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JOLLY OLD SAINT NICK WILL VISIT IN SPUR TONIGHT

Machines Making Farm Life Blase As That of City

(Second article of a New Year look into the future by Carl C. Taylor, Assistant Administrator, Resettlement Administration.)

We developed our agriculture at a time when other nations were trying for our raw agricultural products. During this period, machines were being installed in all industries, agriculture included. We have been almost constantly in a period of expansion and exploitation and cannot be expected the same results in the future that we have had in the past.

We have now reached the day of falling birth rates in our rural population; we have steadily increasing urban-rural commercial conflicts; we have developed tenant farming to a disturbing if not to an alarming extent; we see the gradual passing of familism in rural districts; and we are on the high road to losing the last vestige of our rural folk culture. If these trends continue for any long period of time unabated, we are justified in wondering whether or not the stream of vitality that has, from the origin of the nation, flowed from country to city by way of millions of country boys and reared youth, will dry up; whether our rural-urban commercial conflicts will increase into a crescendo which will equal the green and red revolutions of some older nations; whether we will develop into a nation of tenant farmers and absentee landlords; and whether our family life and general tenor of rural life may not become as blase and crass as that of our large cities.

If any one doubts that there is some truth in these fears, let him ruminate on conditions in the cotton belt. There commercialized farming has been pushed farther than any place else, except in the extensive wheat belt; there farm tenancy has developed farthest; there we find illiteracy, poor schools, unpainted houses and a general low rural standard of living to a greater extent than in any other rural section of the nation. These, of course, are not simple results from simple causes. Mechanized farming has lagged in the cotton belt, the Negro race is there, and the old pre-Civil War plantation culture still lingers to some extent. But over-emphasis on commercialized production must bear its share of the blame of producing rural slums and encouraging human exploitation, as it is known in few other sections of the country.

If further evidence of the cultural costs of commercialized farming are needed then let us cite the transient farm labor gangs of the berry and onion producing sections. It is calculated that there are today 500,000 transient laborers in California. Probably the toughest relief problem of the nation, is what to do for or with these first rural proletariat of America.

Or, to turn to another natural result of commercialized farming in quite a different section of the country—the farm debt of the middle west. In 1929 we had a farm mortgage of nine and one half billion dollars, practically all of it built up since the Civil War and during the period of our rapid westward expansion. Farms, homesteaded or bought for a few dollars an acre in Iowa in one generation, two generations later carried one sixth of the total farm mortgage debt of the nation. The sons of men whose parents sacrificed their lands of living to gain farm ownership in the sixties, seventies and eighties, lost that ownership between 1892 and 1932, although they owned the richest lands of the nation, 95 percent of them are landless tenants. In Oklahoma, this transition took place in half the time it did in Iowa. (Dr. Taylor will continue his discussion of the future of American farming in the next issue.)

Christmas Services at Methodist Church

Evening services at the First Methodist Church Sunday consisted of Christmas program. The pastor gave the Christmas story and a number of readings were given.

Sara Anne Crider sang "Star of the East." Mrs. D. L. Granberry accompanied by Mrs. Webber Williams, gave a cornet solo. Mrs. J. W. Henry and Mrs. E. W. Mars gave duet. Mrs. Faust Collier rendered a vocal solo. Little Misses Helen Virginia and Patricia Ann Mars sang, "A Babe in a Manger," and it was so good they were asked to repeat the song at the close of the program. Mrs. Neitha Campbell gave a Christmas reading, and Mrs. Webber Williams gave a piano solo.

The program was both interesting and entertaining.

W. Overfelt, of Girard, was seeing friends and looking after business matters in our city Saturday.

Carbon Paper at the Times.

C. of C. Xmas Tree Adds Much To Holiday Spirit

The Times is happy and proud! We're happy as Jolly Old Saint Nick himself over the beautiful Chamber of Commerce community tree, at the corner of Harris Street and Burlington Avenue. We know it will make Christmas a bit happier and brighter for all who saw it. We are proud of it, too. It's one of the best that could be obtained—though not a bit too good for Spur—and if it is an advertisement for the Spur Chamber of Commerce and business firms who sponsored it, it's the kind of advertisement that money can't buy, the best kind of all—that kind that actually benefits our community.

And, just as we take pride in this tree we take pride in every wreath and Christmas decoration we see. We want every home in Spur to be as beautiful and rich with the Holiday Spirit as it is possible to be.

Holly, so popular as a Christmas decoration, is most abundant along the bottom lands of eastern Texas and southern Arkansas. There are about 175 species of holly found throughout the world, the largest being the American holly which attains a height of 50 feet. The red-berried holly is most common, although some special bear yellow berries and other black.

FEDERAL COURT PASSES MARBLE MACHINE RULING

Any marble machine which pays off in money when the ball goes into the right holes is a gambling device under the Texas Penal Code, a Federal Judge ruled in Fort Worth Saturday. It was upon these grounds he based his denial for a petition for an injunction restraining officers in three certain West Texas counties from confiscating a number of these machines. The judges further declared: "My idea about these marble and slot machines is that any of them you can gamble on, and which are exhibited for the public so that the ordinary person can understand from the construction and markings that he has a chance to spend his money and possibly win some, is a gambling device."

While on the other hand he expressed himself as believing that those machines which play merely for the pleasure of playing, or developing any skill that might be perfected, are not gambling devices. Therefore they would not come under the ruling of the Texas Penal Code. A test case, as to the validity of the marble machines in Dickens County, is now pending before the Court of Criminal Appeals. The case was set up, under the direction of District Attorney Alton B. Chapman, early last month and a decision should be handed down in the near future. Whatever the ruling of the higher court may be, the marble machine operations in this county will be governed according to it.

ANOTHER BARGAIN TO SUBSCRIBERS

At the last moment we have decided to let our friends have one more opportunity to get the Dickens County Times at a real bargain. From now until January 4, 1936, you can get the Times two whole years for \$1.25. You can pay up your back subscription at this rate, extend your subscription one year in advance, or if you are not a subscriber now you can get the Times two years at that rate. This applies to people living in Dickens County or in any county that joins Dickens County.

People, we know the times have been pressing, but let's get away from that idea quickly. We want you to renew your subscription now. Many are behind a little at this time, and we are giving you the advantage of the profit for the next ten days. This offer is good until Saturday, January 4, 1936, at which time it will be withdrawn permanently. If you have not renewed your Star-Telegram, or other daily papers, you may add 75 cents to the price of the daily and get the Times the above allotted time by subscribing at our office.

Many publishers charge you more than the price for one year, but we want you to be on our list and offer you this wonderful bargain for 10 days only. You will get a nice calendar with the picture of the Diome Quintuplets with each subscription. The calendar is valuable and has an abundance of household information and a budget record that you will appreciate. Don't wait until the last day, come in now and give the Times to the family for an all year round Christmas gift.

Oliver Brinell, of Spur Headquarters, was in our city Saturday.

Santa's Pack Filled to Overflowing According to Indications of Heavy Sales By Local Merchants

Last minutes dispatches to the Times this morning indicated that Jolly Old Saint Nick (Santa Claus) would arrive in Spur sometime tonight for his annual few-hour stocking-filling visit to local and Dickens County homes.

Local merchants had already reported an unusual boom in yuletide business. The market demand Saturday and yesterday indicated that Santa's pack, this year, would be heavier and therefore costlier than it has been in years.

After such a busy shopping season, and with his pack filled to overflowing there is no doubt but what

with one of these young, smart-aleck fellows that are always waiting for his job.

This Santa Claus business is lots of fun, and we hope it continues but, it is better that we should observe Christmas Day for its true meaning and importance. Better at least some part of the day be spent in prayer and song-filled worship. Better that Christmas morning find us in God's presence, among God's people, sharing the glorious happiness of the occasion—"Unto you this day is born a Saviour."

The extended usage of the expression "Merry Christmas" sometimes



Santa has stopped to ask himself, "Why did I ever start this habit anyway?" And, it is rather foolish when you stop to think about it.

Climbing down dusty, dirty narrow chimneys, with a big pack on his back, when people would be glad to accommodate him with an open door! And it's no easier, he'll tell you mournfully, when a fellow gets older and stouter . . . and less spry. But, he can't stop now. People expect him to come tumbling down into fire places. If he ever got caught sneaking in a back door, there would be protest editorials in the newspapers, or letters sent angrily to congressmen, and maybe they'd replace him

tends to make us forget the true meaning of the season. This year we would take more time for thought and give this old saying a heart-felt flavor.

Your patronage and friendship, which grows more precious with the passing of time, has brought us marked success and added personal regard. So, it is with fervor and appreciation that the Dickens County Times wishes you all a "Merry Christmas"—in the true meaning.

