

## MORE FACTS ABOUT THE ROAD BOND ELECTION

The object of the road bonds is to provide a sum of money to build a system of highways in Dickens county that will enable the citizens of the county to get to and from their homes at the least expense and labor.

A system of primary, or first-class roads covering the heaviest travel in the country will include about one hundred miles, and will be the most expensive work to be done. Including bridges, the work will cost about \$65,000.

A secondary or second-class system will be built to reach into every community in the county. The second-class roads will be cheaper to build because the travel over them and the wear is correspondingly less than on the main or first-class roads. The remaining \$35,000 will be applied to the second-class roads.

Under our present road and bridge tax we are paying 15 cents on \$100. A tax of 12 1-2 cents will be required to pay 5 per cent interest on \$100,000, and an additional tax of 5 cents required to provide a sinking fund, making a total bond tax of 17 1-2 cents, an increase of 2 1-2 cents, or 25 cents on \$1,000 valuation. It will be necessary to provide a fund for the maintenance of the roads when built, so it will be best to retain 5 cents of the present road and bridge tax, which will make an increase in taxes amounting to seventy-five cents on \$1000 valuation.

Under the plans by which the bonds will be issued the accumulated sinking fund will be available at the end of ten years, and \$20,000 in bonds will be taken up and the tax rates reduced and each year after the first ten years the bonds may be reduced until by the time the last of the bonds are due the tax required to pay the interest, provide a sinking fund and maintain the highways will amount to 10 cents—5 cents less than we are now paying, and the roads will have cost Dickens county an increase over the present tax rate of about 50 cents a year on \$1,000 valuation.

These figures do not take into consideration the fact that taxable values will greatly increase in the years to come, under which conditions the road bond tax will decrease, and our present system increase. Nor do they take into consideration the fact that the accumulated county money will be drawing interest on the daily balance at some bank. The interest under the present rate paid to the county would amount to about \$25,000, which applied to the bonded indebtedness would reduce the amount of the increase over the present rate to less than 20 cents a year on \$1,000 valuation.

Should our assessments increase as much as one fourth of the present valuation the bonds, sinking fund and cost of maintenance will cost the people of Dickens county less than the present system will during the next forty years.

Under the tax system the non-resident property owner will have to pay his share of making roads.

Another point is:—of the \$100,000, about \$80,000 will be spent for labor, teams and feed. This means about \$20 in cash for every man, woman and child in Dickens county put into circulation.

Good roads will enable every community to have Rural Free Delivery, which they cannot have with bad roads. They will make it possible to haul heavier loads with less wear on teams, wagons, etc. They will make travel quicker, more comfortable and cheaper, and they will show to the world that we are progressive, up to date and living now in 1913, and intend to keep abreast with the times.—Jeff D. Reagan.

### PROSPEROUS FARMER

Mace Hunter was in the city Tuesday from his place four miles east of Spur. While here he gave us an advertisement stating that he has banded maize and kaffir corn to sell, and from this we judge that he is another one of the farmers of this country who does not devote his entire time an attention to the production of cotton alone.

Did you ever notice it, that the man who has a variety of farm products to sell is always prosperous, and Mace Hunter is no exception to the rule. He is one of our most prosperous farmers and substantial citizens.

### BUYING IMPLEMENTS AND MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

J. M. Jones, one of the most prominent citizens and prosperous farmers of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here called in and made us happy by contributing two big silver dollars to our subscription funds. Mr. Jones informed us that he purchased some new and late improved farm implements with which to cultivate his crops this year, and also hauled out scrapers to build a tank on his place. He said that it was getting pretty dry in his section as well as other sections, yet the buying of new implements and tank building preparations does not indicate that he considers the present situation of a serious nature, and will be prepared for the heavy rain due to come at a later date and in plenty of time to make our usual bumper crops.

### MORE THAN A PEANUT JOINT

Sol Davis has just completed the addition of a double-deck to his store and on which he now has his office and will later have a millinery department which will be superintended by Mrs. W. B. Griffin. Sol Davis has a handsomely furnished and well equipped department store, and an inspection of his large stock will convince one that he is not merely operating a "peanut joint" but has one of the largest stocks of goods in Western Texas.

