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**"THE SPUR LIMITED" PRESENTED BY HOME TALENT.**

A play entitled "The Spur Limited" was presented by Mrs. Campbell's Sunday School Class Thursday night at the Lyric Theatre, the house being crowded to its capacity.

The cast of characters was as follows: Conductor, Neil Holman; Newsboy, Chas. Yates; Porter, Crede Hale; Fat Man, Mack Brown; Grandpa Wiggins, Faust Collier; Grandma Wiggins, Margurett Irvin; Miss High Style, Ruth Fox; The Suffragett, Fred Fite; and Her Daughter, Mrs. Lain; Mrs. Deafly, Mrs. Perry; Mrs. Herbley, Miss Perry; Miss Stutterly, Winnie Holman; The Boggs Family, Luke Attebury the old man, Creola Richburg the old lady, and Mamie Squires and Leslie Holman their children; The Irish Woman, Witt Springer; The Chinaman, Roy Montgomery; Miss Susie Alaton, Minnie Lee Springer.

The characters were well represented and the play presented in the most acceptable and enjoyable manner, demonstrating that "The Spur Limited" was a fast train with a well organized crew and most entertaining passengers.

The play was also presented Friday night at Dickens to an appreciative audience. The door receipts of Spur amounted to more than fifty dollars and will be used by the Ladies Aid in Methodist church work.

A. A. Marshall, formerly of the Steel Hill community but who is making a crop this year near Jayton, was in the city Monday trading with the merchants and greeting his friends here. Mr. Marshall reports everything in fine shape in his section with respect to crop conditions and prospects for bumper crops at this time.

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF SPUR SCHOOL.**

The Commencement Exercises of the Spur High School will be held Sunday morning, April 19th, at the School Auditorium. The Baccalaureate Sermon will be delivered by Rev. McMahan, and the Devotional Services will be conducted by Rev. Irvin. Music will be rendered by Miss Trenholm Doyle and Mrs. Bachelor.

Everybody is invited to attend, and especially the patrons of the school are requested to be present on this occasion.

H. C. Cravey, a prominent citizen of the Cat Fish country was in the city Tuesday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and handed us a dollar to be credited to his subscription account. Mr. Cravey reports everything in fine shape in his section with promising prospects of bumper crops.

E. F. Springer has been appointed City Nightwatchman and Marshall in the place of Jack Stephens who left last week for Throckmorton county.

**FINEST PROSPECT.**

M. L. Blakeley, one of the most prominent citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of this week attending the Methodist Conference held here. Mr. Blakeley said that everything is in the very finest shape in his section of the country. Everybody tells us that this entire territory is now in better shape with respect to crop prospects than in many years, and the indications are that this country will grow the biggest crops within its history during this year.

**THE BEST SEASON.**

R. L. Overstreet came in Wednesday from his farm home in the Afton country after supplies. He says that his section now has the best season in the ground of many past years and that every indication now is that bumper crops of all kinds will be harvested this fall. He has already planted some feed and will plant cotton and other crops next week.

**MAINS AND PIPING FOR WATERWORKS ARRIVE.**

The water mains and piping for the Spur Waterworks system arrived this week and the work of installing the complete system will now be pushed to completion. The foundation for the tower and tank is complete, and while some delay has been encountered in completing the well it is expected to be ready for pumping within a very few days.

Mrs. R. E. Boten, of Itasca, arrived in Spur last week and will make her home here with her aunt, Mrs. John Luce. Mrs. Boten called in and had the Texas Spur sent to T. S. Oliver at Itasca, for which she has our thanks.

**SKELETON OF A MAN UNCOVERED NEAR SPUR.**

W. T. Wilson was in the city Wednesday and reported the finding of a human skeleton near the Wilson Railroad tank six miles east of Spur. The skeleton was about six feet underground and was uncovered while a crew of workmen were digging a ditch for better drainage around the railroad tank dam on the south side. The bones indicated that they had been in the ground for years and years and were probably those of an Indian.

The work being done around Wilson tank cost about two hundred and seventy-five dollars and was superintended by Civil Engineer W. C. Allen under the directions of the railway company. This work places the public dirt road in first-class condition and at no expense to the county, and which will be appreciated by the public.

**DIED.**

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Al Sullivan died Saturday at their home several miles southeast of Spur and the remains were interred Sunday in the Spur cemetery. The Texas Spur joins the friends of the family in extending sincere condolence to Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan in this bereavement.

**THANK YOU.**

R. R. Johns, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of two or three miles north, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours here greeting friends and attending to business matters. While here Mr. Johns called at the Texas Spur office and renewed his subscription for which he has our thanks.

**RECITAL AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

The expression and music classes under the direction of Mrs. Mace and Miss Doyle will give a recital on Thursday evening, April 23rd, beginning promptly at 8:15. In as much as Mrs. Mace and Miss Doyle have been to considerable expense in giving these recitals and that at former recitals no charge has been made, there will be a charge of 15 cents for children and 25 cents for adults.

**DRILL MORE OIL WELLS.**

W. L. Hyatt, W. G. Sherrod, W. A. Wilkenson and Dr. Bachelor returned the first of the week from the Electra oil field where they had been to attend a meeting and reorganization of the Hyatt oil project in that section. At the meeting officers were elected and it was decided to begin drilling other wells in connection with the one already completed and producing oil.

**STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF BRYANT-LINK COMPANY**

The Bryant-Link Company held its regular annual stockholders meeting in Spur Wednesday, electing officers and attending to other business matters of the company. Among those attending the meeting from out of town were L. C. Browning of Lueders, J. C. Bryant and R. B. Bryant of Stamford, J. N. Campbell of Munday, Frank Poole of Hamlin, Guy Speck of Rochester, J. C. Link of Aspermont, Joe H. Payne of Jayton.

We understand that all former officers were reelected for the ensuing year at this meeting.

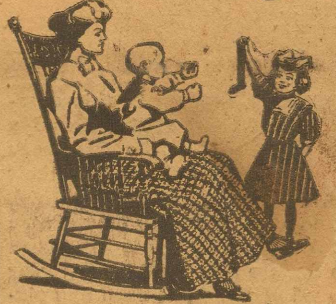
W. F. Godfrey spent several days of this week with his parents at Paducah, returning to Spur the latter part of the week.

**GET READY FOR A GOOD TIME THIS SUMMER.**

Boys, we have our warehouse full of Buggies, and they are the right kind. Now, we want to help you get ready for a good time this summer by selling you the snappiest job you have seen go over the roads. If you have not the cash and your paper is good, we will exchange you a buggy for that. Don't fail to see Higginbotham—the Buggy Man. Yes, we have the Stoves you need for your summer cooking. Oil is cheap since Uncle Bill Hyatt is in the oil game, so get one of our New Perfection Four Burner Oil Stoves and keep up with the procession of good cooks.