Pioneer Couple Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ellis, of the Rocking Chair Ranch, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Al Bingham, at the old Spur Headquarters, Sunday. No one was able to estimate the number of guests present but many guessed there were 125 friends there for the day, nearly 80 of whom registered. Guests began arriving about eleven o'clock in the morning, were met by Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and other members of the family. All the children and grand children in the family were present except one grandson, Wallace Bingham of Oakdale, La., who was unable to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis have been citizens of West Texas all their married life and are known by the early settlers of the country for many miles around. People were present Sunday from as far north as Borger and Miami, as far east as Fort Worth, as far south as Snyder and as far west as Post and Ryder. Many of their friends came whom they had not seen in years, friends with whom they had endured the early day hardships with and with whom they had struggled in the task of establishing civilization in this country.

Mr. Ellis is a Mississippian by birth and was born near Corinth July 14, 1861. While the battle at Corinth was being fought during the Civil War, his mother carried him in her arms and watched the battle. His father was killed in that battle and Mr. Ellis was never privileged to enjoy the companionship of his father. He made two trips to Texas when just a boy, and the last time he remained in this state. When thirteen years of age he donned his mount and began working on a ranch and followed the business since that time. He is now 74 years of age and has never been ill to any great extent in all his life, and at this time he walks with as much activity as a man many years his junior.

Mrs. Ellis was born in Tennessee November 5, 1866 and came to Texas with her mother and brothers in 1878. They settled in Wilbarger County.

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Three Thousands Registered For Fiesta Friday

The little program fostered by the Spur Chamber of Commerce Friday was one of the best attended events recently in our city. Secretary D. L. Granberry was in charge of the affair and kept a number of young ladies busy until two o'clock in the afternoon registering the people. Almost 3,000 persons put their names down and many presents were given away. There was no game of chance, no money had to be expended, everything was free and no one was under any obligation in any manner.

When little Lewis Ray Smith received a 10-dollar bill his ability to speak seems to have left him and he could do nothing but smile. Mrs. T. A. Rogers remarked that she knew there is a Santa Claus when she was handed an envelope with a 10-dollar bill in it. And dozens of others expressed their appreciation for the many presents they received.

The Spur Chamber of Commerce usually gives some kind of Christmas program every year. That organization works not only to improve the town of Spur but to help the people all over the county. It is an organization of service and people everywhere in Spur trade territory have the privilege of calling on it when it can be of service.

LIQUOR PERMITS FEES EXTRA SAYS STATE ATTORNEY

According to Associated Press dispatches sent out from Austin Saturday, the Attorney General's latest ruling on the liquor permit question is that additional fee payments are necessary to convert drug store medicinal liquor permits into package store permits.

The ruling would apply to drug stores and pharmacists with medicinal permits in territory dry at the time of granting the permit, which later became a legally wet area.

He likewise pointed out that all drug stores with package permits will have to comply with the same laws in regard to closing and will not be allowed to sell liquors on Sundays.

Drug Stores operating under the medicinal permits may sell liquor in their wet or dry areas on a prescription from a practicing physician, according to Saturday's ruling.

White Moore and sons, west of town, were in Saturday doing some shopping.

ATTENDS DISTRICT MEET H. D. AGENTS

Miss Clara Pratt returned the last of the week from Lubbock where she attended the District Meeting of County Home Demonstration agents. H. D. A. from about 50 counties attended the conference which took up much of the week. Miss Lula M. Dilworth, food preparation specialist from the A. & M. College extension service, gave a demonstration on the method of scoring vegetables. Miss Lola Blair, foods and nutrition specialist from A. & M., gave plans for the farm food supply demonstration for 1936.

There were County Home Demonstration Agents present from Districts One, Two and Six.

Miss Pratt stated it was a very interesting conference and she derived a great deal of good from it. Miss Pratt is spending the holidays with her people in East Texas and will be back on the job as County Home Demonstration Agent about January 1.

White Gift Services At Baptist Church

The program for White Gift Services was rendered at the evening services at the First Baptist Church Sunday evening. A beautiful program of songs and readings was given and the demonstration of the Star of Bethlehem was fine.

Each member of the church was expected to bring a gift adorned in white which was to be placed on the rostrum of the church. These gifts were assembled and shipped to Buckner Orphan Home at Dallas. There were a great number of gifts brought in which were shipped Monday.

Albert Jordan, of Steel Hill, was in town Monday looking after business.

Miss Maurine McArthur, teacher at Dumont, was doing some shopping in our city Saturday.

Spur Schools Close For Xmas Holidays Until December 30

All the schools in Spur dismissed Friday for one week of Christmas holidays. All schools held a full day session Friday and the afternoon was taken up with Christmas programs and Christmas greetings. Regular class work was executed until the last two periods at which time the programs were started.

The high school students had a mass Christmas tree and a very nice program. Each room in the Junior High and in the Ward schools had Christmas trees and programs. All schools were adorned with Christmas decorations, many of which were drawing and color paintings prepared by the pupils.

Most of the teachers left Friday afternoon and Saturday for their respective homes to enjoy holidays with their parents. High School teachers were:

Supt. O. C. Thomas and wife went to Weatherford to visit his parents, and from there were going to Coody where they will visit Mrs. Thomas' parents.

G. B. Wadzeck and wife went to Stamford to visit with his mother and then to Abilene to visit with friends.

Miss Nina Landers, English teacher, is visiting with her parents in Abilene and will visit friends in Breckenridge before returning.

David Sisto, Spanish teacher, is visiting his parents and other relatives in Paris.

Mrs. J. B. Johnston and husband are visiting relatives and friends in Memphis, Tenn. They left Thursday afternoon.

O. F. Martin is spending the holidays with his parents in Dublin.

Miss Velma McArthur is with friends at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Miss Quannah Lewis is visiting her parents in Lubbock for the week.

Burgess Brown, band instructor, and his high boss are in Abilene and Anson visiting relatives and friends.

Miss Virginia Murray, home economics teacher, is visiting with her parents in Lubbock.

Junior High School H. C. Foote, Principal, stated that he would be at home during the holidays and enjoy the children who will be in from school.

Mrs. Violet McKnight, voice teacher, will spend the holidays with her people at Snyder.

Miss Cedonia Dittich is in Denton with her parents and expects to visit friends in New Orleans, La.

Mrs. Foy Barfoot will be in Jayton with her husband and probably boss him around enough to make him know he is married.

L. J. Sollis, assistant coach, is in Sherman with his parents and would not say just what other places he will visit.

Mrs. Lucille Van Dyke is in Fort Worth with her parents and probably will visit other points before returning.

Mrs. O. A. White is visiting relatives and friends at Hillsboro.

Miss Kathryn Curry, piano instructor, is with her parents at Maypearl. Miss Curry teaches piano in all the schools.

East Ward School F. F. Vernon, Principal, will remain in Spur during the holidays.

Miss Minnie Johnson is visiting homefolks at Lubbock, and probably friends at other points.

Miss Charlie Hayes will remain in Spur during the holidays and enjoy a visit with her mother, Mrs. Frank Neill of Valley Mills.

Miss Annie Mae Lasseter stated she will remain in Spur as it is a good place to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Joe D. Giddens will remain in Spur except Christmas day when she and her husband will visit his parents at Plainview.

Miss Ruby Rae Williamson will remain in Spur and enjoy a visit from some relatives during the week.

Mrs. F. G. Collier stated she would remain in Spur with her husband as here is the best place for Christmas.

Mrs. Floyd McArthur expects to be in Spur most of the week, but probably will visit her parents Lubbock one or two days.

Mrs. Dan H. Zachry is remaining in Spur for the week and going on with her community work.

All schools will reassemble for work Monday, December 30, 1935, and the work of closing out the mid-term period will begin.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline Edmonds and two children, of Borger, are in our city visiting Mrs. Edmond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love, during the holidays.

Tom McArthur, of Red Mud, was attending to business interests in our city Monday.

S. L. Porter, of Croton community, was attending to business affairs in our city Monday.

C. N. Kidd, of Dry Lake, was attending to business affairs in our city Saturday.

GETS BACK ON THE JOB

C. H. Holt, of Slaton, was in our city Saturday interviewing friends and while here stated that he is back with the Santa Fe Railroad Company again. Mr. Holt had been with the Santa Fe System about fifteen years when he was let out last year on account of lack of business on the part of the company.

During the year he has been selling that famous cleaner, Electrolux, and has a number of customers in Spur

country. He was here Saturday visiting them and getting a line up on how the machines are working. He stated that he would continue to sell the Electrolux as he had some time each day after he made his run.

