

Letters Awarded At Football-Pep Squad Banquet

The annual Football and Pep Squad banquet was held in the basement of the First Methodist Church Thursday evening. The luncheon was served by the ladies of the High School P.T.A. Miss Mozelle Arthur was toastmistress for the occasion.

A nice program representing the spirit of football season was carried out. Miss Margaret Herren, the sponsor of the Pep Squad arranged the program which was very becoming to the occasion. About 100 were present for the evening.

After the program had been concluded Coach Wadzeck announced the lettermen of the Spur Bulldogs. Twenty fine boys, who had done their best to hold up the name of Spur schools, were awarded sweaters in recognition of their fine work. They were: Elton Garner, Bob Harrell, Billy Hahn, J. B. Haralson, Victor Arrington, Bill Haralson, T. J. Horner, Spencer Lisenby, James Bumpus, Roger Bingham, Doyle Bingham, Willie York, Hansford Ousley, Pete Wilhoit, James Culbert, Pressley Powell, Jeff Smart, Billie D. Bell, George Murphy.

Six of the above named boys will graduate from Spur High School this year. They are: Bob Harrell, J. B. Haralson, Elton Garner, Billy Hahn, Victor Arrington, T. J. Horner.

Many Historical Relics In Collection

People who are interested in historical relics and collections could spend a very interesting time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hickman, who live just east of McAdoo. In their home is a writing desk that is more than one hundred years old. It was made in West Virginia and the timber is black walnut. Mr. Hickman stated his grandfather made the desk and it was floated down the Ohio river in a raft later. The family moved to Indiana in what was known as the Northwest Territory. Mr. Hickman stated his grandfather had several thousand dollars in gold in a secret drawer in the desk. He asked friends the other day to find the secret drawer and after they had searched for it, they stated they could not. Then he showed them where the secret drawer was.

Another relic which Mr. Hickman has is an old style rifle. He stated it was more than one hundred years old, and if it has been used that long no doubt it helped to clear the Northwest Territory of the Indians. It is of the cap and ball type and the bullets were pushed into the barrel with a ramrod. Mr. Hickman stated that so far as service is concerned, no one would want the old gun but to him it meant a great deal.

Among other things he exhibited was a selection of coins of copper, nickel and silver. He has some copper coin of Indian money which are nearly the size of a fifty cent coin. He has coins dated back as far as 1835, and has two or three 5-cent silver pieces.

He has a watch which his grandfather carried in an early day. It is a silver cased watch and continues to run. Mr. Hickman stated he does not permit it to run much as it is a family heirloom.

In regard to the desk stated above, there is not a nail of any kind in it, and it has the same polish on that was first used.

STORES WILL BE CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

Although the day falls on Saturday, all stores in Spur will be closed Christmas Day. People will please make their shopping tours and secure their supplies for both Saturday and Sunday during this week. All the merchants have a very complete line of merchandise in every line the public will need, and all the merchandise is for sale at reasonable prices.

The merchants feel they would not be observing Christmas in the manner should be observed by keeping their stores open. Hence, it has been a custom for many years to close all stores in Spur on Christmas Day irrespective of what day in the week it comes.

Wishing You A Merry CHRISTMAS



Dickens County Times

A West Texas Dallas News Edition

The Terry County Herald will make the Dallas News jealous in regard to size as the Herald's Historical-Prosperity edition contained six sections of eight pages each—making 48 pages. The paper was issued last week under date of December 16, and contained a great amount of historical sketches of the community and industrial progress of Terry County. Editor A. J. Stricklin (famously known to Charlie Guy as "Andy Jack") certainly did his stuff if he secured all the copy for that paper. It is one of the best editions any weekly publication has ever given any community, and it should be appreciated greatly by citizens of Terry County and all citizens of West Texas. More especially did we appreciate the space awarded by officials in honor of past officials of Terry County, because the writer knew quite a number of them in earlier days. We are saying "Hippee. Hurrah, for Editor Stricklin," and we hope we get him out to the West Texas Press Convention at next meeting to where we, with other West Texas editors, can absorb some of his ideas and acquire some of his zeal in regard to publishing a country weekly. Editor Stricklin is now considered one of the pioneer newspaper men of West Texas, yet he is progressive in his ideas and he never misses a chance to tell "Sharley Shurney" Guy where to get off. Of course, he does the latter in a friendly way.

Spur Theatre To Show Every Day

C. H. Hardwick, manager of the Spur shows wishes to announce that beginning Friday of this week that the Spur Theatre will be open every day in the week. The type of pictures that will be shown will be comedies, Western and action. There will be three changes in the programs each week.

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday shows will be 10 and 20 cents. Wednesday and Thursday you can see the show for 10 and 15 cents. Friday and Saturday shows will only have an admission of 10 and 15 cents.

35 Farmers Attend Game Demonstration

Thirty-five farmers of Dickens County met in the District Court Room of Dickens, Texas, Monday, December 20 to discuss plans for organization of entire county for game management and control. County Agent, G. J. Lane stated the purpose of the meeting and asked V. V. Parr, chairman of the game management committee, to give reasons for such an organization and to read articles of association and by-laws adopted by surrounding counties that are now conducting such a demonstration.

Twenty farmers who indicated a willingness to conduct game management demonstrations on their farms and ranches consisting of 70,000 acres are as follows: V. M. Hand, W. A. Drennan, R. L. Mims, J. L. Beechley, Pitchfork Land Cattle Co., east of Dickens; J. M. Jackson, V. S. Ford, Joe M. Rose, C. E. Flippin, G. A. Benham, Leonard Clements, F. L. Byars, C. C. Haile, F. F. Henry, G. W. Calvert, S. M. Baxter, Afton vicinity; C. Bird, Roy Arrington, and White Moore of Spur vicinity.

Other interested parties should get in touch with any one of the above or call at the County Agent's office.

COMES HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Henry Scoggins, who is attending the State Teachers College at Pittsburg, Kans. arrived here Monday morning to spend a few days visiting his sister, Mrs. Dunn, and other relatives. Henry was one of Spur's favorite football players and is a graduate of Spur High School. Since he graduated from High School he has been at Pittsburg attending the Teachers College, and during the time he has been showing marks of a real man by making his own way through college. He has a great number of friends in Spur community and are interested in seeing him make good, and when he is through college there is no doubt that he will have a position waiting for him. He has developed into a very fine young man and his standard of honor is very high.

Miss Ouida Dobbins, student in C. I. A. Denton is in Spur to spend the holidays with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dobbins

Free Picture Show For Children Friday

We want to call attention to the children that the Palace Theatre is giving you a free show Friday morning—the day before Christmas. This is a picture that all of you will enjoy and you don't want to miss it.

Mr. Hardwick has been very nice to the children in many respects and he is giving this show as a Christmas present to you. He has been nice in many respects—to the schools, and other institutions in the community. People will always find him cooperating in any community movement. So, be at the show Friday morning.

Dr. Carl E. Seashore To Be in San Antonio

Dr. Carl E. Seashore, dean of the graduate school and head of the department of psychology of the State University of Iowa, will be the featured speaker at the twenty-fourth annual convention of the Texas Music Teachers Association to be held in San Antonio Dec. 27-29.

Dr. Seashore, the recognized authority on the psychological and scientific investigation of music, first came to national attention through his revolutionary surveys in the measurement of musical talent through laboratory means. He holds seven academic degrees, including the D. Litt. awarded by Gustavus Adolphus College 46 years after its own A. B. degree, and his service record, 28 years, is the longest of any graduate school dean in the country. At present Dr. Seashore is chairman of the Division of Anthropology of the National Academy of Sciences.

