

A LEADING FARMER

J. W. Curry was in Spur Saturday from near Spur where he is making a crop this year. Mr. Curry was formerly a leading carpenter and contractor in Spur, and judging from what he says he is now one of the leading farmers of the country, since he says that he now has a crop which will compare with the growing crops of the black land belts of Texas and that he is not ashamed to exhibit his farm products with those of any other country. We are glad to note the success of Mr. Curry as a farmer, and which also demonstrates that the "back to the farm" slogan is being heeded and with success.

TO MY PATRONS

I have moved my laundry office to the taylor shop, one door south of Central Meat Market. I will certainly appreciate your patronage and do everything I can to make everything satisfactory. So give me your dirty clothes. Office phone 53, residence 127, Luzon. W. N. Hughey.

AMITY GLEANINGS

The weather which was cooled by the recent rains is getting hot again.

Miss Robbie Williamson, who has been attending the Summer Normal at Paducah, returned home last week.

Miss Lois Jay and Miss Sue Mitchell, of Dickens were in our community Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night visiting and attending the protracted meeting at Amity.

Mrs. W. C. Ballard and daughters, of Dickens, attended the services at Amity Sunday.

School begun at Amity Monday July, 31. If you are interested in your children and in your community, remember to push for your public school. If you think your teacher fails in any particular to do her duty tell her, and don't, please don't tell people who are so far away that she will never hear about her failing and thus have no chance to make amends. Remember that no where the adage "In union there is strength" is quite so true as in school work.

Bruce Wilson and family of New Mexico, are here visiting his parents. They report New Mexico as being almost as good as old Dickens.

Mr. Will Stephens and Miss Norris of our community were married in Dickens July 30.

We are very thankful for the good we feel has been done by the services delivered by Elder Thomason. The visible results were four reclamations and three additions to the Church of Christ, while we all feel that we are strangers in the Lord and never steadfast in the powers of his might.

We wish, too, to extend to our friends and neighbors our heart felt thanks for the respect and consideration shown during the meeting. We feel sure that no meeting was ever blessed with more good behavior and better attention from the entire audience.

Pioneer.

LEADS IN DEVELOPMENT

R. V. Arnold and wife, of Dallas, arrived Sunday in Spur and have been spending the week in the city with their daughter, Mrs. J. J. Cloud. Mr. Arnold has been traveling a number of years for the Farm and Ranch, but this was his first visit to Spur and this section of the country. He said that he had traveled extensively over every section of Texas and he could truthfully say that no where had he noted such rapid and substantial development as in the Spur country and Spur since the opening of the town less than two years ago. Mr. Arnold, while here visited the Experimental Farm and says that he found the several crops on the farm in the finest shape and also said that he desired to compliment Mr. York, manager of the farm, on his method of cultivation and as a superintendent of an institution for the benefit and education of farmers and agricultural interests he said that Mr. York was among the best in the state and which is being evidenced by actual demonstration work and results on the Spur Experimental Farm at Spur. Mr. Arnold is an ex-Confederate soldier and being closely associated with farm interests of the state through the Farm and Ranch his opinions and compliments are true expressions and well balanced. Mr. Arnold left Thursday for other sections of the country while Mrs. Arnold will remain indefinitely with Mr. and Mrs. Cloud.

DISPEPTIC EPIGRAMS

If a banker is a bank, and a cranker is a crank, what is a full blown rose?

Banks are institutions that take people's money away from them.

Stores are places where you pay two prices for clothes, and they keep dirty groceries.

Blacksmith shops are places where both ends are made to meet.

An hotel is a place where you get to taste of the same steak that the last diner refused.

A lumber yard is a place where lots of boxing exists.

A livery stable is a place where unwritten history takes place on wheels.

A church is a place where the choir never sings with their faces they look sad and sick at their stomachs.

42 PARTY

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. G. T. Brandon entertained five tables of ladies with 42, complimentary to Mrs. J. E. Bachelor of Leuders and Miss Heafer of Dallas. Fortunes were passed each lady at the beginning of the game and kept secret until the close when all were read as the hostess called each name, Lovely peach cream and cake and mints were served. Mesdames. Berryman, Edmonds and Jones assisting Mrs. Brandon. It was an enjoyable afternoon and all of the ladies thank Mrs. Brandon for such a pleasant time.

Mrs. W. A. Hamilton left Spur Wednesday on an extended visit to the eastern part of the state.