Star Windmills and pipeing, now. The time of year is coming when your stock will need more water; your garden will need water. Why not get one of our Wood or Steel Star Mills? Nothing better, and as cheap as some mills that are not so good. Let us add one Star to your home.

Say ladies, we will have a shipment of the newest ideas in Dress Goods in by the time you read this, coming from New York, so we want you to look. We are trying to keep up with the procession, so if it is new things you want, you can generally find them in our Dress Goods Department.

**They All Wear Iron 99 Clad Stockings**

Because: They fit so well, look so neat and wear so long. Besides they are comfortable (no seams to annoy) and the price is within the reach of all. Ask for Cooper, Wells & Co's. Iron Clad No. 99. We recommend them.

We are pressed for time this week, so will tell you something funny next week. One thing we want to impress on you and that is we are after your business. Your friends,—Bryant-Link Co.

A. R. Ballard, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Jayton country, was here Thursday and spent several hours on business. While here Mr. Ballard called at the Texas Spur office and had his name added to our growing subscription list for which he has our thanks.

Milton Smith, the eighteen years old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith of the Tap country, underwent an operation for appendicitis Wednesday at the Standifer Hospital, and we are glad to note that he is reported doing nicely at this time.

**CASH BUYER****WE AGAIN SEEK YOUR ATTENTION**

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**WHO started the habit  
Of using the rabbit  
As symbolizing Easter day?  
We can't see the reason  
(Don't say this is treason),  
For never an egg does it lay.**  
J. S.

## Easter Festivities Held In Mexico Despite Disturbances There

**Observance of Holy Week In That  
Country the Most Important  
Religious Celebration of the  
Year—The Fate of Judas Is  
Settled Annually, as He Is Hung  
In Effigy.**

**W**E know nothing in this country of the childlike abandon with which the Mexicans throw themselves into their festivals, both religious and political. These are so many and so long drawn out that American residents have been heard to declare that the Mexican year is composed of 300 feast days and sixty-five working days. Despite the stormy days in Mexico today, the Easter festival will be held this year in all its religious fervor.

The holy week celebration has already got a good start. It really begins on the Friday of Sorrows, the last Friday before Palm Sunday.

Friday of Sorrows is observed in a way that is anything but sorrowful. Early in the morning almost the entire population of Mexico City betakes itself to the banks of the Viga. Festivities are at their height by 7 o'clock and practically over by 10.

### Floating Gardens.

The traditional reason for this exodus is to procure flowers to decorate the churches. Farther up the canal are the "floating gardens" of the Indians, and their boats, loaded with a picturesque medley of celery, radishes, poppies, marigolds and brown babies, do a thriving business in everything but the babies, which are not for sale. Bands of music are stationed at intervals; tables are spread in the open air, where you may procure an excellent breakfast of tamales and atole (the latter a sort of cornmeal gruel served as a beverage); pretty Indian girls, with wreaths of poppies adorning their black hair, are braiding palm leaves into intricate patterns for Palm Sunday, and the aristocracy of the capital, who are generally taking their morning sleep at this hour, are out in their carriages and drive back and forth over the carriage road, which runs parallel with the canal for some distance, but which is practically deserted all the rest of the year.

Palm Sunday in the old cathedral of Mexico City! Outside the door some beggars are sunning themselves comfortably, an old woman has her little stock of rosaries and prayer books dis-

played to good advantage, while some Indians are still weaving palm leaves for any who find themselves palmless at the eleventh hour. Within, a throng of the devout, rich and poor, high and low, kneeling together on the rough board floor, their palms waving above their heads, the dark, devout faces peering through the pale yellow branches as the sonorous Latin prayers float down from the high altar; all this against a background of dim old paintings, rich old gilt and quaint old carvings. The prayers cease at last and the procession of priests retires to the sacristy.

It is something of a retreat at the last to get away from the people who crowd in to brush their palms against the fathers' garments. The crowd disperses slowly, some lingering to dip their palms into the holy water before they take them home and fasten them to the outside of the house, where they are supposed to ward off lightning for a year.

### Holy Thursday.

There is no other celebration of any consequence until Holy Thursday. The churches have altars and pictures heavily draped with purple curtains, so that the effect is decidedly "triste." On Thursday afternoon, in the cathedral, there occurs the ceremony of foot washing in commemoration of Christ's washing the feet of the disciples. The bishop is to wash the feet of twelve beggars gathered from the streets of Mexico. The city swarms with beggars, so the bishop has a good assortment from which to choose and he has chosen well. He did not commit the artistic excess of bringing in those travesties on the human form with too few or too many limbs—features which so distress the passers-by that they fling a penny with averted face. Three benches are placed at the foot of the altar so as to form three sides of a hollow square, and here we see the beggars, twelve quite respectable looking old men, wearing decent black clothes and having one foot bare, awaiting the bishop's ministrations. And those feet! What hours of scrubbing and soaking must have been expended to bring them to this condition of whiteness and purity so that they might almost belong to any high born lady. It must have been an object lesson to the beggars, and yet, doubtless, they regard it merely as part of an honor too great to occur more than once in a lifetime.

The music and Latin prayers come to a sudden and impressive pause. The bishop approaches—a tall man, hand-

some and haughty in his gorgeous robes, attended by three priests bearing a silver ewer and basin and fine white towels. A few drops of water from the ewer fall on the foot of the nearest beggar, are wiped away, the bishop lightly brushes the spot with his lips and the ceremony is over.

### Churches Brilliantly Lighted.

Thursday evening is the time of "los monumentos." Every church is brilliant with lights and every altar is gorgeously decorated with candles, bowls of sprouting wheat, oranges bearing little tinsel flags, everything which ingenuity can suggest, with results varying from barbaric to really beautiful light and color effects. It is quite common to have the Last Supper represented with life size figures in wood or pasteboard and the leading churches vie with one another in the splendor of their decorations. It is the proper thing to visit seven churches on this evening, just stopping for a prayer at each—a pious pilgrimage which gives one an opportunity to compare the decorations of different altars and also has a good effect on the soul for all the year to come.

Then comes Good Friday, the day of the crucifixion, a time of deepest sorrow and gloom. On this day there still lingers in Mexico a rude form of the Passion play given by the Indians, with the assistance of the parish priest. However, this has been more and more restricted by law, until now the church images are used for the leading characters, and even in this modified form it has been forbidden in the federal district, so that one must wander far from the capital to find it, and even then it is uncertain and falling into disuse.

It consists of a whole day long dramatic performance. The play is performed in two acts, the trial before Pilate in the morning and the crucifixion in the afternoon. In the parish church at Tacuba, a village near the City of Mexico, the production was performed for the last time several years ago.