## CONCERNING PROPOSED ROAD BOND ISSUE

Editor Texas Spur, Spur, Texas:

Dear Sir:—I have just read the notice of an election to bond the county for another \$100,000 for good roads, etc. In thinking over this matter I am reminded that for a great number of years we have been paying a tax for a road and bridge fund. How much of this tax has been used for the purpose for which collected. If investigated it would be found, I think, that each balance of this fund, no matter what the amount, was transferred to the General or some other fund at end of year, and some years very little was used for actual road work.

2nd. It would take all of the bond issue to build a first-class road from Dickens west to the Crosby county line.

3rd. If carried, HOW WOULD THE FUND BE DIVIDED, for the different roads from Dickens to the north, south, east and west—for of course Dickens is the Hub of this Wheel, and don't forget that. From the daily papers I find that, with hardly an exception, those counties which have had the MISFORTUNE to vote bonds have been in litigation or wrangling over the division of this money while work is tied up.

4th. And last, WHO WILL BENEFIT IF THIS ELECTION SHOULD CARRY? Think well before you answer. "The Tax-Payer be damned." That, of course, is all right, but even in Dickens county the tax-payer is, like old Rip Van Winkle, awakening from his long sleep and wants to know more of how their money is to be spent. Will they, the tax-payers, directly benefit every day by the building of those roads FROM DICKENS? You have been long enough in and know the country over which those roads must go. Will the residents of Dickens county use those roads every day, to come to market—the railroad now at Spur, or the projected point Roaring Springs? I think not. Then, who will benefit? I trust I am a progressive, but is this the time to spring such an election? There is a supposition or idea that if this bond issue were to carry that the money would be spent on or paid to residents now in the county, but this is a mistake. 1st. A civil engineer would be employed and his salary is by no means a dollar a day. Next, how many farmers are those with teams now residents here could put their teams to this work constantly and make a living on their farm? If they cannot keep steady at work, once the work starts, who will take their place? Railroad work is not greatly different from road building. Who gets the pie? Is it the resident with the team? The memory of man is proverbially short. Great were the expectations when the court house bonds were voted, the money left in the county out of the \$45,000, I could put in one pocket. There is another point in this that the common old tax-payer should remember, and that is, like the court house bonds, the voting of them was not all. We have been paying

EVER SINCE for repairing the house and keeping it up—so with any road—it must be kept up to standard. I have heard a good many lately kick about the tax values and taxes on the lots in Spur. Don't YOU think taxes in Dickens county are quite high enough? I note that "money is of no earthly benefit except to get us what we want," but I am dead sure I have never yet met any man who wanted to pay a single cent more taxes than he could help. Let every man get out and vote on this question just the same as if for president, or for or against whiskey. I think that brings out most every one. Trusting that I shall see your answer and how much the bonds will net Dickens county, I am yours truly,—Wm. J. Elliot.

P. S. Supposing it takes a whole bond issue to build a first-class road from Dickens west to the Crosby county line, how much or how many bonds would it require to build a like road east to the King county line?—W. J. E.

While money is of no earthly benefit except to get what we want, yet where its source is not inexhaustible the expenditure should be judiciously considered, and while we do not agree with Mr. Elliot in our ideas of the benefits of the proposed road-bond issue, yet his objections are well taken, and notwithstanding our opposite views, we are glad to give his article publication.

The order for the election does not state how the expenditure of the funds will be distributed over the different parts of the county, nor to which points the proposed macadamized, graveled or paved roads or turn pikes are to be built. And while we, too, think the order, in justice to every tax payer and for the information of all concerned, should have stated whether the funds would be distributed according to the taxable values in the several precincts or be used principally in precincts where roads are in poor shape and more expensive to build. However, we have been informed without the Commissioners Court order that the plan as heretofore outlined in the Texas Spur will be carried out by the Commissioners Court, and although the individual commissioners have not publicly outlined their methods of road funds distribution and plans of precinct road building, we have confidence that they will fairly distribute the funds accordingly with the amount received from each precinct. If they fail to do so, tax-payers will be paying for something they do not get and will have a just howl coming.

