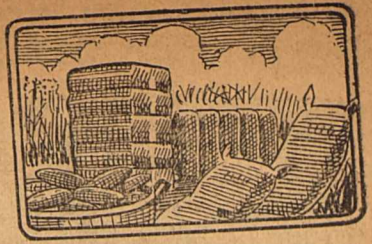


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SPUR MUTUAL MAKING PROGRESS

membership of the Spur Mutual Life Insurance Association are to be commended for the nice institution they have built in the past years. Today this organization has a membership of 2,000 all the law will permit to be in one organization, and in addition to this a few on the waiting list ready to join as soon as there is a number left for them.

The financial report made by the secretary December 1st of this year showed that the financial condition of the organization is fine. All indebtedness had been paid every claim for both deaths and accidents had been settled and there was surplus of something more than \$6,000.00 in the treasury.

There were thirteen homes last year where death visited that were helped by the Spur Mutual. People had availed themselves of the protection of this organization when they were in good health and able to secure it. When death summoned them, their families had a little estate which could be cashed in and take

care of the financial conditions, pay the doctor bill, burial expenses and other indebtedness, and give them something until they could make proper adjustments.

Recently the Spur Mutual purchased the lot just behind the City National Bank and are preparing to erect a nice office for the organization. It will be the home of the association, not owned by the officers, or the board of directors, but owned by the association. This will mean that the association will have assets to the value of this property. This is a great step forward, and means that in a few years this one time mutual benefit association will become a great business organization with a foundation sufficient to be helpful to all who wish to be in it. Also, it will mean that every member in the organization at this time, and who remain in it, will have a membership part in this property. It is to be the office home where all the business is to be transacted, and the records kept. The membership will be proud of it.

Christmas open at J. P. Wilkes & Son.

FARM NOTES

By E. L. Tanner, County Agent Dickens County

Terracing schools have begun. Three schools have been completed and a total of eighteen men thoroughly trained in the accurate running of the level and the correct placing of terraces. It takes two days for a man to learn the operation of a level. After he has taken all the screws out of a farm level and put them back in as good shape as they came from the factory, after he has adjusted the telescope and the bubble and learned how to test them he feels safe and confident with a level when he is in a field by himself. Until he has done all this he knows darn well that every time he runs a line it is running up hill because it looks that way. After he has done it all he knows darn well that his eyes are worthless when it comes to telling about where a line should run. He has confidence in a level and after he has checked the telescope and knows it is in adjustment he does not worry. He just runs them where they happen to fall and knows he is right.

During January I shall have twelve schools which means three per week for the whole month. If you have any terracing to do and want to get in communication with me regarding a school drop me a line as that will be the surest way of getting me.

Sam Baxter Says

"I started to terracing my land three years ago. It is sandy and was washing away altho it had only been in cultivation for four years. You sure can tell the difference in the land too. It plows so different and stuff grows off so much better and makes more stalk. I have my terraces running on a level and I would not take for them."

That is what Sam thinks about terracing. He is spending two days with me learning to run lines with a level. He still has some terracing to do. And that is real head work too. Never try to terrace all of your place in one year. Put all your rows on a water level the first year and then terrace all you can and make a good job of it. Then next year start where you left off and finish all you can that year. It usually takes a fellow two or three years to finish his terraces.

And about plowing over terraces. That is all bosh! I have been watching this terracing game for seven years in this section of Texas and I yet have to see my first man who made a success of terraces which he plowed over. It just does not work. What you want is every row on a water level so that when you wake up after a rain every row in the field is standing full of water. Take a trip out to the Experiment Station, at Spur and talk to Mr. Dickson. See the great increase in yields he has made by running his rows on a water level over those with only three inches fall to a hundred feet!

"Talking about plowing over 'em they just do not work that way. I have tried it for two years and they are a joke. Just do not work. I'm running my lines over this year and building all my terraces over and every row will be with the terraces."

That is what a man says who has tried plowing over them, and he ought to know. He spent two days with me and knows a level from start to finish now and can run the lines on any field in the county.

Cow Peas in the Maize

Up in Duncan Flat on Bud Smiley's place I found Bud Smiley has his maize planted two and skipped one with cow peas in the third row. He says it is his second year on sandy land and that it is good for his land. Cotton after the peas grew off better and seemed to fruit heavier than on other land. He plants whipporwill peas, a red pea and a black pea. The black pea seems to be best. This is a good practice for soils that are sandy natured in this section. You make just as much maize on two rows as you do on three and get the advantage of the peas.

Bud has seven milch cows and sold \$120 worth of turkeys on the Thanksgiving and Christmas market. He sold his Christmas turkeys at Roaring Springs and got 25 cents for young toms and 20 cents for young hens. He said he never saw such a spread between toms and hens. Well my personal opinion is this. We all know that the big buyers bought them high for Thanksgiving and lost lots of money on them. This does not mean your local buyer. He is just buying

for the big boys and gets so much per pound regardless of how many he buys. He pays what he is told to pay. The main thing is that lost money must be made back. And you have not a darn thing to do or say about it. Just take what is offered or take them home. This is a free country and you can do as you please. Only there are two things you can do. And so Bud that must be where your other nuckle will be found.

And the Philosopher Said

"The man who squanders will have to be helped some time during his life." And it is a true saying that every time two men get together there is one philosopher in the lot. There were only three when he said the above. The place where the farmer must begin to save is by knowing how much it costs to produce every article he sells. Keep accurate costs on growing your stuff and if it costs twenty cents to grow a pound of cotton and you get eighteen for it stop growing it. Grow something else. You will find that the price you get for eggs nine months in the year will just about cover the feed consumed per dozen. Take better care of your flock and have the best stock and the cost will cut to where there is good profit.

NO SEA SERPENTS SURVEYED

After 113 years of operation in the coastal waters of the United States, the Coast and Geodetic Survey announces that it has seen no sea serpents. As becomes scientists, accustomed to cautiousness of statement, the bureau agents do not say that sea serpents are myths, but merely that none have been officially observed in the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific, the Gulf of Mexico, the Bering Sea and the Panama Canal. At present the Survey is operating 14 ships and 113 years is a long time.

Notwithstanding the lack of corro-

borative evidence by the Coast and Geodetic Survey, laymen have seen sea serpents, or have thought they saw them. Belief is enormous serpents inhabiting the deeps has persisted since the dawn of history. Pliny the Roman naturalist and author gave an account of a huge, unidentified creature, while Livy, the Roman historian, says Regulus attacked some huge terrestrial serpent as he would a city. In our age there is the report of the British scientists, Meade-Waldo and Nicoll, both members of the

Royal Zoological Society, who saw an enormous sea monster off the coast of Brazil in 1905.

It appears that after all the evidence is tested there remains something that prevents zoologists from denying the possibility that individuals of a species presumed to be extinct may have lingered on earth. In the words of an old sea captain, where there waters thousands of miles in surface area and five miles deep, anything could exist.

HELLO, NEIGHBORS!

We are just one of you trying to render you a service, by giving you the best market we can for your cream. Don't be led off by a great price that will last just for a short time and then fall flat. Bring us your cream, and let's co-operate to make this a great industry in our community. Our business is growing just because you farmers are getting more cream money now than you ever did before. We want you to keep getting this money, and we are willing to help you. For by doing so you will help us build the best creamery business in Texas right in Spur. We have an interest in each other and we must work together to get the best results.

THE SPUR CREAMERY

Home of "Espuela Brand" Butter



WE DON'T MEAN TO BOAST

But we have the best fruit cakes you have ever eaten and they are cheap too. Whoever heard of a mother being able to bake a fruit cake for 75 cent to \$1.00 per pound. And to think of all the trouble she must endure. Get your fruit cakes from us.

A SCOOTER FOR BREAD WRAPPERS

To ten bread wrappers from our "Sun-Kist" Bread you add 89c and get a disc wheel, rubber tired scooter that would cost you \$2.00 at any store. Children save these wrappers and get the scooter, and Mothers, save the baking trouble and get your bread from us. "Butter-Kist" Bread will be your favorite when once you have tried it, and more economical than home cooking.

We want to call your attention to our line of cookies, pies, rolls, jelly rolls, pecan rolls, and many others that will make your mouth water. We don't excell mother's cooking, but we please mother with our baking. Try our lines

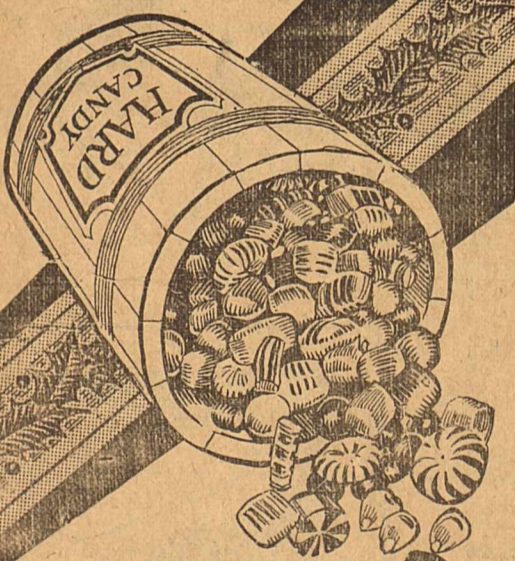
Spur Bakery

What Is Christmas Without CANDY

Bulk candies, box candy, just the size for family use, 5 lbs. or more King's Candy is known the world over for its purity—also fruits, nuts and Fruit Cakes.

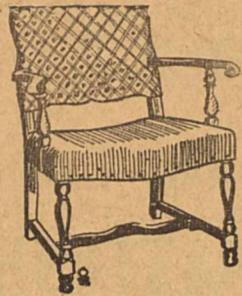
Do your Christmas Shopping early. We can supply your needs on any kind of eats.

"M" GROCERY



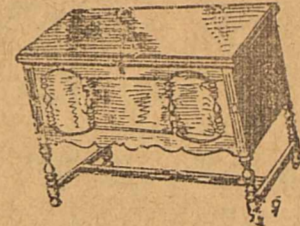
FURNITURE

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PULL-UP CHAIRS
 Comfortable sag seat style with padded back, walnut frame with velour upholstery—makes an appropriate gift.

GIFT SUGGESTION
 Small Scatter Rugs, Room Size Rugs, Occasional Chairs, Walnut Cedar Chests, Rockers, Coxwell Chair, Modernistic Mirror, Phonograph, Records, Sealy, Haynes or Simmons Beauty Rest Mattress, Smokestands, Waste Basket, Book Ends.



CEDAR CHESTS
 Guaranteed genuine Tennessee Red Cedar Chests in cedar and matched walnut veneer. Many styles, priced from \$12.50 up

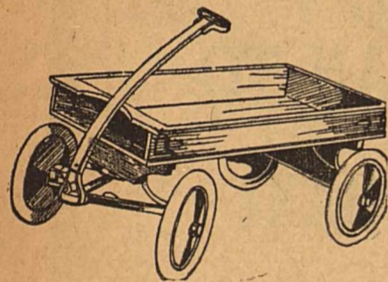


SPECIAL PRICES

From now until January 1st we will have special prices on all odd dining chairs and rockers Also on all Simmons Beds and Springs. Be sure and get our prices before you buy.



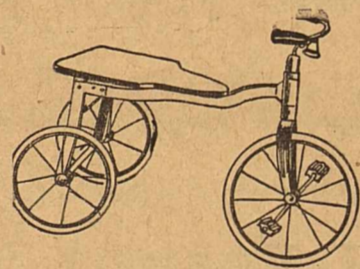
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EXPRESS WAGONS
 All Colors

Tricycles, rubber tired, just what every child would enjoy

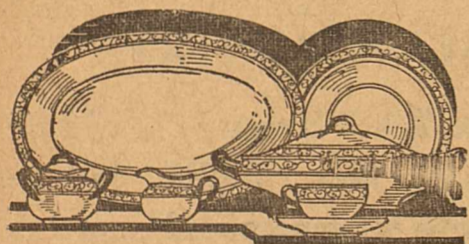
Kiddie Car, rubber tired and pedal also ball bearing. Cars of all kinds. Some run by automatic power.



Our gift department is very complete Bring your children here to do your shopping. Our toys are all arranged so you can see just what old Santa has in store for you.

Stove, kitchenware, dolls, trucks, buggies, balls and many others.

TOYS FOR ALL



DISHES
 Our lovely dishes will make any mother, sister or wife happy.

NOVELITIES
 All kinds of novelties that will add to the home appearance and make a beautiful gift.

SILVERWARE

Our silverware is guaranteed and makes a beautiful gift.



SPUR'S DEPARTMENT STORE
BRYANT-LINK CO.
 COME ON WITH THE CROWDS AND BRING THE CHILDREN

Santa Claus Letters

Jayton, Texas.
Dec. 13, 1928
Box 6

Dear Santa:
My wish to day is for a pair of boots. The size I wear is No. 1. I would thank you for them. And I hope to hear from some, I go to school and I am in the 5th grade, I am 13 years old.

Your truly friend,
Minnie Mae Burkett.

Jayton, Texas.
Dec. 13, 1928.
Box 6

Dear Santa:
My wish today is for a big doll and

Jayton, Texas.
Dec. 13, 1928.
Box 761

in hopes to get my wish and hope to hear from you soon.

I am 5 years old and I don't go to school, I live in the hotel at Jayton.

Your truly friend,
Claraene Darden.
Jayton, Texas
Dec. 16, 1928

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little red headed girl, four years old and I have been good nearly two weeks. I want you to bring me a little sewing machine as I have to sew. Also bring me candy, nuts etc and any other eats or toys you have lots of.

Remember my four little cousins too.

Love,
Billie Fay Raney.

Jayton, Texas.

Dearest Santa Claus:
I am a tiny black eyed baby girl, two years old and am as sweet as you'll find any place. I want a little doll, some dishes, a buggy and lots of things to eat.

Send me a good strong doll as I'm pretty hard on them and better bring tin dishes.

With love,
Norma Joy Clark.

Jayton, Texas.
Dec. 16, 1928

Dearest Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years of age and I go to school and like my teacher.

I am good most of the time and am expecting many nice things for Christmas.

I want a doll and buggy, some dishes, a few apples, oranges, nuts, candy, etc., and oh, yes, Santa dear I want a stove and bugle.

Love,
Dorothy Darnell.

Buy your dolls at Wilkes & Son where the prices are right.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McAteer, of near Dickens, were doing some trading with our merchants Saturday.

J. P. Sharp, of McAdoo, was attending to business affairs in our city Saturday.

Mrs. Robert McAteer, of McAdoo, was doing some shopping with our merchants Saturday.

O. C. Newberry, of Afton, was greeting friends and looking after business affairs here Saturday.

Mrs. Floyd Adams, of the Pitchfork Ranch, was in our city Saturday taking advantage of Christmas bargains.

M. S. Skains was doing some trading in our city Saturday.

Mrs. L. L. Arnold of Duck Creek, was doing her Christmas shopping here Saturday.