The church is a beautiful, picturesque old building in a large yard surrounded by a curious old wall of inverted arches. The church is not at all interesting inside, with its shoddy modern decoration—everything an imitation of something it is not.

The stage was the space between the altar rail and the purple curtain which hung before the altar.

### The Crucifixion.

The crucifixion did not take place until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, to be correct with history. While the priest exhorted the people from the pulpit the cross had stood near the door. At 4 the soldiers went for it through the crowd, which made way as well as was possible for such a solid mass of humanity. Then the figure was nailed to the cross the Roman soldiers han-

dling it with the tenderest reverence, showing as in the morning that nature was stronger than their dramatic education.

Never can one forget the awful moment when the nails were driven. The priest paused and the sound of the blows resounded through the building while the people wept softly—it was all so real to them. Then the cross bearing the figure was raised and fastened, the Roman soldiers gambled for the clothes, a sponge was held to the mouth of the image and St. John was brought to the foot of the cross on one side and the Virgin on the other.

The scenes on the streets of Mexico at Easter, in the public squares and particularly in the Zocalo are of a very different character. The Zocalo is the central plaza, the very heart of the City of Mexico, bounded on the north by the cathedral, east by National palace, south and west by the portales or covered sidewalks. On festival occasions this open space is occupied by a village of temporary booths, a village which springs up in a night and when the festival is over dissolves and vanishes like a dream.

### The Last of Judas.

Canvas, matting and poles are combined to form these rude shelters, which rise with no sound of hammer nor saw, as ropes, leather thongs and wooden pegs do the work of screws and nails. There are certain products which are always on sale at these times, various kinds of sweets, fruit drinks, immense heaps of peanuts, native pottery in great variety, baskets and painted gourds. In addition to these standard wares you will find many booths at each festival devoted to the sale of certain things which pertain to that particular occasion and are never seen at any other time. The specialties of Semana Santa are matracas and images of Judas.

During these days of mourning in the churches the bells are silent and, in their stead, great wooden rattles called matracas are whirled, the sound being produced by an arrangement of cogwheels.

Judas has his day in the church calendar, the Saturday between Good Friday and Easter Sunday, a day devoted to his annual execution. He has been on sale for several days in every form of hideous caricature, from a little black imp at a cent to life size papier mache figures, with very long noses and very red cheeks. The large images are filled with explosive material and are hung over the heads of the populace in the streets to be exploded at 10 o'clock on the morning of Judas' day. At five minutes before 10 there is a premonitory hush, because every one is fairly holding his breath, waiting for the deluge of sound to follow. Ten o'clock! Judas goes up in smoke, noise and sulphur. The church bells beg for their silence and ring out as though glad to be released.

The next day Judas is forgotten, though not forgiven, and the churches are full of Easter music, Easter flowers and Easter joy.

## Sporting Notes

By SQUARE DEAL.

### Will Chance Make Good?

It looks as if Frank Chance was going to be able to put a formidable team in the field this season. As far as batting and base stealing records go, his men show up very well indeed.

Channel, who went to the Yankees from the Denver club, stole thirty-eight bases and batted .337 in 162 games. In twenty-four games with the Yankees Gilhooley stole six bases and batted .341. Cree stole twenty-two bases and had a batting average of .271 in 147 games. Walsh batted .255 and stole fifteen bases in ninety-four games. In 127 games Wolter had an average of .256 and stole fourteen bases. Cook in the even 100 games he played with Austin hit .305 and stole thirty-seven bases, and in twenty games with the Yankees hit .264 and stole one base. This gave him thirty-nine stolen bases for the season and average batting figures of .285. Williams, the big first baseman, batted .259 with Galveston and stole thirty-three bases in 118 games. He played twenty-seven games with New York, stealing six bases and hitting .256. He therefore stole thirty-nine bases and averaged about .258 in hitting for the two leagues. Zeider was lame most of last season and therefore some allowance must be made for his figures of six stolen bases and his batting average of .246. Hartzell hit .259 and stole twenty-six bases, and Peckinpaugh hit .268 and stole nineteen bases. In the International league Maisel stole forty-four bases and batted .283. In the fifty-one games he played with the Yankees he stole twenty-five bases and hit .257, thus giving himself sixty-nine stolen bases and a batting average of .270 for the season.

If we can take the seven men most likely to play regular positions this year and add to them as a battery Caldwell and Sweeney we get nine men with a team batting average of .280 and capable of stealing 242 bases. Of course these figures include bases stolen and hits made against minor as well as major league pitchers and catchers.

When we consider, however, that the figures are but for nine men and that the whole Giant squad stole 296 bases last year it is a remarkable showing. Chance, of course, will have a lot of other players besides those mentioned above, and some of them may make the team.

### Wisconsin Profits by Boxing.

Wisconsin's share of boxing receipts for three and a half months under the Hedding boxing law reached \$3,944 with the receipt of a check of \$752 from the state athletic commission. State Treasurer Johnson required the commission to submit a detailed statement of the receipts of each contest.

## In the Sunday School Class

Text of the Lesson, Luke xxiv, 13-35. Golden Text, Rom. viii, 34.

There were five appearances of the risen Christ on the resurrection day, to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to Peter, to these two men and later to the ten (Thomas being absent).

As they talked of him and of the things which had happened Jesus himself drew near and went with them (verses 13-15).

The men asked if he was a stranger, because he did not seem to know the great events of the past few days, and they told him all (verses 19-24), evidently with much sadness and disappointment. They talked as if they had never heard that he was to die and rise from the dead on the third day, though he had repeatedly told them that it would be even so (Luke ix, 22; xviii, 31-34). It is written concerning Job, whom Jesus loved, who leaned upon his bosom, that even he, as well as Peter, knew not that Jesus must rise again from the dead (John xx, 9). This should lead us to ask ourselves in all sincerity if we are really believing all that is written concerning his present ministry, his coming again and his kingdom and our share by grace in it all.

He told them that their difficulty was that they did not believe all that the prophets had spoken and were therefore foolish men (verses 25, 26), and that evening he said to the eleven and those gathered with them, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the Psalms concerning him (verses 33, 34).

Many of these still unfulfilled prophecies are today wholly neglected or spiritualized into mere nothings. Take for example Israel becoming a righteous nation, Jerusalem the throne of the Lord, his feet standing again upon the Mount of Olives, the nations ceasing from war, Israel filling the earth with fruit, the whole earth filled with his glory (Isa. ii, 4; xi, 9; xxxvii, 6).

