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Volume Eight

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, APRIL 27, 1917

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W. M. WINKLER DIED TUESDAY IN OKLAHOMA

It with sorrow that we are called upon to report the death of our friend, W. M. Winkler, of the Croton country, who died Tuesday in Geary, Oklahoma, his body being shipped home and interred Thursday in the Dickens Cemetery.

Although having been a sufferer of stomach troubles a number of years, his condition was not considered serious or alarming. Jake Scott and J. H. Reynolds planned to take a trip to Geary, Oklahoma, about a week ago, and in speaking of it Mr. Winkler decided to accompany them merely for the trip, the change and to be with friends. The first news of Mr. Winkler several days later in the form of a telegram stating that he was very low and not expected to live. Mrs. Winkler and son, Alec, and other members of the family left immediately for Oklahoma. However, within a few hours another telegram came, stating that Mr. Winkler had died.

W. M. Winkler had been a citizen of Dickens county twenty or more years. He was a good man, a true citizen and a friend. He has gone to his reward in that unknown Beyond, but the memory of W. M. Winkler will be cherished in the hearts of hundreds of friends throughout the country.

NOTARIES APPOINTED IN DICKENS COUNTY

The following Notaries were appointed at the regular session of legislature recently adjourned: J. W. Thompson, Afton; T. H. Blackwell, D. J. Harkey, B. G. Worswick, Dickens; E. J. Cowan, Sam T. Clemmons, R. E. Dickson, E. C. Edmonds, B. D. Glasgow, W. F. Godfrey, S. Hoffman, C. Hogan, Oscar Jackson, M. E. Manning, L. H. Perry, Jennie A. Shields, J. F. Vernon, and W. D. Wilson, Spur.

Others desiring to be appointed Notary Public in Dickens or surrounding counties can make application to the special session of the legislature now in session.

ENTERTAINED WITH A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Mrs. Paul Douglass entertained a number of her friends Friday afternoon of last week at her home one mile east of Spur, the occasion being a birthday anniversary. The following were guests of the occasion: Mesdames Fite, Ford, Donald, Carlisle, C. H. Perry, Fellmy, Self, Jas. F. Williams, Potts and Miss Lizzie Morgan.

\$36,000 SCHOOL BONDS ARE VOTED AT POST

Post, Texas, April 8.—Post voted \$36,000 bonds for school building and equipment yesterday. The work will be done in time for the next school term.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES OF SPUR SCHOOLS

The commencement exercises of the Spur High School will be had Monday night at the school auditorium at which time Dr. Sandefer of Abilene will make an educational address and Superintendent T. A. Tunnell will present diplomas to the members of the graduating class composed of Miss Minnie Lee Springer, Scott Johnson, Huddle Cloud and Walter Dupree Craddock.

The commencement sermon will be preached by Rev. Bates Sunday morning at the school auditorium, and at which time the combined choirs and the orchestra of Spur will furnish music.

The Spur School will close its 1916-17 term Friday of this week, and under Superintendent Tunnell and his able corps of assistants the term just closing has been one of the most successful from every point of view within the history of Spur.

CITIZENS OF SPUR, AWAKE

To the new opera company that has recently been formed in Spur. It will give its first and only performance in Spur at the Gem Theatre Friday night, April 27.

This farce comedy is up-to-date and the company will furnish you the best evening's entertainment you have ever had in Spur.

Cast of Characters

Alfred Sophocles Sniffles, an artist.

Algernon Sylvanus Smythe, slightly poetical.

Major Thos. Jefferson Louder, an old war horse from Kentucky.

Jack Nelson, a rising young lawyer.

Larry McKeegan, Sniffles' valet.

Dora Louder, the Major's daughter.

Irene White, the Major's niece.

Aurelia Louder, the Major's sister.

Minerva Jobson, Dora's maid.

Time of performance, 1 hour and 50 minutes.

Admission 20c and 35c.

Proceeds are to go to the Methodist Sunday School.

SPURITE ENGAGES IN THE FARMING BUSINESS

B. G. Ford came in Thursday and remained over until Friday of last week from his farm in the Draper country. He reports that Mrs. Ford is just now recovering of an attack of pneumonia, she having been quite sick. Mr. Ford recently purchased a hundred and sixty acres of land near Draper. He will clear up about one hundred acres for cultivation, the most of which he has already cleared and has ready for the planting. We hope he will get rich, and if prices continue to soar on all farm products he will have the opportunity to make a good showing.

NOTICE

Dr. Daly of Abilene will be in Spur May 24-25. Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear and Throat, and fitting glasses. Office with Dr. Morris.

MEN WANTED

"God give us men:"

A time like this demands strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands.

Men whom the lust of office cannot kill,

Men whom the spoils of office cannot buy

Men who possess opinions, and a will,

Men who have honor and will not lie.

Tall men, sun-crowned, who who live above the fog in public life and private thinking."

The high cost of living is a question we all need to study. All most of us need to do is to review our early days to tell what economy really is.

This week we received a car of pure home-made ribbon cane syrup, all the sugar left in it. We bought in this car 3,012 10-lb. buckets. Lots of lassies isn't it. We will sell 10-lb. buckets of this at 75 cts. a bucket and a 20 cent better price by the case of 6 cans. You never could buy this quality of syrup for less, so don't forget to buy a case. It will keep all summer.

Men, we have secured the agency for the Lee Mfg. Co. Union-all. The best union-all in America today. They fit well, look well and wear well. Don't buy any other when you can get the Lee union-all. A nationally advertised garment.

Style-plus clothing for the men who cares—\$17. the same as before the war. Not just as good but, we think, the best clothing in the world today for the price—\$17. Hurry before our stock is exhausted.

"Keep your face always turned to the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you." We are all pulling together to make 1917 a great year.