JUST ANOTHER MISTAKE IN THE AD

Last week we let a mistake get by in the advertisement of the Spur Furniture and Mattress Company. They advertised that with a certain amount of purchase in furniture they would give a nice No Tuff mattress on the Sealy type. They do not handle Sealy mattresses as the advertisement stated, but they do make a No Tuff mattress on the type of a Sealy.

Harris Well Drilling Below 1800 Feet

The well for test of oil and gas on the W. A. Harris place on Duck Creek is drilling below the 1800 mark in very hard formation. They are making from forty to sixty feet per day depending on weather conditions, rock formation and luck. It is hoped to get this well close to the 200 foot mark by Christmas Day.

The well on the Williams-Moore Block west of Spur has been shut down for the past two weeks. Arrangements have been made for this well to be continued on down, but the contractor, J. A. Cluck has sickness in his home which is keeping him away at this time. His mother-in-law fell two weeks ago and suffered a broken limb and she is not expected to live. Just as soon as conditions are such that Mr. Cluck can leave his family he will be back to start work again.

Other activities are about as have been all along. The leasing fever has about subsided and no interest is being taken in other areas at this time.

Proposal To Cut Down On Federal Aid For Highways

Seriousness of President Roosevelt's proposal to cut down on federal aid for highway building purposes for 1938-39, and further plans for more state participation in county road bonds were two of the problems facing Texas counties which were discussed at a meeting of the Legislative committee of the State Judges' and Commissioners' association attended last week in Austin by County Judge Marshall Formby. Judge Formby is a member of the Legislative committee, representing the only county judge on that committee from the 30th Senatorial district.

Judge Formby was named to this post by Judge Harold M. LaFont of Hale County who is president of the state association. He is the first county judge from Dickens to be so honored.

"If President Roosevelt's proposal passes, it will mean that federal aid for 1939 will be cut off to such an extent that it will directly affect Dickens County's highway program," Judge Formby stated. "During the past year and a half there has been spent and appropriated by the State Highway department nearly \$300,000.00 and of course this was made possible by federal aid to the state highway department. Approximately \$100,000 was spent on Highway 18 during the first part of this year, the Judge continued, and on last November 23 the state appropriated \$177,000.00 to be spent on Highway 24. We hope to obtain a hot-topping job for 24 in 1939, but if federal aid is denied, this may curtail the state's road building program."

Judge Formby said Texas County Judges are working on proposals whereby counties may obtain more relief from the one cent which has been set aside from the state gasoline tax to help pay off county road bonded indebtedness. It is in this problem that Judge Formby is most interested.

NICHOLS SANITARIUM NEWS

Clifton Elliott, of Jayton underwent an operation Monday for an abscessed appendix. He seems to be getting along very well at this time.

Tommy Jean Perry, of Roaring Springs, who has been in the sanitarium about one month on account of a broken limb, continues to improve.

Miss Frances Walker, of Highway, who underwent an operation two weeks ago, continues to improve and will be able to be up before long.

Rex Hall, of Lower Red Mud community, continues to improve from a broken limb. He says he is doing fine. Mavis Joy Hill, city, underwent a tonsillectomy Tuesday and is doing fine.

Manuel Nino, of Croton, who has pneumonia, is able to sit up some at this time and can go home soon.

Enjoyed a Great Time Catching Balloons

Any time you think that older people do not enjoy a game you are just fooling yourself. Everybody in town Friday had a great time catching balloons, and there was nothing so enticing as the fun of just catching a balloon. Balloons were thrown from buildings along main street, and the children, young folk, older folk,—everybody had a great time.

A number of the balloons had tickets which called for presents from many of the business houses, but these were not the real motive for the fun of catching balloons. People just enjoyed the thrill of catching balloons. However, they appreciated the thoughtfulness of the various business people in Spur for remembering them and every one who received a balloon that called for a present was very glad. They presented the slip of paper to the proper business firm and received the present with gladness. It is difficult to tell whether the manager of the business enjoyed more pleasure in giving the present or the one receiving it. However, there was joy for both and the balloons gave the thrill of the season.

Business firms who gave presents in the balloon throwing were:

Godfrey & Smart, The Sunshine Service Station, Sanders-Chastain, New Deal Grocery, Clover Farm, Simpson's Barber and Beauty Shop, The Spur Security Bank, Bryant-Link Co., Hogan & Patton, Red Front Drug, The Fair Store, City Drug, Henry Alexander & Co., Gruben Drug & Jewelry Store, Ericson's Grocery & Market, The Safe-Way Store, Highway Cafe, Carmichael Cafe, Jack's Cafe, Wide-Awake Cafe, Meadors Fruit Store, Consumers Fuel Association, Lone Star Service Station, Leon Ice Company, Big Fox Cafe, Alexander's Barber Shop, Johnston's Grocery, Benson's Market, Slim Foster's Cafe, Spur Furniture and Mattress Company, The Foodway Store, Spur Barber Shop, Bell's Cafe City Grocery, Jimison's Barber Shop, Texan Cafe, Whitacre-Milam 5-Cent to 1-Dollar Store, Ritter Hardware Co., Spier's 5-Cent to 5-Dollar Store, Busy Bee Cafe, Spur Bakery, Hogan's Barber Shop,

B. Schwarz & Son, West Texas Utilities Company, Palace Theatre, Allen Auto Supply, Spur Tailors, Ramsey's Garage & Service Station, Wooten Wholesale Grocer Company, Dickens County Times, Blanton's Shoe Shop, Spur Service Station, Rucker's Shoe Shop, Legg & Hicks Service Station, Rita's Beauty Shop and Deluxe Beauty Shop.

New Manager For Croton Gin

T. C. Dempsey, who has been in charge of the gin at Croton is now making preparations to step down and out. Thomas Keith Dempsey is now demanding the attention of both Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey and in as much as he is telling them what to do now, it is thought that he will be directing the affairs of the gin before long.

Thomas Keith is about five weeks old now and has been living with Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey since December 4. He is a fine blue-eyed boy with all the smiles and cheer to make any father and mother happy, especially Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey have. At present he is having a great number of visitors as most everybody in Croton community have wanted to see him, and during the past week he visited relatives and friends in Floydada with his mother and most everyone there wanted to visit with him.

It is very probable that he will be known as Keith Dempsey. Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey are very proud of their son, and already have outlined a plan for him to be President of our country or to do some other great things to make him famous.

CORRECTION

In an article of the Times last week headed Federal Game Law, it read that 15 ducks and geese could be killed by one person, which we would like to correct. 10 is the limit; either 7 ducks and 3 geese or vice versa.

PALACE

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WRITES FOR BETTY JO RUNTON

Betty Jo, seven years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Runton of West Harris Street, passed away Saturday morning after a few days illness. Betty Jo developed pneumonia which proved fatal. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at the First Baptist Church. Rev. C. R. Joyner, the pastor, conducted the services. Interment followed in Spur cemetery with McCelvey & Ward Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Active pallbearers were: H. P. Gibson, A. M. Walker, L. D. Powell and Ned Green.

Betty Jo is survived by her parents, her grandfathers: E. D. Horn and C. Runton, three aunts: Mrs. E. Bridges, Mrs. D. E. Parks, and Mrs. Doug Hinson, two uncles: H. J. Horn and C. H. Horn and other relatives. She was born October 12, 1930.

TALKS WITH OLD FRIENDS HERE

J. M. Jackson, of Roaring Springs, was in our city Monday greeting old friends. Mr. Jackson has been in West Texas many years and learned the cattle business from being a horse wrangler on up. He served as foreman in many respects and was ranch superintendent of the Matador Land & Cattle Company many years. Under his supervision of the ranch his company made money in the cattle business, and he is considered one of the best judges of good cattle in this country.