The whole topic of all Scripture may

be summed up in "the sufferings of Christ and the glory that shall follow" (verse 26 and I Pet. i, 11), of which he spoke to them as he walked, opening to them the Scriptures and expounding to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself (verses 7, 32). I think we may be certain that he did not fail to expound Gen. iii, 15, 21, 24; xxii, 8; Ex. xii; Lev. xvi; Num. xix; Deut. xviii; Ps. xxii; Isa. liii, and who can tell how many more. Is it your custom when you read your Bible to pray, Lord, by thy Spirit, open to me this Scripture?

He made as though he would have gone further when they reached the end of their journey, for he does not intrude unless desired. It was not difficult to constrain him to abide, for he is glad to enter every door that is opened to him (verses 28, 29; Rev. iii, 20). As he sat at meat with them he took bread and blessed and broke and gave to them, and he was known of them in breaking of bread (verses 30, 31, 35). He convinced the disciples that it was himself by showing them his hands and feet (verse 39). As they knew him he vanished out of their sight, so shall we do when we shall have obtained our resurrection bodies.

They rose up the same hour and started back to Jerusalem with such a heartburn as they probably had not known before. Compare the inward burning of Ps. xxxix, 3; Jer. xx, 9; Job xxxii, 18-20. The eight mile walk back to the city did not seem long to them, as they no doubt rehearsed all that He had told them. They found the disciples and others gathered together, talking of his resurrection and of how he had appeared to Simon; so they told their wonderful story, and as they spake Jesus himself stood in the midst of them and saith unto them, "Peace be unto you" (verse 36). The two men were sad as he joined them in their walk, and he cared and spent several hours comforting them by the Scriptures. The disciples are terrified and affrighted and troubled, and he quieted them by the revelation of himself.

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Uncle Wash Robertson was among the number of business visitors from the Afton country the first of the week. Uncle Wash is one of the leading citizens and most prosperous farmers of the whole country.

G. W. Jackson, a prominent ranchman and leading citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday on business and greeting his many friends.

H. F. Clay came over Monday from Dickens and spent some time in Spur on business and visiting his sons, W. D. and E. L. Clay.

Furniture repaired. Will call for, deliver and guarantee all work.—W. S. Hunter. 18tf

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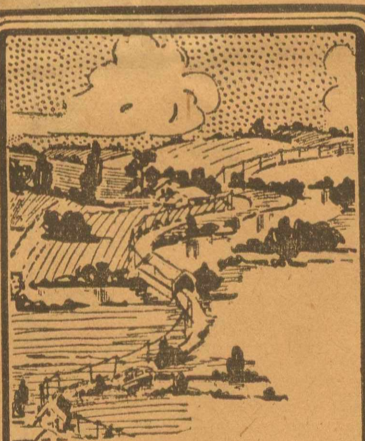
Sheriff Conner came over Monday from Dickens and spent several hours in Spur on official business and incidentally meeting the voters in his campaign for re-election to the Sheriff's office.

A. N. McCaule was in the city Monday from the Spur Ranch headquarters and spent some time here greeting friends and looking after business matters.

J. C. McNeill was here Monday from his Alamo Stock Farm twenty miles west of Spur and spent several hours in the city on business.

Jeff D. Harkey, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday and spent several hours in the city on business and greeting his many friends here.

For Pure White Indian Runner Duck Eggs, \$2.00 per dozen—See Mrs. M. L. Meadow, Spur, Texas.



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### SOLDIER MOUND.

Miss Mabel, John and Frank Wyatt visited Dry Lake Sunday.

Mrs. Fred O. McFall spent the latter part of last week with her brother, Charlie Austin of Afton.

Bill Holloway and Jake Wyatt left the latter part of last week for Arkansas where they are thinking of buying homes.

Elvin Onyen spent Sunday evening at the home of S. R. Bowman.

We had a nice little musical at Mr. Bolden's Friday night and every one enjoyed themselves fine.

Miss Ruth McKnight spent Sunday evening with Miss Bertha Holloway.

Fainass Fanaly spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Kimble.

Talila Wyatt spent Saturday night and Sunday with Miss Annie Cathey.

Alvin and Ollie Hindman spent Sunday evening at Mr. Holloway's.

Miss Eula Bowman spent Friday night with Miss Gussie McFall.

Ray and Oma McFall spent Sunday evening at Mr. Wyatt's.

Watch out Kid-a-lude, you will freeze to death if it comes another blizzard like the one we had Friday.—Lone Oak.

### NEW HOPE.

Will Cobb, of Afton, had business in Dickens last week.

Miss Mae Wilson has just returned from Floydada where she has been visiting relatives.

J. J. Rodgers, of Wichita, has been in our community on business.

Mr. Cobb, of Croton, was at Midway Sunday.

W. T. Clark, of Comanche county, Texas, is visiting his uncle, W. D. Thacker.

Alex Bilberry was elected as a delegate to the Farmers Union Convention which meets at Houston, Texas.

J. T. Whitaker left last Thursday for Fayetteville, Arkansas, with a carload of horses.

The Farmers Union have organized at Midway, and elected R. L. Overstreet President.

Miss Hattie Spike's school closed Friday evening with an entertainment. The exercises consisted of some two or three most excellent plays, recitations and quite a number of speeches by the primary grades.

One of the best Singing Conventions ever witnessed in Dickens county was held at Midway Sunday. Through the efforts of Chas. H. Rodgers, its president, W. T. Clark, of Comanche, Tex., was present. He is a most excellent singer and an author of Song-singing. There was plenty of dinner and quite a number of people from different parts of the county. The next meeting will be at Croton.—Oat Meal.

### NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the 24 pastures.—Mrs. Boley Brown & Sons, By Bert N. Brown, manager. 1-26t

J. W. Johnson came in Monday from his farm home several miles east and spent an hour or two here trading and greeting his friends.

Thorough bred Plymouth Rock and Brown Leghorn eggs, \$1 for 15.—L. B. Haile, Afton, Texas.

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This is a beautiful spring morning and the farmers are working on their farms.

Misses Josie and Euphie Shipman visited their brothers at Draper last Tuesday, returning to Girard Monday.

Little Bertha Holloway is still sick, but is some better.

Lonesome Kid, you ask what Cecil Bennett was doing up here. I am the one to tell you that he sits around and looks sorry while the other boys entertain the girls.

Miss Ruth McKnight spent Sunday with Bertha Holloway.

Mrs. Fred O. McFall and son visited her brother, Charlie Austin who lives on Cottonwood, last Thursday, returning Sunday morning.

Bill Holloway and Jake Wyatt went off on a wild trip. They say they are going to Arkansas, and they wont be at home until they get there.

Lonesome Kid, what's the matter with all of the Steel Hill kids that they have stopped coming over and enjoying themselves with the Soldier Mound kids?—Little Tommy.

J. F. Smith, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was here Monday buying supplies of the Spur merchants and looking after business.