Buy your dolls at Wilkes & Son where the prices are right.

Joe Draper was in our city Saturday taking advantage of holiday bar-

gains offered by our merchants.

C. W. Fincher, of Girard, was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

Mrs. G. C. Pierce, of Dumont, was doing some shopping in our city Saturday.

D. F. Jackson, of Croton community, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

Miss Ruth Dittrich, teacher in Girard schools, was doing some shopping with our merchants Saturday.

WE SELL THE BEST COAL THAT MONEY BUYS

Crushing and mixing is our hobby—we carry practically every item that is handled in the Coal and Feed store.

SPUR GRAIN & COAL CO.

Phone 51
City Delivery
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5% FEDERAL FARM LOANS

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INTEREST PAYABLE ANNUALLY OR SEMI-ANNUALLY

LOANS CAN BE RETIRED AT ANY TIME, OR AUTOMATICALLY PAYS ITSELF OUT IN 35 YEARS.

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20 Years of Watch and Diamond Experience.

Why not buy your watches and diamonds from a Jeweler who knows values.

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GREETINGS:-


FROM THE

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL

MEN OF


DICKENS, TEXAS

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR




The Season's best we send to you As Christmas Day draws near May prosperity leave you everything— Is our good wish for this Year.

Hale & Speer




During this glad season we never fail to realize that it has been the patronage of our friends, who have contributed to our success. To all we extend the season's greetings and a hearty "cheerio."

Judge Worswick




A sincere appreciation of your patronage, past, present and future—so a hearty good wish—Merry Christmas.

W. G. Crego Filling Station



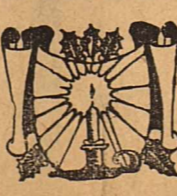
With a thank you handshake we offer you our season's greetings, assuring you that our friends in business are as precious as any could be in social life.

F. C. Gipson




In with our stock we always count the greatest assets, the good will of our customers. So at this time it is befitting that we extend to you—our friends—the best wishes of the season, and thanks for the business you have given us

F. C. Coker




Clever Christmas Greetings are very numerous here. The nicest part about them—everyone sincere.

M and M Motor Co.



May the joy of achievement and the happiness of contentment be yours at this gladsome Holiday Season.

Robt. Reynolds



With these sincere Christmas Greetings, please also accept our wish—happiness to you and yours—Our Friends.

Judge and Mrs. H. A. C. Brummett

NOTICE OF SALE

Whereas, from the 16th day of May 1928 to the 22nd day of May, 1928, Nina Traywick, registered from Silvertown, Texas, was a guest at the Spur Inn, a hotel owned by the undersigned proprietor, said Spur Inn being a place where the business is to furnish food and lodging to all who apply and pay therefor, and as such guest, secured and was furnished in said hotel board and lodging for which she was due the sum of \$22.50, and as such guest of said hotel, had as a part of her baggage, the following described personal effects:

1 coat, 1 satin and velvet dress, 1 satin dress, 1 house dress, 3 pairs child's socks, 1 suit underwear, 2 pieces child's underwear, 1 pair old shoes, 1 week end bag, 1 suit men's underwear, 1 bottle Hind's Honey & Almond cream; and
Whereas, the said Nina Traywick checked out of said hotel on said

last mentioned date without paying her bill for said board and lodging, and there was then, and still is due to the proprietor of said hotel said above stated sum of money, and by reason thereof, the said proprietor of said Spur Inn retained possession of said above described baggage and by virtue of the Statutes of Texas in such cases made and provided, said proprietor has a lien against said above described baggage to secure the payment of said sum of money so due for said board and lodging, and,
Whereas, more than thirty days have elapsed since said bill was incurred.

Now Therefore, notice is hereby given that the undersigned proprietor of the Spur Inn will on the 24th day of December, 1928, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. at the office of said Spur Inn in the City of Spur, offer for sale and sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the above

described baggage and personal property to satisfy the statutory lien of said Spur Inn in and upon said above described baggage and personal property for the amount of said charges for board and lodging in the sum of \$22.50, and will make to the purchaser good and sufficient bill of sale therefor.

Witness the hand of said proprietor at Spur, Texas, this the 11th day of December, A. D. 1928.

THE STAMFORD & NORTHWESTERN TOWN SITE COMPANY.
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SPUR MAN IN LINE THEN

The following little statement was found in the Greenville Morning Herald in its issue of December 2nd. The statement is relative to Burlison College in a series of baseball games with Decatur College. It is as follows:

"Speaking of colors, it may interest you to know Shafts, that a Greenville college once changed its colors and for no other reason than the fact that the college happened to have a baseball series matched with another school which had the same colors—just like Greenville and Serman.

"I refer to Burlison. Her colors were originally Black and Gold. I never heard of any other school changing its colors, but Burlison did. From the beginning up until the year 1909 the colors had been the same, Black and Gold. That Spring a series of baseball games was matched with Decatur College to be played here at the same time the State Oratorical Prohibition Contest was to be held. Burlison students were very much worked up over the meet. Decatur's colors were also Black and Gold; so a few days before the event the Burlison students met and voted to change the colors from Black and Gold to Blue and White, either to avoid confusion or out of courtesy, or for some unknown reason. That's how it happened and can you beat it?"

"Speaking of that Burlison Decatur baseball series back in the Spring of 1909. That was when Ray Dickson and "Ky" Bemdelt were star pitchers for Burlison and were they good? Yea! Bo! As good as Tom Reed Poole, the heavyweight quarterback of the football team the Fall before. The two-game baseball series was played in the old League Park on East Lee Street about where

Pratt's store is now and it was 'big time' stuff, and attracted large crowds.

"Ky" and Ray both won their games as I recall, but Richard Dyess, the Burlison entrant in the Prohibition Oratorical Contest, lost. At least that's the way I remember it."

FIRESTONE TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY BROADCAST

The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. announce a very fine radio program for next Monday evening. The closest station to Spur broadcasting the program is WFAA, Dallas News and Dallas Journal, and will be heard from 7:00 to 7:30 Central Standard time. The program will be heard in Eastern cities 8:00 to 8:30 eastern time.

The program is under the direction of Franklyn Baur and orchestra, with an octette and contralto. The title of next Monday evening's number is "Memory Lane."

RUNAWAY LAND

Farmers who will go to any extreme to break a cow of fence jumping or to ring the nose of an adventurous hog sometimes sit tight in their houses and do nothing while their fields are literally running away. Amazing as it may seem, many of them give the matter scarcely a thought.

The Government experts have taken the trouble to find out that every year we lose twenty times as much plant food out of the soil to erosion as we lose to crops produced and severed from the soil. The top six inches of a man's farm to all intents and purposes, is his farm. And yet experiments in the field at Spur, Texas, show that the entire six inches will be gone within forty-two years if the slope is as great as three feet in one hundred feet. If you are farming a field that has been in cultivation forty-two years, consider that.

The Federal Land Bank at Houston will not lend money until borrowers agree to protect the land involved by terracing. Pretty soon creditors will measure a farmer's standing by how he keeps his soil. A man has no more right to let his ground ooze away from him than he has to broadcast his money by the roadside as he traverses the highway.

Out in West Texas, where soil moisture is something to treasure, they have found you can terrace land that looks level to the eye. What

they do is to throw up low levees run roughly according to the configuration of the land which will hold the rainfall and keep it from draining off. It sinks where it falls. And thus the "season" that comes down stays put. The result is twice the ordinary crop. Sometimes the "terraced" land trebles the yield of the land not so handled.

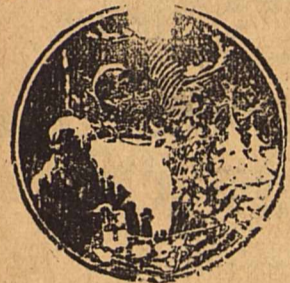
There can be no doubt that there is too much real estate on its way to the Gulf of Mexico. The unterraced farm will take that journey in the course of time. The uncovered

subsoil, devoid of humus, and, in many cases, insufficiently weathered to be of the right texture otherwise is bound to be less productive. It's time we halt our runaway farms.—Dallas News.

Christmas open at J. P. Wilkes & Son.

Mrs. F. O. Bural, of Espuela, was doing some shopping with our merchants Saturday.

Ford Dealers for Ford Service—Godfrey & Smart, Spur, Texas.



Let This
CHRISTMAS

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Homecoming

REDUCED FARE TICKETS

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From points on the
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Tickets on sale Dec. 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 Inclusive

Also Dec. 29, 30, 31 and January 1st

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Return destination must be reached prior to midnight January 7th

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Fort Worth, Texas



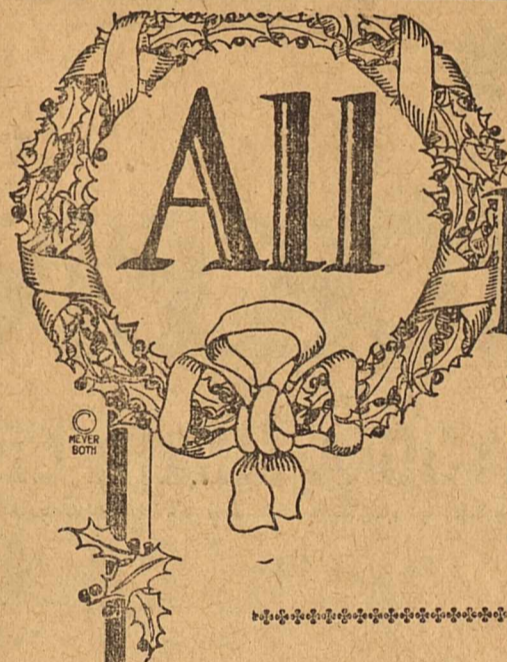
GINS CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

The undersigned Gins of Spur will close down Saturday evening, December 22 and remained closed until Wednesday morning, December 26th for holidays. By so doing we will miss ginning Monday and Christmas Day both of which days we feel the farmers will need for recreation.

We wish to thank the farmers for the patronage given us this Fall and hope you will have more cotton than you expect.

We wish one and all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 1929.

Hayes Gin
Price Bros.
Citizens Gin
Williamson Bros.
Williams & Baker
Farmers Cooperative Gin.



appreciate
FURNITURE

Here are a few gift suggestions in practical, pleasing presents for every member of the family. Bring your Christmas list here! It is a pleasure to show you our goods.

COMFORT CHAIRS

Dad will welcome one of these comfortable chairs. Several pretty coverings



SMOKING STANDS

These stands are finished in walnut or gayly lacquers—with all accessories.

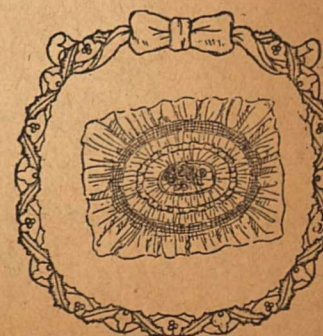


CEDAR CHESTS

Genuine Tennessee Red Cedar Chests—large and roomy. In graceful new styles, handsomely finished

PILLOWS

Our pillows are very beautiful and every member of the family would enjoy these pillows. See our different shades.



Campbell Furniture

Home of Lovely Gifts

COUNTY HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB

HOME DEMONSTRATION LUNCHEON FOR COMMISSIONER

The Home Demonstration Club women gave a luncheon in the Baptist Church basement Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 12 o'clock honoring the Commissioners court and the business men

of Spur. The women gave this luncheon for the purpose of thanking the court and the business men for the splendid cooperation they have always given Home Demonstration work, and to explain the program of work planned for next year. Miss Osborne, the Home Demon-

stration Agent, explained how the women in arranging the work for next year had realized the need for poultry and dairy work and had planned to cooperate with the county agent in putting this program over. Selection of Standard Breeds, culling the year round, and poultry diseases were the things that the women felt needed more work.

Mrs. H. G. Hinson, vice president of the Womens Council explained the work of the Home Demonstration Council. Miss Gladys McMeans took up in detail the plans for carrying out the poultry, dairying, and gardening program. Mesdames H. L. Underwood and H. F. Harrell gave some advantages of being a Home Demonstration Club woman by giving an account of Short Course time. Mrs. E. M. Howell, who won second place in this district in the living room contest gave a very interesting account of what the living room contest had meant to her and plans for next years contest. Mrs. J. W. Carlisle explained the linen contest that the women are planning in the Spring.

Mr. Patrick, Chamber of Commerce secretary, appealed to the women to cooperate in the poultry show that would soon take place, and explained how the women could help make the fair next year a better one than ever before. Mr. Godfrey gave a short talk on how the women could cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce.

Judge Brummett, who has done a great deal for Demonstration work in the county spoke on relations with commissioners court. Mr. Newberry the new judge, assured the women that the relations with the Commissioners court would continue as they had been in the past.

FOR THE CHRISTMAS DINNER

Jennie Osborne, County Demonstration Agent.

For Christmas, the gayest and most festive day in the year, it is necessary that the menu for the holiday dinner be carefully planned so some recipes that have been specially selected.

- Christmas Appetizer (12 servings)
 3 1-2 cups canned tomatoes (or soup)
 2 tablespoonfuls onion juice
 Stalk celery.
 2 tablespoonfuls mild vinegar.
 2 level tablespoonfuls gelatine
 1-2 cup cold water
 1-2 bay leaf
 Few grains cayenne
 Few grains salt

Soak gelatine in cold water five minutes. Mix remaining ingredients, except vinegar, bring to boiling point and let boil ten minutes. Add vinegar and soaked gelatin, and when gelatine is dissolved, strain. Turn into wet pan and chill. When firm, cut in slices and serve small pieces of toast garnish top with a spoonful of mayonnaise topped with half of a stuffed olive.

Date Sterling Sauce

This is delicious with a steamed or baked fruit pudding.

- 1-4 cup butter
 1-2 teaspoon ginger
 1-4 cup sliced dates
 3-4 cup brown sugar
 1-2 teaspoon vanilla
 2 tablespoon cream
 1-4 teaspoon salt.

Cream the butter and beat in the sugar gradually. Add the cream very gradually as the mixture stiffens. Beat in the flavoring, dates and salt. Heap on a serving dish. Chill thoroughly. Serve on hot steamed or baked pudding.

- Maraschino Cheese Salad
 1 level tablespoonful gelatine
 1-4 cup cold water
 1-4 lb. cream cheese
 1-2 cup canned crushed pineapple
 1-2 cup maraschino cherries, cut in small pieces
 1-4 cup maraschino syrup
 1-2 cup cream, whipped
 1-2 cup cream whipped, few grains salt

Soak gelatine in cold water about five minutes and dissolve in hot maraschino syrup. Cool. Mash cheese and mix with the dissolved gelatine. Add pineapple and cherries and lastly fold in cream. Add salt and a little paprika if desired. Turn into wet individual molds. Chill and when firm unmold and place on lettuce with a cherry on top.

