

SANTA ARRIVED BY TRUCK TUESDAY BIG CROWDS ENJOYED THE PARADE

Santa Claus, who was scheduled to be in Spur Tuesday made his appearance about three o'clock in the afternoon. He passed through main street amid cheers and yells from the young people who had congregated in town to see him. He was dressed in his proverbial red suit which was somewhat of lighter material than the one he started out with from the cold countries. Santa Claus found the climatic conditions very warm and pleasant and had to discard his heavy coat and furlined gloves.

As he passed through the street he threw a great quantity of chewing gum to the little people and strange to say a number of the older people enjoyed the gum. It seems that everybody feels young at Christmas time and no one would be surprised to see grey-haired men riding stick horses just for the sake of calling back younger days. When Santa Clause comes, all of us forget our troubles, our differences, and the spirit of friendship and good will seems to prevail in the life of everyone.

Santa Claus stopped at the big Christmas tree in the main street and distributed a number of presents to the people. Santa Claus always brings good cheer to everybody. In fact, the best way to be happy at Christmas time is to try to be a Santa Claus to someone at that time.

Let's all hope that Santa Claus will visit our town again next year, and that conditions will be so that he can throw a little more chewing gum, add some candy and a whole lot of good cheer and friendship. We hope there will always be a Santa Clause even if we live to be a hundred years old.

Just how many people were in town to see Santa Claus Tuesday is not known, but the number ran into the thousands during the day and most of the people were of the younger set.

R. L. Walthall, Bill Kinney and Dick Speer gave much of their time to the promotion of this project and making it a success.

A THOUGHT FOR US ALL

When you get to know a fellow,
Know his joys and know his cares,
When you come to understand him
And the burden that he bears,
When you've learned the fight he's
Making and the troubles in his way,
Then you find that he is different
Than you thought him yesterday.
You find his faults are trivial
And there's not so much to blame,
In the brother that you jeered at
When you only knew his name.
—Copied BCJ

MOVES TO SLATON

Webber B. Williams has sold his home and interests in the Campbell Mortuary here and is moving to Slaton where he is becoming the proprietor of a big undertaking business. He bought the undertaking business of Dr. Fisher in that city and is taking charge of the business at once.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Chastain have bought the Williams home and will move into it within the next few days.

Mr. Williams has been in Spur seventeen years and has gained many friends. He has been talked of many times by friends as making a good sheriff of our county and at one time announced, but on account of business reasons he withdrew several weeks before the election.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams will be missed from our little city. Mrs. Williams taught piano here many years and has a number of friends who admire her for the great character she is. Mr. Williams always had a joke for everybody and a jovial attitude which makes the world seem brighter to those who came in contact with him.

Spencer Campbell will be in charge of the Campbell Mortuary in the future. Mr. Campbell just completed his course in the Texas School of Undertaking and Embalming and is adequately qualified to take care of the business. He is a graduate of Texas Technological College where he took a course in business administration, preparing himself for a business career.

KNOCK!... KNOCK
Who's there?
Labeled...
Labeled who?
You're labeled to miss one of the best pictures of the year if you don't see "Labeled Lady" when it is shown at the Palace Theatre soon. Four great stars, William Powell, Jean Harlow, and Myrna Loy all in one picture together.

TRIAL OF PHILLIP PAIR CALLED FOR MONDAY

The grand jury in regular session found a bill of indictment against Phillip Pair for the murder of his wife along in the summer and the case has been called for next Monday in District Court at Dickens. Mrs. Pair was found dead in her home with a shotgun on the floor near her and the opinion formed was that she committed suicide. Later investigations built up the idea that she had been shot by her husband with the gun which was left near her body.

Pair was taken into custody and made bond for his appearance before the court. He will be represented by Judge H. A. C. Brummett and others. The state will be represented by District Attorney Alton B. Chapman and Judge A. J. Foley will act as presiding judge.

HENRY ALEXANDER WILL FLY TO CHICAGO

Henry Alexander, manager of Henry Alexander & Company, has passage by plane to Chicago where he will spend Christmas with relatives and friends. Mr. Alexander will leave Amarillo at 4:49 Christmas morning and the plane, Sky Master, will arrive in Chicago at 10:30 the same morning. His reservation calls for chair No. 5. He will spend the day with Mrs. V. L. Brown, a sister-in-law, and will visit other friends during his stay.

POWELL-BARTON NUPTIALS

Miss Kitty Powell, a very popular young lady in Spur community, will be married in Los Angeles, Calif., tomorrow to LaVallette Barton. The wedding ceremony which will be a Christmas day affair will be read in the home of an aunt of the groom, Mrs. LaVallette, in the presence of a few friends of the family. The bride will wear a suit of blue trimmed with celamon.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Powell and was practically reared in Spur. She was an employer of the Spur National Bank a number of years and was very efficient in her work. Her work in the church brought her much admiration from the community and her friends are numbered by scores.

Mr. Barton is a prominent business man of Los Angeles. He used to make the Spug territory and it was during his career as a travelling man that he became acquainted with Miss Powell. The courtship has lasted about ten years and close friends really thought it would never develop into a wedding.

Miss Powell visited friends here Sunday before leaving for California. There were just eight persons who were her pals in town and she enjoyed a tea through the courtesy of Mrs. B. F. Hale Sunday afternoon. She left Abilene Wednesday for Los Angeles where she will meet her husband to be for the ceremony. She has been engaged by one of the large business firms of Abilene for the past several years where she proved her ability again in the business world.

Mr. and Mrs. Barton will move their home at 200 North Avenue 66 Los Angeles, after their marriage. There are many friends in Spur wishing them a life of happiness and success.

MOTLEY COUNTY MAN ROBBED BY HITCHHIKER MONDAY

Harry Duvall, son-in-law of Mrs. John Smith of Matador, was the victim of a hold-up early Monday morning near Lubbock after befriending a hitch-hiker by taking him in out of the cold weather and letting him ride from near Brownfield to within six miles of Lubbock where the 18-year old youth produced a pistol and demanded Mr. Duvall's purse, which contained about \$8 dollars, the robbery was reported to the Lubbock police but no trace of the robber had been found at last report.—Roaring Springs News.

Mrs. C. D. Bird, of Matador, was in our city Friday doing some shopping.



THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

by Mrs. P. H. Gates

Although it is the celebration of the coming of a babe in a manger in the humble surroundings of a carpenter's shop, thousands of years ago, it has a deeper meaning every year.

No wonder the angels from the celestial choir sang over the Bethlehem fields that night the babe was born. It was no wonder they sang the message of the prophet, "On earth peace, good will toward men" for peace was what the babe symbolised and that is what Christmas means today.

If we believe in the Christmas message we should look for God among the lowly, the despised of earth. We shall look for and seek him in self forgetful service to the sinful, the heart broken, the weak, the friendless, the homeless, the unemployed at this Yule tide season.

At the mention of Christmas deeper feelings of the heart begin to surge throughout one's being. In general, even the story is a romantic one of goodness and good will. Humanity at its conventional worst of poverty and sin is made to blossom out with heavenly beauty and sacred joy as for the moment it plays the God-like part of the Giver of gifts.