WANDA LEE GREEN AND ORVILLE BLACKMAN MARRIED

At the Baptist parsonage in Wink, on Sunday, December 12, Miss Wanda Lee Green, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Green of Spur became the bride of Orville Blackman of Wink. A single ring ceremony was performed. Mrs. Blackman has been practically raised in Spur and has many friends here who will be interested in hearing of her marriage.

Mr. Blackman is associated with a coal and grain concern in Wink.

"DOUBLE WEDDING" OFFERS LAUGHS TO PALACE PATRONS



Mr. and Mrs. Thin Man are back again in another uproarious comedy hit. This time the famous William Powell-Myrna Loy co-starring team

makes its appearance in "Double Wedding", an adaptation of the Ferenc Molnar continental stage success, "Great Love." The new picture will be shown at the Palace Theatre midnite preview Christmas night and through Sunday and Monday.

With Powell cast as a penniless but devil-may-care artist who lives in a trailer, and Miss Loy as the owner of a fashionable New York gown shop the laugh-padded new story describes the efforts of the heroine to prevent her younger sister from marrying Powell instead of the man she herself has picked out for her. As may be suspected, in the end, Miss Loy falls for the irresistible Mr. Powell herself.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sampson, were in Spur Friday from their ranch home in Kent County.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Cairns, of near Clairemont, were shoppers and visitors in Spur Friday.

N. E. Porter, of Jayton, was in Spur Friday transacting business.

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West Texas Utilities Company

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Doris Galloway, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Galloway, fell while playing, and broke her arm last week.

Claudie Varnell, of Farmington, New Mexico, came in last Monday to spend the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Varnell.

A large crowd attended the auction sale at Clarence Bowman's last Wednesday. The Baptist ladies of the

community served lunch at the noon hour.

Mrs. Clarence Bowman and children left last Thursday for Delphi, Indiana, where they will make their home.

Nell Williams, who is attending school at Dallas is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Rosa Williams.

The Quitaque boys basketball team played the Patton Springs boys at the local Gym, Friday night and the visiting teams won both games.

The Dumont girls basketball teams played the local teams Friday night with the visiting teams winning both games.

Mrs. R. C. Calvert gave a musical last Wednesday night as a farewell party for Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bowman and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Purcer of Lubbock were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Collier of Marador were visiting his father, Mr. W. J. Collier, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Hale entertained with a musical Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Giesecke and

children of Roaring Springs, were visiting friends here Sunday. Mr. Giesecke formerly taught in the school here.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavonne Thornton of Spur, were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thornton, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Chambers left Saturday for South Texas where they will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Newberry and children were visiting in Floydada Sunday.

School will dismiss Wednesday for the holidays and will resume class work Dec. 29th.

The writer wishes one and all a merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

L. B. McMeans Dies Suddenly Thursday Morning

L. B. McMeans, 65, one of the most highly respected citizens of Spur community, died of heart trouble at his home southwest of Spur about 8:30 o'clock last Thursday morning. Mr. McMeans had been in ill health for more than two years, but seemed to be improving until about three weeks before his death at which time he suffered a heart attack. He appeared to be in his usual health Thursday morning and insisted on going with Mrs. McMeans to the lots to attend to some stock. On their return to the house he started to fall and called to his wife to catch him. She eased him down as best she could and ran to the house to phone for a physician. As she returned to him she took some stimulant and tried to revive him, but he was too far gone.

The body was prepared for burial by Campbell's Mortuary and funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the Church of Christ. Mike M. Young was in charge of the services and was assisted by Rev. C. R. Joyner of the Baptist Church. Interment followed in Spur cemetery with Spencer Campbell in charge of arrangements. Active pallbearers were: Wayne McMeans, Thomas McMeans, Lanis McMeans of Swenson; T. B. McMeans of Rule, Walter McMeans of Benjamin and Jeff Loe of Lamesa. The first five named were nephews to the deceased. The flower bearers were: Mrs. Wayne McMeans, Mrs. Lanis McMeans, Miss Zelma McMeans, Miss Zenadae McMeans, Miss Virginia Elliott and Mrs. Floyd Barnett.

Honorary pallbearers were: Judge Alton B. Chapman, E. S. Lee, Rex Merriman, W. J. Elliott, C. F. Waters, W. K. Walker, Wallace Hinson, Dave Herbst and Rufus Herbst of Hamlin, G. F. Mullino of Haskell. Ike Dickson of Lorenzo.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Una Orr McMeans, one son, L. B. Jr., three daughters, Miss Gladys McMeans, Miss Bonnie McMeans, and Mrs. E. F. Yeakley of California.

Among the out of town relatives and friends were: Mrs. Dave Herbst of Hamlin, Mrs. G. F. Mullino and Mrs. Nettie Henry of Haskell, Mrs. Ike Dickson of Lorenzo, E. S. Orr, T. W. Orr, and W. S. Orr, brothers of Mrs. McMeans, of Hillsboro; Mrs. Minnie Hardy of Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Loe of Lamesa, Mrs. Joe McMeans of Swenson, Mrs. Floy McMeans and children of Rule, Miss Annie Ward and Mrs. Ward Gardner of Swenson.

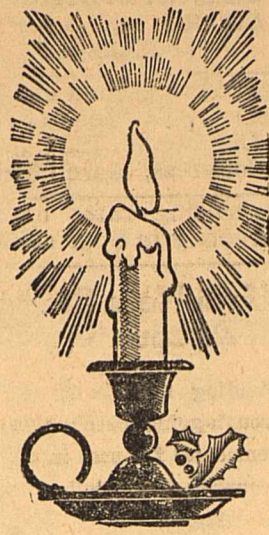
Mr. McMeans was a cousin to the McArthur boys: Tom, Bill, Jim and Edd, and to Mrs. S. B. Scott and Mrs. L. Scott of Calgary.

Mr. McMeans came from a staunch Southern family. His father was a Confederate veteran and enlisted with the South from the state of Tennessee.

Mr. McMeans was born in Hill County June 15, 1872. He moved to Dallas County, then to Bosque County. In 1898 he moved back to Hill County where he married Miss Cora McMeans passed away January 8, 1900. Mr. McMeans moved to Stone-wall County and in August of 1905 he went back to Hill County and married Miss Una Orr. Three children were born into the home: L. B., Jr., Misses Gladys and Minnie Fae.

Mr. McMeans moved to Rochester where he resided ten years. In 1920, while living at Rochester, he made a profession of Christian religion and became affiliated with the Church of Christ. He lived a devoted Christian life from that time until his death. He was not able to attend church much the last two years, but his sympathy was with the church in all of its work and his life was a benediction to all who came in contact with him.

The family moved to Dickens County in January 1922 and established a home about five miles southwest of Spur. It has been the family home since, and its doors have stood open to both neighbors and strangers alike. Mr. McMeans enjoyed his friends very much, and during the last weeks of his illness he wondered why more of them did not go to see him. He wanted

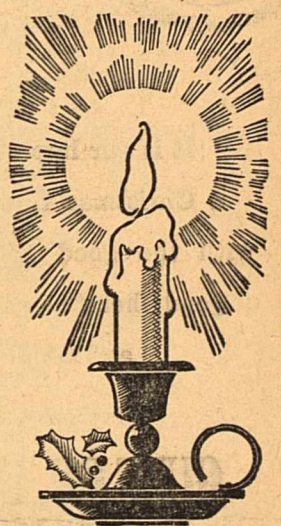


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To You
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You and You

Christmas would be incomplete unless we expressed our deep appreciation for your patronage, and wished you and yours the most of Christmas Joy.