Cranberry Frappe (12 servings)

- This is a delicious accompaniment to roast turkey.
 2 egg whites
 1 cup cold water
 1 qt. cranberries
 4 tablespoonfuls lemon juice
 3 cups boiling water
 2 1-2 cups sugar

Cook cranberries in boiling water until soft. Then force through a strainer. Add beaten egg whites, sugar and lemon juice and cold water and freeze. 1 tablespoonful of gelatine may be used instead of eggs.

Mexican Penuche (This makes large platter of candy)

- 3 cups brown sugar
 1 cup white sugar
 1 cup milk
 1-2 cup cream
 1 box of dates or 1 cup chopped figs
 1 cup nuts.
 6 marshmallows
 Mix sugar, milk and cream and cook together until a medium hard ball will form in cold water. Beat in the dates or figs and the nuts and marshmallows. Pour up on buttered platter.

W. J. Haynie was in our city Saturday doing some trading.

Miss Audie Hulsey, of Dumont, was in our city Saturday shopping with our merchants.

W. F. Vancleeve was in our city Saturday doing some trading.

EPISCOPAL

Rev. Percy Jones held his usual services in Spur morning and night last Sunday and addressed the pupils of the High School Monday morning. At the morning service on Sunday, Mr. Bonner of New York City, sang. Mr. Bonner's voice is one of wide compass, and depth and melody and his singing added much to the beauty of the service. Our people hope to have again and often the pleasure and privilege of hearing Mr. Bonner sing.

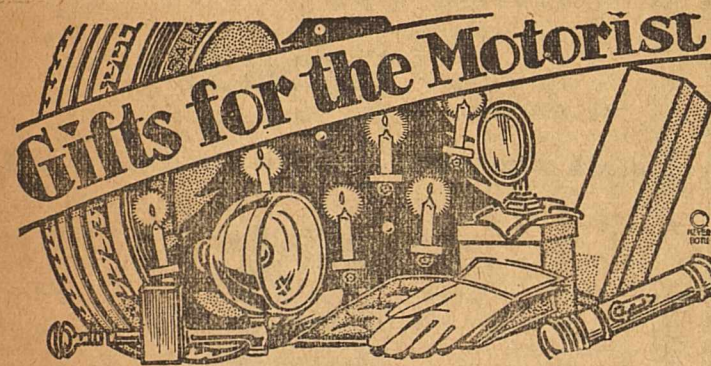
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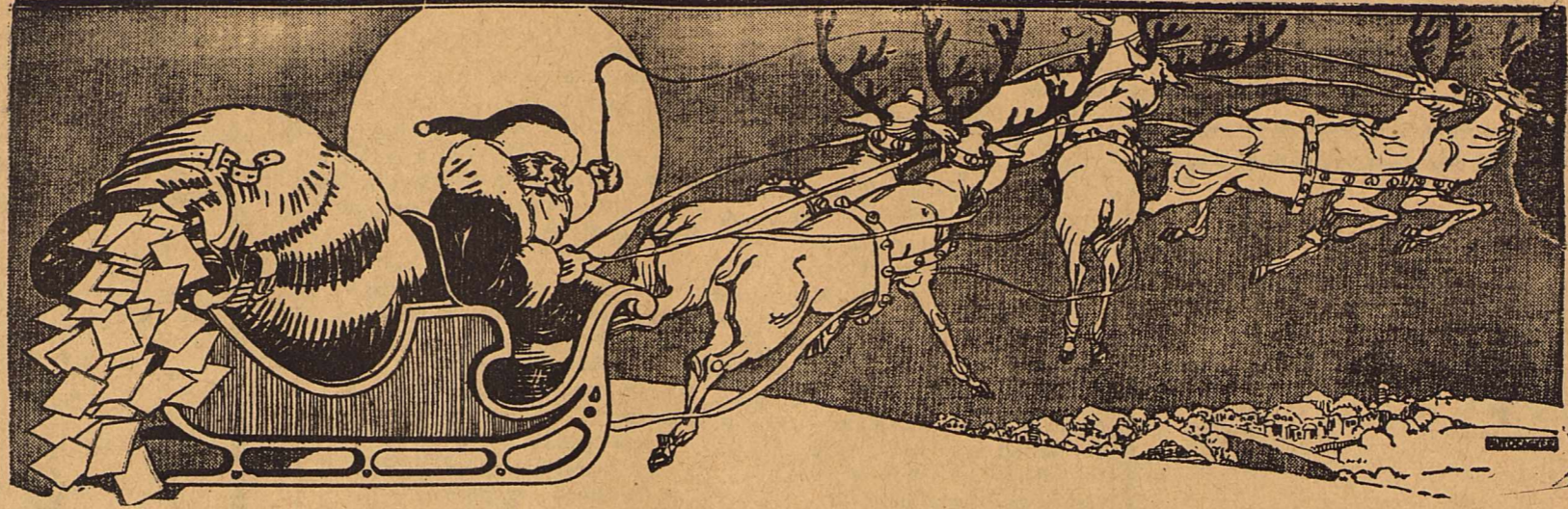
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ASSESSMENTS BEING COLLECTED BY SUITS

London Lloyds sued for reinsurance; business men still fall for "At Cost Insurance."

There probably has been no better example of the fallacy of an assured purchasing insurance protection from a reciprocal (Mutual) organization than that which has been brought to light in the receiver's endeavor to settle the affairs of the Associated Employers Reciprocal.

sureds over the protest and warning of local fire insurance agents in nearly every community in this state.

But the usual lure of a big premium savings in the form of dividends non-assessment policy contracts, as well as reinsurance against assessment policy contracts, caused many Texas citizens to turn a deaf ear to the advice of their home town local agents.

The woeful part of it is that even at this time in practically every town in Texas, local agents are still forced to repeat the same warnings over and over again in an endeavor to wisely advise prominent citizens against the pitfalls of this class of coverage.

As when the Associated Employers was in its hey-day, prominent citizens, men supposed to be loyal to their home town and of exceptionally good business judgement, continue to fall for the age old sub-standard insurance selling bunk. A few small losses paid, some dividends returned and from then on they are convinced they have the best of insurance protection and point with pride that they are getting it at "cost."

And Oh! how that same citizen begins to run to his local Chamber of Commerce and belly-ache and belly-ache when some concern opens up in his town and starts selling merchandise similar to his at the "cost" price of his merchandise. And the housewife in her purchases at "cost" can actually see what she buys and at least has some knowledge of the article purchased, but this highly intelligent, home town booster citizen will buy a pig in a poke to save a few dollars and prevent another good citizen, a local stock insurance agent, from obtaining a legitimate profit on a class of merchandise of unquestioned merit.

As one prominent insurance authority once said: "It is not altogether the fault of this substandard insurance purchaser. Sometimes it is more the fault of the stock company local agent who endeavors to compete with price instead of class of merchandise."

The point is, there is not an article of merit in the world but that a substitute is for sale at a cheaper price. A good merchant understands "quality" in merchandise and if open to reason at all should understand that "Good Insurance Cannot be Cheap Insurance and that Cheap Insurance certainly must not be Good Insurance."

Sound reasoning will tell him that somebody is "taken down" for a few people are in business of any kind just for their health. If he doesn't pay along at first he will surely pay sometimes if he trusts to getting out before the pay day later on, it's a gamble he can't afford for what he needs is sound insurance, not a gamble, or he could afford to carry his own insurance.

The present status of the Associated Employers now in the hands of a Federal receiver is astounding. Thousands of assessments collected suits pending, judgments obtained all against former policy holders. London Lloyds involved and of course the suit against them had to be filed in England, all of which will be published in one of the January issues of this paper.

Submitted by the Clemmons Insurance Agency.

MCADOO PEOPLE DEDICATE NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

To say that the people of McAdoo are proud of their new \$6,000-dollar school building, would be making a very mild statement. This is a very beautiful structure modernly arranged, and fully equipped in every respect. It has eight class rooms with good arrangement and well lighted, plenty of black-board space and lots of room. There are two nice office rooms in the building for the superintendent and the teachers. There is a nice large auditorium for the accommodation of both the school and the community. Two large hall ways are around this auditorium which serves as a pass way for people going to the auditorium and for the pupils going to the different class rooms. Every room in the building can be reached from these hall ways, or we might say this hall way, since it is one continuous hall in a U-shape.

The people of McAdoo community gathered at this fine building last Saturday evening and held a dedication program. After a song by the congregation. Rev. Hester conducted a devotional exercise. Then Mr. C. D. Head, of Amarillo, gave two very beautiful violin solos. He was accompanied by Mrs. Peyton Powers. Mr. Head was architectural superintendent of the building during its construction. There were short talks made by Judge Worswick, Judge Brummett, Rev. J. H. Hamlin and Supt. R. N. Cluck. The people then were favored with a beautiful piano solo by Mrs. Cherry. Superintendent Owens of Crosbyton Schools, gave the main address of the evening. Mr. Lawson, superintendent of McAdoo

School, gave the response. By this time the enthusiasm of the people was running high, and Mr. Head was asked for another violin solo which was rendered. Rev. Isbell then closed the exercise with prayer.

Mr. McLaughlin, secretary of the School Board, acted as master of ceremonies for the evening. During his remarks he stated that the School Board wished to thank the people for the confidence placed in them. Also, the school board extended their thanks to Judge B. G. Worswick and Judge W. D. Wilson for legal advice and assistance; to Judge Brummett for his work as County Superintendent; to Robert Reynolds for his work as County Clerk; to both of the Spur Banks and officers E. C. Edmonds, W. B. Lee and Clifford B. Jones for their financial advice and assistance; to The Rittenberry Company, architects of Amarillo, for the plans; to Mr. C. D. Head for his careful attention for looking after the building

while under construction; to J. A. Marsh, contractor, who did so much to make the building what it is.

W. W. Pickens, west of town, was in Saturday enjoying the many bargains offered by our merchants.

C. A. White, of Elton, was transacting business with Spur merchants Saturday.

Mrs. C. W. Hinson, of Kalgary, was doing some shopping with our merchants Saturday.

A. Collins, of McAdoo, was among those in our city Saturday enjoying the bargains offered by our merchants.

W. R. Baker, of Dickens, was transacting business in our city Monday.

Mrs. Kate V. Conatser, one of the teachers at Wilson Draw School, was in our city Saturday doing some shopping.

H. L. Lovell, principal of the Duncan Flat School, was transacting business with our merchants Saturday.

A. M. Walker, of Highway community, was looking after business affairs here Saturday.

O. M. Bailey, of McAdoo, was doing some Christmas shopping in our city Saturday.

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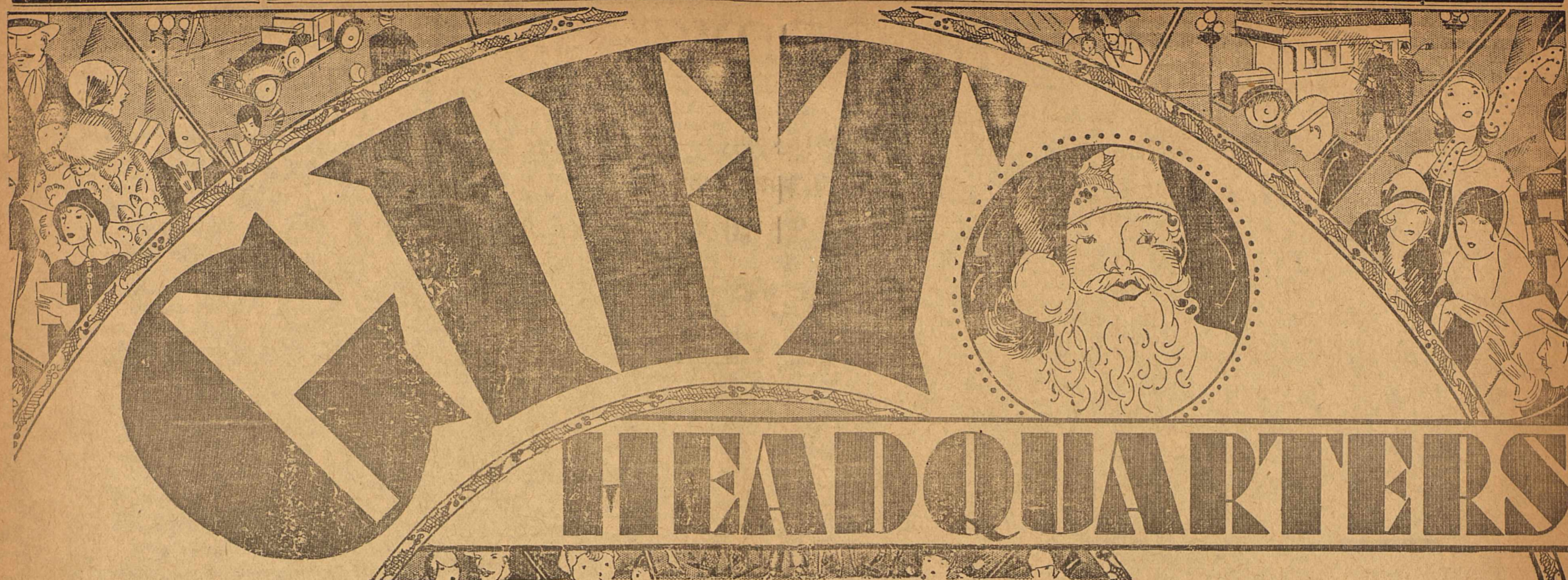
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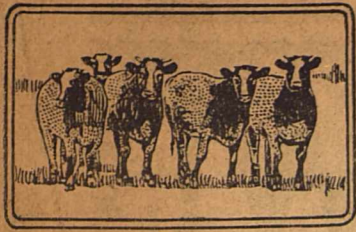
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Cars Collide; Occupants suffer Injuries

While enroute to Spur Saturday O. L. Hale suffered a car wreck two and one-half miles east of Aspermont. In his car were he and Mrs. Hale, their daughter, Miss Annie Mae Hale and Miss Lena Snodgrass. The car was struck by another car in a head-on collision on a narrow bridge. It seemed that both cars had started on to the bridge which was between two hills and neither car was able to stop before they struck.

Mr. Hale received a bad cut on the skull, the incision reaching through the flesh to the bone. In addition to this he was badly bruised. Mrs. Hale received some cuts about the face and suffered a great deal from the shock. Their daughter received some flesh wounds and Miss Snodgrass received a bad gash over her eye.

Dr. Nichols was called to the scene and assisted in bringing them to Spur where their wounds were treated at the local sanitarium. They seem to be getting along all right and will be able to be out soon. They are now at their respective homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hale had gone to Cisco where their daughter and Miss Snodgrass were students in Randolph College. The young ladies were returning home with Mr. and Mrs. Hale to enjoy the Christmas holidays, the school having closed down until after Christmas. Mr. Hale is one of the most careful drivers in the country, and the accident must have been unavoidable considering the narrow bridge and the conditions under which it happened.