Don't forget we have some Mebane Cotton Seed, the very best the market affords, and every farmer should plant at least part of his crop in pure seed. Yes, cotton is a food crop. Nothing is more necessary to the country than the products of cotton seed, and war will not keep people from wearing cheap clothing and cotton is the only product you can make the cheaper grades of necessary clothing of. We must help clothe as well as feed the world. We believe in trying to produce food and feed stuffs but we can't afford to cut our cotton crops too low in this country, so let's balance our crops well by planting both feed and cotton. The cotton seed on an acre of cotton is worth nearly as much as the average feed crop. Are you raising chickens? There never was a time when eggs and chickens were so valuable.

Let us sell you an incubator. It will help you solve the high cost of living problem. Fix for summer water by buying

A SIXTEEN PAGE PAPER TO BE ISSUED NEXT WEEK

Once each month the Texas Spur has a magazine section containing eight pages, and with the regular edition of eight pages makes a sixteen page paper once each month.

Each month the magazine section contains interesting and instructive reading matter. The contents of the magazine to be issued next week will be as follows: "Strange Tales of Two Rings," both connected with the war between the states; "How We Can Best Help The Allies" by Lindsley Brown; "The Submarine Chaser," invented and built in the United States; "Administration of Road Bond Issues", this being part two of a series of articles on this subject, and is well worth reading by every citizen; "U. S. Army Life on Texas Frontier" from 1866 to 1878; "Indian Raids in Texas" portraying social conditions of the early settlers; "Modern Home" "Texas Farm News," "Stories for Boys and Girls," and "Womans Department."

LYCEUM COMING TWO NUMBERS 75C

A two number Lyceum course will be given under the auspices of the Methodist Ladies May 8th and 25th. The first program is to be rendered by the Wagner-Wright Duo Concert Co. Two of the Companies' most talented performers will give a miscellaneous program consisting of character sketch songs, readings, whistling, musical monologs and guitar solos. The second number will be given by Miss Hutchenson, an interpretative reader of note, Miss Hutchenson will read the well known story, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" by Kate Wiggin. All who fail to secure season tickets will be disappointed. Remember the two numbers for 75 cents. Place, show.

O. W. MADDOX SOLD HIS RANCH WEST OF SPUR

O. W. Maddox sold his ranch property west of Spur last week to Mr. Elgish of the West Pasture. He will ship his cattle next Tuesday to the Fort Worth market where they will be sold. Mr. Maddox and family will move at the same time to Ellis county

one of our Eclipse windmills. Nothing better—others only claim to be as good. It pays to buy the best. Old Reliable Peter Schuttler Wagons are noted for their quality of materials and excellence in workmanship.

Big car of Light Crust Flour coming this week—not cheap but good. Unloading a car of wire. If you need wire come quick, it will go fast.

Your Friends,
BRYANT-LINK CO.

ROAD BOND ELECTION IN KENT COUNTY SATURDAY

An election will be held in every voting box throughout Kent county Saturday for the purpose of determining whether or not bonds in the sum of one hundred thousand dollars shall be issued to build and maintain roads throughout the county. There is some question as to the successful issue of the proposed bonds since it is said that a "jealousy" exists between some of the different precincts in that a considerable portion of the funds will be used in building two or three bridges in the Jayton and Girard districts, and only the remainder of the bond issue being apportioned in the several precincts according to taxable values. Kent county voters tell us that had the total bond issue been apportioned in accord with the amount of taxes paid in each precinct, but very little opposition would have developed.

The people of this western country favor building good roads and are convinced that the most practical manner of securing the necessary funds is through bond issues, but a number of people have not yet been convinced that patriotic duty requires them to vote a tax upon themselves to build roads for the other fellow to use without the confines of his precinct. However, we can not get around the fact that with limited funds it is impossible to build permanent, hard-surfaced roadways leading to every man's door, therefore the lateral roads or those furnishing an outlet and convenience to the greatest number of people only can be constructed under such circumstances. However, the Texas Spur has always contended that public county funds should be expended in accord with the amount of taxes paid in each precinct.

Kent county could use five hundred thousand dollars worth of good roads to advantage, and if the one hundred thousand dollar bond issue is defeated it will be because the commissioners failed to apportion the funds to each part of the county in accord with the amount of taxes coming from each precinct, and possibly through some existing jealousy.

GENERAL CARRANZA SAYS MEXICO WILL BE NEUTRAL

Mexico City, April 15.—General Carranza in his address to the new Congress to-night declared that Mexico would maintain a strict and rigorous neutrality in the world war.

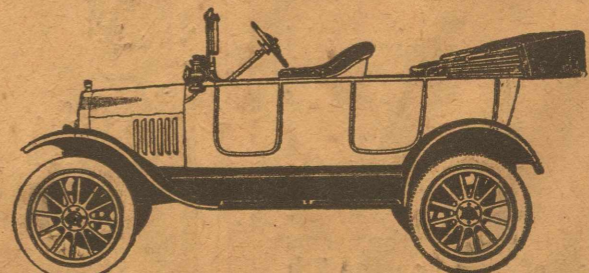
H. von Eckhart, the German Minister, was seated in a box with Austrian, Spanish and other diplomats. Henry P. Fletcher sat with the British Minister.

E. L. King, of near Spur, was in the city Saturday.

\$1,000,000 TO LOAN ON FARMS AND RANCHES

at 8 per cent for 5, 7 or 10 years to pay at end of first year and stop the interest or at end of 10 years.
WE DON'T REQUIRE CASH INTEREST PAYMENT IN ADVANCE. MONEY READY NOW.

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Touring Car, \$600; Roadster, \$465

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman
Spur Texas

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, 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.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager.