We are glad to note that H. T. Burgoon and other patients at the Standifer Sanitarium are doing nicely.

Fred Hisey returned Thursday of last week from Fort Worth where he has been the past several weeks attending a cotton grading school.

Earl Senning entertained the Study Club Tuesday evening of last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Senning in the north part of town.

The Texas Furniture Company moved their business this week to the Standifer building where they will do business in the future.

Mrs. J. E. Morris' many friends will be very anxious regarding her condition for the next several days but we hope to soon report her completely recovered.

Mr. V. H. Davis of Spur left a \$ with us and we have been happy ever since. Come all of you and make us so happy that the least cannot be told.

R. L. Collier, one of the most prominent citizens of the county, was in Spur Thursday after wire with which to make improvements on his place in the Afton country.

E. L. McAlpine, a wholesale hardware drummer out of Houston, spent Thursday in Spur visiting Sam Clemmons and wife and also looking after the trade in Spur.

Messrs. Scott and Franks, prominent citizens of North East Corner, passed through Spur Wednesday going to Willis Point to see Mr. Scott's mother who is very ill.

C. B. Cook, the efficient manager of the Spur Drug Company, returned Tuesday after a weeks visit to his parents at Sylvester and incidentally taking in the picnic at Rotan.

Sherrod Williams returned to Spur last week to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George M. Williams, after an absence of several months in A. & M. College.

Misses Callie, Ruth and Laura Smith, who have been spending several days in Spur with their sister, Miss Mary Jane, returned to their home in Stamford Saturday.

Mrs. C. L. Love came up Thursday from Stamford and will spend several days in the city with Mr. Love. At Swenson Mrs. Love met an old time friend, Mrs. R. N. Winship of Fort Worth, who came up and spent several hours with her between trains in Spur.

W. S. Campbell left Thursday for south and east Texas where he will spend ten days or two weeks. He stated to a Texas Spur reporter that he intended to go to Galveston and bask in the sunshine of coast sands and incidentally take a dip in the Gulf waters. However, from what his friends say, we infer that the coast is not the main attraction in that part of the country.

BALE OF COTTON TO ACRE

T. E. Rucker of the Afton country, was in the city Thursday trading with Spur merchants and reports everything in the finest shape in his section. Mr. Rucker is not only one of our very best citizens but is among the most successful farmers of the country, he having been a resident of this section about ten years and during which time he says that he has never made a crop failure. This year he with other farmers of that part of the country expect to make a bale of cotton to the acre.

A SERMON ON FAITH

The sermon preached by A. T. Odeal last Sunday was on Faith.

Faith comes by the hearing of the word of God. Romans, 10-17 and when no word of God, no Faith. Such things as burning of incense, baptism of babies, instrumental music in worship is excluded because not of Faith; and if not of Faith they are sin. See Rom. 14-23. Order of Faith after hearing the word. What does faith do for us? Punishes the heart. Grave examples of Faith are Abraham, Noah, Enoch and Able. Next Sunday will preach on Repentance. All are invited to come and hear.

A. T. Odeal.

OH YE FLIES

Our esteemed contemporary, the little old Youth's Companion, published in New York says that San Antonio is making a fly at the fly that will make the fly fly or shall lose his unworthy head. In fact, according to this report, and an actual count, some three millions of those mangy pests have met their sixlegged Gabriel. One boy, who won the premium, killed and counted one by one, some 500,000 flies. On with the fly crusade.

ENJOYABLE OCCASION

J. B. Morrison and wife entertained about fifty of their friends Wednesday at their home in the Cat Fish country. A calf was killed and the day will long be remembered by their many friends as a most pleasant and enjoyable occasion.

SUBSCRIPTION GROWING

S. Yandell, of Girard, was in Spur Thursday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having the paper sent to J. C. Cooper of Fame, Oklahoma, for which he has our thanks. Mr. Yandell reports the crops in the Girard country in the finest shape and all farmers of that section expecting to gather bumper crops this fall.

AT BAPTIST TABERNACLE

Rev. Isaac Sellers, pastor of the North Tyler Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas, will preach at the Baptist Tabernacle, Sunday, 11 A. M. August, 6th. His topic will be Christianity and Free Masonry. All Masons with their families and friends are especially invited to be present. The public is cordially invited to attend this and all our services.