FARM SALE WAS SUCCESSFUL

A. F. Pope, who held a farm sale at his farm one mile west and one mile south of Spur Thursday, stated that he was well pleased with the results. He said that his stock and farm machinery sold well and a good crowd patronized the sale. Seale & McDonold conducted the sale.

Mr. Pope moved yesterday to Tarrant County where he expects to make his home. He lived in that country a number of years before coming to Dickens County and is going back there. He has been in Spur country a number of years and is one of the most respected citizens of this country.

SANTA CLAUS AS USUAL

"Santa Claus is comin' around as usual in December," said Uncle Eben, "tryin' to bring along enough good cheer to beat de tax collector."

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**Gladsome Days
Are Here Again**

And we express the wish that your share of the season's joys will be a generous one. In this same message we wish also to express our appreciation to all our patrons for favors of the past. We are anxious to serve you during 1936.

Jimison Barber Shop

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO YOU**

As Christmas comes again, it reawakens the appreciation of pleasant associations—rekindles the warmth of friendships—and may it find and keep you rich in happiness.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
O. L. HALE CAFE**



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**New Year's Resolutions Soon To Be Order!
Resolve to Protect Your Health in 1936**

"The time to make resolutions will soon be here. And while few persons will openly declare their purpose to resolve either to do or not to do this, that, and the other, it is safe to say that many thousands will secretly conclude to establish certain rules hitherto broken or eliminate some habits which they perfectly well know are doing them harm. New Year's common sense and conscience are thus annually united. And though it is scarcely likely that the majority of these reconstructive ideas will do much more than outlast January 1st, there is one resolution that it perhaps might be well to make and keep, namely, to have an annual physical examination," stated Dr. John W. Brown, State Health Officer.

"Perhaps it is lack of persistently emphatic education, but it seems to be downright carelessness that permits one of the greatest lifesavers yet devolved by science to be scorned by the majority. For, in spite of repeated statements concerning the advantages of early discovery and treatment of conditions which are only possible by way of a physical examination at a time when one still feels and looks quite well, the antiquated idea of snubbing the doctor until pain and illness overtake one, still rules.

"Cancer, nephritis, diabetes, and heart ailments are below-the-belt hitters. Being master criminals they attack silently and frequently have their victims in their power long before they are even aware of their presence. "It can therefore be urgently recommended that on New Year's 1936 those who sincerely wish to live throughout the year and for other years to come as healthily and happily as possible, could with profit resolve to become devotees of the public health examination. In truth no better resolution could be made."

Mr. and Mrs. Riley Smith, of Catfish country, were doing some trading in our city Saturday.

Mrs. D. H. Dunn, of Croton community, was doing some shopping in our city Saturday.

"Do you know how to begin the New Year right?"
"Sure! To begin the New Year write 1936!"

Sam Hemphill, of Croton, was attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

HE WAS A DUTCH BOY

Christmas was celebrated long before Santa Claus was ever thought of. His prototype was the Dutch boy bishop, St. Nicholas, who on December 5 used to go round punishing little children who did not say their prayers and rewarding those who did. Gradually he was changed from a boy into a jovial old man, while the sledge and reindeer are modern additions. Actually, Santa Claus was unknown in England a hundred years ago. The Dutch founders of New York introduced him to America, and England borrowed him from the States. —London Tit-Bits Magazine.

R. L. Littlefield, of Croton, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

W. A. Johnson, of Dry Lake, was attending to business affairs in our city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Howell, of Catfish, were doing some trading in our city Saturday.

J. M. Koonsman, of Wichita community, was looking after business matters in our city Saturday.

HERE TO VISIT PARENTS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coke, of Wheeler, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sanders and children of Shamrock, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Griffith and little son of Weinert, arrived here the first of the week to visit their parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Williamson. Miss Ruby Rae Williamson, who is one of the teachers in our schools, stated that it is always a grand time in their home when the other children can make it home for Christmas time.

Don Brewster, of Red Hill, was looking after business matters in our city Saturday.

Mrs. Roy Arrington, of Red Hill, was doing some shopping in our city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Scott, of Calgary, were in our city Saturday doing some trading.

**IF YOUR
BREATH HAS
A SMELL YOU
CAN'T FEEL WELL**

When we eat too much, our food decays in our bowels. Our friends smell this decay coming out of our mouth and call it bad breath. We feel the poison of this decay all over our body. It makes us gloomy, grouchy and no good for anything. What makes the food decay in the bowels? Well, when we eat too much, our bile juice can't digest it. What is the bile juice? It is the most vital digestive juice in our body. Unless 2 pints of it are flowing from our liver into our bowels every day, our movements get hard and constipated and 1/2 of our food decays in our 25 feet of bowels. This decay sends poison all over our body every six minutes.

When our friends smell our bad breath (but we don't) and we feel like a whipped spooze, don't use a mouthwash or take a laxative. Get at the cause. Take Carter's Little Liver Pills which gently start the flow of your bile juice. But if something better is offered you, don't buy it, for it may be a calomel (mercury) pill, which loosens teeth, gripes and scalds the stomach in many people. Ask for Carter's Little Liver Pills by name and get what you ask for—25¢. ©1934, C.M.Co.

Miss Johnnie Lovell, of Wichita, was in our city Saturday doing some shopping. Miss Lovell is in school at Lubbock and is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lovell, for the holidays.

Hang Pillow Cases

At Christmas in St. Croix, Virgin Islands, the youngsters hang up pillowcases instead of stockings.

C. B. Barker, merchant of McAdoo, was transacting business in our city Friday. He stated that the cotton on the Plains is about all gathered.

IMPROVING THE CAMPUS

Paving of an oval drive from the campus circle to the textile and engineering buildings at Texas Technological college is the first project of a campus beautification program, made possible by a preliminary allotment of \$10,000, part of a WPA grant of \$58,060 for campus improvement. Work began December 16.

Other projects will include landscaping, digging irrigation ditches, grubbing the college farm pastures, and additional paving.

Joe Allison, of Dickens, was looking after business affairs in our city Friday and Saturday. Mr. Allison used to sell Rawleigh products in this country from 1910 to 1914. He lost his wife about one year ago and stated that it was his greatest misfortune.

CHRISTMAS CARDS OLD CUSTOM

The sending of Christmas cards by way of friendly greeting and remembrance has grown up since about 1860.

Adding Machine paper at the Times.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the ordinance against all kinds of fireworks shooting or exploding torpedoes in the business part of Spur will be enforced.

G. L. Barber, City Marshall 3t

EASTERN STAR

- Spur Chapter meets on Thursday
- night just after the full of the moon in each month. Meeting hour eight o'clock. All members requested to be present. Visiting members welcome.
- Mrs. Eula Joplin, W. M.
- Mrs. Georgia Barrett, Secretary

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.