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting:

Oath having been made as required by law, You are hereby commanded to summon W. F. Lake, and Anna M. Lake, Max Elser and The City National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, (a dissolved corporation) by summoning its Directors or Trustees, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 50th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 50th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Dickens County, Texas, on the 4th Monday in May, A.D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of April, A.D. 1917 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 543, wherein R. C. Forbis is plaintiff, and W. F. Lake, and wife, Anna M. Lake, and the City National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, (a dissolved corporation) are Defendants, and said petition alleging That here tofore, to wit; on or about Oct. 24th, 1899, Plaintiff purchased from F. Perkiewicz, Independent Executor of the Estate of Balbino Perkiewicz, the 640 acre tract of land hereinafter described, that said tract was purchased by Balbino Perkiewicz, at a sale under the terms of a Deed of Trust on the 7th day of September, 1893, for the purchase price of \$1000.00 cash out of her separate means that said Deed of Trust under which said foreclosure was had was given by the defendant W. F. Lake and his wife, Anna M.

Lake, on June 21st, 1886, to J. Ferdinan Perkiewicz, to secure the payment 12 months after said date to Balbino Perkiewicz of the sum of \$1,500.00 with interest and that said foreclosure was had under the terms of said Deed of Trust, on account of the default made by the said W. F. Lake and Anna M. Lake in the payment of said sum above stated.

That said tract of land was patented to the Defendant W. F. Lake as assnee of R. T. Co., on March 21st, 1879, by virtue of Patent No. 562, Vol. 31.

That on the 7th day of August 1891, the Defendant, Max Elser, caused to be levied on said land a writ of attachment issued out of the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas in a suit pending against W. F. Lake for the sum of \$3000.00 the return on said attachment being recorded in the attachment lien records of Dickens County, Texas, in book No. 1, on Page one, and that thereafter on the 22nd day of August, 1891. The Defendant City National Bank of Fort Worth, had levied upon said land a writ of attachment issued out of the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas, in a suit pending

against W. F. Lake for the sum of \$7000.00 and the return of said attachment being recorded in the records of attachment liens of Dickens County, Texas, in Book No. 1, on page Two.

That said Deed made by the substitute under said Deed of Trust, aforesaid, to said Balbino Perkiewicz, conveying said tract of land hereinafter described, through an error either in drawing said deed or in the recording of the same recited the names of the Grantors in said deed of trust as W. F. Babe and Anna Babe, referring to the same by date and the book and page where the same appears of record in the Deed of Trust Records of Dickens County, Texas, that said names were in fact and should have appeared in said deed as W. F. Lake, and Anna M. Lake.

That upon the dates of the two levys of attachment on said tract of land said Deed of Trust heretofore referred to was a valid, subsisting and unsatisfied first lien against said tract of land and that said Deed of Trust is of Record in the Deed of Trust Records of Dickens County, Texas, in Vol. No. 1, on pages 113 and 114, having

been filed for record on July 8th, 1891, and that since the recording of said attachment lien no effort has been made by the owners or holders thereof to foreclose or enforce the same, but the same constitutes with the errors referred to in said instrument a cloud upon Plaintiff's record title to said tract of land, which tract of land is situated in Dickens County, Texas, and known as Abstract No. 321, Cert. No. 52, Survey No. 3, Original Grantee Rusk Transportation Co. and patented to W. F. Lake Assnee of said R. T. Co. by Patent No. 562, Vol. 31, dated March 21st, 1879.

And the Plaintiff for further plea in his behalf says that he should have and recover said tract of land and hereinbefore described from said Defendants for the reason that he claiming the same under deed duly registered, has had peaceful, continuous and adverse possession of all of said tract of land hereinbefore described using and enjoying the same and paying all taxes thereon for a period of more than five years, after any cause of action could have accrued to any of the defendants herein and before the commencement of this suit.

he is ready to verify. Wherefor, plaintiff prays judgment of the Court.

Also that he have judgment against the Defendants herein for the title and possession of said tract of land and that said attachment liens in so far as they constitute a cloud upon Plaintiff's title to said tract of land be cancelled and held for naught and that said errors in said deed be corrected to remove any cloud from the record title of Plaintiff and for other and further relief both General and Special in law and in equity for which Plaintiff will ever pray.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, M. Gay, Clerk of the District Court of Dickens County.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Dickens this the 5th day of April, A. D. 1917.

M. Gay, Clerk,
District Court, Dickens County.
24-4t.

See D. H. Sullivan when you want oats and shelled corn.

W. T. Lovell, of Draper, was here Saturday on business.

Will Walker was among the number in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. Burl Harrington, of near Spur, was in the city Saturday visiting and shopping.

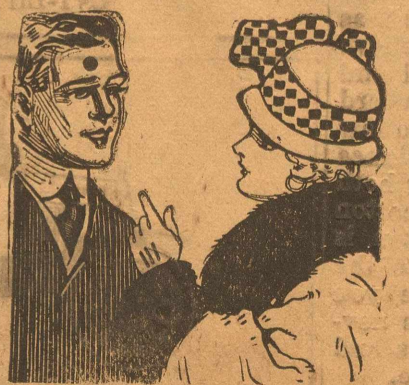
W. M. Childress was here Saturday from his home five or six miles northeast of Spur.

W. F. Walker was in Spur Saturday from his home a few miles south of the city.

Homer Boothe and wife, of short distance southeast of the city, were here Saturday.

W. Stewart, of Haskell, Spur last week visiting her-in-law, T. A. Tid-

his bro family, and also selling mules



THE MISTRESS OF THE HOUSE

knows Good Groceries when she sees them. But sometimes she cannot find just the right place to suit her, until she comes into our store and sees for herself. Then she knows.

This announcement is designed to be a short cut through to a perfect understanding between us, for we have the best that is offered in the grocery markets and everything we offer to sell you is guaranteed.

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Owing to the constant advance in the price of groceries and feed we are compelled to advance our prices on moving household goods to \$1.50 and piano moving to \$3.50 on the first floor and \$5.00 on the second floor.

R. E. Gardner,
Frank Goff,
J. P. Simmons,
J. A. Ross,
Draymen.

Ben Holly, of Steel Hill, was here Saturday.

Mr. Scott, of one mile west, was in the city Saturday.