G. C. Berryman, pastor.

RETURN TO SPUR

The many friends of R. B. Bryant and family will be glad to note their return to Spur. Mr. Bryant was formerly manager of the Bryant-Link business at this place until six months ago he resigned to accept a position in Missouri. However, Mr. Bryant, as many others, has decided there is no place like home and will in the future, be permanently located in Spur. The Texas Spur joins their many friends in welcoming Mr. Bryant and family back home.

RECITAL

Miss Douthitt will give a recital under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Society, at the Methodist tabernacle Tuesday night, August 8th, 8:30 p. m. Everybody come. Admission 25c and 15c.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Advertised letters in Spur Postoffice for week ending August 5th 1911.

Gentlemen.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Elkins; D. E. Martin; P. H. Thompson; Alvis Wilson.

Ladies.

Mrs. Gimmie Lyde; Mrs. W. M. Miller; Miss Lulie Miller; Miss R. L. Pursey; Mrs. G. W. Wilson.

When calling for above letters please say advertised. Norton A. Baker Postmaster.

A JOY PARTY

Last Saturday a joy party of Spurites, H. W. Jenings, wife and sons, L. W. Squires, wife and son, J. P. Simmons and wife, and R. W. Walker and wife went to the Spur Ranch. It was in the afternoon, cream, melons and supper were taken along. A good time was reported.

TAP TELLINGS

Everything is moving along nicely at this time. Crops of all kinds are looking good. Farmers about through with their farm work till harvest time.

Pastor J. V. Billberry and Rev. J. T. Nicholson, of Jayton, are conducting a revival meeting here this week.

Roy Davis and Oscar Holcomb, were here this week seeking employment. They reside in the Afton country.

Jake and John Wyatt of several miles east of Spur, are here this week visiting with friends. They formerly lived at this place.

Postmaster, R. F. Self of Watson, passed through here enroute to Spur one day last week.

P. H. Miller and L. N. Riter and their ladies attended church here Sunday.

J. N. Self and family were here Sunday from Kent county.

Mrs. E. C. Boone and son Jack, are visiting C. W. Hinson this week. Mrs. Boone's home is at Roscoe.

Miss Lottie Parsons is staying with friends here and attending the meeting this week.

J. J. Rodgers, of White River community, is attending the big meeting here.

Mrs. Alva Smith of Watson, is visiting with friends and relatives here this week.

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Mrs. R. Ellis who has been visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Morris returned Saturday to her home in Haskell.

Miss Alta Fite returned to her home in Spur last Sunday from Cisco, Baird, and Moran, where she has been for the past three months visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Y. L. Jones and little Miss Nan returned last Friday from an extended visit to Dallas, Tyler, and Shreveport, La., where they visited relatives.

Mrs. J. Novey and children who have been visiting with her daughter Mrs. E. L. Pass and family for the past two weeks, returned last Monday, to her home in Blum, Texas.

J. R. Robertson, a prosperous farmer of the Afton country was in Spur last week with a load of peaches for which he found a ready sale at the prevailing high prices.

Dr. Boyd of Fort Worth, is in Spur for an extended visit to his daughter, Mrs. George M. Williams and family.

Rev. Sellers, a Baptist minister of Tyler, Texas, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Y. L. Jones and family.

J. Carlisle, of Gilpin, was in Spur Thursday and reports his crop in good shape with the exception of early corn which he says was almost a failure.

Will Stephens and family left Monday in response to a telegram stating that Mrs. Stephens uncle was not expected to survive but we are glad to state that last news received reported him some better.

Mrs. Berty Baker, of Old Fisher, is in Spur on an extended visit to her mother, Mrs. W. H. Teague. We are glad to note Mrs. Teague's rapid recovery after an operation for gall stone at the Standifer Hospital.

Fred O. McFall was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

R. S. Booth, of Girard, was a recent business visitor to Spur.

The Misses Davis of Haskell are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Vernon.

N. B. Fuqua, a prosperous farmer of the Cat Fish was in Spur Saturday.

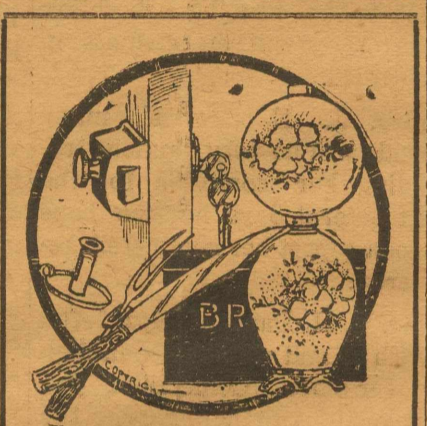
Mrs. Katie B. Turnage and little Miss Rose Anna are visiting at the Burgoon home.