E. C. McGEE

Texaco Agent

**GREETING YOU
WITH OUR**

Best Wishes

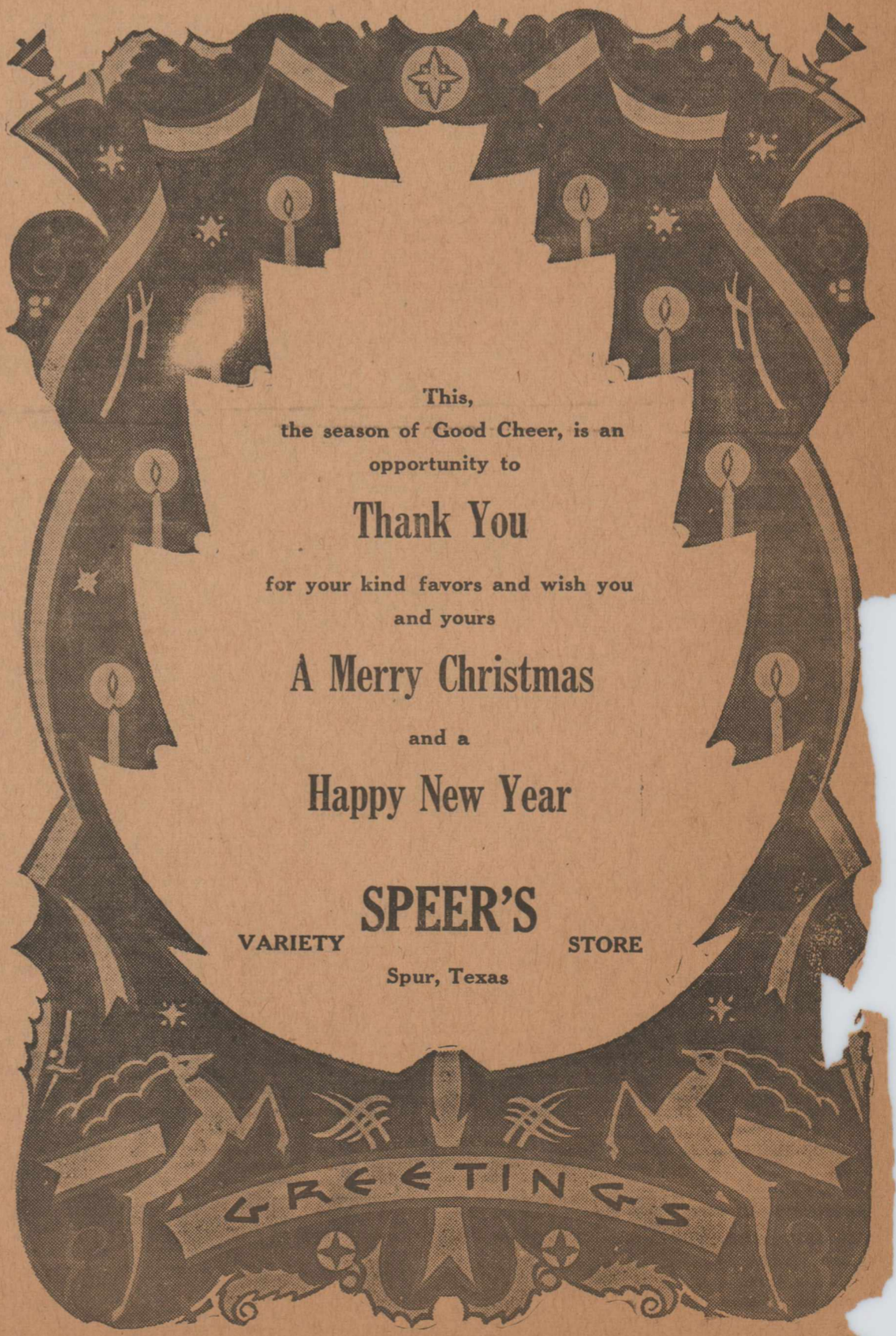
. . . AND THANKING YOU

not only for your sincerity, but for your good-will as well, and for every consideration shown us.

May Christmas be rich in happiness and the New Year bountiful in prosperity for you and yours.

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Happy New Year

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 Select the Garment you want, take 1-2 of the Original Price, and that is Your Price.
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1-2
Original Price

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 Sale **\$1.49**
 All Sizes—All Withs—All New Shoes.

Every Ladies Winter Dress
Half Original Price

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 Regular \$5.95 All Wool Blanket
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SALE OF 25% WOOL
Two-Tone Reversible Blanket
 Size 72x84—\$3.45 Value
 Sale **\$2.29**
 Satin Bound, almost any color combination desired.
24 AT THIS PRICE

Sale of Men's Suits
 \$22.50 Suits
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NEW SPRING
Fast Color Prints
 366 inches wide
 only **10c yd.**
 60 different Patterns to choose from.

All Knit Suits
Half Original Price

SALE OF MEN'S SUITS—\$17.45 Value
\$12.95

All Millinery
Half Original Price

Sale of Boys' Suits
1-4 off Regular Price
 18 Boys' All Wool Suits
 In Browns and Tans—Size 12 to 18—Reg. \$6.45 value
 Sale **\$3.00**

Personal

Yoakum, of Kent County, was in city Friday greeting friends tending to business.
 at Dawson, of Afton, was looking after business affairs in our city.
 Smith, of Catfish community, tending to business affairs in Friday.
 Middleton, of Afton, was attending to business affairs in our city.
 Smith, one of the good farmers, McAdoo, was attending to matters in our city Friday.
 Henry, of Duncan Flat, was tending business and greeting in our city Friday.
 Chambers, of Prairie Chapel city, was transacting business Saturday.
 Stark, of Afton country, was greeting friends and looking after affairs in our city Saturday.
 Grizzle, of Kalgary, was greeting friends and trading in our city.
 Ward, of Catfish, was tending business in our city Saturday.
 Parsons, of Kalgary, was looking after business matters in our Saturday.
 and Mrs. W. F. Cathey, of ns, were doing some trading with merchants Saturday.
 E. Walker, of Highway, was greeting after business affairs in our Saturday.

G. F. Harris, of McAdoo, was greeting friends and looking after business matters here Saturday.

J. P. Legg, merchant at Croton, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

Mrs. T. W. Morgan and daughter, of Espuela, were in our city Saturday doing some shopping.

Lee Mimms, of Wichita country, was greeting friends and doing some trading here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Andrews, of Girard, were doing some trading in our city Saturday.

W. C. McArthur, of Red Mud country, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

BELIEVE IN YULETIDE
 Kitzbuhel, Austria, is one of the few places in the world which believe that the dead should share in the Yuletide celebration. On Christmas Eve, this picturesque little village in the Tyrol has, for many years, decorated each grave in its cemetery with a tree lighted by candles and other small lights. —Collier's Weekly.

NEW PIANOS IN DORMITORIES
 "There is a Santa Claus!" say dormitory residents at Texas Technological college. Two new concert grand pianos recently were set up in the lounges of the two dormitories. Purchase of the instruments was authorized by the board of directors, Clifford B. Jones of Spur, chairman.
 Local musicians say the pianos are probably the finest in this section of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Horton Barrett and little son, Marvin, arrived here Saturday morning from Santa Fe, N. Mexico, and will spend about ten days with his parents and visiting other relatives and friends.

NON-CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTMAS

Non-Christians frequently join in the social observance of the day. To them, it simply has no religious significance.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin C. Rose, of McAdoo, were in our city Saturday doing some trading and greeting friends.

SANTA CLAUS

There is a Santa Claus. His real name is Spirit of Charity. He is the symbol of benevolence, compassion and altruism. He is the ideal of that small legion of really human humans who pave unselfishly numerous paths to happiness with kindness, sympathy and charity.

TEXAS' BIRTHDAY CAKE

A huge birthday cake, in celebration of Texas' one hundredth birthday will be the contribution of the Texas Centennial Exposition to the Sun Carnival which will open Centennial year at El Paso, January 1.
 The enormous cake will be placed on a float in the Sun Carnival parade. It will have one immense candle

signifying the one hundredth anniversary of Texas liberty. On the float will be seated a debutante representing the Centennial Exposition. She will be equipped with a monster cake knife, ten feet long with which to slice the birthday offering.
 The float will fly for the first time the flag of the Texas Centennial Exposition, its colors composite of the six emblems which have flown above Texas soil. Inscriptions on the float convey birthday greetings to Texas.

PROFESSOR TUGWELL'S TASK

(From State Press in The Dallas News).
 Houston Chronicle: Professor Tugwell's plan to set up 1,000 Southern tenant families as farm owners will be watched with sympathy and great interest. Professor Tugwell probably knows as little about the qualities and habits of Southern tenant families as any other man in the country, nevertheless his experiment should be worth watching. At least he will have plenty of helpers and plenty of money—for the use of the helpers—in putting his program in effect. He doesn't function without ample personnel and machinery.
 Professor Tugwell has been at the receiving end of untold jeers and jibes.

He has organized a vast bureau for doing something the general public hasn't understood, and which it suspected the professor himself understood only dimly. Nevertheless, the Tugwell assignment can be made, probably will be made, very profitable to the country. His resettlement project is not rashly radical. It looks to the rehabilitation of down-and-out farmers, mainly of the tenant group. It proposes to place worthy tenants on small acreages of their own, the Government financing the mortgage and their first year's necessities. Under authorized supervisors the resettled families are required to plant, harvest and preserve home support crops as well as one or more money crops. They are to be regimented, certainly. But regimentation doesn't hurt some

folks. It helps them. Even a haughty American may suffer a worse fate than that of being regimented. The farmers' problem has been the biggest and toughest of all our problems. Farming fell into decay. Its older methods were inadequate, in the main. The mortgage industry spread and grew like Johnson grass. You could usually identify a farm under mortgage by the Johnson grass in its fields. Also by the dilapidated appearance of the farm buildings. Professor Tugwell proposes to make his resettled farmers self-sustaining and self-respecting. He proposes to abolish the big farm mania and make little farming pay. He proposes to supplant failed farming with profit farming. If he can do that in a definite manner, more power to him!



GREETINGS!

TO OUR OLD FRIENDS, OUR NEW FRIENDS TO BE
 WE EXTEND OUR BEST WISHES FOR A

MERRY CHRISTMAS
 and a
Happy and Prosperous New Year

Your business has been greatly appreciated in the past
 and may we continue to merit your patronage
 in the future . . .