J. B. Conner, of Dickens, was here Saturday on business.

Sheriff G. W. Moore of King county was in Spur Saturday.

H. H. Hill, of Dry Lake, was in Spur Saturday on business.

W. A. Smith, of the Red Mud section, was in Spur Saturday.

H. F. Clay was in Spur Monday from his home in Dickens.

M. S. Faver was in Spur Tuesday from his home in the Afton country.

Judge F. C. Gipson came over from Dickens Monday on business.

Guy Burton was here Saturday from his home in the Steel Hill section.

J. H. Boothe, of three miles southeast of the city, was in Spur Saturday.

H. E. Grabener, of eight or nine miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, were in Spur Saturday.

Walter Jordan, of the Steel Hill country, was here Saturday on business.

Prof. H. A. C. Brummett, of Dry Lake, was in Spur Saturday on business.

Ed Hufstedler was here Saturday from his home in the Dry Lake country.

Will and Frank Smith, of the Red Mud country, were in Spur Tuesday on business.

Miss Bertha Lamkin, teacher of the Red Mud school, was in Spur Saturday shopping.

Mrs. Lizzie Lawson is in the city visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Harrington.

W. C. Presley came in Monday from his ranch and spent a short time here on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fount Harrell, of the Tap section, were among the many visitors to Spur Saturday.

Miss Henson, who is teaching school in the north part of the county, was in Spur Saturday visiting friends and shopping.

C. J. Smith was here Saturday from his place west of Spur. He reported that he had twin calves from a white face cow, all doing nicely. This is a wonderful country any way you take it.

E. S. McArthur, of several miles west of Spur, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Saturday. He recently bought the Lee Carpenter farm on the Crosbyton road, where last year he produced bumper crops, and at this time he reports having a fine garden of various vegetables and berries. On the place he has a fine well of water only a few feet deep and also a surface tank which he scraped out to the water, giving him everlasting water for all purposes. E. S. McArthur is a good citizen and a good farmer and we are glad to see him prospering and progressing.

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Spur, Texas



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A beverage with positive virtues. Better than just non-intoxicating—it's good for you. More than wholesome—it's a nutritive beverage. More than being refreshing—it's pure, free from bacteria. You will like Bevo for its goodness—it will repay you by its nutritive wholesomeness. Serve your guests with Bevo—then ask them what it is. They will make a guess, but they will be wrong.

Get Bevo at inns, restaurants, groceries, department and drug stores, picnic grounds, baseball parks, soda fountains, dining cars, steamships, and other places where refreshing beverages are sold. Guard against substitutes. Have the bottle opened in front of you, first seeing that the seal is unbroken and the crown top bears the Fox.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH ST. LOUIS



WALKER-SMITH CO.

Distributors BROWNWOOD, TEXAS

W. M. Stovall, of Dickens, visited Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. West, of near Spur, were here Saturday.

Judge Andrews, of Stamford, was among the visitors here Saturday.

Bill McArthur, of the Tap section, was in Spur Saturday on business.

Poet Hagins was here Saturday from his home in the Gilpin country.

John Sellman was in Spur Saturday from the Spur Ranch headquarters.

J. D. Martin, who lives four miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

M. C. West, who lives five miles south of the city, was in Spur Saturday.

C. M. Buchanan, of a few miles north of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday.

J. C. Weir and daughter, of near Spur, were in the city Saturday shopping.

R. J. Williams, of the West End settlement, was in Spur Saturday on business.

J. L. Moore was here Saturday from his ranch home six miles west of the city.

Miss Mable VanLeer, of near Dickens, was among the many shoppers here Saturday.

W. W. Franklin was in the city Saturday from his farm home seven miles east of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Moore were in Spur Saturday from their ranch home six miles west of the city.

Mrs. Abernathy, of three miles north of Spur, was among the many shoppers in the city last Saturday.

Mrs. Wayne VanLeer came to Spur one day last week and spent a short time here shopping with the merchants.

L. L. Arnold, of the Steel Hill country, was here Saturday.

J. Carlisle, of Gilpin, was in the city Saturday on business.

W. D. Thacker was here Saturday from the Draper country.

J. C. Ward, of seven miles south of Spur, was here Saturday.

J. E. Johnson returned recently from a business visit to Stamford.

J. A. Caple was here from the McAdoo country Monday and Tuesday.

H. C. West, who lives five miles south of the city, was in Spur Saturday.

W. T. Wilson and family, of six miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday.

W. P. T. Smith, of the Dry Lake country, was here Saturday on business.

J. W. Carlisle, of the Duck Creek country, was in Spur the latter part of last week.

J. L. Curry came in Saturday from his home south of Spur and spent a short time trading and visiting his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Walker, of the Espuela country, were among those in Spur Saturday. The Texas Spur has neglected until this time to announce that Mr. and Mrs. Walker have a son and heir who is now about two months of age. Those who have formed an acquaintance with the young heir state that he is a typical westerner and gives evidence of contributing honor to his parents all the days of his life. May young Mr. Walker live and prosper many years, and grow as broad in mind as the country of his birth and in maturer years may he become as distinguished as is the president of the United States today.

W. A. Valentine, of Tap, was here Saturday.

S. M. Bailey, of McAdoo, was in Spur Friday.

Sheriff Bob Goodall, of Kent county, was here Saturday.

W. L. Grubbs, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Saturday.

J. J. Hickman was here during last week from his home on the plains.

H. C. Eldredge, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur Friday.

Mace Hunter was here Saturday from his home 6 miles east of Spur.

A. A. Allen, of the Croton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week.

J. F. Speer, of near Dickens, was among the visitors to Spur Friday of last week.

O. W. Maddox, prominent citizen of Cat Fish, was a visitor to Spur last Friday.

H. W. Waldrup, of the Draper country, was among the visitors to Spur Saturday.

Ed Hulse and wife were in Spur Saturday from their farm home several miles west.