Bob Howsley of Albany, is in Spur visiting his father, G. A. Howsley.

Mr. Withers, a prominent citizen of Stamford, was a business visitor to Spur last Saturday.

M. M. King, who has been visiting at the home of Joe Allison, returned recently to his home.

R. W. Neighbors, a prosperous farmer and prominent citizen of Duck Creek, was in Spur last week on business.



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Jim Perkins, a prosperous farmer of the Red Mud country, was in Spur last week trading with the merchants.

Tom and Bill McArthur, two prominent citizens of the Red Mud country, were business visitors to Spur last week.

W. A. Copeland, a prosperous citizen of the Red Mud country left last week for a business visit to Comanche.

J. F. Vernon and family are on Blanco Canyon fishing. We wish for them better luck than was ours.

Mrs. I. E. Bachelor of Lueders is visiting her brother-in-law and wife Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Bachelor.

Miss Ella Heafer, a charming young lady of Dallas is visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Bachelor.

Mrs. Crocket and little child, who have been visiting her mother, Mrs. Vernon of the city returned to her home in Rule Thursday of last week.

Tom Oneal, of Mineral Wells, an old time friend of Miss Lillian Denton was in Spur last week but we don't pretend to know the nature of his business.

Mrs. Lemon, of Haskell, is in Spur at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Morris. Mrs. Lemon came to be with her daughter, Mrs. Morris, during the operation and her confinement at the Standifer Hospital.

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Lula Garddner of the Pitchfork ranch, was in Spur Wednesday.

Carl Gardner, of Collinsville, is in Spur visiting his sister, Mrs. Ned Hogan.

Billie Stovall, of Dickens, was a business visitor to Spur Wednesday.

W. J. Atteberry, proprietor of the the Midway Hotel, is visiting in Clarendon this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Harrison of north of Dickens were in Spur Tuesday.

A. S. Jackson, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was a business visitor to Spur Wednesday.

Jeff Harkey, a prosperous citizen of the county capitol, was in Spur Wednesday.

W. A. and T. J. Copeland, two prominent citizens of the Red Mud country, were in Spur Wednesday.

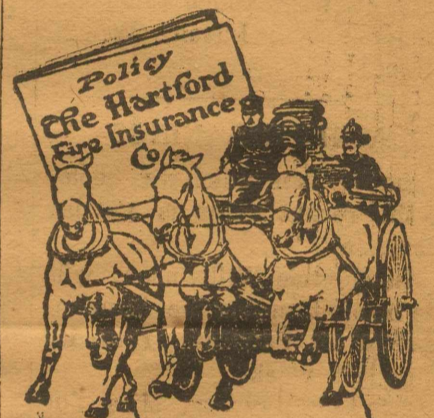
Miss Deba Cross, of Tap, returned yesterday from San Marcos, where she has been attending a Summer Normal.

Mr. Musser, of Abilene, was in Spur several days this week attending to business connected with the Bowman Lumber Company.

Billie Waldrop and wife, of Dickens, passed through Spur Wednesday, returning home from Grandbury where they have been visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. Campbell, the efficient manager of the Campbell & Campbell Furniture Company of Munday, is in Spur visiting his brother, W. S. Campbell.

Bud Morrison and wife gave a dinner Wednesday in honor of Ed Taylor of Tennessee, one of the old time cow boys of this section. Some of the invited guests are Tol Merriman and family and T. J. Harrison.



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T. D. Humphrey left Spur Wednesday to join his wife and children at Rising Star, at which place they will visit several days before returning to Spur. They will also visit Mr. Humphrey's parents at Avoca as they return to Spur.

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The Conference of Education in Texas has been collecting statistics from the counties in the State, with reference to the number of districts voting maintenance and bond taxes in 1911, and the number of school houses constructed or in process of construction in 1911. Reports ninety five counties, representing all sections of the State, have been compiled, and the number of districts in the counties voting maintenance taxes during the year 1911 is 364, the number of districts voting bond taxes is 135, making a total of 499 districts for ninety five counties.