Further, the order for the election does not state, as is claimed will be done, whether or not the present fifteen cents road tax will be abolished or continue to be collected. The men who pay the taxes and meet all public expenses want to know "how their money will be spent" on this proposition, and they are entitled to such information straight from the county officers who will have charge of the expenditure of the proposed bond issue and superintend the road construction, and

## WE ARE LOOKING FOR GOOD TIMES TO COME

Who is it that does not hope for better things to come? Hope is the life power on life's stormy sea. 1913 is an unlucky number but who believes in luck unless it is to be good? So let's expect much even though we may be disappointed, for in anticipation we often find greater joy than in realization. One way to make 1913 a good year is to begin right. Buy your merchandise from home merchants, the ones who are helping to develop your country: who pay local taxes and are always ready to do all possible for the betterment of the community. The local merchant's and farmer's are identical. They should work together and cause the rural towns and communities to grow and prosper—they must stand together—the writer has been both farmer and merchant and feels that he understands the position both occupy.

This column is Bryant-Link Co.'s. We bought it from our local paper to tell you we want your business and know from long experience that we sell our merchandise as cheap as it can be legitimately sold. We will appreciate your cash business and will take care of your credit business if you will give us good paper. We try to handle the very best merchandise in every line and give you full weights and measures. We are here to help build up the town and country and make an honest living for ourselves and employees and believe we merit the trade you have given us in the past and ask for an increased amount in future.

There are only two days to fuss. They are yesterday and tomorrow.

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Will have something new to tell you each week, so watch this space.—Bryant-Link Co.

# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is hereby given that any person who cuts wood of any kind whatever from any of our lands any where now or hereafter will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law without favor or consideration

**IN** Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

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### ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the city of Spur in Dickens county, Texas, that on the 17th day of February, A. D. 1913, there be holden an election by the qualified resident property tax paying voters of and within the corporate limits of said city to determine whether or not the said Board of Commissioners of said city shall issue the bonds of said corporation for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a system of water works for said city of Spur.

Said bonds to be in the amount of \$25,000 to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable in forty years and redeemable in ten years from their date.

And also whether a tax shall be levied upon the property within the corporate limits of the city of Spur, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and provide a sufficient sinking fund to liquidate said bonds at maturity.

It is further ordained and ordered that said election shall be holden at the building formerly occupied by the Spur Standard, and that J. D. Reagan is hereby appointed as presiding officer and H. T. Burgoon and T. A. Tidwell as judges, and that it be held in same manner as required by law for holding general elections.—Geo. S. Link, Mayor; Oscar Jackson, Recorder.

Advertise in the Texas Spur.

### FROM DICKENS ITEM

J. Speer, the veterinary, was in Spur Saturday. Mr. Speer makes regular visits to Spur in the interest of his work. He is a first-class veterinary.

The little three-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Snodgrass died Monday night in the sanitarium in Spur. He had been sick only a short time. Interrment was had in the Dickens cemetery Tuesday afternoon, A. P. Stokes conducting the funeral services.

Sheriff J. B. Conner is now sporting an automobile and will hereafter be prepared to carry his prisoners in more style and comfort.

H. S. Mitchell, the Dickens-Spur mail driver, is sick and unable to be on duty.

County Surveyor L. T. Cochran, of Spur, was in Dickens Thursday of this week.

County Clerk Crawford Cobb made a trip to Spur last Wednesday on business.

P. E. Randolph left Thursday for Spur with his car, where he will work awhile.

Roy Harkey went over to Spur Saturday to assist J. B. Conner in the operation of his new car.

Mrs. John A. Green, who has been in the sanitarium at Spur for some time, is reported to be improving.

Mrs. W. G. Crego and little son, Byron, visited Mrs. Crego's parents at Spur Friday and Saturday.

L. N. Riter and C. H. Senning, two prominent citizens of Spur, were in Dickens the first of the week on business.

Alvin Bilberry, of the Liberty community, was in Dickens on business Tuesday.