RITER HARDWARE

MAY THE JOYS OF THE
YULETIDE
BE WITH YOU AND YOURS
THROUGH 1936

We are grateful to everyone in this community for the splendid patronage we have received and shall earnestly and sincerely strive to improve our service to our patrons and our community during the coming year.

SPUR COFFEE SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bumpus

Pain Passes Off

 When your head aches; when Neuralgia tortures you; when Muscular Pains make you miserable—take a Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pill.
 Mr. Smith is one of millions who have found this easy way to prompt relief. He says:—
 "I keep Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pills in my pocket and when I get a dull heavy feeling in my head, I take a Dr. Miles' Anti-Pain Pill and the pain passes off."
DR. MILES' ANTI-PAIN PILLS

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 Spur, Texas
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Merry Christmas

One and All

Merchants Enjoyed Good Business

From all reports assembled it seems the merchants of Spur were extra busy both Saturday and yesterday. Some of the merchants stated they could not take care of the people in a manner that should have been done because there was not room enough

in their stores.

The merchants of Spur had placed big stocks of merchandise at the disposal of the people, and with very complete stocks there was nothing else expected but good business. People were needing the merchandise and had the money to pay for it. People can always get good bargains in Spur stores. The merchants of Spur have stocks of goods that would be a credit to any West Texas city. The people always have a good stock from which to select their merchandise.

The merchants appreciate the good patronage given them by the people. It shows that the people are interested in helping to build Spur and make it a great trade center. Wonder how it would be for all of us to make a New Year resolution "To Trade with Spur Merchants"? We can buy most any-

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GREETINGS

MAY THE GOLDEN GLOW OF A TRULY MERRY CHRISTMAS LIGHT YOUR WAY INTO A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

BILL KINNEY

Our Sincere Good Wishes

Year after year its the same old greeting, but time makes that greeting no less sincere, and so we again send our message wishing you a—

MERRY CHRISTMAS and Abundant Happiness

SANDERS & CHASTAIN PHARMACY

Joyous Tidings

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With Christmas here and 1935 drawing to a close, we pause for a moment to think seriously of life, of what it means to us . . . its joys and its sorrows.

One of the great joys of life, as we see it, is its friendships. A true friend is a valued possession.

What is true of our personal lives is also true of our business lives. We like to feel that there is a spirit of friendship underlying each business transaction.

We like to think of our customers as our friends. We like to value our business friendships as we value our personal friendships.

As an expression, therefore, of our genuine appreciation of your friendship and all it has meant to us, we wish you and those whom you love, a happy Christmas Season and a New Year brim full of good things.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) GEO. S. LINK.

Bryant-Link

Spur's Department Store

Merry Christmas in The HEADLINES



SANTA CLAUS IN PERSON—Smiling his best for the thousands who yearly await him.



SHIRLEY TEMPLE REHEARSES HER XMAS VIGIL—Here you see the adorable child star showing how she will wait for Santa on Christmas Eve.

thing we want in Spur if it is to be secured in West Texas, and Spur merchants always appreciate the patronage.

325 Resettlement Farmers Served

"Christmas, is it?" Dale S. Campbell, county supervisor for the Resettlement Administration, looked at the calendar and hoped he would get an hour off for Christmas dinner. He has had a crowd of clients around him day and night for several weeks, while he and his helpers worked out plans for these families to get back into farming, where they can earn their own living and stay off the relief rolls. A county advisory committee of volunteer workers has also been meeting regularly, to approve the plans.

"Every Resettlement employee serves about 200 people," Mr. Campbell said. "In this region of Texas and Oklahoma, almost 200,000 individuals are included in the families being directly benefitted by the Resettlement program. In the whole nation, there are a million and a half people in such families. Right here in this county, we are serving 65 families, with an average of five people in the family, which makes 325 individuals being benefitted. There are only three employees of the Resettlement Administration in this county, who are also serving Motley and Kent counties."

Another part of Mr. Campbell's job is to collect repayment on loans made last spring. He reports collections to date in this county amount to \$5,191.40.

L. S. U. BAND WILL PLAY SALUTE TO TEXAS

The colorful and nationally famous L. S. U. college band, under the capable direction of Col. Castro Carazo, will salute the Lone Star State, Texas Christian University, and Texas Centennial Celebrations between halves of the Sugar Bowl game at New Orleans on New Year's Day.

The tribute of Louisiana, through the music of its prized band, will memorialize the close relations between that state and Texas in 1835-'36, recognizing the value of the South in the year-long celebrations which will attract the attention of the world.

The L. S. U. band has completed rehearsals for one of the most entertaining and novel musical presentations ever to be staged in New Orleans and should claim its share of the limelight during the contest between the schools of the two neighboring states.

Carbon Paper at the Times.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

Christmas is always such a lot of fun, and here's hoping you have a jolly one, with many happy days to follow.

We are highly appreciative of the confidence our customers place in us, and strive earnestly and sincerely to strengthen it daily.

SPUR BAKERY

SPUR HIGH BAND GIVES PROGRAM

The Spur school band gave their first program at the High School auditorium Thursday afternoon. Quite a number of people were present for this first concert and from the number of compliments being stated by dif-

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F. R. COPELAND, M. D. Diagnosis and Surgery JNO. T. WYLIE, M. D. Internal Medicine Mrs. F. R. COPELAND, R.N. Superintendent X-RAY AND RADIUM



THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

We Enjoy Counting Among Our Assets Something Money Cannot Buy—

YOUR GOOD WILL

Good will is the greatest asset in any business. It is an intangible something that money can not buy . . . it is built only after long years of fair dealing and a constant striving to make every transaction, every day one of complete satisfaction to the patron.

We have always kept this thought uppermost in building our business policy, never deviating from it one moment; but now at this greatest of all good will seasons we want to again thank you for the splendid patronage you have given us and for the confidence the public has placed in us.

We feel that we owe much to the people of this section. Your good will has been valuable, as well as your patronage and we extend to each of you our hearty greetings and our wishes for a Happy Holiday Season.

WILLIAMSON BROS. GIN

ferent ones, the band must have gotten off to a good start. Mr. Brown, the director, stated that more material is needed in the band and that he hopes they will be able to have fifty players in the band by the time the football season opens next fall.

None of the members in the band had ever played an instrument until three months ago. They are taking good interest and the work is going forward in fine condition.

Mrs. Troy Stricklin, of Abilene, is in our city visiting her mother, Mrs. J. D. Powell, and other relatives.

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Miss Zell Ellis, a teacher in Stone-wall County, was in our city Saturday greeting friends and will remain with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ellis, during the holidays.

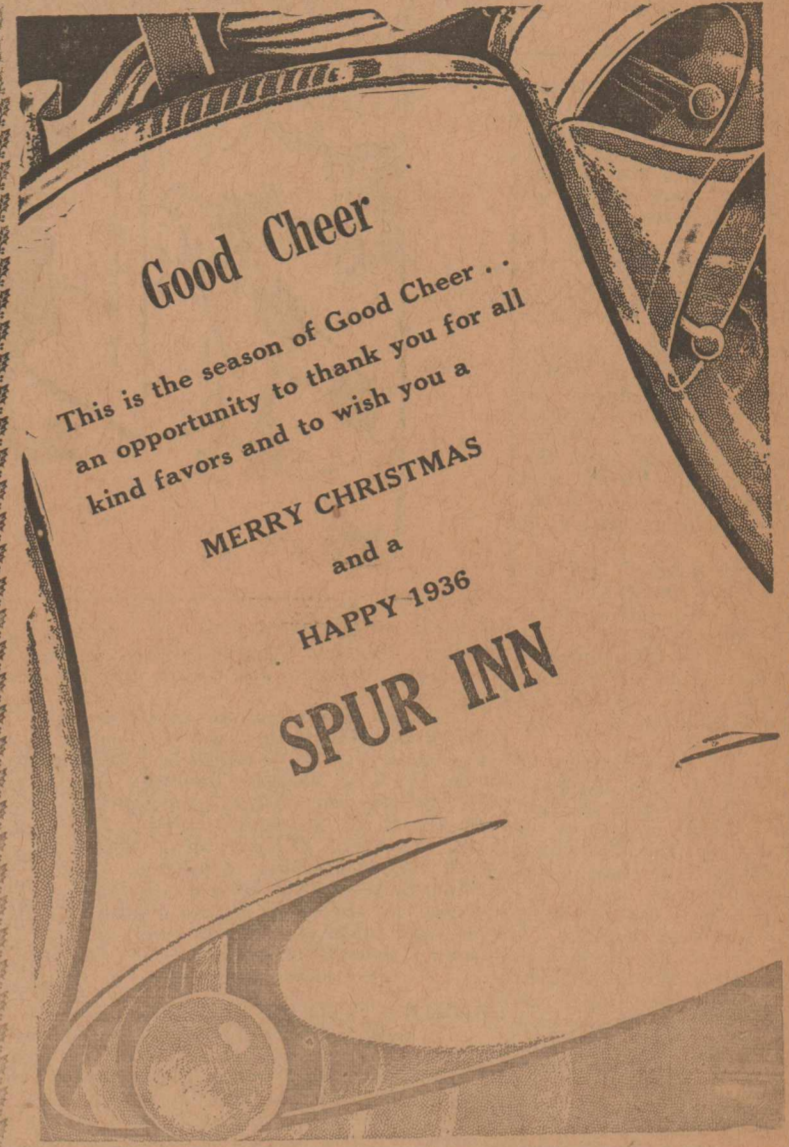
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* Our Opinion Is *

That about ninety per cent of the troubles in the world are the result of magnified imaginations.