GINNING REPORT

Counting round bales as half bales there had been 6,952 bales of the 1928 cotton crop ginned at Spur at two-thirty o'clock yesterday afternoon. On account of the cold wave there has been little cotton picked this week. There has been 1,506 bales ginned in Dickens and 914 at Croton.

Cotton was selling at \$15.75 for snaps up to \$18.75 for best grades.

Ford Dealers for Ford Service.—Godfrey & Smart, Spur, Texas.

Poultry Association Organized

A number of farmers and other business men and ladies met in the Lyric Theatre Saturday morning and organized a poultry association. The purpose of the organization is to promote better poultry in the country and each year to have charge of the poultry show.

Jim Hahn, of Dry Lake, was elected president. Mrs. Clay Smart was elected vice president. W. S. Patrick was elected secretary and E. S. Lee treasurer.

There was no name selected for the organization but other meetings will be held and an appropriate title given it. This will give the poultry fanciers a working basis and many very important features of the poultry business will be worked out during the coming year.

HAVENS-PARSONS

Mr. Elmer Havens and Miss Della Daile Parsons, two fine young people of Calgary community, were married in Dickens Thursday afternoon of last week. Judge Brummett officiated at the ceremony which legalized them as husband and wife. There were just a few friends to witness the ceremony. We understand they will make their home in the Calgary country. Friends join in wishing the msuccess.

STOP! READ AND WAIT!

Shugart's Studio closing one week Christmas week. Will open the 1st of January with the hottest special that ever been put out. A real treat, watch and be ready to come first week in January. We will be prepared to give you plenty pictures for your money. Merry Christmas to you all, Mr. and Mrs. Shugart and Kiddies.

Ford Dealers for Ford Service.—Godfrey & Smart, Spur, Texas.

Edwin Underhill and mother, of Chicago, arrived in our city Tuesday evening and will spend the holidays as guests of Mrs. Kate Senning and family.

W. C. Cartwright, north of town, was in Monday doing some trading.



DR. J. WALTER MOORE HERE

Dr. J. Walter Moore, a returned Missionary from China, is holding a series of meetings at the First Baptist Church this week. The services began Monday evening and will be conducted until Sunday morning. In addition to his preaching Dr. Moore has a great number of pictures being shown as stereopticon views portraying the life of people in China their country, habits, ceremonies, etc. all of which is very interesting.

It is a rare treat to the people of Spur to hear such a man as Dr. Moore. The people are invited to be at all services and hear this man who has had so much experience with the orient and Asiatic people.

Next Sunday morning Dr. Moore will speak on the subject: "Why I am Returning to China." This is expected to be the highest hour of the revival. The pastor and church are ex-

pecting many souls to be saved at this hour.

Cream Routes Going To Be Suspended

The Chamber of Commerce, that have been maintaining the cream routes out of Spur the past few weeks announce that after this week the routes will be suspended. The reason for this is that Mr. Montgomery, who has been in charge of the routes is not getting enough cream to justify the trips. The Chamber of Commerce has been at quite an expense in maintaining these routes, and since the farmers have quit sending in their cream in this manner, the Chamber of Commerce feels the farmers do not need them any longer.

We are not capable of advising the farmers in this matter. But if we remember right, the farmers in the country were getting only 42 cents for their cream when these routes were started. The local creamery was offering 47 cents for sweet cream but farmers could not take time to get all their cream to town while it was sweet, and in many instances had to sell it on the sour cream market at 42 cents. The cream routes enabled the farmers to get their cream to town while it was sweet and to obtain the higher price.

But, we understand there are some outside firms who were not willing to pay the farmers what he should have had the many years gone by, were losing the cream trade by the farmers sending it in on the routes. Hence they went up to 47 cents locally, and even went to 48 cents in communities in the north part of the county, paying that price for cream sweet or sour. The farmers in this section were caught with the bait of one cent extra and are letting the outside firms who have held the price down all these years, have their cream. That of course, cuts off the supply on the Spur routes and makes conditions inadequate for them to continue.

Listen farmers, do you suppose these outside people who have paid you a very minimum price for your cream in years past, will go on paying you 48 cents after the routes have been discontinued? Ask yourselves another question. Why are you getting 48 cents for cream now? Can you answer it by saying it was voluntarily given you by outside firms without their forced to do so? It seems the price of 48 cents came as a result of routes being established out of Spur to give you farmers sweet cream prices at your homes instead of at town. You were making five cents per pound over the other price right at your homes as a result of the routes. If the routes stop, where do you suppose your cream will go?

We might reason it in this manner. Do you suppose those outside firms give a rip whether or not this country is built up so long as they can get your cream at low prices? What

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BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Joe Allison is building a nice 5-room home in Trumbell Avenue. It will contain bath and other modern conveniences. J. A. Marsh has charge of the work and Brazelton Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

O. C. Newberry is building an addition to his home in Dickens recently purchased from Barney Nichols. Charlie Stephens is doing the work and Tri County Lumber Co. is furnishing the material.

D. P. Morgan is completing a 4-room home on his new farm recently purchased from S. M. Swenson & Sons about ten miles northwest of Spur. He is assisted by Mr. Markum with the work and Tri County Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

A. L. Spann, of Calgary, is building a nice 4-room home on his place. Mr. Davis has charge of the work and Brazelton Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

J. P. Simmons on the corner of Second Street and Trumbell Avenue is having a new roof put on his home and some other improvements. D. L. Booth is doing the work and Musser Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

John D. Huffstader, of Highway, is building an addition to the house which he rents on his place. Claud James is doing the work and Tri County Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

C. T. Russworm is improving a new place recently purchased from S. M. Swenson & Sons ten miles north west of Spur. He is doing his own work with some assistance and Tri County Lumber Company is furnishing the material.

SPUR LAUNDRY INSTALLING NEW MACHINERY

The new laundry will soon be ready for business. The machinery is being installed, and all of this is new machinery additional to what is in the old laundry. It contains a dry room tumbler, combination collar and cuff machine, a shirt press, a general press, an extractor, a big double washer, starch cooker, a sleeve arm, a dampner and collar shaper. All of these are new and in addition, we may as well add that a new boiler has been installed since the old one was so small for the work.

Mr. Wilson, the new proprietor, states that he will do just as nice work as can be found in Fort Worth or Dallas. He will not be able to do as much of it, but just as good. His line of machinery is just as complete as found in any city laundry only he does not have as many units. He stated that he may do some work at the new plant next week, but that it would be in full use by the first of the year.

Ford Dealers for Ford Service.—Godfrey & Smart, Spur, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Seale, of Salina California, arrived in Spur a few days ago and will spend the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilbert and Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Seale.

W. J. Collier, of Afton, was transacting business in our city Tuesday.

Poultry Show A Big Success

The poultry fanciers began a new epoch in history when they instituted the big Poultry Show last Friday and Saturday. Just how many people visited the exhibit is not known, but there were two exhibit halls well filled the two days and there was a steady line of people leading to these two exhibitions. There was no admission, no one needed a ticket, and people went in to see the poultry just as they pleased.

During the two days there were 123 entries in the show. There were 221 birds on exhibit and about 50 birds were brought that were not entered in the show. There were 69 Rhode Island Reds in this one exhibit. Many people expressed their surprise at there being so many birds in this first show. It was the first time in history that the people of this country ever held a poultry show. More people were surprised at the quality of birds in the show. Many stated they did not expect to see as many fine birds as were shown. But they were there.

There were quite a variety of prizes offered. Mrs. T. N. Morgan, of Colorado, Texas, had an outstanding exhibit of Reds. She won the general prize in this class.

Mrs. T. R. Colbert, of Stamford, exhibited twenty very fine cockerels. These were winning birds.

Mrs. T. M. Montgomery, city, exhibited a number of White Leghorns and won a number of individual prizes.

Mrs. J. A. Murphy, of Espuela, was a winner with White Wyandottes. R. C. McMahan, of Dry Lake, exhibited a pen of young White Leghorns and won first prize in this class.

J. L. Harper, of Girard, won first and second honors on pens of Buff Orpingtons.

Mrs. V. C. Smart, city, won first and third honors on Buff Orpington cockerels in single entries.

J. M. Hahn, of Dry Lake, won second on a pen of young Reds and third on cockerels.

Ira Hahn, Dry Lake, won third honors on Rhode Island Red pullets.

Miss Mary McCormick, city, a 4-H Club girl, won first honors on a pen of young Reds in the Club Girls' exhibit. They were good ones.

L. C. Murphy, Dickens, won four first prizes on individual exhibit of Barred Rocks, and then took first and second general prizes on Barred Rocks.

Mrs. Robert McMullens, of Snyder, won first, second and third prizes on turkeys, all classes.

Joe Thornton, Spur, won first prize on Brown Leghorns, first prize on cock birds and first prize on cockerel.

A. C. Hindman, Spur, won first honors on pen of young White Wyandottes and second place on pen of old White Wyandottes.

Mrs. A. J. Richey, Spur, won first and second on Black Minorcas single entry, second on pen of olds and first on cock bird.

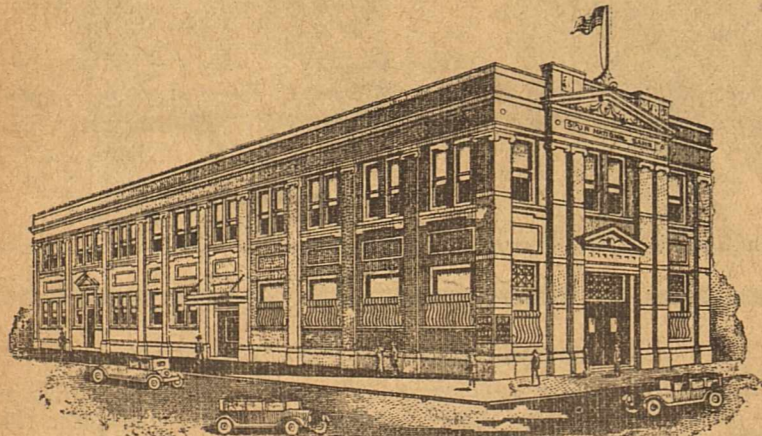
S. T. Battles, Espuela, won first place on Black Minorcas, old hen and old pen, first on young pen and first

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THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK
Capital and Surplus \$125,000.00

SPUR, TEXAS

Dear Customers:

We like to think of you and our employees as one large family co-operating and working together for the mutual pleasure and benefit of each other and for the up-building of this trade territory.

Wish it were possible to have a family reunion during this Holiday Season. We would like to give each of you a hearty hand shake and tell you personally how much we appreciate you and the nice bank balances you have entrusted to our care during the past year.

Business would be a cold proposition if it were not for the human touch, and the friendships cemented along life's highway. When we think of the pleasant business relations we have had with you, and when we anticipate your continued friendship and co-operation, it fills our heart brim full of the Christmas Spirit, (not spirits) and causes us to broadcast, in sincerest terms, "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" to each and every one of you.

We just hope that "Old Santa" will be good to you and that the New Year holds a full measure of health, happiness and prosperity for you and yours.

Your old friend,

SPUR NATIONAL BANK.

CHRISTMAS AGAIN

Yes, we are glad to see it, glad of the many friends who have so nobly stood by us, glad we are living in a country where we have the association of good, clean, noble-minded people, glad we are with people who are willing to endure our short-comings and who appreciate our efforts for good, and above all, we are glad for the spirit of Christmas. We want to join the good people of this community in making this a Merry Christmas. Accept our wishes for a pleasant, happy Christmas, and may your successes for 1929 be unbounded.

MR. AND MRS. W. D. STARCHER

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4 Days Till Christmas--SHOP NOW!

To Serve You For Christmas. Shop Early And Avoid The Crowds. Visit Our Store Today And See Our Stocks.



Women's Smart Dresses \$4.98—\$8.98

Youthful simplicity marks the newest frocks of the season, of which we are showing a varied selection. Smart new versions in the latest materials, in the newest colors and the most charming of styles are here for your approval. All sizes are included. See our selection for your holiday dress. Each

1-2 Price

Fashion Right Winter Coats

Distinctiveness is fashioned right into this group of charming winter coats. Tastefully fur trimmed and beautifully tailored of heavy, rich fabrics appropriate for this season's wearing. All sizes are shown for all types of women. The coat

1-2 PRICE



Beautiful Rayon Bed Spreads

Here is a item that will be appreciated for their sterling worth as well as their beauty. Every home needs one. Size 81x105. Each

\$2.95

Cotton Jacquard Bed Spreads

These are shown in colors of rose, blue and gold, size 81x105. Good quality and an unusual value. Each

\$1.95

Beautiful Framed Pictures

Dress up your walls from our selection of beautifully framed pictures. Copies from the old masters are shown here. These pictures will make ideal gifts. Each

75c \$1.00 \$1.50

Women's Hat Boxes

Well constructed of substantial materials and shown in large sizes. Very handy and useful. 2 sizes special

\$1.95

From Our Great Selection

It Will Be Easy To Pick Your New

SUIT AND TOP COAT

One Group Stylish New Suits

Conservative clothes shown in business suits that look the part. There's something about these materials, colors and styles that will please you. You'll like the new two button coats and single breasted vests. See them today. The suit

\$22.50

One Group Snappy New Top Coats

Carefully blended colors so tastefully tailored into becoming and modish styles for the man and young men are shown in these new topcoats. The fabrics are new and all sizes are here. Let us fit you today. Ea

\$21.85

Men's Dress Gloves

Men appreciate Gloves for Christmas, we have very wonderful values in fine dress kids and suedes in lined and unlined styles all sizes. Special

\$1.50—\$1.95

Leather Hand Bags

We are closing our line of Luggage. We offer for special gift giving a line of all leather hand bags at

1/2 Price



ALL LINEN TABLE CLOTHS

In Assorted Colors



If you are looking for a suitable Christmas gift, one that will be both serviceable and attractive, yet useful, we advise you to see this selection of table cloths. Size 44x44. Each

\$1.50

58x54 Table Cloth

58x54 table cloths, a very good value, attractive and extremely useful. Hemstitched hems and show in the colors you like best. Each

\$1.75

FANCY GIFT BOXED HANDKERCHIEFS

Plain and fancy handkerchiefs of silk linen, bastiste and other handkerchief materials are included in this big lot of gift numbers. The box



35c—50c

75c—\$1.00

GAGE AND MAN-CELLE HATS 1/2 PRICE

Of course you will want a new hat to wear with your new dress for the holidays. We are showing a versatile selection of hats in what they are wearing most. New pastel shades and metallic others

\$2.95—\$4.95



DAINTY LINGERIE

Gowns, Teds, Bloomers

Lingerie priced within the range of everyone's purse. Fashioned of rayon, jersey, voile, crepe de chine and rayon. Tailored and lace trimmed models. Every color of the rainbow is included in this group. Price from

79c, \$1.39 up to \$3.95

WOMENS NOVELTY SHOES

In a Special Pre-Christmas Sale



Peters Shoes in low and high heels, round and pointed toes pump and strap styles. Patent, kids, satins and combinations are included in our showing. All sizes are here. We can fit your foot. Values to \$6.50.