JOHNSTON GROCERY

CHRISTMAS NIGHT AT THE PALACE



Christmas night. The story deals with the friendship of a little English boy, grandson of a horse racing sportsman, and a young American jockey, played by Mickey Rooney. The jockey is deceived into betraying his friend. Remorse, regeneration and childhood loyalty all are woven into the human story.

Mrs. B. F. Hale returned from Fort Worth Saturday, where she went to accompany her daughter, Miss Helen home for the holidays. Miss Helen is a student in T.C.U.

Thrills of the racetrack form the background for a dramatic story of childhood friendships and loyalties in "Thoroughbreds Don't Cry," which offers an intimate glimpse into both the hearts of youngsters and the machinations between scenes in turfdom. The picture is the special Holiday attraction at the Palace Theatre

Miss Crystelle Scudder, left Friday for her home in Slaton, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Dudley Ellis and little daughters, of Aspermont, are here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ellis and other relatives.

W. J. Collier, of the Afton community, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. C. I. Cannon, of the White River community, was in Spur Saturday visiting her daughter, Mrs. Monk Rucker and shopping with the Spur merchants.

O. P. Flores, of Lorenzo and son, Vetal Flores, Tech student of Lubbock, spent the week here visiting with their daughter and sister, Mrs. Vernon Campbell and Mr. Campbell.



Bell's Cafe

Wishes You A Merry Christmas And A Happy New Year



Once again, at Christmas time, we pause to share in the kindness of our friends and neighbors. Phillip's Petroleum Co. wishes you the merriest Christmas you ever had. We hope, too, that we will continue to contribute to your comfort and enjoyment.

Phillips Petroleum Company
L. E. BARKER, AGENT



We wish we could see each of you face to face and say "Thank You" and "Merry Christmas". Next best we, in this manner, extend our sincere Season's Greetings.

ALLEN AUTO SUPPLY



It is our hope that you may have a Christmas filled and running over with the good things in life, including good health, abounding happiness, and abiding prosperity.

GULF OIL CORPORATION
H. A. BOOTHE, CONSIGNEE

THE DICKENS COUNTY TIMES

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Offers New County Accounting System

Offering the means for the first thorough-going check ever made of governmental finances in each of Texas' counties, Comptroller George Sheppard announced last week that he had announced completion of a standard accounting system for Texas counties.

Mailed to every county were two large books of sample form sheets and manuals of instructions, outlining in detail a simple and understandable system of accounting designed primarily to standardize bookkeeping methods throughout the governmental subdivisions.

If counties follow this system, Sheppard said, it will give a control ledger so that any person examining it may see where the public money is coming from and where it is going.

One copy of the sample sheets was sent the auditor in those counties having an auditor, otherwise to the county clerk. The other went to the county judge.

The uniform accounting system was prescribed by a legislative act of the 43rd Legislature, however, no funds for its preparation, or the necessary printing, were provided.

Nevertheless, Sheppard attempted to carry out the legislative will regardless of the lack of funds. The uniform system has been in preparation, largely on a volunteer basis insofar as actual mapping of the forms is concerned, since that time, and has just been completed. Assisting in its preparation were W. Frank Carter who began it while first assistant state auditor, and George Hoehn, present assistant state auditor.

"Need for such a system," Sheppard said, "has been recognized for years by every person who has tried to arrive at any semblance of figures representing the cost of government in Texas. The Comptroller's department has been particularly interested from a tax collection standpoint, and

the uniform system provided should prove immensely valuable to the state auditor, for his annual statement on the indebtedness of local subdivisions of government; and to the board for county road district bond indebtedness which must constantly acquaint itself with county finances as a prerequisite to aid in retiring bonds."

Pointing out that Texas now has almost as many accounting systems as there are counties, Sheppard commented that these benefits should accrue from adoption of the proposed forms:

1. Comparisons, as to governmental income and governmental costs, will be possible since the various counties would be on the same footing. Such comparisons now are virtually impossible to make.
2. County officers themselves are assisted and protected, as all accounts

are brought under control, eliminating the possibility for disagreements regarding settlements.

3. For the first time, a complete accounting would be provided. Heretofore, general books of a county have not included fee officers' accounts.

4. Preparation of the county budget is simplified by furnishing the budget officer a single source showing all needs and all sources of revenues.

5. A substantial savings may be made in costs of stationery and supplies, as the necessity for printing

special forms for each county will be eliminated and the forms provided by the comptroller will be stock items in printers' stocks.

Sheppard suggested that counties have a complete audit made of accounts before installing the uniform system, in order that errors in previous records may not be carried forward. He expressed the opinion that once the system was carefully launched, its maintenance would provide every county with a more business-like administration.



FOR SALE—1 milch cow, 1 Shetland pony, good young horses and mares, 80-acre improved farm. For information see E. S. Lee at Spur Security Bank.

SORE THROAT—TONSILITIS!
For prompt relief—mop your throat or tonsils with Anesthesia-Mop, our guaranteed sore-throat remedy. If not entirely relieved within 24 hours your money will be cheerfully refunded.—CITY DRUG CO. 611

DON'T SCRATCH!
Our Paracide Ointment is guaranteed to promptly relieve any form of Itch, Eczema, or other itching skin irritations or purchase price refunded. Large Jar only 60c at CITY DRUG CO. 611

FOR RENT—Large 2-room apartment. Modern conveniences. Partly furnished. Inquire at Dickens County Times office.—Mrs. W. B. Bennett, 324 E. Harris.

WANTED—An apartment or small home. Call Swift Gin. Furnished or partly furnished.

FOR SALE—\$125 credit on a new Ford V-8 car for cash cheap, or will take trade or wreck car.—Hale's Auto Parts. 12-22tn



Pecan Fruit Cake 10c to \$2.20

A-1 Fruit Cake 85c lb.

The larger the cake, the cheaper it is.