A. S. Jackson, one of Dickens' substantial and enterprising business men, was in Spur Saturday attending to business.

I have leased the Gilpin well and will sell water from same at customary prices.—J. H. McMichael. Phone 1 long and 1 short ring. 13-5t

N. R. Rollins, a prominent citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business.

W. D. Blair was in Spur Saturday from his home east of the city.

### FEED CRUSHED

A feed crusher has been installed in the old Haskew Stable and we are now ready to grind and crush your feed for \$3 per ton. Bring in your maize and kaffir corn.—Perry Fite. 11-tf.

### FOR SALE OR TRADE

Two good young mares at a bargain or will trade for mules not over seven years old.—W. F. Shugart, Spur, Texas. 10-4tp

I will be in Spur to do veterinary work the first and third Saturdays of each month. Bring in horses and mules to Conner's wagon yard.—J. F. Speer. 9-tf

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

At the present time the tax payers of Dickens county are paying fifteen cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property as a road tax. It is proposed that one hundred thousand dollars in bonds be issued to build first-class hard surfaced roads in every community in the county. To pay the interest and create a sinking fund to meet the bond issue at maturity it will require a tax of seventeen and a half cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of taxable property. The difference in the cost to the tax payer in having first-class, hard surface and graveled roads and the roads we are now traveling today will be only two and a half cents on the one hundred dollars valuation on taxable property. If the county commissioners will handle the sinking funds thus created to the best advantage more than two and a half cents additional cost of good roads can be cut off by the investment of the proposed sinking funds of the road bonds. Such a fund could be invested in such manner as to return at least six per cent interest, and by so doing the proposed tax would be reduced more than the additional tax sum of two and a half cents. The cost of keeping up a first-class road will not be as great as the cost of maintaining the roads of the inferior class. It is much more expensive to travel over bad roads and requires more time, wear and tear on vehicles and teams. For an additional tax of only two and a half cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property we can have first-class, smooth, hard surfaced roads which will save the people more than ten times the amount in actual expense of wear and tear on teams and vehicles and time of traveling, get the use of such good roads forty years and at the end of that time have better roads than in the beginning. The "best is the cheapest" in roads as well as merchandise, and when you figure out this road proposition the tax-payer will find that he is actually making a saving in road expenses and maintaining an investment of material benefit to the present as well as the future generations.

The fact that Western Texas is developing substantially is evidenced by factory smoke stacks. Post is putting in a cotton factory in which the products of this section will be turned into actual cloth—manufactured, sold and used right at home. Western Texas is coming to the front in all lines, and the time is not far distant when we will not be forced to send away from this section for anything, but will be supplying other sections with the finished products of West Texas.

The Legislature this week elected Morris Sheppard to the short term of United States Senator of Bailey who resigned with the understanding that R. M. Johnson would be given his place. In this instance the Legislature has demonstrated loyalty to constituents rather than to political bosses. The people are going to run the governmental affairs, and the bosses who would relieve the people of such duty had just as well quit and work at some other profession.

### LOCAL ITEMS

Will Austin, one of the county's efficient County Commissioners, was in Spur Saturday and purchased a new Ford automobile of Bryant-Link Company. Mr. Austin is one of the most prosperous farmers of the Spur country and is one among the many farmers of this section who are making money out of the farming industry and as a result are enabled to enjoy many of the luxuries of life.

Jno. Southworth, of the Mator Ranch, was in Spur the latter part of last week buying supplies of the merchants and on other business. He reports everything in fine shape in his section of the country, although a good rain is needed to insure a good grass crop with the coming of spring and place the farming land in good condition for winter plowing.

Uncle Pink Higgins was in Spur Tuesday from his ranch on the Cat Fish and spent several hours in the city greeting his many friends and attending to business affairs. Uncle Pink is fast recovering from his recent illness and expects to soon be entirely recovered, the which we are glad to note.

L. W. Davis returned last week from the Tongue River country where he and a party of railroad men spent several days on a hunting expedition. He reports an enjoyable and successful hunt, and the trunks full of birds brought home is evidence of the success of the expedition.