"COME, LET US ADORE HIM," HAPPY CHRISTMAS THOUGHT

There is a magical pause, a mysterious something in the air, an awakening of man's best instincts as the Yuletide carols ring out the hallowed words: "Peace on earth, good will toward men." A pause when even the most sullen, forbidding, hardhearted person feels an urge of the soul within him, to join in the merry festival of Christmas.

Then, too, there is magic in red holly berries, gray green branches of bewitching mistletoe, and the perfume of woody evergreens, melting wax and the burning log. How mysteriously they recall sweet thoughts of long ago to the elders! How they will the hearts of playful children with joyous delight!

Christmas is the significance of childhood, for almost two thousand years ago the Christ Child brought the redeeming message of love to the world. Love that keeps the little flame of hope burning; love that gives patience and courage to endure the problems of life; love that prompts the giving and receiving of gifts.

When Wise Men of the East, men of profound learning, saw a brilliant star and followed it, they found this little messenger of love in his rude and humble resting place, and they laid their most precious gifts before him.

These gifts were highly symbolical. Gold to a King, the King of Love and Humanity, Frankincense to a Divinity, the God of human needs. Myrrh for a man, and for the sorrow that redeems. Thus they recognized in a little Child, the King, the Divine and the Man.

As we commemorate Christ's birth each Yuletide, there is a radiant warmth and spirit of love in the giving and receiving of gifts; we pay homage and reverence to our King, our God and our Redeemer. —Agnes Myers.

BULLETIN ABOUT YAQUI'S TO BE PUBLISHED

Finding of the 1934 expedition into the Yaqui country, led by Dr. W. C. Holden, professor of anthropology and history at Texas Technological College will be published by the college, it has been announced by President Bradford Knapp. Copies of the bulletin, "A Study of the Yaqui Indians of Sonora, Mexico," will be sent to libraries and professional anthropologists throughout the United States about the middle of January.

The report, which contains 150 pages and 15 plates of drawings and pictures, is divided into nine chapters. They are: Organizations; Marriage, Child-Rearing and Education; La Fiesta de Gloria; Yaqui Funerals; Household Economy; Yaqui Archi-

SCHOOL DAYS

By DWIG



THE WOODBOX IS ALL FULL, MOTHER. 'SANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT ME TO DO FOR YOU? GITNY WATER, OR ANYTHING? WANT ME TO GO DOWN TOWN FOR ANY GROCERIES?

ONLY 11 MORE DAYS!

tecture; Medical Practices of the Yaquis; Physical Characteristics of the Yaqui Indians; and Yaqui Agriculture.

The first five chapters were written by Dr. Holden, and the last four respectively by W. G. McMillan, Lubbock; Dr. C. J. Wagner, Lubbock; Dr. C. C. Seltzer, Harvard anthropologist; and Dr. E. A. Studhalter, head professor of biology at Tech, all of whom were members of the expedition.

This bulletin, 2000 of which will be printed by the Tech Press, contains the first extensive study of the Yaqui Indians ever made.

MARTHA FOUND A WAY TO RAISE CHRISTMAS FUNDS

Christmas was drawing nearer and nearer, but Martha Wods seemed no nearer a solution of her problem. The giving of gifts at the Yuletide season had been a tradition with Martha

as long as she could remember. This year, however, she saw no way to keep up the cherished custom.

During the past months her income had shriveled to where it would buy only the necessities for herself and Emma, her faithful servant. Through no scrimping or saving could even the tiniest gifts be sent to those whom she wished to remember.

Now, as she watched the whirling flakes of snow, she thought how lovely it would be to see the big room full of gaily tied packages, waiting to be sent on their various ways. Regretfully she pictured the disappointment of relatives and friends who would think she had forgotten; they would never dream she had grown too poor to buy Christmas gifts; they all believed her wealthy.

With a heavy sigh she looked around the beautiful living room. The furnishings were luxurious; many of them had been in the family for generations

Suddenly a cry came from her lips. She had thought of a quick, sure way to fulfill her desires. She would sell a few of the lovely old pieces. She would send for the proprietor of the antique shop without a moment's delay! Her Christmas gifts would be on their way tomorrow! —Katherine Edelman.

SANTA AS HE APPEARS IN THE DIFFERENT COUNTRIES

So Santa Claus wears a red suit and a long white beard, and when he isn't busy in the toy store, drives a sleigh pulled by Donner and Blitzen?

Not if you live in Hawaii. There, on a moonlit December night, you might see Santa come riding in from the ocean on a surf-board. As likely as not there would be a lei, or wreath of flowers, about his neck, though he wears the same red suit and waterproof boots he dons for boys and girls

of the United States, since Hawaii is really American territory.

In the Philippines, though it, too, has ben American, the white cap turns conical like a Spanish clown's. He carries a red-and-white lantern which helps him find the home of every good boy and girl, and drives buffalo, which they call carabao. The gifts are packed in baskets slung across the backs of these creatures.

What would you think of Santa in a rickshaw? But, after all, if you were a Chinese child isn't that what

you would expect? And Santa never disappoints. In Japan he sits with his feet tucked under him to take his tea an a wintry afternoon, and in the African tropics—well, you just wouldn't recognize the red suit! He has taken to using the airplan in our own country. I am sure that when he leaves the reindeer in his barn, he pats the nose of each one and urges the ice elves to feed them plenty of reindeer moss till he comes home again.

Carbon Paper at the Times.

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Merry Christmas - Happy New Year

SPUR SECURITY BANK

Merry Christmas

and

A Happy New Year

EACH YEAR WE GREET

the Christmas Season with great gladness because it is then that we take time to tell our friends that though cares be many, we nevertheless cherish their friendship.

BECAUSE of that we send you this sincere wish that your Christmas will be a joyous one and your New Year a prosperous one.



J. L. (Lealus) HUTTO

A Merry Christmas!

A wish to you, our customers! May the Holiday Season bring you a wealth of joy and good fellowship. May the New Year bring you Health, Happiness and Prosperity in full measure.

For ourselves, we also have a wish: That we may continue to serve you faithfully and well, making life easier by this service and rendering it in a more personal manner than ever before.

Progress is our watchword, so we hope this year may bring new developments in Electric Service which will further seek to simplify labor, save time, and do both at the lowest possible cost to you.

We cordially extend Season's Greetings to all, and add the hope for a better acquaintance and the privilege of rendering to you a more liberal service, which our past experiences and achievements make possible.

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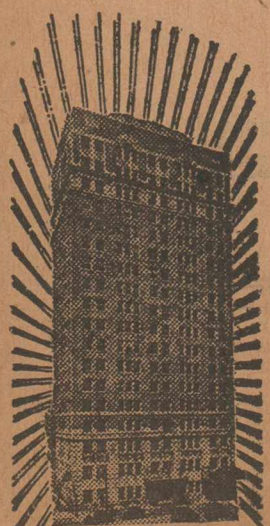
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INDIAN FESTIVITIES START JANUARY 1

The quiet and peaceful Indian village, 17 miles east of Livingston, will stir with activity on New Year's Day when hundreds of people from all sections of Texas will visit the sole Texas Indian reservation for the all-day celebration, in which the white man, friend of the Indian, will join in commemorating 100 years of independence between Texas and the Texas Indians.

Two of the Alabama-Coushatti Indians' most prominent chieftains will be elevated in ranks when Chief Ti-Ca-i-Che will become the highest among the Indian leaders in one of the first 1936 Centennial Celebrations.

Clem Fain, county attorney of Polk county, will be made Mikko Se, which means "Little Chief." The Indians have selected Fain to become one of their tribe as a friendly gesture to their white friends.

A varied program of events will provide entertainment for the visitors when the guests of the Indians will see the picturesque settlement as typically Indian as it was 100 years ago.

Tom's Auto Parts
Dependable Mechanics.
You can save money on New and Used Parts.