Such beautiful customs and legends about Christmas have been given us in song and story, it is hard to tell fact from fancy. How much that has been told leaves one "smiley" round the mouth and "teary" round the lashes, and how much mellowness it has brought! For instance, the story of the humble wood-cutter, who had cut green branches for his hovel, but had nothing with which to beautify those branches for his children's joy. Then in the snow he found a little child shivering in his rags; hungry for want of food. The wood cutter brought the child to the warmth of his fire and gave him his own supper. By morning the child had disappeared, but there on the boughs was a web of light, just such a blaze of glory and silver as many happy fingers will be tracing from thousands of trees on Christmas Eve this year. The wood cutter received because he gave, not expecting any return.

With great ceremony in the olden days the Christmas log was chosen with care and laid in the fire place, was lighted with a brand saved from last year's "log". Eating, drinking, singing, telling tales in the ruddy blaze were part of the Christmas celebration. All through the night that Yule log was kept burning and, if over night the flame went out, ill luck would surely befall the home. This Yule log was the symbol of Christmas, of cheer and happiness. Prince and peasant joined together. Holly, mistletoe, games, the groaning Christmas dinner and the service at the church were partakers alike by young and old, rich and poor.

KILLED A GOOD SIZED PIG

W. B. Ford of Calgary country, was in town Saturday and stated that he killed a nice sized pig a few days ago. A number of people had guessed at the size of the pig, but to settle the question, Mr. Ford weighed the hog which tipped the scales at even 900 pounds. It was corn fed and was of the big bone Poland China type. He stated the extra fat rendered 40 gallons of lard.

Mr. Ford was very kind to remember the Times Editor and family with some fine sausage. It was as good as any one could wish, and Mr. Ford certainly knows how to prepare it.

When Christmas comes, how natural to love even our enemies, care our friends, for we are happy — exuberantly happy! How natural for that mirth to bubble up from within. It makes the young, the old want to ring bells, blow a horn, shout, sing.

The fountain of youth opens up, and flows backward to the childhood homes at Christmas time. Rows of stockings by the old fire place, and such joy when first those stockings were beheld on Christmas morning! Each stocking full, bulging with dolly at the top in one, a horn in another, on down the line. Those stockings—how much happiness they held. No doubt then, there was a Santa Claus. A real live human with long white beard; a jolly, round little fellow, with sparkling eyes. Those were happy days and Christmas meant cheer, mirth, happiness — So does it today.

But this is not all that Christmas means. It means to wrap up every regret, worry, that canker of resentment, that black depression, that impatience, that malice or hatred which has been nursed maybe for years and having wrapped them all up securely, to place them at the feet of the Christ Child and leave them there.

When burdens are gone, free and happy gain, all can join in the hallelujah chorus of the angels as they sang "Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward All Men."

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JUST A MISTAKE; NOT DEAD

The report was started this week that J. J. Cato had passed away, which proved to be a mistake. Mr. Cato was in the Kinney Funeral Home Wednesday morning and asked us to say that he is very much alive yet and has no intention of passing off at this time. His son, Hubert Cato has been very ill in a sanitarium at Lubbock but Mr. Cato stated he is getting along as well as can be expected.

Miss Beth Blackwell, a student at C. I. A., arrived here the last of the week to spend Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell.

PALACE THEATRE SPONSERS FREE SHOW FOR KIDDIES SATURDAY

COLLEGE STUDENTS IN SPUR FOR HOLIDAY

Spur country has a number of young people representing the community at different colleges in the state. In addition to those already mentioned these can be added: Sylvan Golding who is attending the military college at Kerrville, J. P. Carson, Clayburn Harrell, James Henry Cowan W. T. Ince Morris Laine, and Max McClure, all from Texas Technological College. Jane Godfrey, Melba Jo Hazel and Julia Jo Reed of Baylor University. R. J. Bell of McMurray College Bill Putman of the Texas Military College at Terrell, Beth Blackwell, and Nedra Hogan of C. I. A. at Denton, and there are several others whom we have not been able to contact. Spur country is well represented in the various colleges. The high standing of Spur schools makes it with colleges and universities anywhere in the south.

AMERICAN LEGION MEETING MONDAY

The Boyd M. Williams Post of the American Legion held their regular meeting at the Legion Hall Monday evening. There was a small attendance, something fewer than twenty, present. Business which had been discussed at former meetings was discussed some more. No new business was entered on the calendar, but indications are that there will be some interesting things to be discussed at the next meeting. The next meeting will be Monday evening January 4.

CAR CAPSIZES THREE INJURED

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hutto, and son, of Vera met with an accident about four miles east of Spur Monday afternoon. Mr. Hutto stated that the steering apparatus to the car locked which caused the car to leave the highway and turn over a number of times.

Mr. Hutto had a shoulder dislocated and received many other bruises. Mrs. Hutto received a number of cuts and bruises one of which was a gash on the forehead which extended through the outer cushion of the skull and required number of stitches to close the wound. The son also received a number of bruises one of which was in the abdominal section and which is thought might be of greater consequence than is generally considered.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutto were able to extricate themselves from the car but the little boy had to be assisted by people who were passing by. All of them were given treatment at the Nichols Sanitarium here and are thought to be getting along all right. Mrs. Hutto is suffering greatly from a swollen face.

The family were en route to Steel Hill community to visit Mrs. Hutto's mother. Mrs. B. F. Hopkins, during the Christmas holidays they have been released from the sanitarium but have to return often for treatment.

SHERIFF BUMPS INTO AUTO

While driving near the Hotel Wilson Saturday, Sheriff J. L. Koonsman's car bumped into another car at that corner. The car in front of him was driven by a negro, and without giving any signal attempted to make a turn which brought the car directly in front of Mr. Koonsman in such a manner that he could not miss it.

There have been a number of people in our city who have not been observing traffic rules and have been expecting other autoists to take care of themselves. This attitude is going to cause someone a bad accident and probably great sorrow. The Sheriff admonishes people to be more careful about their methods of driving. All accidents are followed by sad and regretful feelings, and the Sheriff stated that a little time in preventing an accident was worth more by far than a lot of sympathy after the accident has happened.

A great treat awaits the youngsters of our community Saturday morning of this week. That is the time the Palace Theatre shows their appreciation to the youngsters of Spur country by giving them a free picture show. Mr. Hardwick, the manager, stated that if necessary that both shows would be opened to the children Saturday morning if the Palace is not large enough to accommodate all who attend. This is the first time in the history of Spur that the management of the theatres have extended a free show to the young people. All children under the age of fourteen will be admitted free.

This is expected to be an annual affair with the Palace, and every year in the future a free picture show will be run for the children. This should be deemed a great treat to the younger people, and Mr. Hardwick will be looking for you Saturday morning to see the first free show offered the children.

CRAWFORD, GABLE AT THEIR GAYEST

JOAN CRAWFORD and CLARK GABLE have the time of their lives in their new co-starring picture, "Love on the Run," which will be shown at the Palace theatre Preview Saturday night and Sunday and Monday.

It is a safe bet to say that the film public viewing this picture will have the time of its life as well. Not in a long time has there been a picture which has the freshness, gaiety and spontaneity of "Love on the Run."

Acted to perfection by the Ace team of stars with the support of Franchot Tone, Goggin Owen, Mona Barrie and others the new offering has that combination of wit, charm, and pulsating action which marked such earlier hits as "The Thin Man" and "It Happened One Night."

MISS CRAWFORD, stunningly photographed, has never been more vibrant than in her present role of the American heiress who, on the verge of marrying a nobleman, finds out just in time that it is her money rather than herself he is after. In an attempt to escape from interviewers she rushes pellmell into the arms of Gable, playing an American correspondent, and consequently finds herself immersed in a series of hairbreadth escapades involving Franchot Tone as a rival reporter, and a clever pair of continental swindlers. In the tangled events that ensue Gable captures not only a first rate story for his paper, also a charming bride.