FOR HOLIDAY CAKES SEE

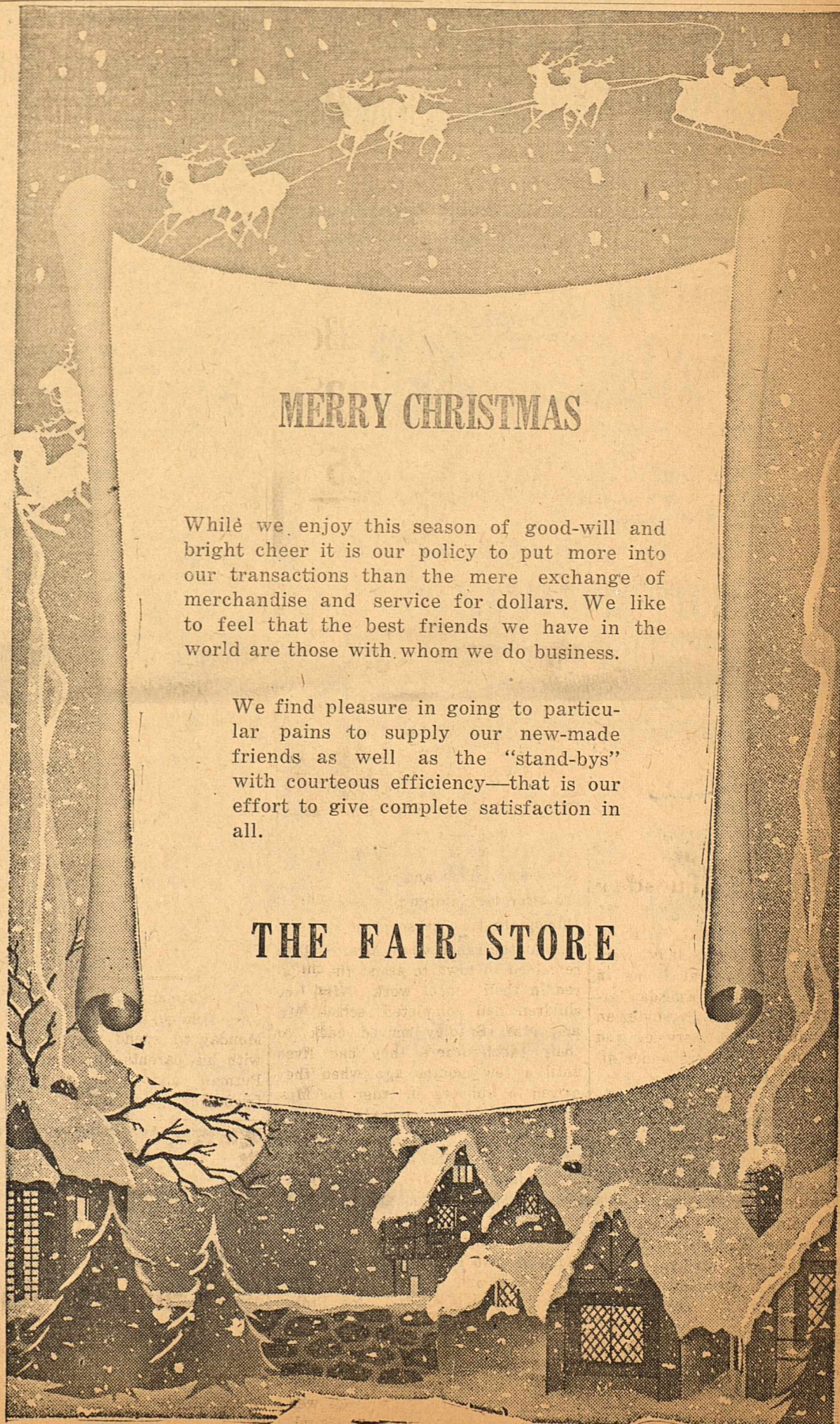
SPUR BAKERY



At this timely season, we wish to voice our appreciation for your co-operation that has contributed so much towards our progress during the past year.

We wish you a full measure of the Season's greetings, a Happy and Prosperous 1938 and we express the hope of continued pleasant relationship throughout the New Year.

WILLIAMSON BROS. GIN



MERRY CHRISTMAS

While we enjoy this season of good-will and bright cheer it is our policy 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 in all.

THE FAIR STORE

100% CLOVER FARM STORES MEAT

They must be the finest, for this outstanding holiday of the year. So let your Clover Farm grocer supply the meats, fresh vegetables and staple groceries for the banquet.

FOODS FOR THE Christmas FEAST



No. 1 Large WALNUTS, lb. **19^C**
 Mixed Nuts, lb. **23c**
 Large Paper-shell Pecans lb. **24^C**

Black Palm Dates
 1 1/2 lb. Pitted **23c**
 10 ozs. Pitted **14c**

Christmas
MIXED CANDY, lb. 15c
 ORANGE SLICES, lb. **14^C** || PEANUT BRITTLE, lb. **15^C**

Glendale
Pineapple, Sliced or Crushed, No. 1 10c

Fancy
Cocoanut, long shred, 1 lb. celo. bag 19c

Clover Farm Mincemeat, 9 ozs. 10^C	White Swan Cranberry Sauce, 17 ozs. 14^C
Hershey's COCOA, 1 lb. can 15^C	White Swan Grape Juice, pt. bottle 18^C
Campbell Tomato Juice, 2 14 oz. cans 15^C	Clover Farm Pumpkin, No. 2 can 10^C

COFFEE
 CLOVER FARM, 1 lb. **27c**
 GREEN CUP, 1 lb. **23c**
 RED CUP, 1 lb. **17c**

CHRISTMAS FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Red Ball
ORANGES, Size 288, doz. 19c

Delicious
APPLES, Size 163, doz 19c

Eatmor
CRANBERRIES, lb. 17c

Fancy Arizona
LETTUCE, New Crop, head 05c

Jumbo
CELERY, Selected, Washed, bunch 15c

Golden Fruit BANANAS, lb. 06^C	Fancy Cauliflower, lb. 10^C
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CHRISTMAS MEAT VALUES

Roasting
CHICKENS, Dressed and Drawn, lb. 29c

Pure Pork
SAUSAGE, Seasoned Right, lb. 23c

Pork Ham, Half or Whole, lb. 25^C	Armour's Star Sliced Bacon, lb. 32^C
CHUCK ROAST, lb. 15^C	ROUND STEAK, lb. 25^C

This Sale For Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Open at Nights Until Christmas for Your Convenience
Friday, December 21-22-23-24
CLOSED ALL DAY XMAS DAY

ATKEISON BROS. — SPUR, TEXAS
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100% CLOVER FARM STORES MEAT

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Bradley Tuesday

Funeral rites for Mrs. G. W. Bradley, pioneer West Texas lady, were held at the Rix Funeral Home in Lubbock at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Dr. Jack Lewis, Presbyterian pastor, conducted the services and funeral arrangements were under direction of Rix Funeral Home.
 Mrs. Bradley passed away early Monday morning at a Lubbock sanitarium after an illness of several weeks. She had undergone an operation about one month before.
 Mrs. Bradley's maiden name was Miss Jettie Mason and she was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mason, former Dickens County citizens. She was married to George W. Bradley in Dickens December 15, 1896, and she and her husband moved to the Old Spur Ranch. Mr. Bradley afterward acquired a nice ranch of about six sections 25 miles northeast of Post where they made their home. Three children came to live with them, and after they were large enough to

attend school Mr. Bradley bought a residence in Post and moved there in order for the children to attend school. During the time he spent most of his time at the ranch while Mrs. Bradley remained in town to assist the children in their school work. After the children had completed school Mr. and Mrs. Bradley moved back to their ranch where they had lived until a few months ago when they moved to Lubbock in order for Mrs. Bradley to have medical attention which she needed.
 She is survived by her husband, three daughters, Mrs. H. L. Johnson, Mrs. W. H. Evans and Miss Ruth Bradley, all of Lubbock; three grandchildren Billy Madge and Bettye Johnson; two brothers, John M. Mason of Post and Victor Mason of Dryden; three sisters, Mrs. Joe Stokes and Mrs. Maggie Coleman of Post and Mrs. Tom Bird of Roundup, Mont.
 Mrs. Bradley was a fine Christian character and possessed that pioneer western hospitality. Her friends were numbered to the extent of those who knew her.

A CHEERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A BRIGHT BUSY NEW YEAR

We have appreciated your cooperation during the past year, and trust that the same kindly feelings will remain in existence for 1938 and in future years.

E. L. ADAMS STUDIO

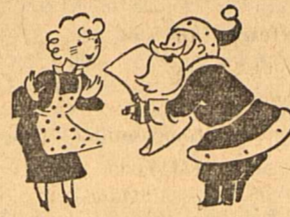
METHODIST CHURCHES

Afton and Roaring Springs
EUGENE L. NAUGLE, PASTOR
 "Unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour which is Christ the Lord."

These words were spoken to the shepherds who were watching their flocks by night near the little town of Bethlehem. This was the first announcement of the long looked for event. It came in answer to the promise of a Saviour and the fulfillment of the prophecies concerning Him.

Too often, we think of the birth of Christ only as an event of the long ago and do not apply the glad news to our own day and generation. These words although spoken nearly two thousand years ago should come with full force and unspeakable sweetness to those hearts who like the shepherds have been looking for the Saviour. We would not lose sight of the fact that there are many to whom you and I should tell this glad story.

At this season, when we are extending greetings and exchanging remembrances with our friends and loved ones, let us not forget to present this, the greatest gift to the world, the Saviour. That you may all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, is my prayer.