If the rate be maintained for the 240 counties of Texas, more than 110 school districts in the State have voted local taxes during the year 1911.

These reports also show that 245 school houses will be constructed during the year 1911 in the counties reported, which assuming that the same ratio will obtain for all the counties of the State, indicates that at least 500 new buildings will be constructed in Texas the present year.

While Dickens county is not mentioned in the report there have been eight school buildings erected in the county, the buildings at Spur and Dickens costing a sum of eighteen and twenty thousand dollars respectively.

Collins county reports seven new school buildings, Houston county, eight new school buildings, Erath county, nine new school buildings, Hopkins county nine new school buildings, Jack county nine new school buildings, Nueces county eleven new school buildings, Harris county twelve new school buildings. These facts can have but one meaning, that the people of Texas are rapidly coming to the conclusion that modern, convenient and sanitary school buildings are absolutely necessary to assure efficient schools.

KISS TOLSTOY'S GRAVE.

Tolstoy's grave at Yasnia Poliana is likely to become one of the chief places of pilgrimage in the empire. Since the funeral large numbers of peasants arrive there daily. They come mostly on foot, and many are now on the way there, tramping from places far distant.

At the grave many hundreds may be seen on their knees, chanting and kissing the soil. The pilgrims are allowed to pass through the rooms which Tolstoy occupied, where nothing has been disturbed. There is deep resentment at the holy synod's action in forbidding memorial services in the orthodox churches.

Father Makes a Plaster.

A small child over on Detroit avenue had a cold in the chest. After all had retired the child's mother poked an elbow into the ribs of the child's father and told him she believed he'd better put on his bathrobe and run down to the kitchen and get some lard and place it on a cloth over the little one's chest. The father obeyed, and found the crock of lard on a pantry shelf just as he had been told he would. He spread it over some cheese cloth and pinned it to the boy's chest, and the next morning the lad was better. Then the mother discovered something. The lard that the father had brought in wasn't lard at all. It was mashed potatoes. — Cleveland Plain Dealer.

WHAT SPURRED JOHN ON.

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EXHIBIT PRODUCE

The picnic and barbecue to be held at Spur August 23 and 24 will be an occasion upon which there can be displayed the products of the Spur country, and all who have fruits, vegetables or farm products suitable for display are invited to bring them in on the above dates. The name of planter, date of planting and location where grown should accompany each article. A committee will receive and place the articles for exhibition. Please let the committee know a few days in advance what you will bring in, so that proper and suitable arrangements can be made to show our visitors what the Spur country can produce. We expect a large crowd, too large to show over the country, so we want samples of the country products brought here where they can be seen. Jeff D. Reagan Secretary, Commercial Club.

Last week three prohibition articles were left out of the Texas Spur on account of lack of space and time to get them in. At the beginning of the campaign we opened the columns of the paper to both sides of the question and for which we made no charges. We were given the refusal of one hundred and twenty inches of advertising for the anti-prohibition side. Although the question is not settled at this time, we believe as at first that the saloon business is an illegitimate business and one which the state should not condone for the sake of dollars only. However, we have good friends on both sides of the question and who have a right to a difference of opinion.

A Perfection Oil Cook Stove is a great convenience these long, hot summer days. Get one at Barber & Hancock's.

"Altogether too much money is going for the luxuries of city life and not enough for country improvement. The cry of "back to the farm should apply to money as well as to men. It takes the coin of the realm to improve farms, build public highways, and support schools and make farm life profitable and attractive."

The Christian meeting at Tap begins Saturday night before the second Sunday in September. Preaching by M. M. Young, J. J. Martin, J. V. Luce, Elders.

Of all the places on earth, home is the most delicate and sensitive. Its chords move with the breath; its fires are kindled with the sparks, its flowers are bruised with the least rudeness. Here our hearts wear no covering, no armor. Every arrow strikes them. If we would have a true home, we must guard well our thoughts and actions.

Professional Cards.

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ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW
office over the Spur Nat'l. Bank.

J. H. GRACE, M. D.
General Practice of Medicines
Office at Red Front Drug Store,
Both Phones—Night calls will be answered from New Western Hotel. Prompt response given to all calls, city and country, day or night.