\$3.95—\$4.95

Beautiful Sheer Hose

Chiffon and service weights in the popular colors for winter wear. Full fashioned hose of famous mills. All sizes. Pair

\$1.00 \$1.50 \$1.95

\$2.25



Gay and Conservative Scarfs

We are showing two styles in scarfs for Christmas gifts. The square scarf and the long narrow one. They are shown in all colors and patterns, wool and silk. Each

95c—\$1.75—\$1.95



Men's Gift Handkerchiefs

Plain white and bordered handkerchiefs in the wanted colors. With and without monograms of linen and handkerchief cloth. Put up in gift boxes

25c—50c—75c—\$1.25

Clever New Ties

Here is one of the most complete assortments of ties we have ever shown. Solid and fancy colors, pretty patterns and designs. Each

75c—85c—1.00

Men's Shoes and Oxfords

Bal and Blucher style in brown, tan and black of genuine leather. Comfortably built for long service and wear. The pair

\$3.95—\$4.45—\$5.95



Kellam Dry Goods Co.

"Walk a Block and Save"

SPUR, TEXAS

Down By The Post Office

SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY

WILL CONTINUE THEIR BIG RED TAG SALE UNTIL DECEMBER 25TH

The extremely low prices which have been made during this Annual Red Tag Sale will be continued until December 25th.

This will give our customers a chance to make their Christmas purchases at Red Tag Price Don't Miss The Chance.

SPUR HARDWARE AND FURNITURE COMPANY

SPUR'S OLDEST STORE

Note From CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BOARD OF COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

By W. S. Patrick, Secretary.

November 10th, 1928 the Spur Chamber of Commerce and Board of County Development employed P. M. Montgomery to serve the citizens of the Spur Country with Sweet Cream Routes. The purposes of maintaining these was to secure a better price to the patrons for their dairy products. The cost to the farmers was nothing, but it was hoped that they would co-operate with their neighbors and the people of Spur who are anxious to make it possible by getting enough volume to demand the installation of a whole milk plant in Spur. Such a plant would make it possible for the people who have a few cows to get a year round price for their dairy products that would interest the most skeptical individual to want to go forward. The price of cream has been boosted by the interests that were holding prices down, until the Spur Chamber of Commerce and Board of County Development undertook to help our citizens get a fair price for their product, and until the people who have been benefited by this increase of price are willing to bear part of the burden of the routes to maintain these fairer prices the routes will be discontinued. **When the routes are no longer maintained it might be well for the fellow who failed to co-operate to ask himself, who was the cause of the price going up and just what caused it to go back down?**

The Chamber of Commerce and Board of County Development operates for no other purpose than to try to help better conditions and to assist every one that will receive assistance and if you have never been in sympathy with our organization you will readily see that you have received benefits from increased prices of your commodities and that the service was rendered without one cent cost to you.

Buy Christmas goods at Wilkes & Son.

B. B. MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Members of the Belle Bennett Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met with Mrs. Mack Tidwell on Monday afternoon.

A program from "The Voice" was discussed, the topic being "Catching Step with the Youth of Today." Mrs. Barrow was leader, and a most interesting discussion was held.

Those present were Mmes. G. H. Stack, Lester Ericson, A. O. White, Leonard Joplin, Barrow, Taylor and Mack Tidwell.

STOP! READ AND WAIT!

Shugart's Studio closing one week Christmas week. Will open the 1st of January with the hottest special that ever been put out. A real treat, watch and be ready to come first week in January. We will be prepared to give you plenty pictures for your money.

Merry Christmas to you all,
Mr. and Mrs. Shugart and Kiddies.

CHILDREN'S PARTY

On Monday evening Miss Edith Ince's Sunday School Class entertained Mrs. Smart's Sunday School Class in the basement of the Methodist Church.

Fun and merriment reigned through out the entertainment hour.

Delicious refreshments were served and the guests went up-stairs where they enjoyed a recital given by pupils of Misses Dabney and Scudder.

Those present were Billie Burke Hisey, Francis Morris, Oleta Hairgrove, Inez Teague, Sonny Boy High Isabel Campbell, Norton Barrett, V. C. Smart, Jr., Hazel Ann Wilson.

Don't forget about your Christmas Greeting cards. We have a nice line at the Times office. Can get them out on short notice for you.

TOWN AND COUNTRY HOMES

Many men whose employment requires them to be in Spur every day have farm home instincts and desires, and these can be fully satisfied by buying a tract of ten acres from a farm subdivision about one mile west of Spur, mostly beautiful fertile land with some tracts less smooth appropriately reduced in price. The owner can thus have a small farm for orchards, poultry, cows and hogs, making an ideal combination of country comfort and town advantages enabling the owner to have all the business hours in town and a home in the country.—Clifford B. Jones.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, December 23

All the regular services will be held At 11 a. m. the pastor will preach. The sermon will be a Christmas theme. There will be good music.

At 7 p. m. Rev. J. H. Hamblin, Presiding Elder, will preach and at the close of preaching service the Quarterly Conference will be held. The work of the Church for the new year is starting fine. Hope to see you at the services Sunday.

All are welcome.—W. B. Vaughn, Pastor.

Not too late yet for Christmas Greeting cards. We have some nice ones and can get them out for you in a hurry. Bring us your order. Not a mail order business—we print them for you.

You can remember a hundred friends in a nice way at small cost by using our Christmas greeting cards. Still plenty of time.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday was a very enjoyable day. Bro. Rogers brought great messages at both morning and evening services.

Rev. Moore is here a returned missionary from China, he expects to return in February. He spoke to a good crowd morning and evening on everyone that wasnt there missed a treat. Bro. Moore is very interesting in his talks and pictures, he is here every evening this week from seven until eight o'clock. Come hear him, you will feel that you are greatly benefitted by having heard this man of God. Come you are welcome. Reporter.

Buy Christmas goods at Wilkes & Son.

Mrs. W. O. Garrison, of Red Mud community, was in our city Saturday looking after Christmas shopping.

Mrs. M. B. Thannisch, of Croton, was in Saturday shopping with our merchants.

FOR SALE—50 Buff Leghorn hens. See Mrs. J. C. Keen.

James H. Neblett, of Roaring Springs, insurance and farm loan, was transacting business in our city Tuesday.

Editor Adams, of the Roaring Springs News, was attending to business matters in our city Tuesday.

M. C. Formby, of McAdoo, was attending to business matter in our city Tuesday.

Ford Dealers for Ford Service.—Godfrey & Smart, Spur, Texas.

Miss Nell Higgins, head of the department of Music in the Post City Schools, spent the week end here visiting her mother, sister and many friends.

Judge and Mrs. W. L. Powell, of Dry Lake, were doing some trading in our city Tuesday.

Rev. and Mrs. R. P. Drennon, of Roaring Springs, were greeting friends and trading in our city Monday.

A Good Safe Place To Trade

B. SCHWARZ & SON

SPUR, TEXAS
The Store of Little Profit



HOLIDAY GREETING

Mr. Golding and the employees of this store wish all of our friends and customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we want you to know, how much we appreciate your patronage and efforts, which has advanced the interests of our business this year—
Good Luck To You.



You get the Christmas Spirit when you walk into our big store and see the crowds. No folks we are not going to describe the hundreds of holiday goods we have in store for you, that would require too much space. But we do especially invite you to come in and look around and see what we have for Father, Mother, Married-Sister, Sister-in-Business, Sister-at-School, Brother with car, Aunt Lou, Cousin Rhoda, Mrs. Smith next door, and Mrs. Brown, around the corner.

The articles suggested below offer you exceptional values and complete stocks.

Silk Hosiery, the most acceptable of all gifts

\$1.00 up to \$2.50

Felt House Slippers, ladies priced 50c and 95c

Leather and Leatherette House Slippers for ladies

Priced 95c up to \$3.25

Men's House Slippers, priced 79c and 95c

Gift Linens, priced \$1.00 to \$3.25

Ties, for men, priced 50c and up

Hand-Made Ties for men, priced \$1.35

Gift Robes, silk, rayon, quilted, corduroy, blanket

Priced \$2.59 up to \$11.25

Rayon Gowns, Teds, Bloomers Step Ins, Vests,

Pajamas, Priced 69c up to \$3.45

A complete selection of Socks for boys only 25c pair

Socks for men, a complete and pleasing selection

Priced 25c up to \$1.00

Handkerchiefs, men's initial, and fancy

Priced 15c up to 75c

Other Handkerchiefs priced from 5c up

Sweaters, all kinds and styles, priced upward from

\$1.65

New Spring Coats for ladies priced \$9.95 upward

Pure Linen Bridge Sets, Decorative

linens, Imported Linen Luncheon Sets

Priced from \$1.25 upward

Junior Bridge Lamps, priced at only

\$2.95

*Men's Robes, blanket and rayon, also

Silk priced \$7.45 upward

Gifts for boys: Ties, Shirts, Robes, Sweaters, Novelty Sets, an excellent selection.

Baby Gifts: hand embroidered baby clothes, soft warm blankets, robes, snug little sweaters, dolls, you will find prices very moderate.

Gifts for Girls: Dresses, priced

\$7.45 up to \$19.95

Beautiful Coats for girls, all fur trimmed

\$8.45 up to \$19.95

Men's Suits, priced \$16.45 and \$24.45

Boy's Suits priced \$6.45 upward

Give him Shirts, priced \$1.65 upward

Men's Dress Gloves, priced \$1.65 up

27 in. Mamma Doll, only \$1.25

Top Coats and Overcoats, priced \$11.95

upward

White Broadcloth Shirts, priced \$1.00

upward

Buckle and Belt, only \$1.00

Evening Frocks, priced \$12.95—\$15.95

New Spring Frocks, in gorgeous Prints

and Soft Pastel Colorings

\$9.95 and \$16.45

Clever new Hats for the holidays \$2.45

upward

Smartest of Footwear for the holidays

\$4.45 and upward



It's all the good fortune that can be crowded into one person's life that we wish for 1929 and many, many years after. The best of luck!

WEEK'S SHOE SHOP
Successor to Rucker's Shoe Shop



ALWAYS AHEAD IN 1929

May the coming year mark a consistent advance in your fortunes and those of your dear ones, is our hope.

SPUR CHAMBER of COMMERCE



STOCKTON BROS.

It is our sincere wish that the coming year will see the Flame of Happiness burn brighter than ever for you—that success, health and contentment will be your.



We hail Christmas day most heartily! The year just past has brought us cheer—and we hope that it has been as good to you.

RED FRONT DRUG STORE



Our Christmas wish of a year ago has been fulfilled. The community, generally speaking, has passed through a prosperous year. May 1929 be equally kind to all.

RAMSEY GARAGE



We've had a bountiful year, filled with blessings that have been gratefully bestowed upon us. May you duplicate our joys.

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK



Happiness, peace and prosperity! What more could we wish you all—and what more could you want! May Providence be as kind to all of you as He has been to us in the last bountiful year.

PARTRIDGE BROS. REPAIR SHOP



Our greetings of the season to all of you, may Christmas 1928 be your happiest and others to follow happier than this one.

SPUR RUG STORE



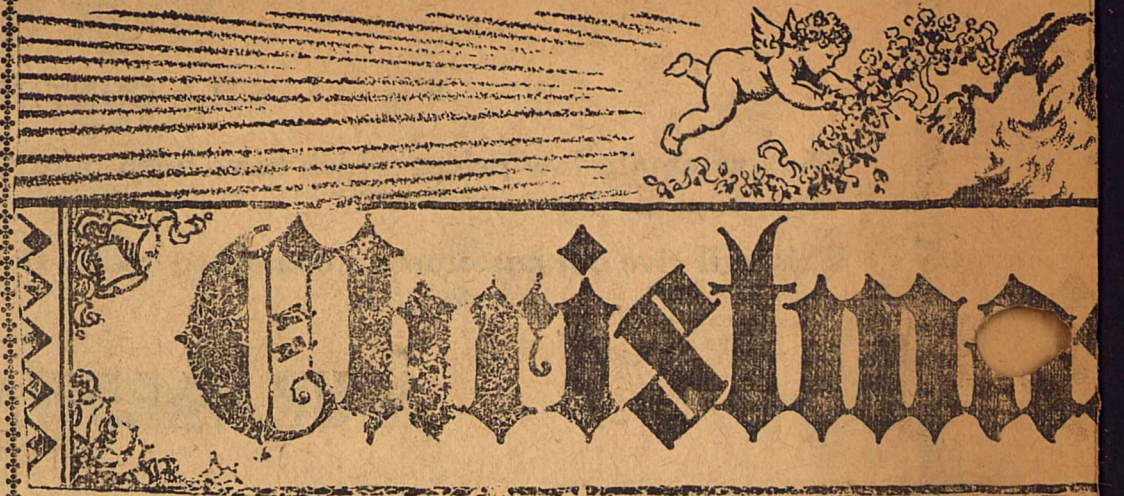
May a kindly Providence allow you to share the good things of Christmas day throughout the forthcoming fifty-two weeks of 1929.

S. M. SWENSON & SON



To yourself and to those dear and near to you may Christmas of this year mark the beginning of an era of peace, prosperity and contentment for all. That's our wish.

BAISDEN BROTHERS



It's Here—the glad season of the year when hearts are stirred—the season when the feeling of good will becomes boundles. In commemoration of this notable event advertisers subscribing to the support of this page



Santa has been good to us and we hope that the box of joy he will deliver on Christmas to you will be filled to overflowing.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY



To all our patrons—those who have shared with us in the future—our heartiest and sincerest greetings. May Christmas be your best!

SPUR CREAMERY



We greet you this Christmas day in the same spirit as of other years. The community has been good to us—and we hope that we have been good to this community.

LEE HAMMOCK



If our wish comes true all to you and you
PIERCE PE
J. S. S



MERRY CHRISTMAS
Merry chimes announce the Year. We hope the year of unparalleled
SUNSHINE S



hopes that the community most joyous and prosperous
You have our sincere
1929.

Greetings

extend to each and every one the sincere and cordial wishes for the good things—health, wealth and happiness. That's their message to you.



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SERVICE STATION



DRUG STORE

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prosperous you've ever known.
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May happiness, just good old happiness be with you this Christmas and all through the New Year.

C. E. STONE & COMPANY



a fresh start

well, let's turn the hour glass upside down and start in again in our quest for happiness 1929 augurs well for all of us optimists.

EAST SIDE MARKET



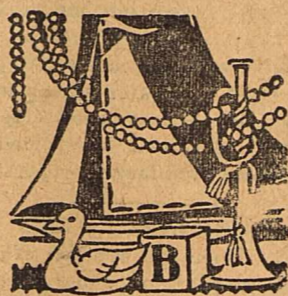
May the golden glow of a truly Merry Christmas—light your way into a Happy New Year.

