DRESSES AT TWO FEATURE PRICES  
\$22.50 Dresses for \$16.95---\$29.75 Dresses for \$25.00  
The New Coat Suits are also here featuring the new "Bobby Suit"---\$22.50 Values at the Special Price of \$16.95

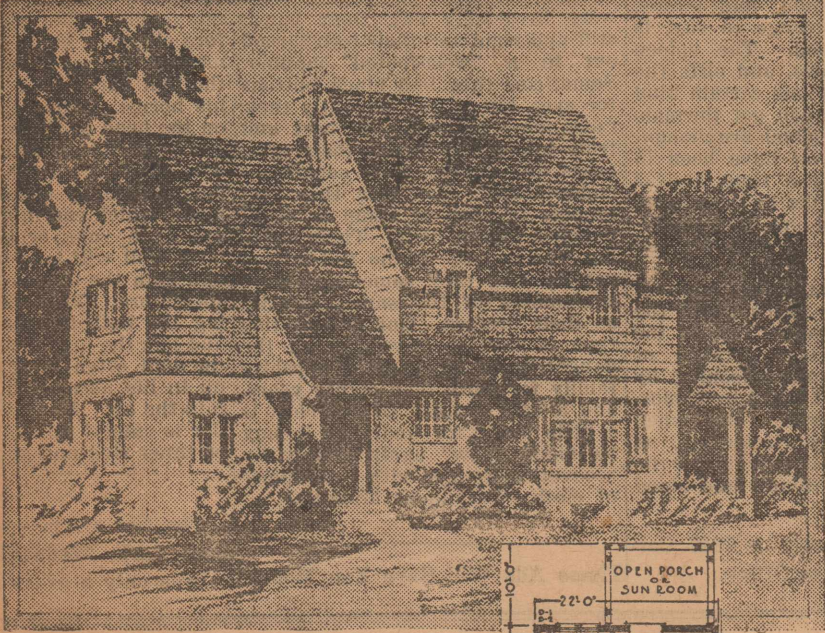
Initial Showing of Coats for Spring of 1927---Sport and Dress Wear  
Of Course its early—but not too early to present the advance Spring Fashions. The Well-Groomed Woman is always interested in the trend of the fashion—She wants to know what the new season brings forth the moment it is created—so it is with that in mind that we make this early presentation and you will find our collection exceedingly broad for so early in the season.

Spring Millinery  
Presenting Authentic Springs Fashions for the first time---  
\$4.95 \$7.95 \$10.95

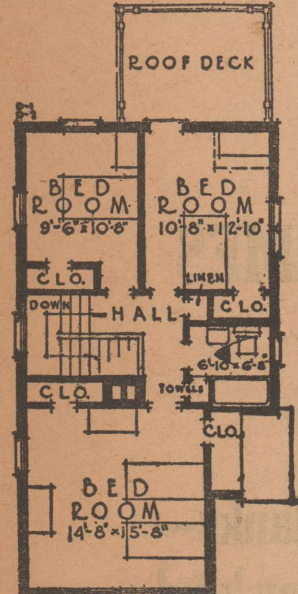
As an added inducement for early buying we will place on sale—New \$22.50 Coats at \$16.95



Old World Charm Meets New World Conveniences



PLACING your house according to your lot is the privilege of the person who builds this practical dwelling of the English farm house type.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

THE three bedrooms all have double exposures and are well provided with closets and linen closets. The bathroom is so placed as to be equally accessible from each bedroom.

The Story of the Yellow Rose

By H. LOUIS RAYBOLD

THERE is something of inspiration and a great deal of pathos in the rows upon rows of youthful faces that blossom on Commencement day platforms in the flowery month of June.

ready engaged to some nice young man? Such a little while longer to see that sleek bobbed head! Tonight, at the president's reception, tomorrow at the alumni luncheon, and then—well, perhaps in five years—or ten—some class reunion.

would have been happy. Elizabeth had a hobby which was both absorbing and practical. She made marionettes, wrote little plays in which to cast them and built the stages and equipment.

Elizabeth tried to tell him that she had never dreamed of anything so charming as the home he had built for her.



for COLDS and GRIPPE

Winter's fickle weather—with its rain—slush, cold and snow is ideal for colds—grippe—flu—pneumonia. We carry all the standard preventative medicines and all the old reliable cures.

SPUR DRUG CO. "That Real Good Drug Store"

what he could do to make this lovely, virtuous child see the error of her ways, and marry him, a most desirable husband for any girl, with all his money and good looks.

and damp and was sure he would have an attack of influenza. "We will remain right here. I have matches, but I will not light a fire, and I will not look for help on the island.

had surrounded Sherwood Forest. Robin Hood replied, "It's a good time to take the town."