N. B. Fuqua, of Red Mud, was in Spur Saturday and paid the Texas Spur office a call.

Big, fine large tent for sale at attractive price. Call on J. I. Mecom at City Water Station. 2

Tom Owens and wife were in Spur Saturday from their ranch home 12 miles southwest of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marshall were in Spur Saturday from their home in the Steel Hill section.

E. B. Shaw, of the Croton section, was among the many visitors to Spur Saturday and paid the Texas Spur office a very pleasant call.

SACKS WANTED!

Burlap sacks wanted—leave the holes at home—good prices paid.—Farmers Wagon Yard, 26-4t.

J. H. Sparks, of Tap, was a visitor to Spur Saturday.

R. R. Johns is now driving a new Maxwell car.

Mr. Conner, of McAdoo, was in Spur Saturday.

Geo. Renro, of 10 miles east, was in Spur Saturday.

T. G. Bass, of the Dry Lake section, was in Spur Saturday.

W. D. Eldredge, of McAdoo, was in Spur Saturday on business.

J. C. Stephens was here from his home in the Afton country Saturday.

Jim H. Smith was in Spur Saturday from his home 8 miles west of Spur.

Robert Nickels, of McAdoo, was among the many visitors to Spur Saturday.

Mrs. J. E. Sparks and children, of the Tap country, were here Saturday.

L. W. Bilberry was in Spur Saturday from his home in the Gilpin country.

W. C. Barley and wife, of Dry Lake, were in Spur Saturday on business.

J. R. McArthur was here last Saturday from his home in the Tap country.

O. I. Taylor was here Saturday from his home in the Duck Creek community.

J. I. Greer, of the Lone Oak Sarm and Ranch, was in Spur Saturday on business.

H. C. Cherry, of Kent county, was among the many traders in Spur Saturday.

Proctor Brown was here the latter part of last week from the Dry Lake country.

Mrs. Dick Sampson, of the Red Mud country, was shopping in Spur Saturday.

W. W. Ellis and wife of Kent county, were among the shoppers in Spur Saturday.

W. D. Blair was in Spur Saturday from his home three or more miles east of Spur.

C. D. Pullin was here Saturday from his home in the McAdoo country on the plains.

H. C. Cartwright, of a few miles north of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business.

Paul Turner was in the city Saturday mailing the directories of Dickens and Kent counties.

B. F. Crump, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city the first of this week.

Bert Duncan, of near Dickens, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office one day last week.

J. M. Foster was here Wednesday from his farm and ranch home in the Croton section of country.

Newt Cravey has recovered of an attack of measles and was here Saturday. He reported that his brother, Dick, who provided for him during his illness, is now having his fight with the measles.

Elmo Sleight, who has been salesman for the Spur Overland Company the past several months, left Monday for Lubbock where he has a similar position with the Lubbock company. Elmo Sleight is not only an expert salesman of automobiles but knows the Overland business from a to z. He will make good in Lubbock as he did in Spur.

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**BALD FACTS BRIEFLY
AND BOLDLY TOLD**

Germany has gone war mad—she has gone mad just like people who think of nothing but one thing, and finally are locked up to keep them from hurting themselves or someone else—and Germany has to be handled. So let everyman and woman and child do just what they can to reduce the high cost of living and the possibility of the United States being invaded by a people who are not to blame as they have gone war mad, on account of the government, and that is all there is to it it seems.

Meantime, how would it do for Mr. Wilson to get in the game himself a little stronger and have Congress correct the evils of letting grafters make the people pay such terrible prices? Is there anything wrong in asking that question? Are we to suffer in purse and appetite, just because a few of the grafters have put all the available eggs in cold storage, when they cost \$9 per case, the highest price ever paid for cold storage eggs? Are we to suffer just because our government is going to let the tricksters keep every bit of food in their hands, turning it loose in just that proportion that will strip every working man of his wages in order to keep him from starving, barring sickness and lay-offs? Is it right for the people to pay such prices while the greed of the speculators, who are not now satisfied with less than 500 per cent causes them to place the goods of the world where the poor cannot get it, and where only the rich can reach in and get what they need, while they, the rich, scream PATRIOTISM! to the fighting men, and ask them, in God's name to defend the country. Is there the slightest justice in this? Will President Wilson, the greatest man ever in the chair, blot his name and record with such an atrocious crime as letting these grafters starve our babies and wives? Is that any way to get men to go fight?

In Heaven's Holy Name, NOT MUCH!

If you want to get men to fight without conscription and on strictly volunteer principles, which makes the best soldier in the known world, stop the grafter and spoiler, Mr. Wilson from cornering everything in the eatable line and let the women, children and others not in the fighting line, live while the fighting men are at the front.

In the name of everything that is Holy, what on earth is the incentive for a man to leave for the front for \$17.50 per month, leaving his family at home to live—to exist the best they can—while their meagre living costs them more than fifty dollars per month?

Mr. Wilson gets \$75,000 per year, as we have said before, with traveling expenses, which are \$25,000 per year. He simply cannot see the suffering in store for the man who gets only \$60 per month now at the high price of food stuffs that will receive \$17 per month at the front with prices higher. If Mr. Wilson does see this, why on earth doesn't he tell Congress to put the censor on the grafter—take his goods from him, if he is cornering them—put down prices all along the line and let us all have an even break, while we are trying to convince the Ger-

man that he is wrong. Some say they cannot take the goods from the speculator, because he owns them. Let's see about it. We might call it "conscripting" them, the goods, since we are fast subscribing to the doctrine of conscription for men to fight. Think of forcibly taking a man and making him fight to protect the cold storages that are forcing the same man to pay many times more than he now makes with which to feed his family! They would take the fighting man's liberty and even his life, but it is wrong to take the grafter's goods. The man, or men, who think that sort of rot is right must be mighty short-sighted, or something is the matter with them. A human being can be conscripted but not a sack of flour that has been stolen, actually stolen, from the channels of trade and put where it may rot, like eggs do—like meat does—before they will let the people have it, claiming that it will ruin prices to do so!