SHUGART'S STUDIO



To all our friends, to the old ones and the new ones to come, do we wish this Christmas to be the merriest.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK



To you, our loyal friend and patron, we extend the heartiest Christmas Greetings,—may peace joy and prosperity be yours in the coming years

GODFREY & SMART



Another year of friendly association impels us more earnestly than ever to wish you a Merry Christmas and a New Year of Happiness.

HOKUS-POKUS GROCERY



This, the season of good cheer, is an opportunity to thank you for your kind favors and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

J. P. WILKES & SON

We Sell Everything



Opportunity—Success—Prosperity in the coming year. If in any small measure we can assist in their attainment we wish that high privilege also.

**SIMPSON BARBER AND
BEAUTY SHOP**



A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year This is just a little greeting, but it carries a big "Thank You" for your business during the past year.

SMITH & BOWMAN



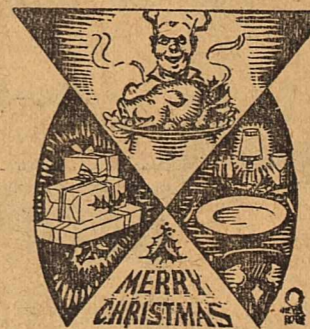
The pleasure of wishing you a Merry Christmas is mine: May our friendly business relationship continue unbroken through the coming years.

MELVIN LANDERS



BULL'S CAFE

The Spirit of the Season prompts us to express our sincere appreciation of your friendship and to wish you an enjoyable Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Merry Christmas—Good Luck, Good Cheer. Good Health, and a hearty Thank You for past favors.

HARKEY & HINDMAN



The Holiday Season affords an opportunity to express the pleasure again we derive from our business relations with you, and to wish you a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year.

**M. E. MANNING
Insurance Agency**

**"WHITE GIFT SERVICE"
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Sunday night, December 23rd beginning at 7 o'clock. The Bible School of the First Christian Church will render a "White Gift For the King" service. At the morning hour the pastor will bring a Christmas message.

By attending these services it will help you to understand the real meaning of Christmas.

"Come let us worship together saith Jehovah."—A. G. Abbott, Pastor.

**GOVERNMENT REPORT
ON GINNING**

According to federal reports sent out, the ginning in Dickens County had reached 11,886 bales of this year's crop up to December 1st. This was less than half of what it was the same date in 1927 which was 27,003 bales. From this report it looks as if our cotton crop is rather short this year. However, there is quite a great deal of cotton yet to harvest.

The report on Kent County showed there had been 4140 bales ginned at December 1st. This was about fifty per cent of what it was the same date 1927. At that time the report showed 8164 bales.

HOKUS-POKUS STORE FOR GIRARD

The grocery firm of Stephens & Beaver at Girard are making arrangements to install the Hokus-Pokus plan of groceries in their business. They will make the change about January 1st. Mr. Beaver was in our city Monday and stated the plans of the firm.

This will be a great thing for the people of Girard community since they will be able to secure first class groceries at a reasonable price. Messrs Stephens and Beaver will be

in a position to give the people the best of service in the grocery business by installing this new system.

NOTICE OF SALE

The Board of Trustees of McAdoo Independent School District, Dickens County, Texas, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder at McAdoo, Texas, on Saturday, January 5, 1929, the following described property:

One frame school building containing five rooms.

This building will be sold as a whole or in sections to suit the purchaser, but said purchaser will be expected to remove the property from the school premises within a reasonable time.

The Board of Trustees reserve the right to either accept or reject any and all bids as they think it is best to the interest of McAdoo Independent School District.

Done by action of the Board of Trustees at their meeting at McAdoo December 17, A. D. 1928.

N. V. CYPERT.

President Board of Trustees.

Correct Attest:
CHAS. McLAUGHLIN,
Secretary Board of Trustees.

Detroit, Dec. 22.—With only one full week remaining of 1928, the greatest year in its 16 years of existence, Chevrolet Motor Company, impelled by the largest volume demand it has ever faced, is experiencing its busiest December.

For the past seven days preparations have been under way at all assembly plants getting ready new car consignments for shipment to Chevrolet's more than 10,000 dealers. Saturday 29th dealers in all parts of the country are scheduled to have 1929 cars on display, and on that day, too, deliveries are to begin.

Another instance of Chevrolet December activity is to be revealed during the forthcoming week when at Kansas City a huge new assembly

plant is to go into operation. This will bring the number of Chevrolet assembly plants in this country up to nine.

The Kansas City plant will have a capacity of 350 cars a day, and will cover 32 acres and will include five buildings. The Fisher Body Corporation will occupy a plant covering more than 120,000 square feet of floor space in which to build their famous bodies for Chevrolet closed cars.

The Kansas City opening signifies added strength to the already enormous productive capacity, which enabled Chevrolet during the present year to manufacture over 1,000,000 cars in less than nine months time.

Since its mid-November announcement of the six, Chevrolet's 18,000 retail salesmen have been confronted by an unprecedented influx of business. Every place the car has been displayed at advance showings it has been to the accompaniment of vast crowds and a deluge of orders.

And now, with the cars actually in the hands of dealers or scheduled to be there before next week elapses, the volume of orders is reported to have assumed even larger proportions.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

As has been the custom of the Times there will be no paper published next week. There are a number of things that need to be looked after and business conditions arranged to accommodate the people next year. There is always plenty of work to be done, and besides, we feel that we should have a day or two that we may get out from under the strain of business and enjoy the blessings of life. If money were our goal solely, then we would go right on without a thought of Christmas, without a thought of our friends—just worshipping the dollar. But there are greater things in life than the mere laying up of earthly store.

Our good business men who have stood by us so nobly in the years gone by, will have other things in regard

to their various businesses to look after. They have fought the battle for twelve long months, have stayed in the game giving the good people of our community the best of service. After next week they will use the time checking up, clearing out, taking inventories, etc., and get their business in condition to serve the people next year.

Our good people will have done a great deal of buying by the Christmas holidays. Many of them will go visit friends, they will be well supplied with most everything the merchants

will have on sale, and will not be in any mind to do much buying. They will want to enjoy Christmas.

Hence, let's all stop for a day, thank the Allwise Ruler of the Universe for his blessings and enjoy this sacred time. We cannot have a great many even if all of us live to be aged. Therefore, we shall join in a rest next week.

C. N. Kidd, of Dry Lake, was attending to business matters in our city Monday.

H. F. Harris, of Girard, was transacting business in our city Monday.

A. H. Hairgrove, of Highway community, was looking after business affairs in our city Monday.

Mrs. L. B. Ingram was doing some shopping with our merchants Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Underwood, of Lost Lake, were doing some trading with our merchants Monday.



HELLO
FOLKS
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CHRISTMAS
AGAIN
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A Great Big
Wish For A
Merry Christmas
And A
Happy New
Year From
The Business
And Professional
Men Of

AFTON, TEXAS

To greet you sincerely at Christmas and wish our friends much Happiness and Prosperity.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Newberry

It is our hope that we may continue to serve you in the future not however, without thanking you for your past favors—and pausing to wish you all a very Merry Christmas.

Bryant-Link Company

The loyal support and patronage of our friends has made ours a happy Christmas, and it is our wish that they too—everyone, enjoy a Merry Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lawson

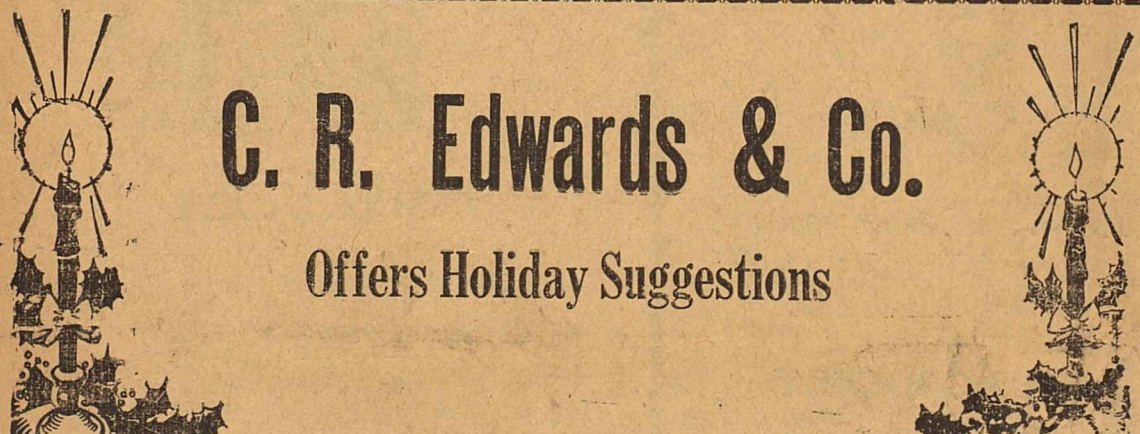
Accept our season's greetings in the good old fashioned way. We wish you joy and happiness on the Merry Christmas Day.

The Farmers Cooperative Society

AFTON, TEXAS
Joe Gaines, Mgr.

This Garage has been extending Christmas Greetings to the good citizens of Afton Community for quite a number of years—but never more heartily or sincerely than now—to you.

L. N. Ellison Garage and Service Station



C. R. Edwards & Co.

Offers Holiday Suggestions

	Ties Silks or Knitted; plain or designs 65c-\$1		Pajamas Regular or middy; all materials. \$2.29
	Shirts Madras, Broad-cloth in all styles 95c to \$3		Hose Wool, lisle, silk, plain, patterned 27c to \$1
	Belts Genuine leather in all colors Initial Buckles 75c to \$2.50		Jackets House Coats in wool and trimmed \$6.98
	Sweaters Pullover as well as jacket styles \$3.95		Mufflers Silks and wools; plain or patterns. \$1.98 to \$4.00
	'Kerchiefs Linen, plain or colored borders. 6c up		Bathrobes Terry cloth or in blanket style \$8.00

The Holiday Season affords us an opportunity to again express the pleasure we derive from our business relations with you, and our entire organization join in wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

C. R. EDWARDS & COMPANY
SPUR, TEXAS

Mrs. Club on merchants at the home



Headquarters For Christmas Eats

Our store is just full of good things to eat. Oranges, apples, grapes, bananas and other fruits are the freshest that can be obtained.

Come people and let us sell you your Christmas fruits.

Large Pecans, pound	29c
Butter Nuts, pound	29c
Walnuts, pound	33c
Xmas Mixed Candy, pound	29c
Large Celery	18c

GIBSON'S GROCERY

THE MESSAGE OF CHRISTMAS

The message of Christmas never grows old. It is as new today as it was when the angels appeared to the shepherds of Bethlehem and told them of the birth of the Savior. All history revolves around His coming. Time before as well as time subsequent is dated from His advent. Every business transaction and even the letters between friends bear testimony of the fact that something occurred which changed the current of human history.

The message of Christmas is one of love, hope and beauty. Christ brought this great message of love. We can see it from every angle. He glorified the home and family, and made motherhood sacred. When the Wise Men followed the star and came to the manger in Bethlehem the found the ideal family. The Holy Child, Mary, the mother and Joseph. The worlds greatest paintings picture the Holy Family or the Mother and Child.

Anything that glorifies the poor and humble, or creates brotherhood and friendship is in accordance with the spirit of love. Christ's command, "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself" gives the broad meaning of real love, which the Master taught to his disciples; the love with unselfishness and kindness of thought and deed; the love for every living creature.

Christ also brought the world a message of beauty and hope. He taught his disciples to see beauty in the every day things of life, which, after all, are the higher, nobler, better things. A person who looks for beauty in life finds it in the blueness of the sea, the brightness of the stars, the tall trees and even in the song of the birds. The music of Christmas is the sweetest of all the year, because it expresses this beauty and love that comes from the soul of man.

The message of the angels, "On Earth Peace Among Men of Good Will," is the hope of humanity. There has been war and strife since this prophetic song, but the hope that it awakened has never died. There are more men in the world today who are looking for the triumph of peace than ever before. The number will continue to increase, and through their efforts the world will become a better and happier place. They indeed have truly learned the message of Christmas. They not only have the spirit in their heart, but they are putting it into practice.—Mabel King, English III.

THE CHRISTMAS STAR

Since the beginning of time, the star has represented all that was high and beautiful. Therefore it was very fitting that a star should herald the birth of that king of kings, Jesus Christ, the Son of God. He is the Star of the world the personification of those star-like ideals that have been the goal to which great men have aspired through the ages.

Most of our Christmas trees today are decorated with the star on the top. Yet how many people know the significance of the star, other than that it was somehow connected with the birth of Christ?

Since our Lord was so intimately associated with the star at his birth, was so star like in his life, should we not pay a little bit of attention to the star at Christmas time? Charity to the poor, giving to others, cheerfulness, sympathy, all of these things are Christmas stars.—Nelda Shields, English III.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS PARTY

Mrs. Otto Mott entertained members of her Sunday School Class at her home on last Thursday evening, complimenting Erwinna Skelton, who leaves soon, with her parents, to make a home in Dallas, Texas.

The house was attractively decorated with Christmas colors and the holiday spirit prevailed throughout the occasion.

Many games and contests were enjoyed after which Mrs. Mott served refreshments of sandwiches, olives, hot chocolate, and cake to Iva Shepherd, Roberta Hisey, Eloise McCrary Beatrice Spivey, Mary Belle Ensey, Tommie Button, Blanche Harvey, Hildred Basham, Ann Mott, and the honoree.

P. M. W. CLUB

Mrs. Vester Patterson entertained the members of the P. M. W. Club on last Thursday afternoon at the home

of Mrs. Bynum Brittan.

The house was beautiful, having Christmas decorations hanging round about over it.

After several games of Progressive 42, refreshments of sandwiches, potato chips, olives, cake and tea were served. On each plate was a box of assorted candies in which was a number. Upon presentation of this number to the hostess, a dainty gift was received.

Those enjoying this happy occasion were Meses. E. C. McGee, J. Boyd, F. B. Crockett, Raleigh Harkey, Orby McCombs, Perry Pryon, T. H. Stack, Tom Teague, Mack Tidwell, S. L. Davis, Poy Vernon, Bynum Brittan, Miss Ruby Rucker and hostess.

J. W. McDaniel was in trading with our merchants Monday.

Mrs. B. G. Worswick of Dickens, was doing some shopping with our merchants Monday.

REV. AND MRS. VAUGHN ENTERTAIN BOARD OF STEWARDS AND WIVES

The Rev. and Mrs. Vaughn entertained the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church and their wives on Monday evening.

The entertainment was just a social "get-to-gether" in order for the pastor to get acquainted with his board with whom he is to work the coming year.

At the end of the hour refreshments of hot chocolate, cake nuts and candy were served to Messrs. and Meses. G. F. Snider, Chas. Whitener, Geo. S. Link, J. R. Laine, J. C. Payne, J. E. Johnson, S. H. Twaddell, Webber Williams, Jack Rector, the Rev. and Mrs. Parmentia, John Jackson and Alfred Payne, Wain Vaughn, the host and hostess.