The Texas Spur wants about five big wagon loads of wood on subscription. One year's subscription will be given free to the first man who responds to this advertisement. Don't all come at once.

Mrs. Duke Henson was operated upon Tuesday afternoon at the Standifer Hospital, and at this time is reported doing very well, we are glad to note.

J. B. Cade was in Spur this week with several big loads of wood which he readily sold to townspeople.

One Esty organ good as new at a bargain if sold in next few days. Will sell at half price.—Hall Music Co., L. E. Hall, Mgr., at Texas Furniture Co.

Wyatt Taylor, of the Plains country, was in Spur Wednesday with maize grown on his place which he sold on the Spur market. He reports everything in good shape in his section of the country.

R. L. Collier, dealer in livestock, Milk cows and Poland China hogs a specialty. See me when you want to buy or sell. 12

Tom Gilmore was here Monday from the ranch on business and also trading with the merchants.

W. S. Taylor and wife spent the day Sunday with Wyatt Taylor and family on the Plains.

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## A SUCCESSFUL AND SYSTEMATIC FARMER

M. S. Favor, of east of Afton, was in Spur the first of this week and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and handed us two dollars to be credited on his subscription account, and which we did with much pleasure. Mr. Favor said that he had been breaking his land for another crop. He is plowing about eight inches deep and says that he hopes to make a record breaking crop this year. Mr. Favor is recognized as one of the most successful farmers of the country and there is no question in our mind but that if he gets a good season in the ground after such deep plowing he will make a bumper crop. His farm is located in the richest farming section of the country and each year he demonstrates not only the productiveness of the soil but noticeable results of careful soil preparation and systematic cultivation of various crops.

### DRY LAKE ITEMS

Ben Clarke, of near Dickens, has been in our midst recently.

G. A. Draper has been suffering the past few days of the lagrippe.

W. C. and W. H. Cartwright made a trip to Dickens Thursday looking after the annual payment of taxes and on other business.

The entertainment given last Friday evening at the home of Harvey Draper and wife was highly enjoyed and will be long remembered by the many present.

W. Johnson hauled out a big load of posts from Spur Friday with which to do some fencing on his place.

M. C. West is having a tank dug on his place this week.

Miss Mamie Draper, of the eastern part of the state, has been spending the past week with Messrs. G. A. and H. C. Draper.

Mr. Murry, of Abilene, was in our community this week selling medicines.

Dan Pritchett, while trying to catch a chicken last week, sustained a sprained ankle, from the effects of which he is suffering severely.

Miss Fannie Mae Cherry spent Saturday and Sunday south of Spur with relatives.

Proctor and Marvin Brown spent several hours in Spur last Tuesday on business.

Willis Smith is reported quite sick of lagrippe.

Mrs. Reeves and daughter spent Saturday and Sunday at Tap visiting relatives.—Maiden Vine.

### GILPIN HAPPENINGS

Mesdames Ruth and Maggie Hagins made a trip to Spur last Friday.

Rev. Keene, of Jayton, filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

Willie Hagins and sister, Miss Lillie Hagins, and Miss Mae Wasson attended the Girard Literary Friday night. All report a nice time.

Rev. W. B. Bennett preached at the Bond school house Sunday evening.

L. W. Bilberry and family and Mrs. J. Carlisle took dinner at Rev. Bennett's Sunday.

Mrs. John Carlisle, who has been suffering several days of lagrippe, is better at this writing.

G. B. Walker made a trip to Spur Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett is suffering of lagrippe.

While Willie Hagins was returning home from prayer meeting Wednesday night his horse became frightened and ran away, upsetting the buggy and tearing up the harness. We are glad it was the buggy to get smashed instead of Willie, who escaped without a scratch.

F. W. West and Miss Mae Wasson report that our school is progressing nicely. The children are obedient and studious, which is indeed a compliment to the patrons and teachers of the school.

The farmers of the Gilpin country are busy preparing their land for another crop. There is still a very good season in the ground but a good rain would be welcomed by every body.—A Farmer.