CHANGING OUR BUSINESS

We have installed new fixtures to fit a CASH BUSINESS. During 1927 we will sell for cash only.

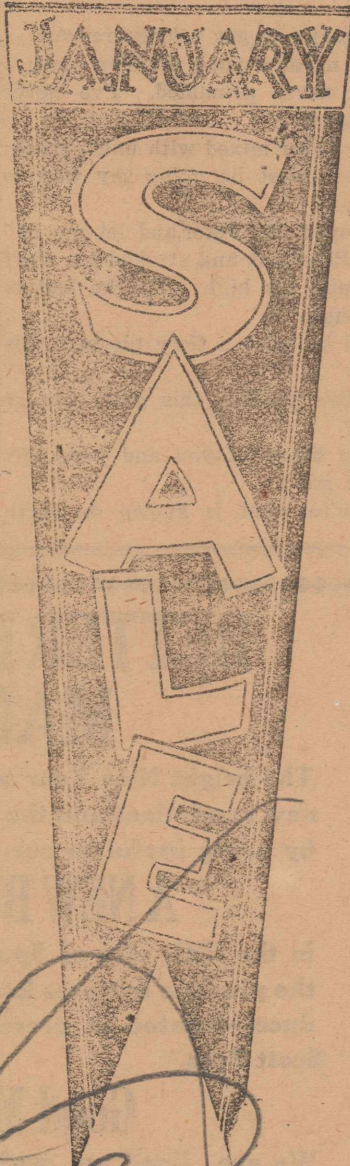
YOURS FOR A PROSPEROUS 1927

CITY GROCERY Spur, Texas

THE NEW YEAR'S

Biggest Opportunity to Save Money! Our First Annual

Begins Saturday, January 8, and Closes Saturday, January 15



EIGHT DAYS OF THE BEST BARGAINS IN OUR LINE

ALL TOILET ARTICLES ON SALE EXCEPT THE BLACK AND WHITE

- Almond Cream, regular size 29c
Small size 10c
Lemon Cream, regular size 29c
All 25c talcum 19c
Cody Powder 68c
Enchanted Cream Powder 78c
Jickee Powder 48c
Imogene Powder 38c
Evening Ismine Powder 38c

- Quinine Hair Tonic, per bottle 48c
Palmolive Hard water Soap, 10c size, 4 bars, 25c
Palmolive Shampoo, 50c bottle 25c

CANDY

Every body eats Candy—you can get the best line here for only 15c and 20c per pound

WHITE DISHES

- Plates, per set 54c
Cups, Saucers 74c
Fruit Dishes, each 5c
Oat Meal Dishes, each 9c
7-in. Bowls 14c
8-in. Bowls 19c
9-in. Bowls 24c

DISH PANS

- \$1.00 size 68c
\$1.35 size 88c
\$1.50 size 98c
\$1.65 size \$1.08

WARE AT ALMOST HALF PRICE

- Convex Kettle with Lid 75c size 48c
\$1.00 size 68c
\$1.75 size \$1.28
\$2.00 size for \$1.38

WATER PAILS

- 10-quart 88c
12-quart 98c

McCULLOCH'S CASH VARIETY STORE

**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**

State of Texas)  
County of Dickens)

WHEREAS, by virtue of authority invested in me as trustee named and appointed in a certain deed of trust recorded in Vol. 12, page 364, of the Deed of Trust Records of Dickens County, Texas, executed and delivered to me on the 17th day of February, 1925, by Wm. J. Elliot and wife, E. W. Elliot, for the better securing of the payment of two (2) certain promissory notes, one of said notes being for the sum of Seventy-six hundred twenty-five and 12-100 (\$7625.12) Dollars, signed by Wm. J. Elliot, payable to Spur Cattle Loan Company of Spur, Texas, dated December 29, 1924, due one hundred eighty (180) days from date with eight per cent interest from date until paid, said notes further providing that if same are not paid when due, and are placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, that the maker agrees to pay ten per cent on the full amount due as attorney's fees, which said deed of trust conveyed the hereinafter described property in trust to me for the better securing of said notes, said property being described as follows:

**FIRST TRACT:** Four Hundred Sixty-four (464) acres of land being all of Survey No. One Hundred Forty-four (144) Abstract No. 1071, Certificate No. 10-1967, situated and being in Dickens County, Texas, W. J. Elliot, original grantee, except two hundred acres out of northwest portion thereof designated as homestead.