LEGISLATURE TO RULE ON TRUCKS

Two major legislative fights of the regular session starting Jan. 12 will center around efforts to repeal the present laws regulating the use of motor trucks on the highways of Texas, and the plan of Rep. Herman Jones, to impose a new method of taxation of corporations.

Recent court decisions in the New Way Lumber case, and other cases, have held under existing state laws, trucks operated by business houses for delivery of their own merchandise, if a different price is charged for that merchandise delivered than the price charged at the store, are classed as public carriers, and subject to regulation as such. There is also vigorous objection to this class of shippers, as well as others, to the 17,000-pound load limit for carrier trucks.

Justice McMaham, a student at A and M college, arrived here Saturday to spend the Christmas with his parents.

Mrs. H. P. Gibson visited friends in Abilene Saturday.

HOME TOWN PHILOSOPHY

M. C. Golding:— Men watch the clock most when sleeping on the job.

Ralph Lewis:— Face Powder may catch a man, but it takes baking powder to hold him.

Dr. P. C. Nichols:— Better destroy the house you live in than the body you live in.

Webber Williams:— The only real friend a man can buy is a dog.

Dodge:— Men would try harder to reach the ladder's top if there weren't so many women at the bottom of it.

VISITS PARENTS HERE

A. M. and Lewis Bowman, of Los Angeles Calif., arrived here the last of the week to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bowman, through the holidays. A. M. Bowman has been with the Hubbard Auto Sales Company for twelve years, and is now Shop Superintendent for the firm. Lewis Bowman moved to California about five years ago and has been with the same firm since his arrival there.

Mrs. B. G. Whittle, of Clebourne, arrived Wednesday to be with her parents and to visit her two brothers while here.

ENJOYED BIRD HUNT HERE

T. W. Rhoads, of the Gulf Oil Corporation office at Ft. Worth and Cline Edmonds of the Gulf Company at Borger, were in our community the last of the week enjoying a bird hunt. They were guests in the C. L. Love home while here. Mr. Edmonds was accompanied by his little son, Tommie Leon. During the bird hunting period which was Thursday and Friday Mr. Rhoads and Mr. Edmonds chased a coyote in a car and eventually killed it with their shotguns. Mr. Rhoads stated it was the thrill of his life and that event alone was worth the trip to Spur. He left Friday afternoon for Ft. Worth. He had been checking up on his company's business over the western district. Mr. Edmonds is head of the chemical department of the Borger field.

Personal

Mr. Lois Sharp and R. C. Galloway were in Paducah Saturday afternoon.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hale made a business trip to Fort Worth Monday.

Mrs. Jones is now visiting with her daughter Mrs. Joe Cornett.

R. B. Stanley, of Espuela, was transacting business here Tuesday.

C. N. Kidd, of Dry Lake, was talking with friends on our streets Tuesday.

C. D. Bird, of Matador, was in our city Tuesday looking after business matters and talking with friends.

Rev. Wayne Grizzle, of Kalgary was greeting friends and trading in our city Tuesday.

R. J. McAteer, of the good stock farmers of the Plains, was transacting business here Tuesday.

F. A. Conaway left Wednesday for Paducah to visit his son during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Offield and family were Christmas shopping in Spur Monday.

Fred P. Dawson, of Roaring Springs was transacting business and greeting friends in our city Tuesday.

Mrs. L. C. Goodwin and daughters visited Monday with her brother Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Newberry and Daughter Fannie Sue moved from East Afton last Monday week to their home at twin Wells.

Mrs. R. C. Alexander is spending her Christmas holidays in East Texas with her mother Mrs. M. E. Byrd and other relatives.

Mrs. Hicks of Spur had as guests in her home for luncheon last Wednesday Mrs. Peyton Legg Mrs. B. F. Middleton, Mrs. Leon Robertson and Mrs. A. J. Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. D. O. Blasingame and daughter Irene are to leave Monday for Portales New Mexico where they will visit with Mr. Blasingames relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Rasberry, Miss Minnie Harvey, Mrs. E. N. Johnson, Margie Nell and Joe, Mrs. Guss Martin and daughter were visitors of Spur Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. O. Galloway and children visited in the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Floyd of Afton.

Rev. F. G. Rodgers, former pastor of Spur Baptist Church was greeting friends in our city Friday. He is now located at Brownfield.

Ray Dickson, of the A and M college, arrived here the last of the week to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson.

Mrs. G. R. Crouch and little daughter, Janella, of Weinert, are the Christmas guests of Mrs. P. H. Miller.

Miss Evelyn Sowell teacher at Clairmont, was the week end guest of Mrs. P. H. Miller and Miss Jennie Shields.

DICKENS CITIZEN MOVES TO OLTON

C. A. Hulsey and family left Tuesday for Olton where they will make their home. Mr. Hulsey has lived in the Dickens community for the past thirteen years and stated that it would seem odd to go into a new country. His daughter, Miss Ethel Hulsey who has taught a number of years in Dickens county, is teaching in the Olton schools. Dickens county is losing a very fine citizen in the person of Mr. Hulsey, but he feels he can do better in a new location.

THEY'RE A CINCH . . .

for a thrilling clinch it's true Jean Crawford and Clark Gable are together again. And their new love and kisses laugh best is the zippiest yet! it takes you on a mad whirl all over the map by plane, train, hay wagon and hitch hiking! Be sure and see them in "Love On the Run" at the Palace Theatre Preview Saturday Night and Sunday and Monday.

RAILROADS DEFEND LAW

The railroads are preparing to launch an extensive statewide campaign, including a schedule of newspaper advertising for both dailies and weekly newspapers, speeches in various centers, and other forms of propaganda in defense of the law. The opponents of the law have recently set up an organization, and have been holding public meetings in the larger cities, and sending out considerable free publicity matter in behalf of their side of the controversy. The truck people, in the early days of the development of truck delivery, prejudiced their case both with the legislature and the people by reason of flagrant abuses of the highways. Huge trucks which crowded private cars off the highways, and whose drivers "hogged" the roads, aroused bitter public sentiment and enabled passage of stringent regulatory legislation. Since that time the truckers have doubtless improved their situation considerably by educating their drivers to a more careful, courteous policy, and by enlisting the political support of those with whom they do business. The chief argument of the railroads is that they pay enormous sums in taxes, and are entitled to protection from what they term uneconomic competition from trucks. They have heretofore had the support of many good roads organizations and private citizens who use the highways.

SCOUTS REGISTERED JAN 1 FOR ANNUAL JAMBOREE

Seventeen Boy Scouts and one leader of the South Plains Council have made formal application to attend the National Jamboree to be held in Washington D. C. June 30 - July 9, 1937, Tom Carter, Council Jamboree Chairman announced.

Several scouts and a number of leaders have stated that they plan to make application before the first of the year.

The objective for the South Plains Council is three troops including 89 boys and 9 leaders, Carter said.

Attention was called to the first requirement to attend the Jamboree by Carter. That is, a boy must be a registered scout before January 1, 1937. All boys that are 12 years old should join some troop as they may become a jamboree delegate.

Final date for the registration for the trip has been set as April 1, 1937. Those who plan to attend should make their applications as early as possible.