Then they tell you you cannot conscript the man's goods when he buys them up—that you cannot pay him a reasonable price for his goods and take them for war purposes for the sake of humanity unless he says so. No matter if that is true or not, you see Uncle Sam do it, if he needs it for his army but whether he will do that for his people is another thing. They tell you that confiscation of these goods is wrong, and then both the National and the State governments confiscate your land, paying you what it is worth, if needed for any purpose, such as building a railroad or placing a public building thereon. Do you think this is not so? Ask any railroad management if some of its land for right-of-ways were not confiscated—paid for at only what they were worth. Look into the proposed bill for the A. & M. branch and see if it does not say plainly that land will be confiscated if needed no matter whose it is, which means that the owner may set a price of \$1,000 per acre if he wants to and the state can set a price of \$25.00 per acre and take it. Why can't the government make the grafters sell their goods at a reasonable price and help the people, if the railway or school or a public building can thus be treated?

There are lots of worse things in this life than being shot to death. If we let the J. Ogden Armours and their ilk take the price of business in hand you will see a lot of people starving and then—

We actually shudder at what will happen, as you will see millions of people actually turning and actually welcoming—actually helping the Germans to win this country from such a band of thieves, if they all have to fight the Germans the balance of their lives.

Will Wilson stop the grafters, so the common people—the folks who fight all the wars create all the food and wealth, keep the country going—may fight this war and win it from the band of cut-throats who are trying to throttle the throat of civilization, or will they let the grafters starve us, and thus make us easy prey to the Germans?—Stamford Tribune.

**CREATION OF A. & M.
WILL BE RESUBMITTED.**

A bill has passed in the special legislative session to resubmit the proposition of creating Junior A. & M. Colleges and the West Texas Branch of the A. & M. College. It is thought by some of the legislators that it is inexpedient at this time to expend the required money in establishing these institutions. We had great expectations, especially concerning the West Texas branch of this college, and this announcement from the legislature is disappointing to many.

**WORLD NOT WITHOUT
BEAUTIFUL EXAMPLES**

If a baby finds a cup of coal oil it will drink every drop of the nauseating stuff, but it requires an hour's work of mother, doctor and nurse to force a spoonful of sweet medicine down the same baby's goozle. A 14 year old boy will work for four hours the hottest day in a summer cleaning off a baseball ground, but it requires two lickings to make him carry in a small load of stovewood. A woman will stand four hours with her feet encased in glove fitting shoes, and serve punch at a reception, who can't possibly stand up twenty minutes at the ironing board in carpet slippers and a man will sit for three hours on a beer keg and listen at a demagogic spiel on saving the country who couldn't stay awake one hour at church to save every soul in christendom. The world however, is not without beautiful examples of consistency, faithfulness and common sense. Consider the birds, the dogs and the horses. —Honey Grove Signal.

**ORGANIZE TO PRODUCE
MORE FOOD AND FEED**

Several Spur citizens motored to Watson school house Thursday night of last week to attend a meeting of the farmers of that community to discuss plans and organize for the purpose of planting more feed and food crops this year. Practically every farmer in that community was present and all agreed to plant larger acreages to feed crops and pay special attention to such crops during the year.

HELPING THE NEEDY.

This week the Spur W. O. W. Lodge was called upon and contributed \$16.65 to the aid of J. F. Sanders and family of the Dry Lake country, who as the result of sickness, death and misfortune in the family, were in need of assistance. The Dry Lake Singing Class, being apprised of the circumstances by Jeff Smith, contributed \$21.50. Other contributions were made through efforts of Bob Morgan, Mont J. Taylor and E. S. McArthur, the total amount not yet being turned in. The people of this country are most generous and always ready and anxious to help the unfortunate.

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A diplomat is one who knows how to get what he wants without fighting for it.

Many a man has won out because of his inability to realize that he was whipped.

Plain intellectual women are just the least bit envious of the handsome silly ones.

If a girl works hard to get a husband, that is no sign she will work hard to keep him afterwards.

Though the under dog gets a lot of sympathy, the upper canine gets the gate receipts.

We usually know what is the best thing for us to do, but the trouble is to persuade ourself to do it.

Cheerfulness lubricates the axles of the world. Some people go through life with a continuous smile.

Philosophy may not prevent a man from falling in love, but love knocks the corners off of philosophy.

When you start on an airship trip, or a trip to the matrimonial bureau don't worry about what may be the outcome.

Any city man can figure out a fortune from raising chickens but the figures get mixed because the hens are not mathematicians.—Ex.

Mrs. P. H. Miller left Spur the latter part of last week to accompany Charlie Rich to a sanitarium in Dallas where he will undergo treatment or an operation by a specialist.

Paul A. Turner was here this week and mailed out 1984 directories of Dickens and of Kent counties, containing the names of all tax payers of the two counties, a directory being mailed to each of the tax payers.

**KEEPING CALM
AND CHEERFUL**

Americans will be getting no end of advice, in the next few days, about the best ways to display their patriotism. They will be told that they must be fervid in public and private; must show how deeply their notions are stirred; must make every possible outward manifestation of their love of their country. Every kind of service, feasible and foolish, is to be offered. Volunteering is to be watched anxiously and stimulated by all known devices. In a word, we are to be excited, vigilant, resolved, tense. Doubtless, many will be; but it seems to us that a better counsel to give to people in general is, just now, to try to preserve equanimity and to face the unknown future with a smiling confidence. Is there, in fact, a better way to allay public apprehensions than for all fearful spirits to put fresh courage on, and show a cheerful front to the world? If it is un-American to despair the republic, it must be about as patriotic a thing as a man could do in wartime to go his way serene and untroubled by horrible imaginings.—Ex.