TEXAN CAFE
 Extends
A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

A MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

We take this method to express our sincere thanks for the help and kind words during the illness and death of our loved one. Each word and act was like a soft glow of light through the darkness cast by the Death Angel and words can never express the depth of our gratitude.

May God bless each and every one of you and direct such wonderful help when you have to face the losing of a loved one, is our prayer.
 Mrs. L. B. McMeans,
 Children and other relatives.

Spur, Texas,
 Dec. 20, 1937.

Dear Santa,
 I have been a good little boy this year and I want you to bring Popeye a new home. Please bring a big car to ride in and a dump truck. Bring me some bananas and nuts. And please Santa remember all the little children. I love you.

Love,
MARVIN BARRETT,
 Spur, Texas.

Try A Want Ad in The Times
 Our Want Ads Get Results



May this glorious Christmas Season usher in a year overflowing with a ll kinds of joy and pleasant surprises.

RUCKER'S Boot & Shoe Shop

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend thanks to our many friends during the illness and death of our darling baby, Betty Jo Runtun. We also want to thank the pastor of the Baptist Church for the consoling words he gave during our trying hour, and the singers.

We especially want to thank Dr. Bob Alexander for the services rendered. We want to thank those for the beautiful floral offering and also the following little flower girls: Meredith Woods, Darlene Christianson and Creola Rector.

Mrs. Edna Runtun.
 Mr. and Mrs. E D Horn.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Horn.
 Mr. and Mrs. E. Bridges.
 Mr. and Mrs. D E Parks.
 Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Horn.
 Mr. and Mrs. Doug Horn.
 Lee Roy Horn.

Mrs. J. H. Clay received word Tuesday, her brother, whose home is in Temple, Mr. Chas. Thompson died very suddenly, all of Mrs. Clay's friends extend her sympathy.

Bill Putman, student in Terrell Military College, at Terrell, arrived home Monday to spend the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Putman and other relatives and friends of the city.



Give Flowers For Christmas See KEEN FLOWER SHOP

Wishing everyone the merriest of Christmases and the most prosperous New Year.

McCelvey & Ward Funeral Home

Ambulance Day or Night Phone 120
WE GO ANYWHERE

LAST MINUTE Suggestions

Here are last minute suggestions to help you with your gift problems. Remember, a gift from ALEXANDER'S will please the one receiving it. In all the country, you'll not find a better selection of high class gift items.

- DOWN COMFORTS
- KENWOOD BLANKETS
- BARBIZON UNDERTHINGS
- FITTED CASES (Reduced)
- SILK PAJAMAS
- WOOL ROBES
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- LUGGAGE (Genuine Rawhide)
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- ROSEVILLE POTTERY
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- LACY HANDKERCHIEFS
- ROLLINS HOSIERY
- GENUINE LEATHER HAND BAGS
- SCARFS Silk or Wool
- VANITY FAIR UNDERTHINGS
- HOUSE COATS
- COATS (at Reduced Prices)
- TAILORED SUITS (Reduced)
- COSTUME SUITS (Reduced)
- MEN'S ROBES
- MEN'S PAJAMAS
- MEN'S LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS (50c)
- NECKTIES (\$1.00 and 50c)
- LINENS (of Every Kind)
- GLADSTONE BAGS (Reduced)
- POPPY TRAIL POTTERY
- CANDLES (for dinners and parties)
- BILL FOLDS (for men)
- TOILET CASES (for men)
- IVY BOWLS and WALL VASES

All purchases attractively gift wrapped at no extra charge.

We wish you a
MERRY CHRISTMAS
 And a
HAPPY NEW YEAR

HENRY ALEXANDER & COMPANY

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Sietz, of Texas Utilities Company here for Lubbock, spent the week end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin.

Mrs. Sietz will be remembered as Miss Nell Albin. She and Mr. Sietz were married in Clovis, New Mexico, December 12th.

Mrs. Sietz has been practically reared in Spur, having been a graduate from the Spur High School and she was an employee of the West

several months.

R. J. Bell, student in McMurray, at Abilene, arrived home the first of the week to be here through the Christmas holidays, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bell and family.

A. J. Hagins, pioneer citizen of Jayton was in Spur Monday visiting and attending to business.

Greetings



May the day bring you pleasure and cheer—Just remember—we wish you a Merry Christmas.

For that last minute shopping—give our very attractive gift package in our contour line.

Simpson's Barber and Beauty Shop

Phone 117

Miss Lois Jo Fallis, student in Tex- week to spend Christmas with her as Tech, came in the first of the parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Fallis.

RALLS HIGH SCHOOL CAGERS TO PLAY WORLD CHAMPION GIRLS

Olsen's All-American Red Heads, famous girls' basketball team, will play the Ralls High School Jackrabbits, at Ralls January 1 at the city gymnasium. The boys will match honors with a team of girls all of whom have All-American or Olympic records to their credit.

The girls' team, composed of red-headed girls from 5 feet 8 to six feet tall, has never been beaten by a girls' team, and plays men's teams strictly by men's rules, asking no favors.

Among the players on the Red Head team are Ruth Osburn, Olympic champion athlete who holds records in basketball, baseball, discus and javelin throws and shot put; Peggy Lawson, All-American star of National AAU tournament; Hazel Vickers, All-American selection for five years; Gladys Lommler, National free-throw champion, 1935; Kay Kilpatrick, Waco, Texas, All-American; Lela Blue, another All-American and Betty Kieth. The team will play ten games in Texas and Oklahoma. The game at Ralls is the only one scheduled in this part of the state, the nearest other one being at Clovis, N. M.

Between the halves, Helen Stephens, 1936 Olympic champion in the 100 meter dash and who is known as the "Fastest" female human on earth, will put on an exhibition race, broad jump and shot put. Miss Stephens holds the world's record among women for the 100 yard, 100 meter, 220 yard, 50 yard, 50 meter, broad jump, shot put and javelin throw in Europe, the U. S. and Canada.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible Study 10:00 A.M.
Preaching 11:00 A.M. and 7:15 P.M.
Lord's Supper 11:45 A.M.
Young People's Meeting 6:45 P.M.
Prayer and Praise 7:15 P.M. Wed.
The officers of the church report an increase in attendance and interest at recent services with the largest attendance at Bible Study since April 11, when a series of meetings was in progress. Come and grow with us.

Ladies Bible Class will not meet this Monday. The pulpit will be filled at both services Sunday by G. A. Dunn, Jr. as usual. Your presence is desired. A welcome awaits you.

STEEL HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School every Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock.
Preaching services every first and third Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 8:00 p. m.
Young people's work every Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock.
Singing every first and third Sunday afternoons at 2:30 o'clock.
People are invited to worship with us in all of these services. A welcome awaits you.
E. Denton, Pastor.

WORKERS' MEETING AT SOLDIER MOUND, DEC. 31

The Workers' Meeting of the Dickens County Baptist Association will be held with the Soldier Mound Church Friday, December 31. The last Workers' Meeting was held with the Afton Church and was of great interest to those who attended. The Afton people served a very delicious dinner at the noon hour. The Church at Soldier Mound will be host to the meeting and will serve lunch at twelve o'clock noon.

It is the hope of Soldier Mound Church that every church in the Dickens County Association be represented that day. A very fine program has been outlined and the day is expected to be a very interesting one.

The following is the program outline:

Friday Morning
9:30 Devotional, Ernest Lee.
10:00. Matt. 28: 16-17, Ray Stephens; alternate, E. Denton.
10:20. Matt. 28: 18-19, B. B. Huckabay.
10:40. Matt. 28: 20, W. F. Markham.
11:00. Sermon, Subject: The Lord's Supper, R. C. Joyner.
12:00. Lunch at the Church.