DR. MORRIS
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DR. G. M. BACHELOR,
DENTIST
Office at Spur Drug Company.
Office, both phones 40.
Residence, both phones 80

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STRAYED—Bay mare, four years old, star in forehead branded Y bar connected. Will pay liberal reward for information leading to recovery.
W. A. Johnson, Spur, Tex

At what time will the clock stop.

EXCERPTS FROM SPUR SCHOOL HANDBOOK

We print below excerpts from the "Handbook" which we are printing for the Spur School. Read what we here reproduce, and, when the Handbook is sent you, read every word in it; file it away so that you may have it for ready reference during the school year.

1911-1912 Directory.

SCHOOL YEAR

From September 4th, 1911 to May 18, 1912.

SCHOOL TERMS

1st Term—From September 4th to January 12th.

2nd Term—From January 15th to May 18th.

DAILY HOURS

Teachers—From 8:30 A. M. to 3:50 P. M.

1st and 2nd Grades—From 8:45 A. M. to 2:45 P. M.

All Other Grades—From 8:45 A. M. to 3:45 P. M.

INTERMISSIONS

Forenoon Rest—From 10:25 to 10:40.

Noon Period—From 12:00 to 12:50

Afternoon Rest—From 2:10 to 2:25

PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE HOURS

On School Days—8:15 to 8:45 A. M. and 3:45 to 4 P. M.

On Saturdays—From 9 to 11 A. M.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

First Monday night in each scholastic month.

TEACHERS' MEETINGS

First Saturday in each scholastic month, at 10 A. M., in Room 1 public school building.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DR. T. E. STANDIFER, President.

J. V. McCORMICK, Secretary.

J. F. VERNON, Treasurer.

CHAS. A. JONES.

R. B. F. CRAIG.

E. C. EDMONDS.

C. F. CATES.

FACULTY OF SPUR PUBLIC SCHOOL

S. W. ADAMS, Principal.

MISS OLLIE E. CLARKE, High School Ass't.

MISS WINONA GLASS, Intermediate.

MISS LUTIE HARDIN, Intermediate.

MRS. MARY E. SUDBURY, Primary.

MISS FANNIE KELLY, Primary.

(TO BE SUPPLIED,) Expression & Music.

STANDING COMMITTEES

FINANCE—Chas A. Jones, J. F. Vernon, C. F. Cates.

GRIEVANCES AND COMPLAINTS—E. C. Edmonds, C. A. Jones, J. F. Vernon.

HYGIENE—Dr. T. E. Standifer, J. V. McCormick, R. B. F. Craig.

Entire Enrollment in 1910-1911, 275 pupils.

Scholastic Census for 1911-1912, 214 pupils.

FOREWORD

This little handbook is sent out in the hope of aiding you in understanding the plans of our school for term 1911-1912. It is advisedly brief, and we ask that where the information herein fails to answer your mental questionings that you make it a point to see the Principal and consult with him about them.

With a modern and fully equipped \$20,000 building, a corps of able teachers, a loyal board and an enthusiastic body of citizens, Spur School is destined at once to take her place among the best schools of West Texas.

Maps, charts, globes, manikins and physical laboratory apparatus have been added, and our single desks with unexcelled blackboards, sanitary heating, lighting, and ventilation, will make school life that interesting that we hope to have renewed efforts put forth by each pupil.

Rest assured that the school is going to be just as good as careful planning, earnest work, and loyal co-operation can make it. We invite you to come and be with us and add to our efforts, and the glory shall be thine and thy children's.

The Principal will be at the building, from 9 to 12 a. m. each day of the week preceeding the opening, for the purpose of classifying all pupils who have no promotion cards from the Spur School. If you hold a promotion

card from some other school, you must see the Principal during this week and let him pass upon it. We do not accept promotions from every school. By meeting the Principal as herein requested, you will stand a good chance of escaping the examinations; but if you do not meet him, you must take the examinations. The First, Second and Third Grades will not be expected to come. On Monday he will have the Fourth and Fifth Grades; on Tuesday, the Sixth and Seventh Grades; on Wednesday, the Eighth and Ninth Grades; on Thursday, the Tenth Grade. Don't forget this, for you will lose your trip if you come on the wrong day. Parents are urged to come with the pupils.

For further information write, or see.

S. W. ADAMS, Principal.

GENERAL RULES

1. The annual session shall consist of thirty six weeks, and shall begin on the first Monday in September each year.

2. No room shall be dismissed before the usual hour except on approval of the Principal.

3. The Principal shall have power to suspend any pupil for persistent violations of the school rules and regulations, or when the example of the pupil is injurious to the school. Such pupil shall not be reinstated except by act of the Board.