Those who have made application to attend are: Watson Carlock, Lubbock, Briggs Robertson, Slaton, Lee Bickerstaff, Slaton, Carrol Claiborne, Lubbock, Wiley Hartman, Slaton, Maurice Middleton, Slaton, Walter Clark, Lubbock, Emory Payne, Lubbock, Max Garmon, Lorenzo, Houston Pearson, Lorenzo, James Euhank, Slaton, Eugene Stobaugh, Scoutmaster, Lorenzo, Albert White, Silvertown, Dee Brownfield, Lubbock, Will Whitfield, Lockney, Jack Bates Lloyd, Lubbock, Herman Lyle Jr., Sudan, and Durwood Ramsey, Sudan.

MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

Give yourself a Christmas present by owning a McCormack Deering tractor—start 1937 right!

FARMALL HOUSE

E. D. Engleman, Mgr.

OUR HATCHERY

will open DECEMBER 28th

We are now booking orders for baby chicks.

We have brooder stove and supplies in stock—

Egg mash and starter.

Spur Grain & Coal

Phone 51



We hope your Christmas tree is loaded with gifts of good health, prosperity and contentment. . . .

SANDERS And CHASTAIN PHARMACY

SINCE 1924

We have yearly wished our friends and patrons the Seasons Greetings.

Daily we have endeavored to wrap up lots of good will in every loaf of



SPUR BAKERY

LIGHT CRUST BREAD

BY GIVING YOU A REAL QUALITY LOAF

Again this year we want to express our appreciation of your good will and patronage and extend our heartiest wishes that you and yours may enjoy a most peaceful and happy Christmas filled with the better things of life.



MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

Thanking ou for the liberal patronage you have given us, and hoping to be of greater service to you in 1937—

SPUR CREAMERY



MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR

We have been glad to serve you in the past and during 1937 we hope to serve all our old friends and many new ones.

SPUR GRAIN And COAL

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As Christmas with its wonderful spirit of Good Will and Good Cheer draws near, it is natural that our thoughts should turn to those who have contributed to our success and to our enjoyment. . . .

Your cooperation and loyalty has made it possible for everyone in our organization to enjoy more thoroughly the wonderful Christmas season.

We should value friendships such as yours. . . and we do. We only wish it were possible to grip your hand warmly and say "Thank you!" But, since we cannot, we send you this greeting and with it our sincere wish that you will enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a New Year brim full of good things and happiness!

JOHNNIE KOONSMAN

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Our Opinion Is

That a great number of us float around on the idea of being a "good fellow," and in so doing, we soak the world for more than we are worth.



GIRLS!!!!

Would you leave a price waiting at the church to marry Clark Gable? See what Joan Crawford does zippiest romantic comedy of the year... "LOVE ON THE RUN" at the PPPalace theatre Preview Saturday and Sunday and Monday. Franchot Toe is also i the picture.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football, an Indian set, a cowboy suit, a soldier boy suit, a filling station and a chemistry set.
Billy Ned Blackwell

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl six years old. Please bring me a doll that cries, a suit case and some doll clothes, and please, Santa, bring my baby sister a teddy bear and a rubber doll. Thanks.
Joyce Hornby

Putting
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and
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Together



and wishing our friends and patrons a couple of good wishes—

MERRY CHRISTMAS
HAPPY NEW YEAR

May the days and miles ahead carry you over pleasant roads to health, success and prosperity.

Jimmisons Barber Shop

Christmas Joy

WE GREET YOU....

We Thank You....

for all the expressions of confidence and kindness you have shown toward us during the past year and pledge ourselves anew to every effort toward rendering a better, more efficient service for our customers and our community than ever before.



Spur Tailors

Girard

Garner Study Club

Christmas was the theme of the Garner Study Club Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. B. J. Kellett. Roll call was answered with a brief description of Christmas in another land. A review of "The Other Wise Man" was given by Mrs. Kellett. Mrs. Rogers told the story "Anniversary", Mrs. B. P. Woody read a poem, Mrs. Ray Williams gave a scripture reading and the crowd joined in singing Christmas Carols. After enjoying receiving gifts from a tree the following ladies were treated with fruit and candy: Mesdames Rogers, Williams, Wright, Smith, Cooper, Woody, Cooper Dyer and Kellett. At the first meeting in December the club was named the Garner Study Club in honor of our vice-President, who is a Texan.

Church of Christ

Rev. Mike Young of Spur filled his regular appointments Sunday morning and night. There was an unusually large crowd at the morning service to hear the subject of "Readiness" discussed. The fine singing was directed by Doris Hurst. Only fifty-four faithful souls made it there early enough for Sunday School, but those who did attend received much good from a study of His word. The subject of the Sunday night sermon was "Teaching". We appreciate the visitors who came. Last Sunday's contribution was sent to the Tipton Orphan Home. There was almost twenty dollars donated. Rollie Beaver will give a talk next Sunday.

Mrs. Leon Henderson is visiting with her parents in Cisco and will remain throughout the holidays.

Mrs. R. R. Dyer left Friday to spend Christmas with her mother.

We regret that Mr. and Mrs. Anson Sewalt are moving from Girard.

BAPTIST CHURCH

We had a splendid talk by Mr. Rogers Sunday morning. If you are interested in Christian training for the youth of our town, show that interest by coming to Sunday School. We need your help as you need the help of the Church. In the words of Moses, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good".

Our collection for Foreign Missions through the Lottie Moon Christians' offering amounted to over \$13.00. Our thanks are extended to each and everyone who had a part in the offering. \$2.50 was made for our W. M. S. through the Ladies Home Journal and the Country Gentleman. We wish to thank everyone who subscribed to either of these magazines.

Bro. Wayne Grizzle is to preach for us soon. Watch for the announcement and be on hand to hear him preach.

We had the roll call Sunday morning and many answered with a verse of scripture. Everyone of the Juniors in Mrs. George Spradling's class gave a verse from the Bible in answer to their names. Don't you want boy or girl to have such a training?

COMMUNITY NEWS

Lubbock seems to be quite an interesting place for some of our citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rogers, Bobby Williams, Mrs. Dean Young, and Mrs. Raleigh Beavers.

Mr. B. J. Kellett went to Eastland to visit his father.

Bill Vincil was seen on the streets of Girard last week.

Bro. Bristow of Dickens visited in Girard last week.

Bro. and Mrs. Bristow and listening to lectures given by a missionary from Brazil.

Ruby Bess Darden is home for a visit. Ruby has been working in San Antonio for the last few months.

Miss Lula Waggoner and Mrs. Sewalt entertained with a shower for Mrs. Joe Fincher. Quite a few lovely and useful gifts were received.

Mrs. Tom Cooper will receive new or renewal subscriptions to the Dickens County Times. If you are receiving this paper and want it to continue to bring you the local, county and state news see her and pay as much as you can. Mr. Starcher authorized her to say he would take produce of any kind. He is very kind to Girard in letting us have our school, Church, and community news in his paper. This is helping us out a lot and it is nothing but right that we should take the paper and pay for its coming. If Mrs. Cooper can't see you make it a point to see her and pay a little on the debt and Mr. Starcher will see to it that you continue to receive the paper until you can pay up in full.

Dickens, Texas.

Dear Santa Claus:
Bring me a doll that will walk. Bring me some gloves and an apple, orange, banana, coconut and some candy. I go to school at Patton Springs. My teacher is Miss Mitchell. I am in the High first. I am six years old.