Your Christmas Pleasure

Your Christmas pleasure is due when your Christmas duty is done.

Cecil Scott, of Steel Hill was transacting business in our city Saturday.

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Her maiden name was Miss Jennie Dodson, and it was in Wilbarger County that she and Mr. Ellis first knew each other and they were married at a little trading point in that county December 22, 1885. They soon came farther west and have lived on

Jim Cloud was asked to say a few words just before the noon repast was begun. He simply told of the honest devoted lives of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and gave a short history of the family. Then a blessing was asked and people enjoyed one of the most bountiful dinners that could be prepared. There was plenty and to spare. Some



the home they now occupy for 32 years. There are six children in the home and six grandchildren in the family. The children are: Mrs. Agatha Locke of Miami, Mrs. Rachel Bingham of the Spur Headquarters, Harry Ellis of Spur, Mrs. Dulaney Davis of Spur, Dudley Ellis of Swenson and Miss Zell Ellis, a teacher near Hamlin.

There was not much formality to the program Sunday. People met and talked and rehearsed old times, laughed and told jokes on each other and related incidents of the early days, which may have serious at that time but brought laughter Sunday. Judge

people were late arriving, but they were taken care of and enjoyed a good dinner when they arrived.

The day was beautiful and everybody enjoyed the sunshine and association of their friends. Music rendered by Mr. Ellis and some of his children was greatly enjoyed, some expressing their surprise at Mr. Ellis being able to play the violin, or fiddle as he called it. The day was joyously and reverently filled and when it was time for friends to leave all expressed the wish for Mr. and Mrs. Ellis to enjoy many more wedding anniversaries together.

Yuletide Joy

With grateful acknowledgement of your courtesies and good will that have made Service a real pleasure to us—

WE WISH YOU A CHRISTMAS OF
GREAT JOY AND A NEW YEAR
OF HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY

RUCKER SHOE SHOP



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Good Luck, Good Cheer, Good Health

and a hearty

Thank You

for past favors

SPUR TAILORS

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"The Friendly Shop"

Phone 18

Merry Christmas

Another year of friendly association impels us, more earnestly than ever to wish you and yours a . . .

Merry Christmas

and a

New Year of Happiness

SUNSHINE SERVICE STATION

This CHRISTMAS GREETING

—will express our best wishes for your happiness both on this day and also through the years that lie ahead of you. May the season bring you all the joys you could wish for yourself in such abundance that they will stay at your house forever.

TOM'S AUTO PARTS

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones Mgr.



Merry Christmas

and

A Happy New Year

SPUR HOSPITAL

SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Spur Security Bank, Spur, Texas, will be held in the Director's Room of said bank on the second Tuesday in January A. D. 1936, the same being January 14, 1936 between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A. M. and 3:00 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and to transact any other business properly coming before said meeting.

W. B. Lee, President.
F. G. Collier, Cashier.
Dec. 24, Jan. 2-9.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

BY VIRTUE of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, on the 11th day of December, 1935, by Mrs. Nettie Littlefield, Clerk of said Court against John Flynn and First National Bank of Gorman, Texas for the sum of One Hundred Thirty Eight and 40/100 (\$138.40) Dollars together with Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars attorney fees and costs of suit, in cause No. 1397 in said Court, styled E. H. Remington vs. First National Bank of Gorman, Texas and placed in my hands for service, I, J. L. Koonsman as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did, on the 11th day of December, 1935, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, described as follows, to-wit: On that tract, piece or parcel of land lying and being situated in the City of Spur, County of Dickens, being Lot No. 5, Block No. 11 in the City of Spur, Dickens County, Texas and levied upon as the property of said John Flynn and First National Bank of Gorman, Texas. And on Tuesday, the 7th day of January, 1936, at the Court House door of Dickens County, in the City of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said John Flynn and First National Bank of Gorman, Texas by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale.

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 11th day of December, 1935.

J. L. Koonsman, Sheriff Dickens County, Texas.
By Wayland A. Lee, Deputy.
(Published Dec. 12, 19, 24, Jan. 2)

Adding Machine Paper at the Times.

"NERVES"

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A Dr. Miles' Effervescent Nerwine Tablet, a glass of water, a pleasant, sparkling drink.
Nerves relax. You can rest, sleep, enjoy life. At your drug store. 25c and \$1.00.



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NERVINE
TABLETS

MUMPS RAGING IN PLACES

The State Department of Health reports show that several sections of the State have reported many cases of mumps, and in some instances epidemics are expected.

While we do not ordinarily think of mumps as particularly serious disease, it is a condition fraught with some real danger through its complications. The disease is usually spread by direct contact, rarely if ever by a third person. The period of incubation, that is from the time of exposure to the onset of the disease, may be placed at twenty-one days. Mumps is contagious before the symptoms appear and for some time after the symptoms have disappeared. As long as the patient has any symptoms isolation should be enforced.

Remember it is a mistake to think that children should have the so-called children's diseases. Everyone of these diseases is full of great danger for the very young children, especially children under school age.

To prevent complications one should remain in bed until the swelling has entirely subsided.

L. A. Grantham, of Red Hill community, was in town Monday doing some trading.

T. V. Shockley, of Soldier Mound, was transacting business in our city Monday.

T. L. Williams, of Dickens, was attending to business matters in our city Monday.

W. D. Blair, east of town, was in Monday doing some trading.

W. F. Shugart, of Red Hill, was attending to business affairs in our city Monday.

O. R. CLOUDE

Doctor of Chiropractic

T. C. and Blume

Simplex Graduate

SPUR, TEXAS

GREETINGS

of the season

"The world is so full of a number of things

That all of us ought to be as happy as kings."

One of those things is Christmas; another is friends. Put these two together and you have the richest combination of pleasure the world has ever known. Since you have shown us the kindnesses that you have we are wishing for you and yours a Christmas season that will make you happy as ever was the happiest king.

SPUR GIN

J. A. Goodwin



CHRISTMAS

AND OUR
REQUEST OF—

SANTA CLAUS

We are asking you, Santa, to fill the stockings of all our friends and patrons to overflowing with happiness; may there be good cheer from the toe to the top. And as the bells are ringing may they leave gayety, laughter and fun in their path, enough of all to last during the coming twelve months

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Midnight Matinee
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MATINEE EACH DAY

Friday Only
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Another
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A lovable Spit-fire!
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JANE WITHERS
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JACKIE SEARL
KATHARINE
ALEXANDER

also
Last Chapter of Serial and
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**TWENTIETH CENTURY
STUDY CLUB**

"If we keep Christmas for one day
in the year, why not keep it every day.
But we do not keep it alone," was
the Christmas thought Mrs. H. C.
Foote answered in the Twentieth
Century Study Club in the
Christmas program Thursday night
at the home of Mrs. E. S. Lee.

Mrs. Hale gave a paper on Religion
in Art.
Mrs. Caraway told the story of the
Only Wise Man.

Lavorise Lee served as Santa and
took the gifts from the tree and
passed them out.

Members attending were: Mrs. E. J.
Cowan, Mrs. Ray Sanders, Mrs. C. N.
Lane, Miss Calra Pratt, Mrs. B. F.
Hale, Mrs. J. A. Koon, Mrs. H. C.
Foote, Mrs. T. H. Blackwell, Mrs. F.
B. Crockett, Mrs. J. M. Foster, Mrs.
O. C. Thomas, Mrs. G. J. Lane, Mrs.
V. J. Campbell, Mrs. A. M. Walker,
Mrs. Joe Long, Mrs. O. L. Kelley,
Mrs. E. L. Caraway, Mrs. E. S. Lee,
Mrs. L. D. Ratliff and guests: Mrs.
Shields and Mrs. Jerene Cooner. —
Reporter.

MARRIED SUNDAY

J. W. Rhea of Stamford and Miss
Irene Purcell of Spur were quietly
married in Spur Sunday afternoon.
There were just a few friends who
witnessed the ceremony. Rev. W. B.
Bennett read the marital rites.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhea will make their
home in Stamford. The bride is a
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pur-
cell of our city, who are a much re-
spected people.

**BILBERRY-HAMMONS
NUPTIALS**

Raymond Bilberry and Miss Winnie
Hammons were married Sunday af-
ternoon at the home of Rev. and Mrs.
W. B. Bennett on East Harris Street.
Rev. Bennett officiated at the cere-
mony in the presence of a few rela-
tives and friends.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs.
E. J. Bilberry of Soldier Mound and
the bride's parents live six miles west
of Spur. Both families are highly re-
spected. Mr. and Mrs. Bilberry stated
they will leave Thursday for Braw-
ley, Calif., where they will make their
home.