SPUR ATHLETIC CLUB ORGANIZED LAST WEEK

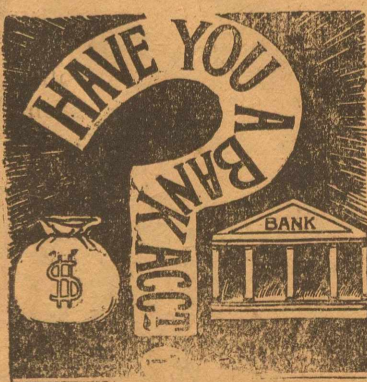
The Spur Athletic Club was organized last week with a membership of fifty two or fifty three. A room in the Gem Theatre has been fitted up, the equipments consisting of boxing gloves, wrestling mats, dumb bells and punching bags. The membership fee will be fifty cents and a monthly fee of twenty five cents.

MOVING TO SPUR.

L. H. Perry returned the latter part of last week from Stephenville where he spent a week or two winding up his business and other affairs in that place preparatory to moving to Spur and hereafter be personally identified with the Spur Hardware Company. Mr. Perry will move his family to Spur at the closing of school in Stephenville, which will be about the first of June. We are glad to welcome them to Spur.

DIED.

Mrs. J. F. Sanders died Saturday of last week at her home near Dry Lake and the remains were buried Monday in the Spur Cemetery, the burial being delayed awaiting the arrival of relatives from a distance. Twin babies, a boy and a girl, were born Monday, and are both living at this time and doing well. The Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved father and husband.



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HOW YOU CAN DESTROY FLIES

A safe and effective weapon against the typhoid or house fly has been found in powdered hellebore by scientists of the department of agriculture. Flies lay their eggs chiefly in stable manure. Powdered hellebore mixed with water and sprayed over the manure will destroy the larvae which are hatched from the eggs. Since powdered hellebore is readily obtainable, this puts in the hands of everyone a remedy for one of the pests that has been found dangerous as well as troublesome. Powdered hellebore, is not a remedy for adult flies and they should be swatted or trapped.

It has long been known that flies breed in manure but previous methods of destroying the larvae there by the use of a strong chemical has been open to the objection that the treatment under some conditions lessened the fertilizing value or actually injured vegetation. This is not true of powdered hellebore. Government experiments have shown that the hellebore is entirely decomposed in the course of the fermentation of the manure and that even in excessive quantities it does no harm except to destroy larvae it is intended to destroy. Chickens picking in the manure treated with it suffer no ill effects.

One half pound of powdered hellebore mixed with ten gal-

the larvae in eight bushels, or lons of water is sufficient to kill ten cubic feet of manure. The mixture should be sprinkled as carefully as possible over the pile, especial attention being paid to the outer edges. In most places hellebore is obtainable in 100 pound lots at a cost of 11 cents a pound. This makes the cost of the treatment a little less than seven-tenths of a cent per bushel of manure. A liberal estimate of the output of manure is two bushels a day per horse. The money involved is, therefore, trifling in comparison with the benefits to the individual and the community from the practical elimination of the disease spreading fly.

Although fresh manure is a favorite breeding spot, flies lay

their eggs in other places as well, such as outhouses, refuse piles, etc. In these places from which no manure is taken to spread on the fields, considerable saving may be effected by the substitution of borax for the powdered hellebore. Applied at the rate of 0.62 pounds per eight bushels of manure, borax is as effective as powdered hellebore in killing the larvae but costs less than a half-cent for each bushel of manure treated. In larger quantities, however, or when the manure is spread at a greater rate than 15 tons to the acre some damage to the crops may result.

Herbert Irwin is confined to his room and bed this week, suffering of the measles.

BUILDING NEW RESIDENCE ON PLAINS NEAR McADOO

Rush McLaughlin is now having a new residence constructed on his place on the plains near McAdoo. Mr. McLaughlin recently lost his home in that country by fire. The new home is large, roomy and modern in every detail.

The plains country is developing, building and progressing rapidly and most substantially.

W. S. Campbell and W. F. Godfrey went out to the Pitchfork Ranch Tuesday and spent the night out there fishing in the big lake. The norther brought them in early Wednesday morning.



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GERMANY'S SUB-MARINE EFFORT

In war, perhaps more than in any other contest of strength, it is perilous to underestimate the resources and strength of the enemy. That is one of the truisms which are so true that we are in danger of overlooking them altogether. Thus, in regard to the German submarine campaign, we note that there is a tendency to underestimate its potential danger to the allies, and therefore, in the event of its success, to ourselves.

It is generally believed that the submarine-infested areas are so completely covered by the anti-submarine fleets of the Allies that the strength of the German attack is constantly being weakened by very large losses; but if we analyze the testimony and apply it to the cold criticism which we would use in any other enterprise; in other words, if we brush aside unauthenticated rumors and confine ourselves entirely to official statements, we shall find that the Allied Governments have never made any definite statement whatsoever as to the number of German and Austrian submarines that have been captured or sunk.

It is only recently that this journal has been able to obtain a conservative estimate, in the quarters where reliable statistics are available; and we are informed that a total loss of an hundred would be, if anything, an overestimate of the truth. This figure includes many boats which were supposed to be lost because they were believed to have been heavily hit by shell fire.

For some months we have had a growing conviction based upon a very close study of the campaign that the submarine losses were not nearly so large as represented, and that with the growth in size, speed and sea-keeping qualities of the submarine, the problem of meeting and breaking up the so-called blockade is becoming increasingly difficult.

It is our belief that at the time of the Jutland fight, when the German high seas fleet was driven back, with heavy losses and in a badly battered condition, to its naval bases, Germany, realizing the hopelessness of any attempt to defeat or break through the British fleet, determined to cease all work upon the construction of capital ships and bend its whole ship and engine-building capacity to the creation of a great fleet of submarines for war upon enemy and neutral commerce. Saving and except that this was an utterly illegal

form of warfare, the Germans were perfectly right in stating that herein lay their "last chance of victory." For it is a fact, granted a sufficiently large fleet of submarines, the allies can be, if not starved, at least so hampered by a shortage of food and raw materials for the manufacture of guns, shells and military equipment that they will be unable to win such an absolute victory as to enable them to dictate the term of peace. This is the situation as Germany sees it today. She has stated that it is her purpose to force the Allies to a comprimise peace, and whether she can do it or not depends first and last upon her ability to set afloat and man, within a definite period of time, the thousand or more submarines which would enable her thus to bring the allies to their knees.