**Second Tract:** One Hundred Sixty-five and 91-100 (165.91) acres out of the northwest quarter (NW-1-4) of Survey No. One Hundred Forty-five (145) Certificate No. 10-1968, Abstract No. 79, H. & G. N. R. Co., situated and being in Dickens County, Texas.

**Third Tract:** Eleven (11) acres out of the north part of the Northwest Quarter (NW1-4) of Survey No. One Hundred Forty-one (141) H. & G. N. R. Co., Certificate No. 10-1966, Abstract No. 1007, situated and being in Dickens County, Texas.

**Fourth Tract:** Three Hundred Nineteen (319) acres out of Survey No. One Hundred Forty-one (141) H. & G. N. R. Co., Certificate No. 10-1946, Abstract No. 1007, situated and being in Kent County, Texas.

**Fifth Tract:** Six Hundred Sixty (660) acres being survey No. One Hundred Six (106) H. & G. N. R. Co., Certificate No. 10-1942, Abstract No. 1234, situated and being in Kent County, Texas.

Said five above described tracts of land being fully described in a deed of trust from Wm. J. Elliot and wife, E. W. Elliot, to Clifford B. Jones, Trustee, dated February 17, 1925, and recorded in Vol. 12, page 364, of the Deed of Trust Records of Dickens County, Texas and

WHEREAS, the time of payment on said notes was duly extended as evidenced by renewal note signed by Wm. J. Elliot, payable to the Spur Cattle Loan Company of Spur, Texas, dated December 31, 1925, due one hundred eighty (180) days after date, bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum until paid, said note being for the principal sum of Ten Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four and 12-100 (\$10,664.12) Dollars and

WHEREAS, the Spur Cattle Loan Company of Spur, Texas, is now the legal owner and holder of said notes, and the said Wm. J. Elliot has made default in the payment of the balance due on said notes evidenced by said renewal note, and the same are now past due and unpaid, principal, interest and the attorney's fees, the sum of Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Eighty-four and 61-100 (\$12,684.61) Dollars to January 6, 1927, and

WHEREAS, I have been requested by the Spur Cattle Loan Company of Spur, Texas, the legal owner and holder of said notes, and the beneficiary in the said deed of trust, to enforce said trust, I will offer for sale between the legal hours, to-wit: Between the hours of ten (10:00) o'clock A. M. and four (4:00) o'clock P. M., at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, on the first Tuesday in February, 1927, the same being the first day of the month, at the courthouse door in the town of Dickens, in Dickens County, Texas, the following described property, to-wit:

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Such property will be conveyed subject to an indebtedness secured by a lien in favor of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, Texas, for the sum of Ten Thousand and no-100 (\$10,000.00) Dollars, also an indebtedness in favor of the Spur National Bank of Spur, Texas, for the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred and no-100 (\$12,500.00) Dollars, as evidenced by deed of trust dated the 16th day of February, 1925, and recorded in Vol. 12 page 362 of the Deed of Trust Records of Dickens County, Texas.

Witness my hand this sixth day of January, A. D. 1927.  
Clifford B. Jones,  
Trustee

**GINNER'S REPORT**

The following is the correct report on the number of bales of cotton ginned here up to this Wednesday at noon:

Hargrove Gin	3932
Long Gin	1494
Farmers Gin	3262
Williamson Gin	3060
Swift Gin	2735
Bakers Gin	2070
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,553</b>

**WITHOUT A CARD**

"I ought to get a large reward for never owning a union card; I've never grumbled, I've never struck, I've never mixed with union truck; But I must be going my way to win, So open, St. Peter, and let me in." St. Peter sat and stroked his staff Despite his high office he had to laugh, Said he, with a fiery gleam in his eye: "Who's tending this gate, you or I?" "I've heard of you and your gift of gab; "You're what is known on earth

as a scab."

Thereupon he rose on his stature tall And pressed a button upon the wall, And said to the imp who answered the bell:

"Escort this fellow around to hell! Tell Satan to give him a seat alone On a red-hot griddle up near the throne.

But, stay! Even the Devil can't stand the smell Of a cooking scabon a griddle in hell.

I would cause a strike, a revolt, I know, If I sent you down to the imps below.

Go back to your master on earth, And tell that they don't even want a scab in hell."

O. M. Smith, of Soldier Mound, was doing some trading with our merchants Saturday.

W. H. Condron, northeast of town, was in looking after business affairs Tuesday.

**BROWN EYED BETTY**

The Sophomores and Freshmen of 1926-27 of Dickens High School gave a play, "Brown Eyed Betty" at the Dickens High School Auditorium Friday evening, December 17th, at seven-thirty.