J. H. Jones came in Monday from his farm home in the Dry Lake community and spent several hours here on business.



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

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#### DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following as candidates for District and County offices, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held July 25, 1914:

For Representative, 105th District:  
Hon. A. J. Hagins (2nd term)

For District Attorney, 50th Judicial District:  
J. Ross Bell, of Paducah  
Isaac O. Newton (re-election)

For District and County Clerk:  
Cephus Hogan  
C. C. Cobb (re-election)

For Tax Assessor:  
T. J. Harrison (2nd term)  
G. B. Joplin  
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For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
J. B. Conner  
T. Wyly Morgan  
G. T. Snodgrass

For County Judge:  
O. S. Ferguson (2nd term)

For County Treasurer:  
B. A. Crego (re-election)  
J. B. Yantis

Editor Hyatt, of the Dickens Item, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here paid the Texas Spur office a fraternal call. He reports everything moving along nicely in Dickens at this time.

J. T. Bural, a prominent citizen and one of the most successful farmers of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur this week.

#### GILPIN HAPPENINGS.

Alas! Gilpin has awoke, and has had a howling success in school work and also in the Literary Societies.

All who missed the Literary Friday night missed something fine. The debate was good, and Steel Hill can say that they have won a debate fairly now, while it was very difficult to talk under the circumstances.

Rev. W. B. Bennett preached an able sermon at Duck Creek Sunday.

Top Hawkins looks fine over his fighting and debating Friday night.

Willie Hagins made a flying trip to Girard Sunday, but did not return so fast.

A large number of Gilpin people were in Spur Saturday on business.

But—  
This to you sweet Maiden Vine,  
I would; I would; you ever mine.

This to you Dear Kid-a-lude,  
I quite suspect you're a dude.  
This to you Old Rambling Bill,  
Your items are enough to kill.

I'm sorry for you Lonesome Kid,  
But I like your items and always did.

This to you Little Tommy,  
Your notes are sweet but rather gummy.

Here is to you Dear Friend Oat Meal,  
Put more vigor in your spell.

But here is to you Dear Old Onion.  
Your items stand out like a bunion.

Now dear friends, if at any time you choose to answer this in rhyme, it will not bother me a rap.

Yours for fun,—A school Chap.

#### TAP TELLINGS.

Blow wind blow  
And raise all kind of dust,  
We've been here before  
And you can't bother us.

If Uncle John Henson's maize don't show up pretty soon, the

Chinamen may drive fat horses next fall, for it's going that way.

H. C. Parsons returned Saturday from Sweetwater where he went to meet his father who accompanied him home to spend several weeks.

Clyde Davis was seen in our midst Sunday. There must be some attraction here for Clyde.

Brit Lippincot has resigned his position with the dog outfit and returned to the land of pretty girls and amusements he likes better.

Owing to the rains our Literary was not pulled off Friday but we are expecting a fine time next Friday night. Everybody come that can. They've pulled ye scribe into it and you may know it will be amusing.

T. L. Dozier will have roasting ears over in the sand.

Judge Ferguson was here last week visiting the schools and looking after his political interests.

Three schools and communities came together Sunday at Gyp Springs. A fine dinner was spread as usual on such occasions and it was hard for ye scribe to tell which was the best pie or cake, as he sampled most of them. In the afternoon the Easter hunt came off which was the childrens delight.

John Henson's daughter, of Dallas, is visiting them this week.

A fine girl has come to live with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Pirkle. The young lady arrived Sunday night.

Come on brethren with the Rural Route. We need the connection.—Kid-a-lude.

Sol Davis and wife motored to Plainview Monday.

#### DRAPER GLEANINGS.

Well! well! After we had "doffed" our winter clothes  
And donned our summer wear  
Here comes another snowstorm  
And a "norther" on a tare.

A large number of Draperites attended the Singing Convention at Midway Sunday.

Uncle Bill Perrins gave the young folks an Easter egg hunt Sunday.

Prentiss Counts and Frank Wright went to Spur the latter part of last week.

Planting crops is the paramount issue with the farmers of this neighborhood, but when to commence, owing to the weather, is giving us some trouble.

Our Literary meets Friday night, the 17th. Everybody come and bring somebody with them.

Our honorable contemporary,  
Who puts our name in rhyme,  
And proceeds to boost our Editor  
In poetry grand and fine;  
Should have "boosted" up the paper,  
For our Editor is alright;  
Give the Texas Spur the readers,  
'Twill help him in his fight.

For the upbuilding of our country,  
Is our Editor's only dream;  
And building public schools and churches,  
Will ever be his theme.  
Then let us be up and helping  
With poetry, prose and poem;  
Until we know the Texas Spur  
Is read in every home.—Rambling Bill.

Judge A. J. McClain came in Monday from his Cat Fish farm and ranch home and spent some time here trading with the merchants and shaking hands with his friends of the city.

H. C. Peterson, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, had business in Spur Monday and spent several hours here greeting his friends.

Mr. Crosby, an extensive farmer and stock-raiser of the Plains country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Monday.

J. E. Cherry, of several miles south, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

R. L. Collier was a business visitor to Fort Worth last week, returning Sunday.

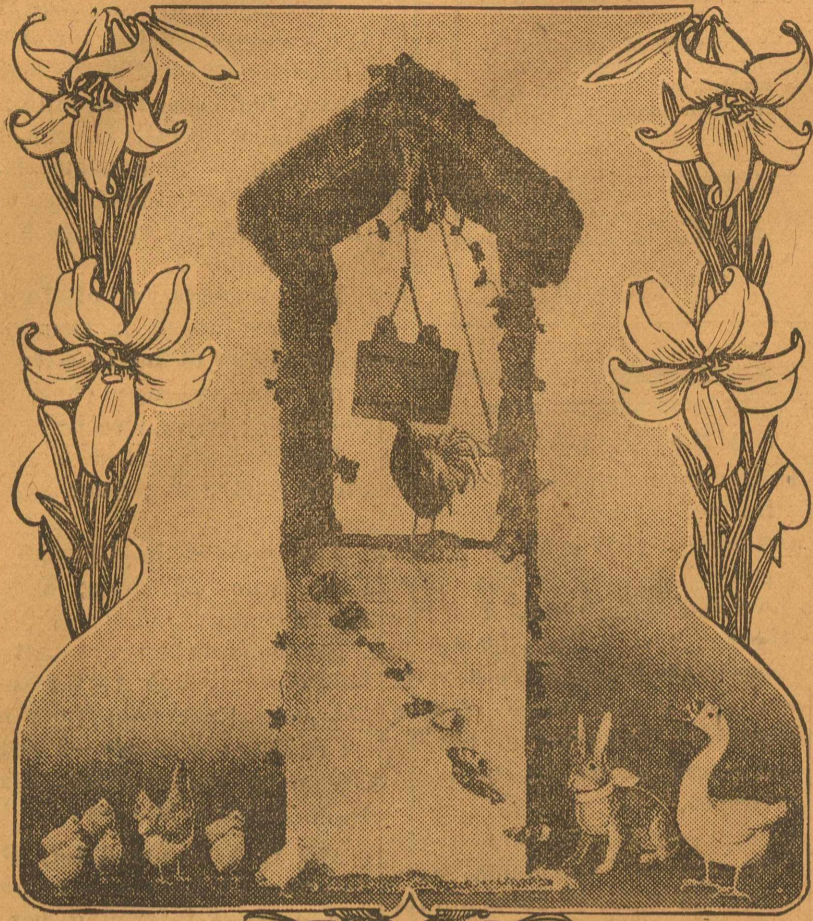
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# Fashion and Care of the Home