Good bye Santa Claus,
Jo Nell Andrews
Afton, Texas

Spur, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— Please, bring me a machine gun, air gun, cowboy suit and a whole lot of B B's. Don't forget Miss Lassetter. Don't forget my Uncle Dick.

Kisses to you
Joe Day.

HOME ECONOMICS CLASS II
HAVE DINNER DEC. 11.

Wednesday December 16 at 12:00 o'clock, Cleo Smith, Dorthea Merriman, Syble McDonald, Margaret Conway and Ione Pickens served a lovely three course dinner in the home making Department of the Spur High School. A color scheme of red and green was carried out in the menu. The menu consisted of tomato juice cocktails, Delmonte Salmon in Rice Nests, Onions stuffed with English peas, Cloverleaf Rolls, and Lime Gelatin Pie. Mrs. W. M. Hazel attended the dinner and proved to be a very charming guest.

Margaret Conaway served as hostess, Dorthea Merriman host, Sybil McDonald and Ione Pickens daughters and Cleo Smith maid.

The dinner was one of the most successful dinners served this year in the home Making Department.

LAVORIS LEE HAS
CHRISTMAS PARTY

The exchange of gifts from a lighted Christmas tree was the main event of a party Thursday night when Lavioris Lee entertained at her home. Games were played and candy, fruit and peanuts were served.

The guest list included: Jean Engleman, Betty Jo Booth, Ovida Lisenby, Ada Lee Golding, Opal Jean Laverly, Archie Nell Hogan, Helen Fay Brooks, and Nell Lollar.

MR. AND MRS. E. D. ENGLEMAN
ENTERTAIN

Three couples were guests in the E. D. Engleman home Monday night. Cantract was played.

The tallies and score pads were in the Christmas motif and Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews received a blue glass water pitcher as high score prize.

Salad, sandwiches, cake and coffee were served to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Holly, Mr. and Mrs. Andrews, and Mr. and Mrs. Lois Lee.

Dear Santa:— I will not ask for much this Christmas. I want some dishes, and a doll, and fruits and candy. Don't forget Mother and Dad.
From—
Billie Jo Duncan,

O. R. CLOUDE
Doctor of Chiropractic
Magnecoil Dietetics
3rd Block West of Godfrey & Smart's
Spur, Texas

Society

MR. AND MRS. M. A. LEA
HOSTS FOR THEATRE PARTY

Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Lea entertained a large number of their friends with a theatre party, greeting the guests in the lobby of the Palace Theatre at 1:30 o'clock. Those who enjoyed seeing Shirley

Temple in "Dimples," were; Messers and Mesdames E. S. Lee, Ralph Lewis, Bill Kinney P. C. Nichols, E. S. Crider, Neal Chastain. Bynum Britton, Murray Lea, Cal Martin, J. C. Payne, Fred Jennings, John King, J. P. Carson, Brown Smith, Bill Davis, L. D. Ratliff, Joe Allison, H. C. Foote Jack Keen, Mr. Manning and Francis, W. E. Dortch, Gilbert C. L. Love, Oran McClure, J. R. Lane, and J. E. Morris.

To You..
And You..
And You!

We can't recall all your names right now but— believe us— this little greeting, although not as personal, is just as sincere as any you'll get on this happy occasion!

May we thank you for the splendid patronage you have given us during 1936—

Bells Cafe
Open Day and Night

Dear Friend
This is a greeting that comes from the heart — a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year to You! And We added with all sincerity it has been a real pleasure to have been of service to you. The knowledge that we have enjoyed your good will has helped us to do our best to meet your expectations. So we begin another year with renewed determination to strengthen your confidence in our ability to serve you as efficiently in the future as we have in the past

Bryant-Link Co.

DAUGHTERS OF 1933 STUDY CLUB

Mae Barrett Johnson was hostess to the Daughters of 1933 Study Club Wednesday afternoon of last week for a yuletide party. Joyce McCully presided for a brief business session. Regina Lee was the leader for a program in which Helen Lollar discusses "Christmas in other lands", and "What Christmas means to me", was brought by Margaret Mae Wea-

ver. Christmas carols were sung and the distribution of gifts from a yuletree closed the program. A dainty refreshment plate was passed to Misses: Mozelle Arthur, Mary Jo Collier, Helen Lollar, Regina Lee, Marian Hale, Grace Foster, La Nell Fallis, Billy Louise Powell, Jerry Lee Willard Belva Swan, Merriam Reed, Doris Neaves, Lillian Grace Dickson, Joyce McCully, Elizabeth Powell, Ruby Cowan, and the Club sponsor, Mrs. C. C. McCully.

SECOND YEAR FOODS CLASS ENTERTAINS

The second year Foods Class of the Spur Home Economics Department honored Mr. R. E. Dickson with a chicken dinner December the 15th. The menu was as follows: Baked Chicken and Dressing, English Peas, Buttered Cabbage, Hot Biscuits and Butter, Pineapple Salad, Cranberry Pie and Water. The dinner went over very nicely with some mistakes since it was the first time to entertain. The hostess to the dinner was Naomi Franklin, host, Mary Louise McCamb, Maid, Ruth Turpen and daughter, Nelma Spraberry. The group felt highly honored to have such a distinguished guest as Mr. Dickson. The dinner would not have been half so good had we not had so grand a guest. When we got in tight places and hardly knew what to do, Mr. Dickson always took hold and helped us through. By Mr. Dickson's help everyone learned to carve the chicken, which was quite interesting to know and no one felt ill at ease. Reporter.—Naomi Franklin.

SOCIETY

CHRISTMAS PARTY IN COY McMAHON HOME

Four couples met Friday night in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Coy McMahon for a Christmas party. Sandwiches, potato chips pickles, caramel nut pie topped with whipped cream was served buffet style, preceding games of 84. Contests and a yuletide story read by Mrs. Loyd Roberts. Girlene Dillingham assisted Santa in distributing gifts from a lovely decorated tree to each one present. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Roberts, Mrs. Dale Dillingham and children Girlene and Dale D.

1925 BRIDGE CLUB HOLDS DINNER

The Ray Taylor home was the scene of a festive Christmas dinner Wednesday evening for the 1925 Bridge Club members and one guest. Poinsettias and holly massed on a reflector formed the centerpiece for a large table at which the guests were seated; and tall red candles burning in green holders furnished the light. Miss Julia Mae Hickman, and Mrs. Pat Watson were the prize winners in games of contract following the dinner, and gifts were exchanged from a Yuletree. There were present: Mesdames W. F. Andrews, E. F. Laverty, Sol Davis, C. L. Love M. C. Golding, W. F. Jennings and Della Eaton.

THEATRE PARTY HONORS CECILIA FOX

After opening and admiring the gifts received on her tenth birthday Sunday, Cecilia Fox and her guests went to the Palace theatre to see Shirley Temple in "Dimples." Delicious ice cream was served at Chastains Pharmacy after the show. The guests were: Shirley Powell, Jackie Jean Rector, Maxine Adams, Joan Mayfield, Addie Mae Woods, Ruth Estelle Jones, Lou Emma Shugart, Betty Weaver, and Virginia Ruth Shugart.

WYATT-BROWN NUPTIALS SATURDAY

Frank Wyatt and Miss May Brown were married in Spur Saturday in the presence of a number of friends, Judge G. B. Jopling read the ceremony at his office. Mr. Wyatt is a farmer in the Red Mud community. The bride is a daughter of O. T. Brown of Spur. They will make their home in the Red Mud community where Mr. Wyatt will continue his farming business.