Afternoon
1:15. Address, G. W. McDonald of Wayland College.
1:45. The Cause of the Decline in our church work. A. P. Stokes.
2:10. What is the remedy, if any, of the decline? Wayne Grizzle, alternate, L. S. Bilberry.
2:35. The Woman's Work, Mrs. T. J. Seale.
3:00. Miscellaneous Business.

Those of you whose names do not appear on the program do not feel slighted. We want you to come and enjoy the fellowship with us, is the request of the pastor and the church.

Bill Caraway, student in Terrell Military College at Terrell, arrived in Spur Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Caraway.

Ben Eldredge, of McAdoo, was in Spur Saturday transacting business.

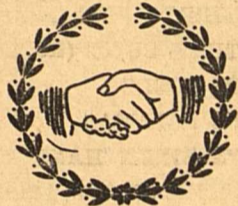
Merry Christmas

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.

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

SPUR TAILORS



THE FRIENDLY SHOP
PHONE 18

Merry Christmas

As the light of the

old year fades

We Wish You

A Merry Christmas

And A

Happy New Year



Campbells Mortuary

Merry Christmas

To All

Christmas brings to us an appreciation of those friendships and memories which makes life worth living.

We extend to you at this Holiday Season our cordial greetings and wish for you both health and happiness throughout the whole New Year

SPUR SECURITY BANK

DEPOSITS INSURED BY

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

WASHINGTON, D. C.

\$5000 MAXIMUM INSURANCE FOR EACH DEPOSITOR **\$5000**

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas time is one of those rare occasions when our thoughts turn from the more material things of life to the nobler, more beautiful ones

- * to our loved ones and our personal friends
- * to our business friends and associates
- * to the happiness we can bestow rather than that which is bestowed upon us.

We realize that were it not for the good will and friendly feelings of folks like you, we would not have been privileged to enjoy many of the happinesses which have been ours this year.

As an expression, therefore, of our genuine appreciation of your good will, we extend to you our most sincere good wishes for a

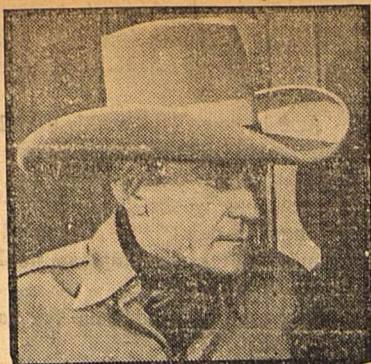
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR

JOHNNIE KOONSMAN
SHERIFF DICKENS COUNTY

GREETINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Smith were shoppers and visitors in Spur Saturday from McAdoo. Messrs. Archer and Smith are teachers in the McAdoo schools.

THE BEST BUCK JONES IN TWO YEARS SHOOTING



Gripping scenes of peril and adventure, set among a vast expanse of range land and mountains in the West, alternate with an intriguing romance in Buck Jones' new Universal release, "Boss of Lonely Valley," which is the special attraction for the Palace Theatre for the Christmas Day matinee. The Palace Theatre is offering two complete changes of programs for Christmas, one show for the matinee and a different show for Christmas night.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Scott and daughter, of Calgary, were shoppers in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Scoggins, of the Red Mud community, were visitors and shoppers in our city Saturday.

Ed's Eddies

By Elvis Edmonds
It's hard to out-argue a woman. You can set up your hypothesis, marshal your arguments, and build around it what in your own ego seems to be an unassailable armament of fine theories and logic. She will just go ahead with her knitting till you are done then nonchalantly shatter and explode your thesis with one sock—not the one she's knitting on either.

I argued with my wife that a person, to qualify as a critic should, first be compelled by law to act or serve in the capacity of the person criticised or condemned. That no man can without the intimate knowledge that comes from actual contact or rubbing shoulders with a proposition or situation know all the facts, forces and extenuating circumstances that are necessary to form conclusions. I gave her copious illustrations in support of my theory, and wound up with the statement that any stranger who hands you a check on the First National Bank of Kenosha, Wisconsin, and gets as mad as Satan himself when you refuse to cash it, should be sentenced to serve five years as a banker. Then, during that time if he ever accepts a hot check or ever offends any one by refusing to cash a check, good or bad, his further penalty should be capital punishment. After all that argument, in the words of a friend, "I seen I had her." She was very quiet and thoughtful. But when I looked more closely, her concentration seemed to be only on untangling some thread. When she got through, she remarked, "I can see some personal advantages under your plan—since the law cannot compel you to become a woman. But under it, you had better begin to frame some new statutes if you expect to keep your health and

ever condemn mured."

Well, I guess her implication was correct, and I was wrong. At least no well meaning man should be prevented from telling his wife a few things when occasion demands it. So I can, although I have never been a lawmaker, go ahead with clear conscience and say what I please about the Legislature. It's about this tax increase. If they spent a tenth of the time trying to reduce the cost of government that they do in devising plans to increase taxes they could easily balance the budget. They always pick some industry that is already carrying the heaviest load. Take tobacco; the industry gives employment to several million, yet the tendency is to cripple it by taxing it. Of course, tobacco is a nuisance, but that feature is being handled privately. Arthur Campbell, Ray Uhlman and I are going to have the stuff chewed and smoked up by the time the Social Security plan begins to function properly. But let's let it alone now, so long

as it helps so many make a living. Then there's the Oil industry. They ought to lay off that Goose. It is laying golden eggs for half of the population in one way or another. I haven't room here to give the full analysis. It's easy to figure for yourself. Let's tax our fine industries like we tax our own strength—just enough to invigorate them, but not enough to waste them.

It might be a good plan to place the heavy taxes on those things that give but little benefit, but carry such heavy overhead like Dirigibles and Legislators.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weaver and children left Friday for Abilene, where they will spend the week end.

Mrs. Mary Sadler, of the West Pasture headquarters, was in our city Saturday shopping with Spur merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Foster L. Jones left Monday for Kerrville, where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Jones' parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Smiley, of the Afton community, were shoppers and visitors in Spur Monday.

THOMAS SHOE SHOP
For Shoe Repairs
Next Door to Hogan's Barber Shop



A Merry Christmas And A Very Happy New Year

Brazelton Lumber Co.



We hope that the joys and happiness of the joyous yuletide will linger on through years to come and that every year to come may be another to see your smiling face peeping in our ever thankful shop.

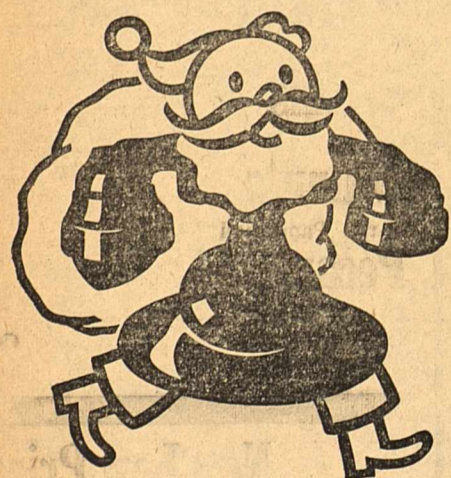
Ramsey Garage



Slim Foster's Cafe takes this opportunity to wish one and every citizen of Dickens County the best for a happy, merry Christmas.

Slim Foster Cafe

Announcing LOW LONG DISTANCE RATES



ALL DAY CHRISTMAS ALL DAY NEW YEAR'S

Lower night and Sunday rates will be kept in effect ALL DAY Christmas and ALL DAY New Year's Day this year. Instead of having to call Christmas Eve to get lowest rates, you can call all Christmas Day, and all the next day, Sunday. The same lower rates will apply for a similar period at New Year's.