## Bunnies and Chicks Form Interesting Auxiliaries to Easter Decorations



A jolly way of celebrating the Easter week is to give a party for the little folks. There are so many ways of delighting them at this season. Easter bunnies, eggs and flowers all lend their charm to the season. An egg or rabbit hunt will fill almost the entire afternoon with pleasant excitement. The most delightful ideas may be carried out by the hostess, and table decorations that please and delight may be fashioned of crepe paper. The attractive pieces known ordinarily as Jack Horner's pies are at this season converted into rabbits' nests. Illustrated here is an attractive table decoration in the form of a well. Around it cluster Easter chicks and rabbits. The eggs or Easter gifts may be placed inside the well. Ribbon streamers attached to souvenirs may be carried to each plate.

### THE EASTER TABLE.

Attractive Novelties For Its Embellishment Are Shown In the Shops. Much artistic ingenuity is now manifested in the designing of Easter table decorations. Just at present the decorations in the way of flowers, centerpieces, servers, favors and souvenirs made entirely of candy are especially striking. The designs are varied so that the hostess can make her selection with due regard to appropriateness to the vernal season and the predominating color in the decorative scheme of the table.

The various pieces are entirely of candy, which is so made that it acquires a satin, glosslike appearance and is skillfully manipulated into all sorts of ornamental shapes. Flowers are daintily fashioned in candy as perfectly as are the artificial ones used in millinery. Large shapes serve as centerpieces.

Imagine an Easter hat in the most approved fashionable broad, flat shape of pale green, garlanded with a wreath of white roses—all made of candy! A lily plant in bloom is realistically reproduced. A large, picturesque, yellow basket decorated with daffodils is entirely of candy, the plaited effect of the straw and the sunny hues of the flowers being surprisingly true to the originals.

Ice cream holders of candy are in pretty designs, such as single flowers or dainty little hats in pink, having long ribbon bows tied at one side. The crown is filled with the delicate mistlike spun sugar. On this ice cream is laid, usually in the shape of a small fruit.

### THE EASTER HAT.

Ribbon and Flowers Figure Prominently In Its Adornment.

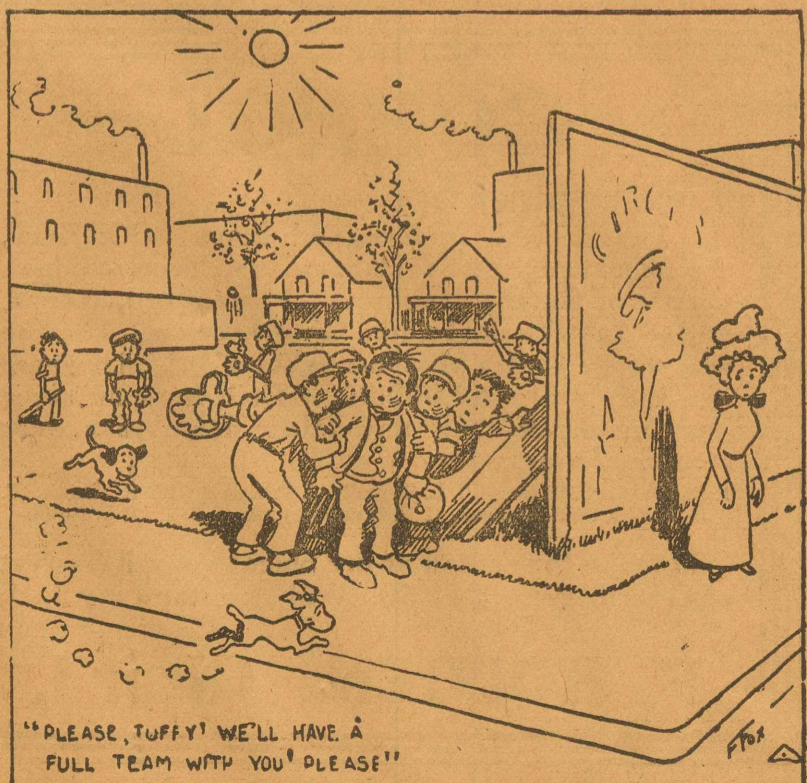
The new ribbons used for bows on Easter hats are very wide and of a particularly heavy quality, especially rich fuffie, but there are also moires, which are not confined to the greater widths. Ribbons are often placed very high on the hat. Flower and feather trimmings of various sorts are used with them. Some of the smartest hats are made entirely of ribbon or of all over silk.

The use of ornaments in the new millinery is very pronounced, and no ribbon, tulle or lace trimming seems complete without a buckle, dagger motif or some such sort of adornment. Jet is much used and an imitation called "colored jet." The latter material comes in exquisite iridescent tones of blue, rose, green and gold and is used for innumerable smart and effective ornamental motifs. The use of rather large headed hatpins with short points is a new idea. These hatpins are ornaments in themselves and are made of various sorts of jet spangles, beads, fruits and feathers.

Velvet, satin and taffeta are all to be used in combination with straw. The straw may form the outside of the brim and crown or only trim the crown, with facing of velvet or silk. Another idea is a crown of ribbon with a brim of straw or velvet facing, or there may be a straw brim, with a crown of black or colored taffeta in radiating plaits.

All cooked food should be thoroughly cooled before placing in the icebox.

## The Season of First Loves



"PLEASE, TUFFY! WE'LL HAVE A FULL TEAM WITH YOU! PLEASE!"

—Fox in Chicago Evening Post

## EASTER SOUVENIRS.

Inexpensive and Attractive Ones May Be Made at Home.

A bookmark is a pretty Easter gift, made of a strip of heavy water color paper about two and a half inches wide and six or seven long. A single flower with a long stem is painted on this slip, the lower petals cut out so that the flower is raised at that point.