PROGRESS RECENTLY NOTED IS NOT CONTINUED

London, Dec. 17.—A check in the improvement which King George had been experiencing for two days was reported in the official bulletin Monday night from the physicians who have been attending the royal patient in Buckingham Palace.

The doctors' report said that His Majesty was somewhat restless during the afternoon and that the progress "recently noted has not been continued during the last few hours."

While the words of the bulletin as usual were distinguished by reserve, the disappointment over their intent was not sufficient to dispel the strong optimistic spirit which has prevailed at the palace since Saturday, when the sick monarch began to show improvement.

The night's bulletin was issued at 8:15 p. m. It was signed by Sir Stanley Hewett, Lord Dawson of Penn and Hugh Rigby.

Conservative optimism grew substantially during the day, which saw the third consecutive bulletin bringing good news of improvement in the condition of the monarch.

The Prince of Wales through the Lord Mayor, broadcast a cheerful message and expressed pleasure in the betterment of his father and in his enjoyment of natural sleep. The Queen displayed her more hopeful attitude by taking an afternoon ride.

Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin who excused himself on Friday from announcing when Parliament would reassemble after the Christmas holidays. Monday afternoon told the House of Commons that it would reassemble on Jan. 22 if all went well.

and Duchess of York dined this evening with the Queen and Princess Mary, as is becoming their usual custom.

Mrs. S. L. Porter, of Croton community, was among the shoppers in our city Monday.

Ed Lisenby, of Croton, was in our city Monday looking after business interests.



Announcing a Price Reduction

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The New Frigidaire

This important announcement of reductions on the New Frigidaire comes just in time for the Christmas Season. Reductions apply on all models except the five cubic foot type.

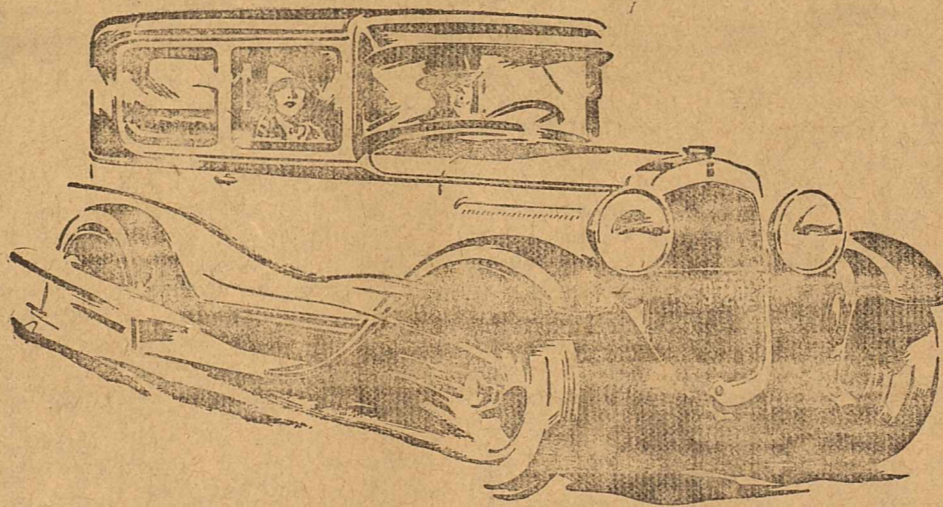
Take full advantage of this opportunity. A new Frigidaire will provide a lasting Christmas Gift for the whole family.

Make this a long-to-be remembered Frigidaire Christmas.

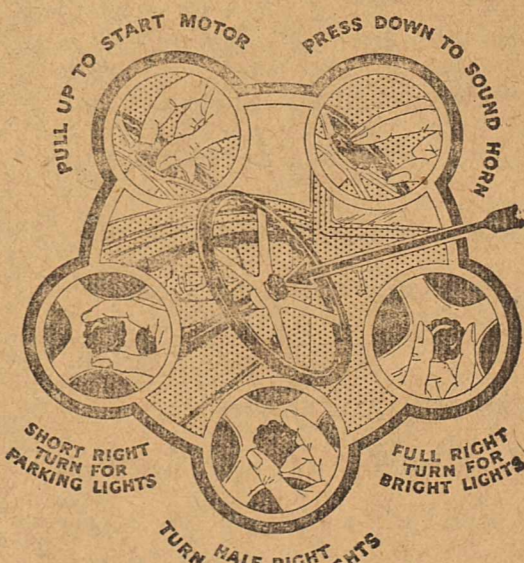
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The new Superior Whippet



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Greater Beauty—Larger Bodies in complete line of Fours and Sixes

With longer bodies, higher radiator and hood, sweeping full crown fenders, new artistry of finish and perfection of detail, the Superior Whippet definitely sets an ultra-modern style trend for Fours and Light Sixes.

Mechanically as well as artistically, the new Superior Whippet is so far ahead that it surpasses even its own predecessor. A higher compression engine gives more than 20% added horsepower, resulting in far greater speed. Higher second gear speed gives faster pick-up. Low consumption of gas and oil, and dependable performance, result in marked operating economy and minimum service

costs. Order now for early delivery.

\$335 WHIPPET SIX COACH
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Coupe \$335; Sedan \$375; Roadster \$485; Touring \$475; Commercial Chassis \$365.

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The most notable advance in driving convenience since the self-starter

A single button conveniently located in the center of the steering wheel, controls all functions of starting the motor, operating the lights and sounding the horn. This does away with all troublesome foot fumbling for the starting button, and obviates a change from the comfortable driving position to reach the light switch on the dash.

Christmas Suggestions

EXTRA SPECIALS!

MAKE THIS CHRISTMAS THE WARMEST OF ALL WITH SOME GOOD UP-TO-THE-MINUTE CLOTHES!!!

20% OFF

On all Winter Dresses, some snappy patterns in silk. One nice new lot of dresses going at

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A Wonderful Special on Blankets 50 blankets running from **\$2.19—\$4.24**



A beautiful assortment of Christmas Ties, Shirts and Socks

A nifty pair of Shoes, will make a nice gift

What could be nicer than a new Suit for Dad, Brother or Husband. We have a big special on Suits and Top Coats. 35 suits in gray, tan and blue with two pants

\$14.95

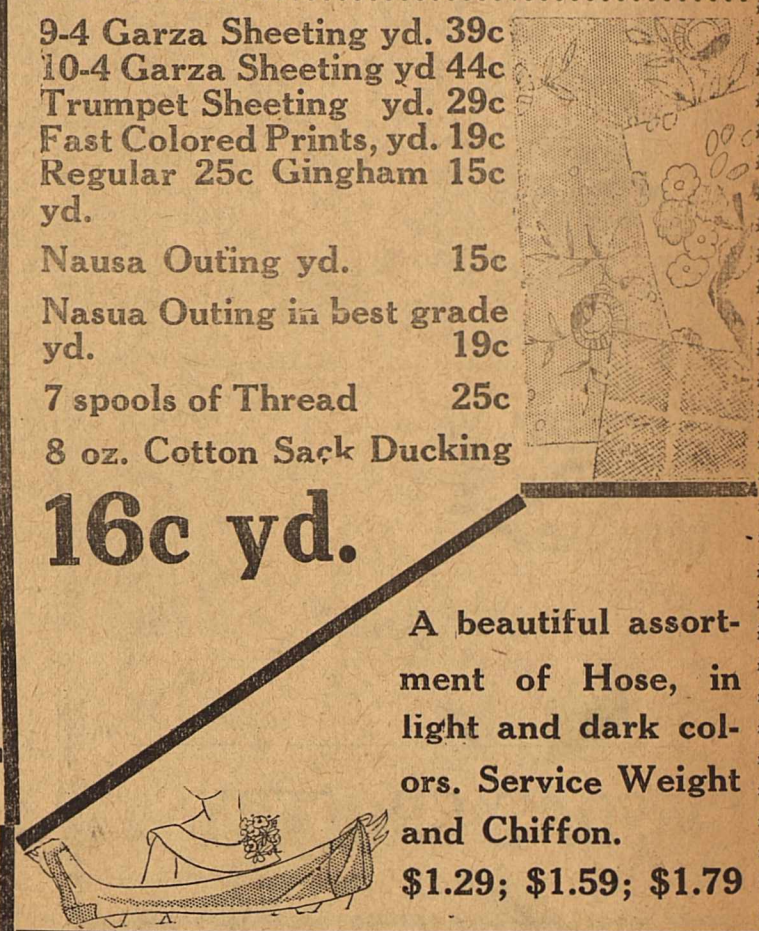
Men's fine grade Winter Weight Hanes Union Suits \$1.25
One lot of Winter Unions 95c



9-4 Garza Sheeting yd. 39c
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Fast Colored Prints, yd. 19c
Regular 25c Gingham 15c yd.

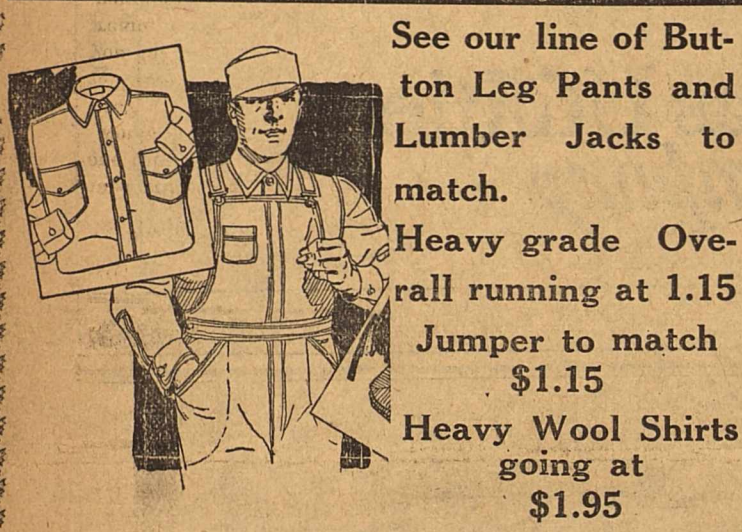
Nausa Outing yd. 15c
Nasua Outing in best grade yd. 19c
7 spools of Thread 25c
8 oz. Cotton Sack Ducking **16c yd.**

A beautiful assortment of Hose, in light and dark colors. Service Weight and Chiffon. **\$1.29; \$1.59; \$1.79**



See our line of Button Leg Pants and Lumber Jacks to match.

Heavy grade Overall running at 1.15
Jumper to match \$1.15
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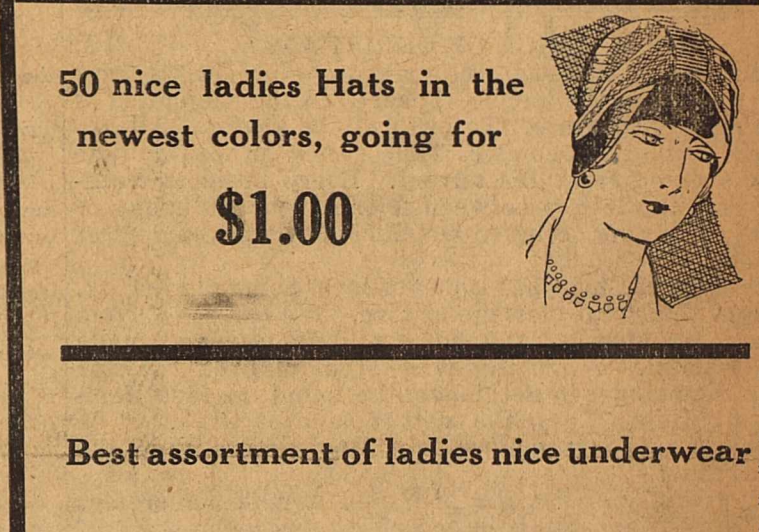
We have a big shipment of nice new Spring Coats and Dresses for the ladies

C. E. STONE CO.

THE CHAIN STORE
WITH CHAIN PRICES

50 nice ladies Hats in the newest colors, going for **\$1.00**

Best assortment of ladies nice underwear



CREAM ROUTES GOING TO BE SUSPENDED

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had they done for you in all the years gone that would help you build up your business? They placed a few little cream stations over the country, paid you 30 cents to 42 cents for your cream, and would not allow your neighbors who run these stations a reasonable expense for their trouble in testing your cream. These

outside firms were not out fifty dollars on each station for equipment. They did not even pay rent, they paid no taxes into your schools, or for your roads, they did not pay into your churches, nor gave a dime to your community interests. They offered you no inducement to improve your home or farm conditions. Now do you suppose these people after all these things, are willing to go on paying you a big price for your sour

cream after these routes have been discontinued? Not much. Next Spring when your cows are giving plenty of milk, your cream price will shrink, and their excuse will be, "That the supply is too great." You see if the price of creamery butter goes down. No.

We wonder if it would be a good idea for all of you to get together, assure the Chamber of Commerce that you need these routes, offer it your co-operation (your cream) and ask it to continue the routes. Listen do you think it would be better to take 47 cents at your home all the time, or take 48 cents for a few weeks now and then take 35 cents the remainder of the time? Would it be better to sell your cream to a local concern that has been established by so meof your neighbors and friends, who pay taxes into your schools, helps to keep up your highways, do their part in bearing the county's expenses, or will it be better to sell it to an outside firm that does none of these things? Just think this over. Under which system has the cream industry of the community made most advancement? It takes tall people sometimes to see over a dollar, but many times they get a beautiful vision by so doing.

stake on Buff Orpington cockerels, single entries.

Everybody who were present stated they were glad the Poultry show was started in Spur and were hoping the work would be kept up. Col. R. L. Penick, of Stamford, assisted with judging the show, and everybody stated he is an expert at the business. Col. Penick enjoys the work and did the judging for that reason.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—1926 Ford truck, also some Jersey cows fresh. See B. J. Howell at Clapp Place. 212-4p

FOR SALE—young Toms and hens from prize birds, Copper Back Bronze. Four entries won four 1st and grand champion at three shows this fall. Have never been defeated.—Mrs. Robt. McMullan, Snyder, Tex. Rt. 3. 1tp.

TO OUR FRIENDS

We want to assure you that we appreciate every one of you even if we have not been with you very long. We know we shall appreciate you more as we learn more about you and as the years go by.

We have come to your community for no other purpose than to be helpful and to be a booster and builder for this great community, and we want you to know your interests are our interests. We take this means of wishing each of you a Merry Christmas and may we join in assisting you to success in 1929.

We will be open each evening until Christmas day to accommodate those who desire to shop at night.

Gambill's
The Store That Saves You Money

POULTRY SHOW A BIG SUCCESS

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on young hen.

H. E. Hannsz, city, won seven first places, five second places and two third places on White Leghorns and Black Leghorns.

C. C. Haile, city, entered a pen of Jersey Black Giants and captured the sweep stake prize on all blacks.

Jack Hargrove, city, won the sweep stake prize on barred Plymouth Rocks Jack had some pretty birds.