A large number of people attended, and the play was a great success.

**THEM'S MY SENTIMENTS**

Judge to Prisoner: "You are facing trial and so far you haven't engaged a lawyer to defend you. Shall I appoint one or what do you want to do about it?"

Prisoner: "Well your honor, as far as I'm concerned I'm willing to drop the whole case."

**FAIR ENOUGH**

Wife:—"There was a poor old

**! LYRIC !**

**Thursday**

Last times today to see "The Lone Wolf Returns"

**Friday**

Constance Talmadge in "The Duchess of Buffalo" A riot of fun—a wowski! Also "Radio Detective"

**Saturday**

Jack Hoxie in "Rough and Ready" nuff sed!

**Monday — Tuesday**

Rudolph Valentino in "The Son of the Shiek"

**BETTER PRODUCE MARKET**

The bright New Year brings with it new hopes, new resolutions and the desire to make a success by being useful to our fellowman and finds us

**A NEW BUSINESS**

in the little city of Spur. We have purchased the produce business known at the Farmers Produce—located at present in the building with Scott Bros.

**Good Markets**

We are lined up with one of the best and strongest produce houses in West Texas and will at all times have the best price possible for Poultry, Eggs, Cream and Hides, and will at all times have the best of poultry and eggs for our city trade.

OUR MOTTO WILL BE SERVICE AND A SQUARE DEAL TO ALL

Any Business given us will be appreciated!

M. A. DARDEN—PRODUCE  
SPUR AND GIRARD, TEXAS

woman at the door today—begging for clothes."

Husband:—"Did you give her any?"

Yes, I gave her that twelve year old suit of yours and the dress I bought last week."

Postman: "Here's a letter for you—it has black border."

"Oh, my poor father is dead!" "But you haven't read it yet!" "I know, but he's dead. I recognized his handwriting."

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**Spleen in Nature of Storehouse for Blood**

For a long time the spleen was associated with an irritable temper. Today we hardly believe that. What we do know is that it is a muscular bag lying on the left side of the body, near the upper end of the stomach, and that it sometimes engorges with blood, and swells. But the blood, strange to say, is not ordinary blood. The spleen seems to be a sieve, and sifts the blood so that only one certain kind of red corpuscles can get through. These corpuscles, which are thought to be the ones that have been in the body the longest time, appear in many cases to die in the spleen, so that the organ has the reputation of being a cemetery for red corpuscles.

The spleen is not selfish, however—when the body needs blood the spleen empties itself. This is the case when exercise is taken or when there is slow poisoning by coal gas or loss of blood by hemorrhage, says Barcroft. But when much blood is in circulation, as when there is undue strain on the heart, the spleen dilates and blood is withdrawn.

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**Old Rag Dolls More Durable Than Pretty**

In many of the early New England homes rag dolls were treasured heirlooms. They were of all sizes, and attired in all sorts of quaint costumes. The only points in common were that their faces were invariably flat, their hands stiff and rigid and their toes turned out in a "west-footed" manner. Sometimes they had black buttons for eyes, but more frequently their faces were painted with beet and fruit juices. However, their eyes, noses and mouths were sometimes embroidered. For hair they had toupees of yarn or hemp or small bunches of real hair. Their clothing was usually of the full-skirted variety and they sometimes wore sunbonnets of the same material as their dresses. One doll of this type is said to have pleased the daughters of one New Hampshire family for more than eighty years, and is still in use. Of course it is a little worse for wear, but it may be made "new" again simply by recovering its face with a new piece of cloth.—Pathfinder Magazine.

**Danger in Bullfighting**

The bullfight is a very dangerous fighting game, according to the best authorities. The star of the performance is the matador, who kills the bull alone. Authorities give us facts to prove that many matadors are killed, and all are wounded at some time of their careers. The risks they take are marvelous. They sit on chairs before charging bulls, and at the last moment spring from the chair and the bull carries the chair away of his horns. They rest their elbows on the head of the bull. The matador sometimes attempts to throw the bull with the aid of a pole, but many miscalculations are made, which end in disaster. There are even rare occasions when a large bull will leap out of the ring and gain the seats occupied by the spectators. The matador, in killing the bull, stands perfectly still and lets the bull rush on his sword, the bull often taking the matador up in his horns and throwing him into the air. Many times the matador is caught up against the wooden inner ring and gored to death.

The fire alarm was turned in about dark, Wednesday night, but it was only a grass fire.

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