4. All teachers must be at their rooms at least 30 minutes before 9; shall have pupils in their seats at 15 minutes before 9; shall call the roll and be ready for chapel exercises at 9:50.

5. Teachers shall require written excuses from parents or guardians of pupils for absence or tardiness, before the pupil is admitted into the daily session.

6. No announcements of whatsoever nature shall be made in the building or on the grounds, nor shall any advertising matter be distributed among the pupils or left in the building or on the grounds, except as directed by the Principal.

7. No pupil will be allowed to continue in school unless he is furnished with books and other conveniences for the prosecution of his studies, as prescribed by the Principal.

8. All damage done to any school property, the building or its appurtenances, shall be paid for by the one committing the offense; accidental or intentional. The offender shall be deprived of school privileges until repairs are made or he has paid assessment for damages, assessment to be made by Principal.

9. No pupil will be enrolled after the first ten days unless such pupil can be classified.

10. Non-scholastic and non-resident pupils may be admitted to the Spur School by paying the following tuition in advance each month:

In Primary Grades, \$1.50 per month.

In Intermediate Grades, \$2.50 per month.

In High School, \$3.00 per month.

By Order of the Board.

Spur, Texas, July 1, 1911.

It is an axiom, in political science, that unless a people are educated and enlightened it is idle to expect the continuance of civil liberty or the capacity for self-government.—Texas Declaration of Independence.

I am only one, but I am one.

I cannot do everything, but I can do something.

What I can do, I ought to do;

And what I ought to do, by the grace of God I will do.

---Cannon Farrar.

Let me live in the house by the side of the road,

Where the races of men go by;

The men who are good, the men who are bad,

As good and as bad as I.

I would not sit in the scorner's seat,

Nor hurl the cynic's ban:---

Let me live in a house by the side of the road,

And be a friend to man.

---Sam Walter Foss.



PRETTIEST THING In My Home is a Macey Book Cabinet

To set one of the new Macey Book Cabinets in your home is to set before your children an example of such good taste that throughout all the days of their lives they will feel its refining influence.

Macey Book Cabinets are the first sectional bookcases ever built after the designs of the old masters. These old masters, Sheraton, Chippendale, Robert Adam and Fra Junipero, were as great in Furniture as Shakespeare in Literature, as Mozart in Music, as Michael Angelo in Painting.

The new Macey Book Cabinets are the only sectional bookcases that can be added to, both upward and sideways, and still not look like sectional bookcases, but like heirlooms of furniture. Can be taken from or rearranged without destroying their beauty and style.

So artful is the cabinet work that dealers frequently have to take them apart to convince customers that they are sectional.

Macey old master designs harmonize with any furniture you now have, and are made in such variety of popular prices, sizes, woods and finishes, that they fit any requirement of space or purse.

Macey Sectional Book Cabinets are built under the direction of Mr. O. H. L. Wernicke, the father of sectional bookcases and President of The Macey Company. Mr. Wernicke's name is still used in the corporate title of a competing firm, with which he has long since had no connection.

If you wish to give your home and your children the most inspiring influence you ever gave them, you will go to a furniture store and see these new Macey Book Cabinets before you forget it.

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SPUR, TEXAS

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SECTIONAL

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FITE & KIESTER, Props.

Fresh and Cured Meats

Call or Phone us Orders. Your Patronage is Solicited.

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Magnificent Five-story stone building for Administrative purposes.

Two large comfortable and convenient Dormitories furnished with modern conveniences.

Well furnished Library and well equipped Laboratory.

Faculty of fourteen members—Each a specialist in his own department.

The most beautiful Athletic Park in West Texas.

A two-year Sub-Academy Course.

A four-year Academy Course.

A two-year College Course.

An Excellent Fine Arts faculty.