The edges of the card should be gilded or silvered and "Easter" lettered in pretty type at the bottom of the bookmark. Another style is the envelope corner, cut so that a petal of a violet or pansy extends over the line of the triangle, where the envelope is cut. The fashionable illuminating, if the worker be skilled in lettering, can be done. Some quotation from an Easter poem or prose selection can be outlined in small letters, with an initial at the head, traced from a newspaper or advertisement.

This can be made into a pretty design by the addition of stray flowers or symbols also traced from some artistic ad. in magazine or newspaper, and then a number of duplicates can be made from a gelatin print upon squares or panel shaped pieces of water color paper. Different colored inks come for this reproduction work, but the ordinary kind of writing ink cannot be used. Very pretty effects can be obtained with violet ink for the lettering and outlines of violets grouped around it, to be filled in with color. Red outlines for berries and leaves, enclosing a line of an Easter poem, are effective.

## LITTLE GIRLS' FROCKS.

Serge is a Popular Material For Simple Easter Dresses.

Fine serge is a favorite fabric for girls' Easter frocks, and all the best designs are as simply made as possible.

A charming style for girls in their early teens has a narrow plain skirt with a deep hem, a simple bodice with two rows of buttons applied to give a wide plastron effect. The neck is cut in a tiny V shape outlined with a narrow band of black velvet, and a sash of black charmeuse is fastened in front toward the left side with a long tasseled end.

A picturesque frock for little girls has a short waisted Magyar bodice of liberty velvet, with a plisse chemisette of union or crepe de chine and a skirt of Indian cashmere to match, eased on at the waist.

## The Final Tolling By Charles R. Miller

IN Andalusia, Spain, stands a ruin in which there are the remains of a tower that dates back to the beginning of the fifteenth century. At that time clocks began to be used, and this old tower held one of the then new devices for marking time. The timepiece that was set up in the top of this ancient fortress was cumbersome, as all mechanical contrivances are when they are first invented. There was a great deal of heavy iron and oak supports, but these conducted to its long life.

For 300 years it struck the hour, but after the expiration of the third century of its being it got out of order and was not repaired. For half a century longer it remained in its perch, and those inhabiting the castle dared not go under it, fearing that at any time it might come down.

The last person to inhabit this Andalusian antiquity was one of the dukes of Veragua, a descendant of Columbus, the discoverer of America. It had been given him by one of the kings of Spain as a reward for the services of his distinguished ancestor. The clock had struck for the last time on the day the duke was born. It was the next day—so runs the legend—that it got out of order. A man was sent up to fix it, but returned without doing so, reporting that the damage had been done by one of the supports rotting away and letting down one side of the clock. Later the staircase leading up to it fell, and from that time the clock remained out of reach.

The duke lived to enter upon his eightieth year. During this long period the clock remained upon the tower, its heavy iron parts rusting away. Now and again a rotted landing or a piece of staircase would fall, but the iron parts of the clock remained entire. The minute hand finally rusted away and fell to the ground. It was longer than the tallest man. Persons gathered about it and wondered at its size and weight.

One night after the duke had entered upon his eightieth birthday those inhabiting the castle and those surrounding it were awakened by the deep toned stroke of a bell. To those within the castle walls the sound seemed to come from above; to those round about it seemed to come from different directions. One said from the east, another from the west, another from up on the heights above, another from the valley below. Every one listened for a second stroke. It came, and another and another, till there had been twelve wheezy clangs which seemed to come

from the throat of some monster, such as one reads of in ancient lore.

Then when there came no more strokes every one in the castle turned out into the court, and there was a babel of voices discussing from whence the sounds could have come. An old man, whose youth had been passed in superstitious times, ventured to assert that either angel or devil had resuscitated the old clock and some momentous event had been foretold. A younger person maintained that the sound had come from the sky and was a voice from heaven calling sinners to repentance. There were many theories, but it was generally believed that the sounds were from some ordinary cause and their importance had been magnified by the imagination.

The only person who did not come out to discuss the phenomenon was the duke. He was a bachelor, and, having no family to minister to him in his old age, no one knew whether or not he had heard the strokes of the bell or what interpretation he put upon them. The door of his chamber remained closed and all was quiet within. A woman who attended him, followed by some one who loved the old man, listened near the door, but hearing nothing, told the others to go to bed. The duke had slept through the clanging, and it would be a shame to awaken him.

When it was light enough to see clearly the townspeople went to the old tower and looked up. A support had given way during the night, and the clock was tilted on its side.

"I told you so," said one. "It was the clock that struck by being tilted."

"Fool!" replied another. "How could such tilting have caused twelve distinct strokes?"

"Have a care!" cried a third as a gust of wind swept through the ruin.

Scarcely had the last words been spoken when the old clock came tumbling down and lay a heap of rotted wood and rusty iron at the bottom.

"The duke is dead," came a voice from another part of the castle. All turned and went toward the speaker. The duke's door had been opened, and by the pallor on his face it was known that something had happened. A surgeon was called, who declared that the old man had been dead some hours. Then it came to be believed that the old clock tolled his knell as he was dying as well as its own.

After the duke's death the inhabitants of the castle scattered. It was never again occupied and soon fell into complete ruin.

# The Children's Part of the Paper

## COLORING EASTER EGGS.

Many Pretty Designs Can Be Had From Different Cloths.

The old fashioned method of sewing eggs up in figured calico and boiling them until the design was imprinted seems tedious indeed in these days of varicolored dyes, when all that is needed is to drop the eggs into a colored liquid.

But eggs for Easter are much prettier when decorated than when only colored. One way of pleasing the little folks of the family is to cut designs of cats, dogs, birds, etc., out of paper. Wrap them around the eggs and tie in place with cotton string, then drop the eggs into the dye. When paper and string are removed the designs will remain. Names are easily transferred this way by writing them, cutting out and tying on. They appear as if written on the colored egg.

Wrap a geranium or a leaf tightly around an egg and drop into the dye; the blossoms will be perfect when taken out. A spray of violets may be transferred this way or in another way by placing the blossoms arranged carefully on the hot egg after it has been boiled in water; then wrap tightly in a bit of old linen that has been dipped in vinegar, tie a dry cloth around this, and after a couple of hours the blossom will be found reproduced in colors on the egg, the brighter the colors the prettier the effect.

For those who care to take the trouble it will pay to sew an egg up in a bit of pretty ribbon; when boiled half an hour, cooled and the ribbon removed the pattern will be perfect. Plaids and checks and dotted materials all dye eggs well; few are manufactured that will not give off their color in the long boiling.

## Where the Word Magnet Came From.

Generally speaking, the word magnet is thought to be derived from the word Magnesia, a city of Lydia, in Asia Minor, where the peculiar magnetic properties of the ore of iron known as lodestone were first discovered.