WITH ALL GOOD WISHES
FOR YOUR

HAPPINESS

THROUGHOUT

This Yuletide Season

and the Coming Year

We want also to thank you everyone for your favors of
the past year, and express our appreciation for your good
will and the splendid cooperation you have given us.
May we merit your continued patronage and influence
is our earnest wish.

THE FAIR STORE

"True to It's Name"



CAR SALES RECORD BROKEN

Records for sales of both new cars
and used cars in the first 10 days of
December were broken by Chevrolet
dealers in the United States, it was
stated in Detroit Saturday by Felix
Doran, Jr., assistant general sales
manager of Chevrolet Motor Co., in
charge of the western half of the
United States. Sales of new units to-
taled 24,122, more than double the
sales for the same period last year,
and a new all-time record for the open-
ing period of December. Used car
sales in the same period exceeded
35,000, setting a new record for any
10 days in December in the history of
the company.

The record-breaking sale of used
cars is credited by the company to
Chevrolet's factory-backed advertis-
ing, in newspaper, urging the advan-
tages of purchasing before winter sets
in.

"With the industry's announcement
of new models moved up to early
November, instead of January, the
season of greatest used-car bargains
also has advanced because the big
spurt that has taken place in new-
car buying has placed many excellent

used cars on sale," Mr. Doran said.

"The company-backed advertising
urges five advantages for used car
purchasing now—having a dependable
car for bad weather, saving the cost
of reconditioning the present car for
winter, getting early choice of mod-
els recently turned in, possessing safe
tires for winter streets, and enjoying
the present low prices."

The total of 24,122 new units sold
up to Dec. 10, inclusive, far surpasses
the previous record, established in
1930, of 13,588 units.

The western half of the United
States accounted for 12,086 units in
the total sales for this period.

FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON

A happy holiday season must first
of all be a safe holiday season.

Each year, the Christmas period
brings with it a tremendous and un-
necessary toll of suffering, misery
and death. A large part of that toll
is attributable to fire. Thousands of
fires have turned holiday joy to the
blackest unhappiness and have result-
ed in a long list of injuries, fatalities
and property damage.

Most obvious source of Christmas
fires is the tree and its decorations.
In these days when cheap and effi-
cient tree lighting sets can be bought at
the corner store, there is no excuse
for using the old-fashioned candle. It
may be pretty and romantic—but it is
a constant danger. By the time New

**WANT
ADS**

FOR SALE: Living room suite, dining
room suite and other household goods,
at my home.
Mrs. J. E. Johnson or see Harvey
Holly 12-24-4tp

WANTED TO RENT Farm of 150 to
200 acres, third and fourth or would
take one on halves, can furnish my-
self, A-1 references, E. E. ZINN,
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will furnish heat in room. Mrs. Fan-
nie T. Johnson. Phone 111. tn.

DON'T SCRATCH! Get Paracide
Ointment, the guaranteed Itch and
eczema remedy. Paracide Ointment
is guaranteed to relieve Itch, eczema
or other skin irritations promptly or
purchase price refunded by City Drug
Store. 2-5-36pd.

**"Take Care Of
Rain, Don't Pray
For More"**

One of the most devout men of West
Texas remarked "Possibly we have no
right to pray for rain until we have
learned better how to use the ones we
get." Cotton harvesting at the Spur
Experiment Station has just been
completed and the yields from a series
of ten-acre field areas show the
benefits to be derived from saving the
heavy rainfall during May and June.

One-half of the entire rainfall dur-
ing the year fell in May and June. In
May there was 4.54 inches and in
June 6.93 inches or a total of 11.47
inches. The rainfall for the year has
been 23.16 inches, which is approxi-
mately one inch above normal.

At the Spur Station are three 10-
acre fields with rows running down
the slope. The average slope is less
than 1-2 of 1 per cent or 6 inches in
100 feet. Three inches of the 11.47
inches of rain falling during May and
June was lost as runoff. Three other
similar areas had the rows laid off
with the contour of the land. (The
rows level). There was less than 1-2
inch runoff from these areas during
May and June. These other similar
areas had level terraces with the ends
closed and the rows running with the
terraces. There was no runoff from
these areas. The following table shows
the average line cotton harvested per
acre:

Rows running down slope	Rows contoured (level)	Possibly of equal interest to the yield is the fact that planting, during the exceptionally wet period of May and June, was completed on the areas where all of the water was held before it could be completed on the areas where the rows ran down hill. Water ran to the lower ends of these rows and in planting it was necessary to turn a few rods before the end of the rows was reached.
104	199	
199	219	

Crane Snyder is home to spend the
Christmas holidays with his parents,
Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Snider. He is em-
ployed by the Gulf Production Com-
pany in Louisiana.

Morris Laine, student at Texas
Tech, is spending the holidays with
home folks.

Judge and Mrs. L. D. Ratliff and
daughter are spending Christmas in
Haskell with relatives.

S. L. Davis and family of Colorado,
are here for the holidays visiting his
father, J. W. Davis, and other rela-
tives.

C. Gollihar, of McAadoo, was look-
ing after business matters in our
city Saturday.

**COMMERCIAL AVIATION
IMPROVES**

The people of the United States are
used to doing things in a big way. In
no line of activity has this been more
graphically illustrated than in avia-
tion.

The network of air lines over our
country carried 642,000 passengers
over 44,000,000 scheduled miles during

trees have dried out, and a candle can
cause them to explode into flame.
Year's has passed, many Christmas
Even when this hazard does not exist,
ornaments, imitation snow, paper cos-
tumes and similar adjuncts of the sea-
son can be instantly lighted at the
touch of flame.

Great care should be taken with
even the electric tree lights. These
will occasionally short-circuit—and a
dangerous fire may follow.

Numerous common toys and gifts
present serious fire hazards. Home
motion picture machines have become
a popular gift, and they are safe
enough when used with safety film.
The professional type of film, made
of nitro-cellulose, is highly inflam-
mable, can emit poisonous gases, and
should never be used save by an ex-
perienced operator in a standard en-
closed protection booth. Other arti-
cles which should be handled with the
utmost care, and never by young chil-
dren, include those involving the use of
chemicals, electricity, alcohol or pet-
roleum products.

Take care this season—and thus
make certain your happiness is not
impaired.

BELL'S CAFE

Regular Meals 40c

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Them

To Our Friends Everywhere:

We come again at the glad Christmas season with a
deep feeling of gratitude to all our friends. We are
grateful to each of you for your loyalty during the
past year and promise to strive earnestly during the
coming year to fully merit your continued favors.
May the holiday season bring you happiness in abun-
dance.

Uldeen Beauty Shop

the first nine months of 1935, as com-
pared with 377,000 passengers over
30,000,000 route miles during the same
period in 1934.

Aside from this remarkable com-
mercial service, the thousands of ex-
pensively trained employes of the air
lines are an indispensable reserve for
military service.

There have been mishaps in the air,
but fewer all the time, and relatively
rare when compared with the miles
flown and the passengers carried. The

lessons learned from each accident
make future air transportation safer.
The causes are carefully analyzed in
order to remove every possible hazard.

Unfortunately, much of the publicity
on aviation accidents, which is still
headline material out of all proportion
to its importance, has not been about
scheduled air line transportation, but
is too often related to irresponsible,
incompetent or poorly trained avia-
tors.



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The fastest selling pack-
age coffee west of the
Mississippi River.

3 Pounds

49c

Edwards Dependable

Coffee .2 lb. can 47c

Maxwell House

Coffee .3 lb. can 79c

Pinto
BEANS

10 pounds

43c

Mayfield

Corn .3 No. 2 cans 25c

Spuds	10 lbs.	19
Oranges, large size	doz.	29
Lettuce, large heads	each	5
Prunes	4 lb.	25

O. K. Yellow
SOAP
6 Giant Bars 23c

Matches,	6 box Carton	19
Pickles	12 oz. jar	10
Rex-Jelly	2 1/2 lb.	25
Peanut Butter	24 oz. jar	25

Pure Cream
MEAL
20 Pound Sack 47c

Clabber Girl	Baking Powder	2 lb. Can	23
Our Favorite Peas	No. 2	Can	10
Ruby Catsup	2	14 oz. Bottles	25

Prepared Mustard	Quart Jar	13	
Tomatoes	Standard Pack	3 No. 2 Cans	25

Kellogg's
PEP
Reg. 12c Pkg. 5c

Post Toasties, large size	pkg.	11c
Phillips Spaghetti	10 3-4 oz. can	5c
Ribbon Cane Syrup	5 lb. pail	35c

Kleer
SALT
25 Pound Sack 29c

SAFEWAY STORES

Friday and Saturday, Dec. 27-28—in Spur