MR. AND MRS. SAM T. CLEMMONS ENTERTAIN

Friday evening of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Clemmons entertained a few friends in their home on N. Willard St. Mrs. J. C. McNeill III and Mr. Neal Chastain scored high in games of contract which were played in rooms tastefully decorated for the Holiday season. Salad, fruitcake and coffee were served to Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill III, and Mrs. Tyrus Allen.

MRS. M. H. BRANNEN ENTERTAINS S. S. CLASS

Eighteen members of the Young Ladies Class of the M. E. Church met Wednesday evening in the home of their teacher, Mrs. M. H. Brannen for a Christmas party. Games were played and gifts exchanged from a lighted tree. Each member of the class received a book plate from Mrs. Brannen and the class presented silk pajamas to their teacher. A salad plate was passed and candy cones were favors. There were present Misses: Hazel and Wanda Watson, Edith and Alva Ince, Julia Mae Albin, Lola Beth Green, Yyda Kelly, Winnie Bell Johnson, Chesteen Gibbs, Royce Blackwell, Vera Lowe, Era Belle Hogan, Billie Brown, Ruby Rae Williamson, Francis Mannig and Mary Wooten.

JAN EBRANNEN CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

A small group of Jane Brannen's young friends gathered at her home Wednesday afternoon of last week to help celebrate Jane's eighth birthday. After viewing the gifts the five girls and Mackie Brannen went to the Palace Theatre to see the current picture and later, at Chastain's pharmacy a decorated birthday cake was cut and served with ice cream. Boxes of sparklers were favors for Mackie, Virginia Lane, Forestine Me-com, Autrey Nell Wyess, Jacqueline Rector and the honoree.

WHY WASTE FIGURES

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Dear Santa: Please bring me a toy watch and the 5 quintuplets and 3 handkerchiefs and a doll trunk. Dear Santa Claus: Eurena Hoover

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AND TREE
Christmas program and tree at the Church of the Nazarene on Thursday evening from 6 to 7 p.m., December 24th. Everyone is welcome.

Christmas Joy

The tide of time with ending year - comes in on waves of Christmas cheer, And as we catch its inward flow; Friends whose faith has been our stay, In all we have done from day to day; For this our thanks go out to you—

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And when Clark Gable and Joan Crawford get together (remember "Forsaking All Others"?) you're all set for heart-thrills. The gayest, most romantic romp of the year... which just gets started when the lovely Joan runs out on her wedding... ad into the dizziest of adventures. Joan Crawford all in "Love On The Run" at the Palace Theatre Preview, Saturday Night and Sunday and Monday... You will thank us for telling you about it.

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Merry Christmas

The good cheer season of the year is always welcome because it brings us to a deeper appreciation of life, of opportunity, of friends and of fellowship.

To us it recalls pleasant dealings of the past and leads us to desire to give expression to our appreciation of our friends.

Our own Christmas, we feel will only be happy to the extent our friends enjoy the season. We trust it will be the merriest Christmas you have ever experienced and that this glad yuletide you will go into a new year bright with promise and that it will be the year in which your fondest dreams come true.

May we continue to serve you?

Spur Security Bank

GREETINGS

The foundation of all business is friendship... and with each Christmas it gives us pleasure to extend our best wishes to those whose friendship we cherish. May Health, Happiness, and Prosperity be united in making this holiday Season a Merry one for you!

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Letters to Santa Claus

Spur Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— Please bring me a cow-boy suit and a scabbard gun boots, and spurs. Don't forget my family.

Yours truly,
Ray Blevins.

Spur, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— Please bring me an air gun. Please bring me a double package of fire-crackers. Don't forget my daddy and my mother and my sister and my teachers.

With Love
Jimmie E. Bradley.

CHRISTMAS



We hope that 1937 will be good to you and yours, and that the spirit of Christmas be with you always.

Tri County
Lumber Co.

Spur Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— I want a wrist watch for Christmas, also I want a doll, a bed, table, chairs, dishes, apples, oranges, candy and nuts. I have been very good this year. My brother wants a wagon. My little sister wants a doll. I hope this is printed so my mother and father will be surprised.

Yours truly,
Virginia Lee Nolan.

Dear Santa:
I want a wagon. I want a car. I want a blackboard. I want a garage.

Helen Powell

Spur Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— Please bring me a machine and some fireworks and don't forget my mother and daddy and bring nice things and don't forget my teacher.

Yours truly,
Juian Wells.

Spur Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— I would like for you to bring me a bicycle and some candy, oranges, apples and firecrackers. I have been a very good boy this year.

With love,
Doyle Henderson.

Spur Texas
Dear Santa:— Please bring me a double package of fire-crackers. Please bring me a machine gun. Please do not forget Mrs. Giddens. Please bring me a cowboy suit. Please don't forget my family. Please bring me an air-gun and some good candy and a gun and a scabbard.

With love,
Marion Cleston Prichett.

LOVES A FUNNY THING. . .
and never funnier than "Love On the Run" Not since "Forsaking All Others" has there been such a zippy, laugh laden star studded escapade! Joan Crawford galloping right away from the altar Clark Gable and Franchot Tone at break neck speed You'll thank us for telling you It's swell "Love On the Run" at the Palace Theatre Preview Saturday Night and Sunday and Monday.

Spur Texas
Dear Santa:— Bring me an air gun a cowboy suit and fire-crackers.

Yours truly,
W. J. Duggers Jr.

Spur Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— Please bring me an aiggun. Please bring me some nice candy and some fire crackers. Please don't forget my teacher it is Mrs. Giddens.

Love and kisses,
Hardie Allen Dement.

Spur Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— I have been a good girl, please bring me a doll and some fireworks. Don't forget my family and don't forget teacher.

With love,
Vivian Jean Reynolds.

Spur Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— I have been a good girl. Please bring me some skates and a pony. Don't forget my family and don't forget Mrs. Giddens and all the other teachers and my room.

With Love and Kisses,
Winona Couch.

Spur, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— Please bring me some fireworks. Please bring me a cowboy suit. Please bring me a scabbard and a gun. Please don't forget Mrs. Giddens.

Yours truly,
ugene Somamaker.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a machine gun and a cowboy suit and good candy. Please don't forget Mrs. Giddens and mother and daddy and sister.

Sincerely,
Pat Copeland

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a machine gun, and three double packages of fire crackers. Please don't forget my family and don't forget Mrs. Giddens. I have been a good boy all this year.

Sincerely,
Roland W. Hairgrove

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a scabbard gun and fire works, good candy and fruit. Don't forget Mother, Daddy, brothers, sisters an dteacher and all. Love and kisses.

Curtis Wayne Carr

Spur, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— I have been a good girl. Please, don't forget Mrs. Lassetter. Please bring me a doll. Please don't forget my family. Please bring me a buggy. Please don't forget my teacher.

With Love
Nina Mae Sonnamaker.

Spur, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— I have been a good boy. Please bring me an air gun. Please bring me a cowboy suit, and a machine gun. Bring me a double package of firecrackers and don't forget some bee bees and some spurs and my daddy and some good candy, and fruit, and a wagon.

Your friend,
Bobbie George Day.

Spur, Texas
Dear Santa:— I have been a good girl. Please don't forget my mother, my daddy and teacher, I want a doll and tooth brush.

Yours truly,
Letha Nell Williams.