J. V. McCormick, city, won the sweep stake prize on buff colored birds.

J. L. Harper, Girard, won the sweep stake prize on Buff Orpingtons.

J. A. Murphy, Espuela, won the sweep stake prize on white birds.

Mrs. A. J. Richey, Spur, won the sweep stake prize on Minorcas, male birds.

H. E. Hannsz, city, won sweep stake on pullets and cockerels on all white birds.

Mrs. V. C. Smart, city, won sweep

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Thomas, of Duck Creek community, entertained a number of young people at a birthday party honoring Miss Bertha Thomas, Miss Mary Hagins of Spur and Miss Dozier, one of the teachers in Duck Creek school. There were about seventy-five guests present. The young people enjoyed a number of lively games during the evening. Holiday refreshments were served.

The guests departed at a late hour each extending their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas for the enjoyable evening.

Ralph Jackson, of Dallas, is in our city assisting with the work at C. E. Stone Company. It will be remembered that Mr. Jackson was once manager of the Layne-Yates Store here and has many friends in our city. He has been with J. C. Penny Company at Ponca City, Okla., the past two years, but now is with the C. E. Stone Company and will be one of their managers after the first of the year.

Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Brannen are the proud parents of a girl baby born Sunday evening. The little lady weighs seven pounds and has been christened Jane. Mother and baby are at Nichols Sanitarium and are doing fine.

SPOT CASH GROCERY

One Price—The Lowest—For Cash

Headquarters for Christmas Fruits, Nuts and Candies.

Washington Navel Oranges, the best grown, per dozen... 20c and up

Fancy Delicious Apples, per doz. 30c and up

We are making some very attractive prices on Apples and Oranges by the box. See us before you buy.

Dry Salt Bacon, per lb. 17c

Uvalde Honey, 10 lb. bucket 1.20

Cocoanut, 4 oz. package 08c

Mince Meat, per pkg. 08c

Baking Powder, Calumet, 1 lb. can 25c

Salmon, Chum, per can 16c

Extracts, all kinds, 2 oz. bottle ... 15c

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body in Spur country.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE—2 well improved
acres east of Spur to sell. For price
and terms write or phone. J. E.
Sanders, 1233 Palm St. Abilene, Tex-
as, Phone No. 6430. 205 tn.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Business
north of Ford Station and large
apartment house near town. Phone 247M.
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FOR SALE—A good farm, 2 miles
south of Spur. See J. J. Albin 200tn

FOR SALE—2 good quarter
sections of improved land near Jayton
good community, near school. 400
acres improved land 1 mile from
Jayton. A good 6 room residence
in Spur, close in, bargain. See Mrs.
H. Miller, at City National Bank,
Spur, Texas. 210-3tc

FOR RENT—A furnished apart-
ment, close in. See Lee Hammock
Spur Wholesale Candy Co. 211tn

WANTED TO TRADE—Wagon
team for good truck. Horse 6
years old, mule 8 years old, good set
up and 3 1-4 inch Peter Shuttler
wagon.—C. W. Frazier, 5 miles south
of Afton, Prairie Chapel com-
munity. 211-1c

FOR SALE—Delco Light plant
model 778 automatic, has only been
used 6 months, big bargain. See Robt.
Reynolds, Dickens, Texas. 3-tp.

FOR SALE—A complete four
house farming outfit. See Robert
Reynolds, Dickens, Texas. 212-3tp.

FOR SALE—Stock turkeys, seven
Toms from a State Fair Prize win-
ning bird. See or write E. C. Robert
son, 3 miles north McAdoo. 212-2p

1925 BRIDGE CLUB

Members of the 1925 Bridge Club
and others were delightfully enter-
tained in the home of Mrs. Oran Mc-
Clure on Wednesday afternoon of
last week.

Six tables were in play during the
afternoon prizes going to Mrs. J. B.
Reed, Mrs. J. O. Smith, Mrs. R. E.
Dickson and Mrs. Hubert Wester.

The tallies and score pads were
symbolical of the approaching holi-
day season, and plate favors were
miniature Christmas trees.

Lovely refreshments of sandwich,
tea, fruit cake, olives were served
to the following:

Mmes. Horace Hyatt, Mac Watson,
J. O. Smith, F. W. Jennings, L. H.
Perry, Frank Laverty, Houston Scar-
borough, E. A. Russel, Shirley Rob-
bins, R. R. Wooten, J. B. Reed, E. L.
Tanner, Elmo Townsend, Weldon Mc-
Clure, Hubert Wester, Bowman, Joe
Kellam, Cecil Fox, Jim Edd Hall, Nell
ie Davis, R. E. Dickson and hostess.

HOOVER HAS 26,004

MAJORITY IN TEXAS

The official count shows that
Hoover won Texas by a majority of
26,004 over Smith. That is, the Re-
publican elector receiving the highest
vote received 26,004 more votes than
the Democratic elector receiving the
highest vote. Mike H. Thomas, Re-
publican elector, received 367,036
votes, while Lloyd Fletcher, Demo-
cratic elector received 341,032 votes

Bowie, Coke, Lamb and San Augus-
tine counties, however, were not in-
cluded in the official count, since
these counties failed to send in their
final returns. But according to the
returns gathered soon after the elec-
tion by the Texas Election Bureau
these four counties gave Smith 44,9
votes and Hoover 1108 votes, a ma-
jority of 61 for Smith, thus reducing
Hoover's majority in the state to 25-
943 votes. The Socialists polled 722
votes and the Communist party 209
votes. Including the votes of the four
missing counties, it would appear that
the total vote in the November elec-
tion was 717,876 votes, not counting
mutilated and unintelligible ballots.

CHRISTMAS PARTY GIVEN

BY OUIDIA FERN DOBBINS

Ouida Fern Dobbins entertained
her friends with a Christmas party
December 18, the home was beauti-
fully decorated with Christmas de-
corations the main feature being a
lovely Christmas tree, electrically
lighted, hanging with Christmas stock-
ings for each little guest. The
stocking being filled with Christmas
nuts and candies for each little girl
a doll peeped out of the top of the
stocking dressed in a red dancing
costume. After several numbers of
music and readings a number of
games were played which caused
much laughter.

A plate of sandwiches, cake and
hot chocolate were served to the lit-
tle guests.

The invited guests being: Francis
Morris, Helen Hale, Julia Mae Albin,
Martha and Johnnie Nichols, Bill
Caraway, June Lisenby, Katherine
Ensey, Jane Godfrey, John Jr., and
Lafarn Hazelwood, Estelle Gipsop,
Wynell and Max McClure, Isabel
Campbell, Mozell Powell, Ray Bow-
man Sanders, Julia Joe and Marion
Reed, Syble Schrimsher, Lillian Har-
grove, Annie Laurie Lewis, Evelene
Ivey, Pete and Pike Dobbins.

POSSES SCOURING COUNTRY

FOR ALLEGED RUM VICTIM

Bound and left in an empty water-
ing trough to die of hunger and cold,
P. C. Burcham, proprietor of a cafe
at Wink, Monday night was being
sought by hundreds of persons in a
dozen posses on the Texas-New Mexi-
co State line.

Burcham, known as Denver
Blackie and reputed to be a friend
of Scarface Al Capone, Chicago gang
leader, was kidnaped Friday night
by reputed El Paso rum runners. Tied
with rope and wire, the kidnapers
left him in an abandoned water
trough.

A youth known as 'The Blue Punk'
was arrested Monday for question-
ing on a liquor law violation charge.
He told Deputy Sheriff Winkler Walt
Wood, who formerly was a Deputy
United States Marshal at Detroit, of
the kidnaping. Deputy wood hurried
to the abandoned trough eight miles
southwest of Wink, but found that
Burcham had burned the ropes with
which he was tied and had twisted
the wire until it broke.

Winds covered his tracks in the
sand and Deputy Wood expressed
the belief that Denver Blackie was
wandering aimlessly about the near
desert, crazed from thirst and the
bitter cold wind.

The posses, comprising all avail-
able officers and scores of citizens,
spread out over Eastern Winkler
and Western Ward Counties in Tex-
as and Southern Lea County in New
Mexico.

Reports Wednesday stated that Bur-
cham had been found and the arrest
of six men accused of being his ab-
ductors resulted. In addition to this,
the act attracted the attention of Tex-
as rangers who raided the town and
caused the arrest of 25 persons
charge with whiskey violations. Then
the rangers raided several gambling
houses and found them in full run
where a number were arrested for
gambling. Several persons were ar-
rested on charge of dope fields and
others were held as witnesses by
rangers and federal authorities.

Spur Poultry Farm
Under New
Management

H. E. Hannsz, of Rule, was in our
city last week and stated he had pur-
chased the Spur Poultry Farm from
Mr. Davis and would take charge of
the business next week. It will be
remembered that he came to Spur two
years ago just after Mr. Davis pur-
chased the business and started it
off after which Mr. Barrow took
charge.

Mr. Hannsz stated that he is mov-
ing his family to Spur soon and as-
sume full charge of the Poultry Farm
as its owner and manager. He said
that one of the great reasons why
this business had not made progress
was because its owner had not as-
sumed the direct control of it. With
the coming of Mr. Hannsz will be the
first time in its history that the busi-

ness will be managed by its owner.

The Spur Poultry Farm was start-
ed four years ago under the name
of Spur Poultry Rancho. At that
time a large incubator was installed
and the farm was stocked with white
leghorns, Rhode Island Reds and Bar-
red Rock chickens. The business was
incorporated and the stock was own-
ed by business men of Spur com-
munity. The object of the business
was to induce people to take more in-
terest in the poultry business and to
secure better lines of poultry on the
farms of this country. The farm ac-
complished these purposes, and to-
day the people of this section have
a number of very fine farm flocks.
The Poultry Rancho was sold two
years ago and then assumed the name
of Spur Poultry Farm, Mr. Davis of
Rule becoming the owner. It has
been run as an individual business
since that time, doing a fine business
the first year.

In coming to Spur, Mr. Hannsz
stated that he never saw a better
field for the work in his life. He said
"I have been in this business for years
and Spur country offers an enticing
field. I am glad I am coming to this
country for I feel I can be of assist-
ance to the farmers in building up
their poultry business. My object is
to give the people service and it
shall be upon this plan that I will suc-
ceed if I meet success."

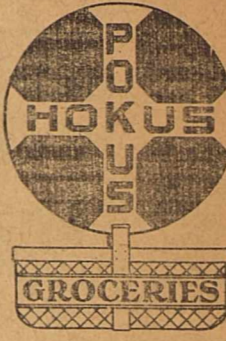
Mr. Hannsz is installing a new
electric incubator which raises the
hatching capacity to approximately
50,000. This new incubator is elec-
trically heated and automatically con-
trolled, and is one of the latest types.

In speaking of the sanitation of the
hatchery, he stated that it would be
free from disease germs. "We are
equipping the incubators with elec-
tric circuitors which will keep the air
passing all the time. In this current
of air there will be a germicide of
sufficient strength to eradicate any
germ that may be carried into the
incubator from outside sources." He
further stated that so far as the
Poultry Farm was concerned that it
would be placed in proper sanitary
condition and disinfectants used to
the extent that there would be no
chance for diseases about the farm.

When asked about the grade of
stock he would keep for the public,
he stated that he was using the best
available. "All of our flock have
been produced from strains with a

high production record, and we have
many high priced birds." Inspek-
ing further on this subject he said,
"It will be necessary to keep some
birds of lower quality. Many farm-
ers desire good thoroughbred chick-
ens on their farms but do not feel
able to buy the registered lines. They
want production and many times they
can get this from good high grade
birds that do not stand a registration
test. But we expect to have the best
in registered lines for all farmers

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SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY AND
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- Apples, Delicious, any size per box \$3.00
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- Dates, Dromedary 19c
- Sugar, bulk, 16 lbs. 1.00
- Bananas, very fine, per dozen 29c
- Hominy, No. 2 07c
- Corn, Country Gentleman 13c
- Flour, guaranteed, 48 lb. 1.50

Hokus-Pokus Store
We Want Your Trade

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The one and greatest day to the present
generation in giving and receiving is
Christmas Day. Children look forward
to the approach of the event of Santa
from year to year. It is wonderful, to
note how little the value of a gift or who
the doner may be, it carries with it the
appreciation of friendship.

We have many of the little items for gifts
in Ties, Hosiery, Scarfs, Handkerchiefs,
Novelties of various kinds, Bags, Beads,
also Blankets, Towels and the many use-
ful kind of gifts for the girls and women
Also for men and boys in Suits, Dress
Pants, Underwear, Shirts, Socks, Ties,
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Let us show you our special values in
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Also in Stetson up to \$15 and \$20 if de-
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Big special table of ladies footwear in
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Special on childrens boots 8 1/2 to 11 at
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Also in 11 1/2 to 2, at \$3.19. This is a won-
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Ladies riding boots, most all sizes in
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We have a splendid assortment in mens
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price have your early attention for a

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This the Season of Good Cheer and there are three Mer-
chants wishes every one a Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year.

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With keen appreciation of the pleasant business relationship you have
permitted us to enjoy in the past we take this means of wishing you
all the compliments of the season.

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Economies For The People
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To our faithful old friends, to our new appreciated friends, and to those
whom we strive to know, we tender the most hearty Christmas greet-
ings. Signing off—"MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Spot Cash Grocery



We have enjoyed a bountiful Christmas trade, and we do know to
whom we are indebted—our friends, we thank you.

B. & H. Variety Store

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A SALE DRESSES



A group of frocks of such high quality, at a price so low, is indeed an important event. We include new silk dresses of—

SATINS, FLAT CREPES, SILK CREPES, TRANSPARENT VELVETS, ETC., ALSO WOOL DRESSES—

New ruffled, tiered, flare and uneven hem line models. Scarf necklines characterize many. New trimmings of silk ties, bows, belts and ornaments. All sizes are included.

Values to \$30.00

Values to \$35.00

\$13.75

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GILLETTE BLADES

Genuine Gillette razor blades in regular 50c size package. On sale here special at only

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Regular \$4.95 part wool, double blankets. Fine assortment of colors to choose from at only

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Regular 50c size bottle Hind's Honey and Almond Cream. Priced special as long as our supply lasts—1—

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Limit 2 to a customer

81x90 SHEETS

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Full sized Rayon Bed Spreads in a good range of colors. A real value being offered at

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Part wool men's ribbed unions in a good quality. All sizes and specially priced now at only

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LADIES' KNIT UNIONS

Ladies' knit unions with fancy rayon strops. Without sleeves and with tight knee. All sizes special—1—

69C

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Men's canvas work gloves in a 15c quality. A very special bargain at our price the pair

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The famous "Puritas" sanitary Napkins. 12 large super absorbent napkins in each box. Regular 49c value now only

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Coats delightfully tailored and so luxuriously furred are rare values at our sale prices. A fortunate pre-season purchase at a great saving allows these exceptional reductions.

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Men's cotton ribbed unions, in all sizes and an extra special for this opening at only

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