Another authority, however, declares that the word can be traced back to Magnes, the name of a shepherd who was detained on Mount Ida by the iron in his shoes and found himself unable to move.

## The Sad End of the Easter Rabbit



This little girl went to market  
Right 'fore Easter came round.  
She bought for herself a rabbit  
As big as could be found.  
She took it home with eagerness  
And fed it inks and blues,

Thinking to see on Easter morn  
Rare eggs of brilliant hues.  
Now, Bunny wouldn't disappoint  
(The conscientious elf);  
But, 'stead of dyeing Easter eggs,  
It up and died itself. J. S.

**STEEL HILL ITEMS.**

Oh! what a beautiful day. Today (Monday) seems more like Spring than any day previous to this time. We feel like saying as the poet said "The rain is over, the winter has come and gone, the flowers are blooming—the birds are singing, and the voice of the turtle is heard abroad."

The health of the community is improving.

The farmers are 'looking up' since the rain, and all are busy planting. It is greatly desired that we make a good crop this year.

The Steel Hill school will close Friday week, the 24th of April. There will be an all day program and dinner on the ground. Everybody invited.

Well, the debate between Steel Hill and Duck Creek Friday night was a howling success. This debate settled the championship for all time to come, Tarlton and Pullin, from Steel Hill, winning a unanimous decision with three impartial judges. I guess the boys will take down their sign now. Steel Hill did not care to meet Duck Creek but they insisted and started the thing, and of course we ended it. If Willie and Topy and Profy want to debate again—well, they had better challenge some body about their calibre.

The Lonesome Kid is sick this week and asked his brother to write in his stead.—Jimmie Fizzle Wig.

Mrs. Minnie Phillips, of Fort Worth, came in Thursday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith, and to be with her brother, Milton, who underwent an operation Wednesday at the Standifer Hospital.

Sterling Hart, a newspaper man of Cooper, is in the city and will remain here indefinitely settling the business affairs of his sister, Mrs. J. R. Walker.

Lon Greer, of Afton, was here the first of the week looking for a teacher to finish their school at that place.

**THE FARMER AND HIS BANK**

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Sworn to and subscribed to before me this 8th day of April, 1914.

(Seal) W. F. Godfrey,  
Notary Public for Dickens county. My commission expires June 1st, 1915.

Mr. and Mrs. Bilberry, of the Afton country, were in the city Wednesday and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.

Presiding Elder Hardy, of Stamford, was in Spur the latter part of this week and conducted the third Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church.

Rev. Zinn, of the Afton country, was in the city the latter part of the week to attend the Quarterly Conference of the Methodist church.

A girl baby was born on the eleventh to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Smith at their home in the city.

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**B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM, APRIL 19th.**

Song.

Prayer.

Song.

Leader—E. C. Edmonds.

Subject—Zeal and Knowledge in Christian Service.

Zeal Without Knowledge—E. C. Edmonds.

Duett—Misses Evelyn Burgoon and Dorris Attebury.

Knowledge Without Zeal—N. Q. Brannen.

Knowledge and Zeal Combined—Oscar Jackson.

Roll Call—Respond by quoting a verse of scripture.

**BUSINESS FOR SALE.**

I will be in Spur several days for the purpose of disposing of the Spur Grain & Coal Co's. business. A rare opportunity to get a paying business cheap for cash or well secured note. Invoices about \$1,500—Sterling Hart.

J. W. Gaddy, of the Plains country, brought his daughter to the Standifer Hospital for an operation Thursday. We hope that the operation on the young lady will be effective and that she will soon recover.

Mrs. Myrtle Smith, daughter of Mr. Franklin of the city, underwent an operation Wednesday at the Standifer Hospital and is reported doing nicely at this time.

Mrs. R. B. Bryant and little daughter, of Stamford, spent several days of this week in Spur with Mrs. Geo. S. Link and family.

J. J. Barton, of Wake, was in Spur this week buying supplies and incidentally selling some home raised hams to the trade in Spur.

H. O. Satterwhite, a prominent business man of Roaring Springs, was in Spur Tuesday on business and spent some time here.

**NOTICE TO DAIRYMEN.**

To Our Customers and Friends:

Do not become discouraged and neglect your herd of Cows, because the market has gone down and down again. For like all other records of decline in value of the product we have to sell the lowest price is soon reached. The reaction begins, and values swing to the other extremes.

Some eight years ago the Dairymen of Oklahoma were compelled to accept 16 cents for butter Fat for a short time caused by a depression in the Butter Market very similar to the one we are experiencing at the present time. But they stuck to their business and did the best possible with their Cows. The result is that they have enjoyed several years of successful Dairying. We say successful from the fact they have been willing and anxious to buy every good cow offered for sale in Texas at high prices, the result being that Oklahoma has been milking Texas-raised cows, and then shipping the butter made from these same cows into Texas to butter our bread, and they take the money we have paid them for butter to buy more Texas Cows.

Let us learn a practical lesson from the experience of our neighbors and see if the following out of the same principles may not be a benefit to us.

The open winter caused a fresh supply of Butter that the storage people did not look for. The result unload at cheap prices.

The continued disturbance in Mexico had caused an influx of cheap labor into the U. S., putting many people on short labor and many out of employment entirely. One more reason for shorter demand.

The importation of foreign butter has caused the large buyers of butter to be inactive beyond immediate wants until they could measure its effect.

The market in New York on Firsts is 23 cents; year ago 33 cents.

The market in Chicago on Firsts is now 22 cents; a year ago 32 cents.

Let us apply the greatest intelligence possible to our business, and expect something better in the near future.—Peerless Creamery, Weatherford, Texas, D. M. Mebane, Manager.

Mrs. G. T. Brandon left Spur Saturday for Lufkin in response to a message informing her of the critical illness of her sister at that place. Mrs. Brandon arrived Sunday only an hour or two before her sister died.

J. H. Parnell, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in the city this week buying supplies of the Spur merchants.

J. C. Davis, of the Afton country, spent several days of this week in Spur with his sons, Sol and L. W. Davis and families.

Dr. Daly will be in Spur May 11th and 12th. See him about your Eye trouble.

A boy was born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith at their home in the Tap country.

Extra fine Jersey cows giving milk, for sale by C. F. Cates, Spur, Texas. 24 tf

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY:

That we the undersigned know "CORNOT, the black registered stallion that Scoby-Gideon bought of G. N. Humphrey, of Stamford, Texas, and sold to Frank Holden, Girard, Texas. That he was shipped from Missouri to Stamford, six years ago and sold for \$2,000.00. That he can show more good colts than any other horse that ever stood in Jones county.

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Will make the season at my place two miles west of Girard. Price: \$12.50. Will also stand my Jack

**F. HOLDEN, Girard.**