Spur Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— Please, bring me a cow-boy suit. Please bring me some firecrackers. Don't forget my teacher.

With love,
Lewis Blevins.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have tried to be a good girl this year. I want a Mickey Mouse watch and a little purse and some apples and candy. If I would get them I would be happy as I could be.

Love,
Annie Mae Murphy

Dear Santa:
I am a little boy seven years old and in the second grade. I go to school at Patton Springs. I want a wagon and a coping saw and lots of candy, apples, oranges and nuts.

Price James Hornby
Elton, Texas

Dear Santa:
Please bring me some skates and a train that will run on a track. Bring me some candy and a cocoanut too. I am five years old. I have been good. Good bye good old Santa Claus.

Jackie Donald Andrews

Dear Santa:
I have been a very good little boy and I would like to have a gun and some other things too. Some candy and apples.

Johnnie Dan Smith

I have tried to be a good little boy and I would like to have a little red wagon, football, and train. Be sure to remember all the little girls and boys over all the lands. Thanks.

Marvin Barrett

Afton, Texas
P. S. My aunt Hazel is going to be here. Bring her something.

Dear Santa:
We want a little red wagon for Christmas and a lot of nuts, fruits and candy. We are 2 little boys 3 and 5 years old.

Love to Santa,
Billie and H. F. Harris
Girard, Texas

Spur, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— I have tried to be a good girl. Please bring me a doll buggy. Please bring me some good candy. Please bring me a double box of fire crackers. Don't forget my mother and don't forget my daddy and my sister and my brother and teacher.

Love and Kisses,
Shirley Nell Teague.

Dear Santa Claus:
I don't want very much this Christmas. All I want is a tricycle, a gun with a holster, a pair of spurs, and some apples, oranges and candy. If I were to get them I would be happy.

Love,
Pike Murphy

The following are a portion of Santa Claus letters written by the Low Second Grade of Spur schools. There are a number of others which may appear next week in time to be read before Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an airgun. Don't forget my dady and sister. And remember my teacher also. I would like a football, a metal tool chest and some good candy. With love,

R. S. Coher.

Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl. Please bring me some fire crackers and fruit and don't forget my family and my teacher.

Love to Santa,
Vera Jo Reynolds

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll buggy and some good candy. Remember my family and my teacher. I want some fruit too. With love,

Hazel Murile Burks

Dear Santa:
I have tried to be a good girl, please bring me a stove, a typewriter, some fruit and some candy and nuts, a Shirley Temple doll, dressed in a cowboy suit, and don't forget my sisters and brothers, daddy and mother.

With love and kisses,
Dorthea Belle Karr

Dear Santa Claus:
I have tried to be a good boy. Please, bring me a Merry-Go-Round and some fruit and candy. Please, don't forget Mrs. Giddens, and mother and dady.

Sincerely,
Mack Wilson, Jr.

Spur Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— I want a doll that cost \$4.98 and a doll buggy, dishes, a doll table and chairs. A pair of skates, a wrist watch and some apples oranges, bananas candy and nuts.

Yours truly,
Ila Ruth Draper

Dear Santa:
I have been a good boy. Please bring me an air gun and football and some candy, and my sister wants a Shirley Temple doll. Don't forget my mother, father and teacher.

Your friend,
Billy Joe Crafton

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a pedal car and a cowboy suit, and fire works.

With love,
Billy Ray Wright

Spur, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— Please bring me a wagon. Please bring me an air gun. I have been a good boy. Please bring me some fruit. Please bring me some spurs. Please bring me some boots, and don't forget my family.

Sincerely your friend
James Young.

Dickens, Texas.
Dear Santa Claus:— I don't want much. Please bring me a little doll trunk, a book, and a wrist watch, candy and fruit. Please bring mother Daddy, also brother Billie something. I have been a good little girl. Thank you, Santa Claus.

Betty Jean Anderson

Spur, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— I have been a very good little girl. Please bring me a little piano and some fire crackers, and sparklers. Please don't forget my teacher and my brothers Joe wants a gun and Ainsworth wants some fruit and some candy, and a gun and don't forget my mother.

With love and kisses,
Betty Jane Gates.

Spur, Texas
Dear Santa Claus:— Please, bring me an air-gun. Don't forget my family. Please don't forget my teacher and don't forget Mr. Bennefield.

Sincerely,
Robert Cerey.

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We hope that your
CHRISTMAS
TABLE

Is laden to overflowing

It will be our constant aim throughout 1937 to serve you better and more satisfactorially with each passing day.

We wish you a MERRY Christmas and aHAPPY NEW YEAR!

HENRY FOOD MARKET



Friendship as we see it is one of the great joys of life.

We like to feel that each customer is our friend, and that a spirit of friendliness underlies each business transaction.

We value our business friendships as we value our personal friendships.

In appreciation of all your friendship has meant to us, we wish you and those you love Joy and peace for Christmas and the New Year.

Allen Auto Supply

--- And so again as we have wished you many times before, a joyous and happy holiday season.

MERRY CHRISMAS

And may 1937 be as pleasant and profitable as your greatest anticipations.

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Our Wish To You

How real is the gift of friendship — and how priceless is good will. . .

—At this time of good cheer, when all business cares are over-shadowed by good fellowship, may the joys and pleasures of this festive season be yours in full measure, and may the New Year abound with success and happiness.

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Mickey Mouse
Cartoon

GILBERT WEST

Miss Gladys Gilbert, a former Spur girl, was married to Jackson West in the home of Mrs. P. H. Miller last Sunday. Dr. M. F. Ewton, pastor of the First Baptist Church reads the rites in the presence of many friends.

The bride is a teacher in the school at O'Donnell where she has been a number of years. She is a sister of Mrs. Henry Gruben and Lanier Gilbert of our city. Mr. Jackson is engaged in the farming business near Lubbock where they will make their home.

ART EXHIBIT IN HOME OF MRS. J. H. CLAY

An unusual affair on the weeks social calendar was the art exhibit held December 18th in the home of Mrs. J. H. Clay.

Mrs. Clay and her daughter, Syble, talented artists, had many beautiful pieces on display which were viewed by friends, lovers of art, and the adult class taught by Mrs. Hattie Turvan and Mrs. Minnie Lewis.

Miss Jennie Shields presided at the Guest register.

A special program was rendered, and Mrs. Clay with her painting of "The Good Shepherd" was shown under special lighting arrangements.

Many friends desiring to remember Mrs. Clay for her unselfish work brought gifts pertaining to art and these were presented by Mrs. R. E. Dickson.

Mrs. Ella R. Miller presided at the tea table and the following guests were present:

Mesdames R. L. Westerman, H. P. Gibson, D. Y. Twadell, W. D. Starcher, J. M. Foster, Mary E. Johnston E. J. Cowan, J. A. Koon, J. Hazelwood, Howard Cargile, O. L. Kelly, E. S. Lee, Garnet Reeves of Pampa, J. O. Harkey, A. M. Walker, W. R. Weaver, J. S. Clay, O. R. Cloud, Hattie Turvan Geo. S. Link, Minnie Lewis, El-nora Thomas, Josie Vann, J. E. Doz-ier, Mamie Thomas, J. L. Roberts, W. R. McClung, H. L. McDonald, W. B. Bennett, Frank Neill, S. A. Lawrence, G. L. Gibson, Lois Lee, C. Lewis, Roy Stovall, J. C. Butter J. E. Mallory, W. B. McKay, W. M. Hazle, T. J. Seale, J. S. Cole, Prudence Peacock, T. H. Blackwell, Chester A. Powell, Geo. M. Williams, J. F. Williams, Bessie McClung, J. S. Shockley, Misses Nell Lollar Opal Jean Laverty, Jane Mallory, and Kathleen McDon-ald.