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

As we bid the old year good-bye and see in our mind's eye the new year coming, we have feelings of regret because we have failed to accomplish all we had hoped to have been disappointed and yet we are glad we had the opportunity of living and serving you this year. We wish for all of you the joys to which you are so justly entitled at this season, when we remember anew that Christ was born to save by love all who accept and follow his teaching. As we celebrate his birthday may we not all say, "He is Our Saviour, one who knows all about us and loves us just the same."

We appreciate our customers. You are our friends. We have worried with you over the crop conditions this year. We are all dependent one upon the other. We stand or fall together. May we not forget the disappointments of 1937 and with faith look forward with renewed hope that 1938 will be better. And it will if we are in the proper attitude to receive the blessing of a bountiful harvest, that is not forgetting the one who sends the sunshine and rain.

We want to serve you in 1938. We are going to try to make it our best year. True we cannot see now how this can be, but we and all of us should live each day at our best so that as the days unfold we will be prepared to make use of the good they bring.

We remember you all with kindest thoughts and wish for you the blessings of the season.

-GEO. S. LINK.



To Our Friends and Customers

AFTER JANUARY FIRST WE WILL SELL
FOR CASH ONLY

We are forced to do this on account of the low margin on which we have to sell to meet competition. We will show you the same courteous service we have in the past and will appreciate your business

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Miss Beth Blackwell, Texas Tech student arrived home Sunday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell and friends in Spur.

Perishing Lee, who has been for the past several months employed by the Gulf Corporation in Louisiana, arrived the latter part of the week to spend Christmas with Mrs. W. B. Lee and Miss Anne Lee.

W. O. Finley, of Monahans, came in the first of the week to spend Christmas with his family.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)
County of Dickens

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution issued out of the Honorable County Court of Dickens County, on the 23rd day of November, 1937, by Fred Arrington, Clerk of said County Court of Dickens County, Texas, for the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Nine and 70/100 (\$279.70), Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Herman Earnest in a certain cause

in said Court, No. 598 and styled Herman Earnest vs. J. M. Parkhill, placed in my hands for service, I, J. L. Koonsman as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did, on the 7th day of December 1937, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, Texas, described as follows to wit:
First Tract: Being all of Survey No. 375, Cert. No. 10/2083, H. & G. N. Ry. Co, Block No. 1, and containing 653.40 acres of land;
Second Tract: Being all of Survey No. 376, Cert. No. 10/2083, H. & G. N. Ry. Co, Block No. 1, and containing 667.92 acres of land;
And all being the same land convey-

ed by Herman Earnest et ux to J. M. Parkhill by deed dated Feb. 4, 1935, and recorded in Vol. 49, page 378 of the Deed Records of Dickens County, Texas.
Said land being located about three miles southeast of the City of Dickens, in Dickens County, Texas, and generally known as the Herman Earnest Land, and levied upon as the property of J. M. Parkhill and that on the first Tuesday in January 1938, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Dickens County, in the City of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., by virtue of said levy and said

execution I will offer for sale and sell at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said J. M. Parkhill in and to said property.
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Dickens County Times, a newspaper published in Dickens County.
Witness my hand, this 7th day of December 1937.
J. L. Koonsman,
Sheriff Dickens County, Texas,
By Edelle H. Petty, Deputy.

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DEFINITE RELIEF OR MONEY BACK
THE WILLARD TREATMENT has brought prompt, definite relief in thousands of cases of Stomach and Duodenal Ulcers due to Hyperacidity, and other forms of Stomach Distress due to Excess Acid. **SOLD ON 15 DAYS TRIAL.** For complete information, send "Willard's Message of Relief." Ask for it—free—at
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Merry Christmas

Shop For Two Days!
Closed All Day Saturday Christmas Day

Guaranteed Eggs	Dozen	25c
Best Spread Oleo	2 Pounds	25c
Our Favorite Peas	3 Med. Cans	25c
Steamboat Syrup	No. 10 Pail	49c
Ocean Spray Cranberry Sauce	2 17 oz. Cans	25c

Blue and Silver Fancy Box
Chocolates
2 lb. box 50c
4 lb. box 85c

All Kinds Of Candy

Monterey Chocolates	14 Varieties in Every Box	2 lb. box 75c	4 lb. box \$1.29
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Fancy Xmas Mixed Candy	Pound	15c
Hershey's Candy Bars	3 5c bars	10c
Wrigley's Ass't. Gum	3 5c Pkgs.	10c
Fancy Chocolate Drops	2 lbs.	29c
True Fruit Flavor Orange Slices	2 lbs.	29c
Cracker Jacks	3 Reg. 5c Pkgs.	10c
Peppermint Sticks	Big 8 oz. Stick	10c

Nuts

Drake Almonds	lb.	22c
Fancy Brazils	lb.	25c
Baby Walnuts	lb.	19c
Large Papershell Pecans	lb.	22c
Fancy Mixed Nuts	2 lbs.	39c

New Low Price

Pound Can Two Pound Can
23c Drip or Regular Grind 45c

Apples	138 Size Ex. Fancy Delicious	Dozen	25c
Box, any size			\$2.25
Oranges	288 Size Sunkist Navels	1/2 Box	\$1.69
Dozen			19c
Box, any size			\$1.85
Bananas	Golden Ripe	2 doz.	25c

Again Safeway Leads The Field With A New Low Price On Coffee

Airway Coffee	Pound	15c
3 lb. pkg.		43c

Stokely's Country Gentleman Corn	2 No. 2 Cans	25c
Black Beauty Pop Corn	2 lbs.	19c
Sour or Dill Pickles	Quart Jar	15c
Sheik Dates	1 1/2 lbs.	25c
Dromedary Fruit Cake Mix	16 oz. Can	35c
Powdered Sugar	2 lbs.	15c
Little Cook Mincemeat	Pkg.	9c
Fancy Hallowa Dates	2 lb. Brick	25c

Fancy Blackhawk Hams	Half or Whole	
Armour's Star Sliced Bacon	lb.	32c
Pork Shoulder Roast	lb.	18c
Sausage	Pure Pork, lb.	19c
Oysters	Baltimore Standards, pt.	29c
Beef Pot Roast	lb.	15c
Sausage	Mixed Pork 2 lbs.	25c
Shortening	In Bulk, lb.	10c
Dry Salt Bacon	No. 1 side, lb.	16c

We have plenty No. 1 dressed turkeys and fat hens for your Xmas dinner

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Red Tag SALE

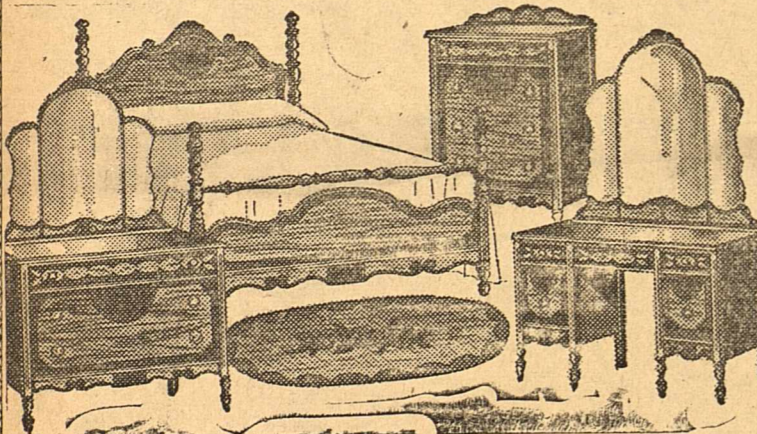
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as low as \$24.50

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New and Used
\$7.50 to \$41.50

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Extra Special \$4.69

This Sale Closes January 1—So Come Now and Buy.

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Give Food This Xmas



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