Only 3 more pianos to close out. Must sell in next few days regardless of former prices. Easy terms. See us at once.—Hall Music Co., L. E. Hall, Mgr., at Texas Furniture Co.

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 9 4 Pepperell Sheeting, 30c Grade..... 25c.  
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R. B. Spencer, of Waco and one of the most extensive retail lumber dealers of the Southwest, was in Spur this week looking after the interest of his lumber business here.

J. W. Thompson, formerly of the Texas Spur force but now with the Dickens Item, was in Spur the first of the week on business.

Rev. Medaris, of Abilene, was in Spur Sunday and preached at the Baptist tabernacle Sunday night.

W. F. Clay, of Dickens, was in Spur this week on business and spent several hours in the city.

Mrs. N. A. Baker entertained the Ladies' Social Club Friday night at her home in the city. Refreshments were served and the guests report a most enjoyable evening.

C. D. Copeland, a prosperous farmer of a few miles east of Spur, was in the city the first of the week on business and trading with the merchants. He reports that he is busy breaking land preparing to raise a big crop this year.

To close out one Chicago Cottage Organ, used about 6 months, to make quick sale will sell for \$50. Price when new \$125. A small payment down, balance next fall.—Hall Music Co., L. E. Hall, Mgr., at Texas Furniture Company.

## ELECT OFFICERS

At the yearly election of officers of the First State Bank of Spur the following officers were chosen for the ensuing year:

G. H. Connell, President; S. R. Davis and J. D. Harkey, Vice Presidents; E. C. Edmonds, Cashier, and C. Hogan, Assistant Cashier.

The following directors were elected: G. H. Connell, W. E. Connell, S. R. Davis, J. D. Harkey, T. E. Standifer, J. T. George and E. C. Edmonds.

E. C. Edmonds made a business trip this week to the Afton country where he spent some time.

Judge R. S. Holman returned Tuesday from Fort Worth where he had spent several days on legal business.

O. O. Love, one of the leading business men of Dickens, was in Spur Monday on business and spent some time here.

H. K. Parks, of Jayton, was a business visitor in Spur the first of the week.

Judge A. J. McClain was here the latter part of last week from his home on the Cat Fish and spent some time in the city greeting friends and attending to business affairs.

A. A. Marshall, of the Stee Hill country, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and spent some time here.

The Masonic Royal Arch Chapter of Spur will meet on the night of February 3. On this occasion a special school in Masonry will be held and new members are to be initiated. All members are urged to be present and a cordial invitation to attend is extended all visiting members of the order.

Rev. Mike M. Young will preach at Dry Lake Sunday, February 2, on the subject, "God's Drawing Power." Rev. Young is an able divine and all who can should attend these services.

The twelve-months old son of P. Henson died Monday morning after a short illness and the remains were interred in the Tap cemetery Tuesday. The Texas Spur extends condolence to the bereaved relatives and friends.

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Capt. J. A. Lambdin came up and spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur looking after his business interests.

W. J. Elliot was in Spur this week from his home near town and called at the Texas Spur office adding another dollar to our subscription funds, and which we most thankfully received.

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Rev. Mark Hardin and family moved the first of the week to Post City where they will make their future home. Rev. Mr. Hardin and family have resided near Spur since the beginning of the town and were among our very best citizenship. The Texas Spur wishes them prosperity and contentment in their new home at Post City.

J. L. Gilbert, of Jayton, was in Spur the latter part of last week on business and spent some time here.

W. S. Hancock, a prominent citizen of Jayton, was in Spur Saturday on business.

T. A. Smith, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Saturday buying supplies of the merchants and on other business. Uncle Tom Smith is one of the pioneer settlers of this section and one of our very best men.

Poet Hagins, a prominent citizen of the Gilpin country, was in Spur the latter part of last week trading with the merchants and attending to other business affairs.

J. Carlisle, one of the most substantial farmers of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Saturday on business and trading with the merchants.