UNITED STATES WANTS MARINE RECRUITS

Recruiting officers of the United States Marine Corps have announced that the enlistment of several hundred men are needed as recruits in the Marines at this time. Applicants must be between 18 years and 25 years of age, and at least 5 feet six inches high. Persons interested in joining can write to Major Peter Conachy, recruiting officer, Allen Building, Dallas.

It has been set out at various times that the only difference in attending a military school and joining the Marine Corps is that you pay to attend the military school and the Government pays you to be in the Marines.

MRS. THORNTON SUCCUMBS

Mrs. L. M. Thornton, of Dickens, died in a local sanitarium at 6:50 o'clock Sunday morning after a few days of illness. She came to the sanitarium Wednesday but her condition was such that the doctors held no hope for her recovery.

Funeral services were held at Red Mud at three o'clock Monday afternoon. Mike M. Young, Church of Christ minister, conducted the services. Interment followed in Red Mud cemetery with Kinney Funeral home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Thornton's maiden name was Miss Ruby Brantner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Brantner. She in survived by her husband, three children: Lillian, Bob, and Corinne; her parents, two brothers, John Brantner of Spur and Kay Brantner of Snyder; three sisters, Ruth Reba, and Leah. The last named was not able to be present for the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. Thornton were married in 1923 and had spent most of their married life in Motley and Dickens Counties.

Among other relatives and friends present for the funeral were: R. F. Thornton of Matador, Joe Thornton and family of Afton, and Bush Thornton of Spur.

HORN THOMAS

Leroy Horn and Miss Leona Thomas were united in marriage in Spur Friday afternoon. Rev. J. V. Bilberry read the rites in the presence of a few friends. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Minnie Thomas of this community. Mr. Horn has been working on a ranch near Lubbock for sometime. After a few days honeymoon they will make their home at Lubbock.

NICHOLS SANITARIUM

Delbert Alexander, of Afton, who underwent an operation for appendicitis and general peritonitis about three weeks ago, continues to improve and it is thought now that he has passed the crisis and will get well. He was in a very serious condition.

B. C. Cairnes, of Clairemont, is a medical patient in the sanitarium at this time, having been admitted Friday. He seems to be improving and thinks he will be out before long.

Mrs. C. C. Robinson who underwent an operation about ten days ago, was able to return to her home at Sunday.

Little Miss Frances Marie Johns city, underwent a tonsilectomy at the sanitarium Tuesday morning. Dr. Blackwell did the work and she seems to be doing fine.

Mrs. W. H. Duke, who underwent an operation about two weeks ago, had recovered sufficiently to return to her home in the Croton community Friday.

VISIT HERE LAST OF WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Ackley and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Richards, of Gainsville, were guests of Mrs. Kate Senning from Friday until Sunday. Mrs. Ackley is a sister to Mrs. Senning and they enjoyed a great time talking over former day experiences.

WANT ADS

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FOR SALE—Several farms in Spur trade territory. Small cash payment, balance 20 years. 5% interest. See James B. Reed, Spur National Bank Building. 585-tfc

FARM FOR SALE—166 acres, 110 in cultivation, good improvements, on Highway 18 and Spur school bus route; Duck Creek community. Would trade for teams, cattle or sell for small cash payment. See H. A. McLaurin. 590-4tp

NOTICE—We have a number of old car bodies which we will give to any one and help load them to get them hauled away. See Hale's Auto Parts, east of Musser Lumber Company. 1tp

LOST—Riverside Tire and wheel for V8 Truck on road from Wilson draw to Spur Friday night, December 11. Finder return to Dickens County Times for reward.

TRADE AGREEMENT FAVOR GROWERS

Concessions of direct benefit to the American cotton grower and manufacturer have been obtained in 13 of the 14 trade agreements thus far concluded, according to information supplied the Texas Extension Service by the U. S. Department of State.

Six countries, Cuba, Sweden, Canada, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Finland, have agreed to continue favorable treatment accorded imports of American raw cotton. Two countries, Cuba and Guatemala, have reduced the duty on cotton seed oil. Two countries, Cuba and Sweden, have granted concessions on cottonseed cake. Five countries, Cuba, Canada, Colombia, Guatemala and France, have granted concessions on cotton and ten countries have granted concessions on various cotton textile manufactures.

In the negotiation of trade agreements every effort has been made to insure the continued free entry of American raw cotton into the countries concerned, as well as to increase foreign buying power by enabling foreign countries to sell us more of their goods. During the first year of the agreement with Belgium imports into that country from the United States increased 23 per cent. There was an increase of only five per cent in imports into Belgium from all other countries during that period. Imports of American cotton (already on Belgium's free list) increased by 123 per cent, while imports of cotton from all other countries decreased by nine and four-tenths per cent.

In 13 of the agreements concessions have been obtained on tires and automobiles and the products of other industries which are important consumers of cotton, thus indirectly benefiting cotton and cotton manufacturing industries.

Miss Annie Laurie Lewis, a student at Abilene Christian College, arrived here Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lewis.

Miss Kitty Powell, of Abilene, visited relatives and friends in our city Saturday night and Sunday.

YOU'RE A DUMB SUCH AND SUCH....

and a blankety blank so and so. Now if you think that is libelous conversation, you want to see William Powell Myrna Loy Jean Harlow, and Spencer Tracy, four great stars all in one picture. "LIBELED LADY" one of the most entertaining pictures you will want to see it's funny it's clever it's smart it's just darn good entertainment and coming soon to the Palace Theatre.

Miss Oulda Fern Dobbins, who is attending Hardin-Simmons University, is here spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dobbins.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Stark and son of Afton were in our city Tuesday trading and talking with friends.

Cecil Durham, a student at the N. T. S. T. College at Denton came the last of the week to spend the days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Durham, of Duck Creek community.

Judge Hagins, of Jayton, was on our streets Tuesday talking with early day friends.

HERE'S WISHING YOU AND YOURS

An old fashion' Merrie Christmas and a Happy New Year

Spur Cafe

"The Home of Good Eats"

A Christmas Message of ..

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While we enjoy this season of good-will and bright cheer it is our policy to try each day of the year to put more into our transactions than the mere exchange of merchandise and service for dollars. We like to feel that the best friends we have in the world are those with whom we do business.

We find pleasure in going to particular pains to supply our new-made friends as well as the "stand-bys" with courteous efficiency — that is our effort to give complete satisfaction to all.

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The Fair Store

GREETINGS

Announcing
LOW LONG DISTANCE
RATES all day Christmas
....all day New Years

To make it easier for friends to exchange holiday greetings, the telephone company this year will keep its lower night and Sunday rates in effect ALL DAY Christmas and ALL DAY New Year's Day. Instead of having to call Christmas Eve to get the lowest rate, you can call any time after 7 p. m. Christmas Eve, including all of Christmas Day . . . and for a similar period at New Years.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

Best CHRISTMAS Wishes

The Last Round-up (last minute shopping) of the Holiday season always take a greater part of the housewife's time — but there is one way she can gain several hours from the housework and that is — send us the family wash. It will be worth the cost many times over in the freedom you'll have to enjoy the Holidays.

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