First term of 1911 opens September 12,

For catalogue or detailed information address,
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The Sunshine and Rain

Have been given us and we are, or should be happy. Now lets all cease to complain and if we need a new dress and haven't the money to buy an expensive one go to Bryant-Link Co., get one of those beautiful patterns of

RED SEAL GINGHAM

They have just gotten in 100 pieces of choicest designs and colorings and they have other new goods coming in on every train

They Are the Merchants That Keep the New Things in All Lines

Now if your husband needs a new suit, they have some special discounts to offer on the celebrated Schwab Line in order to make ready for their fall stock. and if you are tired riding in that old rickety buggy or wagon, Bryant-Link Company have their ware house full of new jobs that will make old Ball smile to get to pull one of them. So lets open up our hearts and spend some of our good prospects for the necessities and comfort of life that we can always find at Bryant-Link Co. They appreciate your trade and always ready to make good any item bought of them that goes wrong. They keep a clean, fresh stock of Groceries, and if you want good buscuit just buy a sack of Light Crust Flour and if you like light bread or rolls ask them for a sack of Split Silk, and your light bread trouble will cease. They have lots of good things, too many to mention here, Hardware, windmills, stoves. Don't forget to ask for the Lilly Darling when you want a cook stove that really cooks. Remember the place Bryant-Link Co., Spur, Texas, will tell you more next week.

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CALL AND SEE OUR LINE. NO TROUBLE TO SHOW YOU. WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS.

Bryant-Link Company

At what time will the clock stop.

A good Bicycle for sale or trade See S. W. Adams. 37 3t

Tom Gilmore came in Thursday from the West Pasture and spent several hours in Spur.

W. D. Evans of the Steel Hill community was a business visitor to Spur Saturday.

Judge Gipson of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday circulating among his many friends in Spur.

Mace Hunter, a prosperous farmer of three miles east was in Spur Saturday on business.

J. W. Carlisle, of several miles east of town was a recent business visitor to Spur.

J. R. McArthur and wife, two pioneers of the country were in Spur Saturday from their ranch in the Red Mud country.

W. O. Smith and family left Tuesday for Coleman county where they will spend several days with relatives and friends.

W. J. Elliott was in Saturday from his Spring Creek farm. Mr. Elliott is a pioneer of Dickens county. He has been with the Spur Ranch for several years.

Miss Alpha Richey, who is assisting Mrs. Baker in the post-office, left Thursday for Breckenridge to visit her brother. Miss Richey will visit in Oklahoma before returning to Spur.

Mr. J. P. Gibson has hied away to his old retreat, Hamilton. He will spend a few days in Erath and Hamilton counties. He said that he had not limited himself, in as much as it was very imminent that he would desire right soon a night's rest under the lulling influences of our Spur breezes.

Sol Davis is now giving away premiums to his customers Wednesday of each week and which is now attracting considerable attention. Miss Cleola Richey was awarded the first premium last Wednesday, the premium being a set of silver knives and forks which would sell for five dollars at any jewelry store. Premiums will continue to be given away during the next several weeks, the plan being to guess at what time the clock will stop running on that day, tickets being given with each dollar purchase.

BEST WAREHOUSE

Recently Sol Davis purchased the building formerly occupied by the J. R. Leach tin shop and moved the building on his lot back of the mercantile business and is now using it for a ware house. A cellar was dug and cemented underneath the building which makes it one of the best and most convenient warehouses in the town.

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J. P. Gipson, a prominent citizen of Dickens was in Spur Saturday and reported a fine rain Friday evening.

Ed. P. Taylor, conductor on the L. & N. R. R. is spending a few days with us. His home is Paris, Tennessee. We are glad to have him in our little city.

LUMBER SALE. A few hundred feet of crooked 2x4 and 2x6 suited for cribs and out houses at a bargain price. See Richardson Lumber Company. 2t

W. W. Waldrop, of the Draper community, stopped in Tuesday on his way from Fort Worth, where he had been to arrange for an operation to be made on his mother. He made our heart glad by leaving the subscription mover (\$).

M. L. Blakely, of the Afton country, accompanied by his father-in-law, J. T. Walker of Amarillo, was in Spur Thursday and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mr. and Mrs. Walker are spending several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Blakely.

Choice Jersey Heifers.

If you are in need of a good milk cow, call and see them at my residence in northwest part of town, or see me at R. R. Morrison's Dry Goods department.

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Furniture, Carpets, Rugs, Wall Paper

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Know that I am in Spur to stay, and that I have the best Repair Shop West of Fort Worth, that I am prepared to Repair the finest watch or clock, and that I will repair machines of all kinds, bicycles, guns and mortars of all kind. When in need of the best of service call on me at Barber & Hancock's Hardware Store, Spur, Texas.

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