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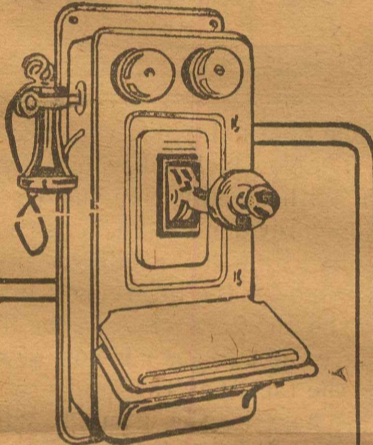
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R. V. COLBERT, President,  
C. A. JONES, Vice-President

W. G. SHERROD, Cashier  
M. F. MANNING, Asst. Cashier

Sheriff Conner was in the city the latter part of last week on official business. Mr. Conner has recently purchased a new automobile and is now prepared to travel about the country with more dispatch in the discharge of his duties as sheriff.

A. B. Nichols, a prosperous farmer of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday and while here called at the Texas Spur office and subscribed for the paper. Mr. Nichols while riding on his plow shot and killed a large coyote a few days ago.

Miss Kate Nichols left the latter part of last week for Fresno, California, where she will spend some time visiting relatives and friends.

Frank Smith, a prominent citizen of several miles south west of Spur, was in the city Monday trading with the merchants and on other business. While here Mr. Smith called at the Texas Spur office and reported that Mrs. Smith was suffering of tonsillitis, her tonsils being swollen to such an extent as to be very painful and to almost render her speechless.

J. P. Gibson, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants and on other business.

Ben Hagins came in from the Gilpin country Saturday and spent several hours in the city on business.

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Dr. Blackwell, a prominent physician of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business and spent several hours here.

J. D. Harkey, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business, spending several hours in the city.

County Attorney B. F. Worswick came down from Dickens Saturday and spent several hours in Spur greeting his many friends and also attending to business affairs. Mr. Worswick is one of the ablest lawyers of the country and is making for himself a most creditable administration in discharging his duties as County Attorney.

C. F. Crane, of Haskell, was in Spur several days this week on business, he being a representative of the Wichita Marble Works of Wichita Falls. While here Mr. Crane called at the Texas Spur office and renewed his subscription to the paper.

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## CONCERNING PROPOSED ROAD BOND ISSUE

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an intelligent vote can not be cast until the voter is fully informed.

If such information were authoritatively made public before the election no cause for wrangling would come up after the election, should the bonds carry.

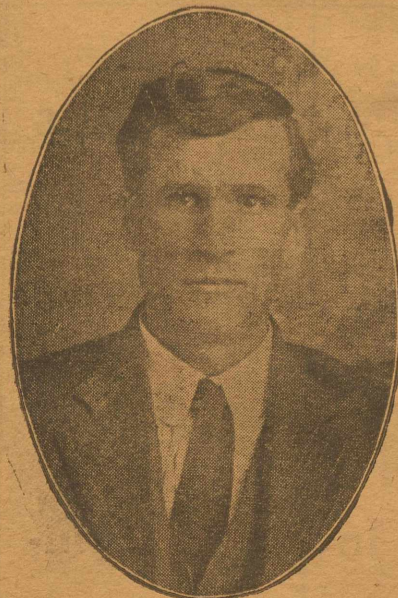
We have always advocated good roads because we consider first-class highways one of the principal factors in the advancement of agriculture, commerce and civilization. The first roads were buffalo and cow trails. In the early settlement days they were diverted to the travel of a few ox carts. Later community roads were blazed, graded roads followed and now macadam highways are coming to take their place and meet the requirements of a continuous progressive age.

I am aware of the fact that taxes are high, in fact so high I cannot continue to pay them under the present conditions and rate of valuation, and while we are not classed among the big property owners, we are hoping that the present commissioners court will adjust the small as well as larger taxable valuations. However, we are of the opinion that if macadamized roads are built throughout the county farmers can market more produce and make a bigger profit, business in the towns will increase and we will get more advertising, more people will come to Dickens county, become permanent citizens and subscribe for the Texas Spur, and thus we will all make more money as the result of good roads from a very small investment in the form of taxes.

There can be no reasonable objection to good roads, and if the proposed bond issue is defeated it will be for lack of definite and detailed plans in disbursing the funds and building the roads in the several precincts of the county. Although, unless otherwise specified, the commissioners can spend the money as they see fit after the

## Drugless Sanitarium

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proposed bonds are voted, we believe the road money will be justly and equitably distributed and unless otherwise advised will vote for the bonds--others may not think so, and unless otherwise advised will vote against the bonds.

County Commissioner Reagan is making speeches over the county and can probably answer definitely the questions as to how the Court will apportion and spend the bond funds. Speeches will be made in Spur Saturday at two o'clock.

Six Plymouth Rock hens for sale at 50 cents each.--Mrs. Burgoon. 13-2t

### ADVOCATE BETTER ROADS

A substantial dirt road is being built from Clairemont, in Kent county, to Post City. The Texas Spur, published at Spur, Dickens county, sees in this move a possible losing to Post by way of Kent county trade. Why certainly, neighbor. Suppose you divert some of the money going into that deep hole which you hope may prove an artesian well, to use on your roads leading out of Spur. Then you can mix it with Post.--Sem-

inole Sentinel.

The Sentinel, not being familiar with the situation and conditions prevalent in Dickens county and the Spur country, is excusable for the inferences made in the above article. In the first place the publisher is not aware of the fact that the expense of this hole in the ground, while enormous, is being borne entirely and exclusively by S. M. Swenson & Sons of Wall Street, New York City. In the second place he does not consider of how much real value pure artesian water would be to this section of the country, nor does he realize that the success of drilling operations for artesian water in Spur would be of inestimable value to the town and the surrounding country, and that the hope of success in the undertaking is worth the price even if it were being paid by the people of this section.

Again, with reference to mixing it with Post in matters of building roads the editor was not aware that the people of Dickens county will hold an election in February for the purpose of issuing bonds to the extent of one hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of building macadam and graveled roads

throughout every commnity in the county. The people of Dickens county are not experimenting nor chunking their money into hallucinations. We are not only prosperous but progressive and Dickens county is going to have the best roads of any county in all of Western Texas. The Texas Spur referred to the Kent county road building in a commendatory manner and as a matter of news to the public. However, we think that a portion of the road funds in the Kent county treasury should be diverted to the opening and building of good roads for the people of the Red Mud country to travel to their county seat as well as building roads from Clairemont to Post. The Red Mud people live in a sandy country and their roads are almost impassable. They need more roads and better roads, and if a road is built into that section Dickens county will connect with it, thus giving first class road connections from the county seat towns of Motley, Dickens, Kent and Garza counties. Such a plan of road building and connection is practible, to the material interests of the above mentioned counties and desirable to the people of this section.

## ATTAINING SUCCESS BY DIVERSIFIED FARMING

W. J. Young and Hugh Squires, of Afton, were in Spur the first of this week marketing chickens, eggs, butter and other country produce.

One noticeable and commendable fact pertaining to the farmers of the Afton country is that they have other farm produce than cotton to market, and for this reason that section has established an enviable record and reputation for prosperity and a progressive citizenship. The Afton country is recognized as one of the best farming sections in Western Texas and the majority of the farmers of that country are demonstrating a superior spirit of agricultural progressiveness by adopting and practicing the system of diversified farming.

That section as well as the whole of the Spur country has unlimited agricultural resources, and when completely settled by people of similar progressive and practicable ideas the country will be recognized as among the richest in America.

J. J. Hickman of the Plains country, and Mr. Conner who is visiting him from Indiana, were in Spur Friday. Mr. Hickman reports everything in good shape and says that farmers of his section continue to break land notwithstanding the continued dry weather.

R. C. Morrison returned to his home in Dallas this week after spending several days in Spur with his parents and looking after business matters.

Roy Zinn has been spending the past week in the eastern part of the state on business.

Tom McArthur, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Wednesday on business, spending several hours in the city.

FOR SALE--Bundle maize, kaffir corn and cane, also Mebane Triumph cotton seed. -- J. P. Gibson, Spur, Texas. 11-5t

# Watch The Basket

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