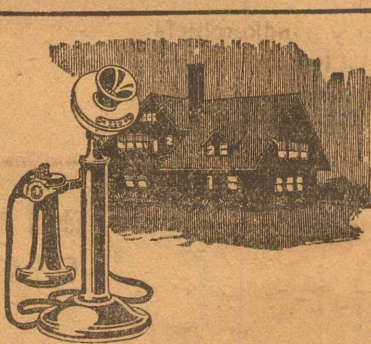
What is the German submarine-building capacity? Is it sufficient to enable her, say within a year, to build, equip and man a thousand or twelve hundred boats? Nobody outside of Germany can answer that question; but the Scientific American believes that she is probably well able to do this, provided, of course, that she is not herself brought to her knee through financial collapse, or through starvation or by the absolute overthrow of her armies.

Of course, the only plan by which Germany could build a thousand submarines in a year would be by what has come to be known as the manufacturing method, of which a notable example is found in the great Ford plant at Detroit. It is pretty safe to say that she has adopted a standard type of the craft, the details of which are based upon the experiences of the last two years, and that she has enlisted the whole of her ship-building plants, public or private, and a corresponding number of her engine-building firms, in this work.

We have made an investigation of the capacity of the German yards as regards building ways, and it discloses the interesting fact that without laying

additional ways, she could have under construction at any given time about 530 submarines of the size of the U-53 which came to Newport last year. The 800 ton submarine requires about 30 feet of clear space width to allow a working space around the hull, and its length is something under 250 feet. Each of the three 625-foot dry docks at Wilhelmshaven, for instance, would permit of the construction of six submarines on its floor, and eight boats could be constructed in each of the large docks, 822 feet in length. Also the floating docks, of which the Germans have so many, would form excellent building ways. The smaller dry docks, 500 feet or less in length, and the floating docks would take two, three or four submarines, as the case might be. Moreover, ways suitable for submarine construction can be built rapidly on foreshore or river bank, and the actual shipping and dockyard capacity, so far as building ways is concerned, could be quickly doubled. If the Germans see fit, they could have a thousand submarines under construction at any time.

The limiting factor as to the time capacity, however, would not be the provision of ways, or even the construction of hulls, but rather the rapid construction of the internal equipment. Of this, the engines would present the least difficulty; for Germany is the greatest Diesel-engine country, and if they extended themselves in a concerted effort of this kind, the leading heavy-oil engine builders, such as Krupp's, the Emden Works, the Augsburg Works, and the Neuremburg Works, reinforced by less known firms and the number of engineering plants which could be requisitioned for this work, would be well able to take care of the demand. The principal difficulty would be to supply the special apparatus in the way of periscopes, gyroscopic compasses and the other mechanical details, which must be of the very finest workmanship



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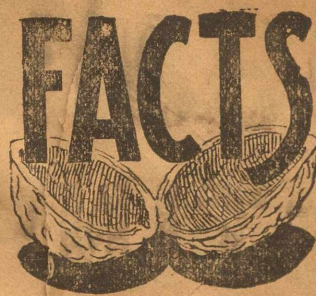
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and require special knowledge and skill. Germany, however, is famous for her optical work, and unless there was a shortage of the materials required, the instrument makers would be able to keep pace with the ship builders and the builders of the engines.

As to the time for the construction, one large shipbuilding firm in this country has assured us that if its plants were doing nothing else it could turn out a submarine of the German type in five month's time. Our naval Construction Corps estimates that it would take seven months. If Germany is concentrating her whole shipbuilding resources upon this task, we believe that six months might be taken as a fair average.

The Central Powers may have two hundred submarines afloat (and we think it is possible that they may have many more than that), and if, as is more than likely, they have some five hundred on the ways at the present time, this would mean that in six months they would have seven-hundred U-boats available, and twelve hundred by next spring.

But the crews? The German naval personnel numbers over 150,000 men. Her idle battleships can supply all the men required to man the submarines as they are successively set afloat.

Here, as we see it, is the immediate danger point in this great conflict into which we are now entered. It is here that we should apply, and we should at once apply, our effort. If we refuse to do this, and elect to fight a purely defensive war, and the Allies should have to make a peace

favorable to Germany, we may ultimately find ourselves face to face with the high seas fleet of Germany and the veteran army, ten million strong, of the four nations of the Central Powers.—Scientific American.

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C. B. Jones returned Friday from Denver, Colorado, where he had been with Mrs. Jones through an operation. He reports Mrs. Jones doing nicely.

Miss Neoma Smith was in Spur Saturday from her home in the Red Mud country, and spent a short time here visiting friends and shopping.

E. L. Clay returned to Spur Tuesday from the Forbis ranch where he has been several weeks doing windmill work, he having completed the job.

Dantes Inferno was shown Monday night at the Gem Theatre, and which was appreciated by a large audience. Mr. Williams is giving Spur a good picture show and deserves the liberal patronage which is being accorded him.

W. A. Taylor returned Sunday from his Silver Lake farm home on the plains where he has been the past week or two planting a crop of feed stuff. He reports conditions now most promising of bumper crops, and he expects to harvest bountiful yields this fall. So mote it be.

J. R. Rogers, of Draper, was in Spur Monday, calling at the Texas Spur office and having his subscription market up a notch or two. Mr. Rogers has been making good money out of hogs the past year or two, and now has a number on his pace. He has 600 acres of land, 300 of which is in cultivation and on which he raises plenty feed stuff and pasturage for his hogs and stock. He is a diversified farmer and one of the best fixed men of the country.

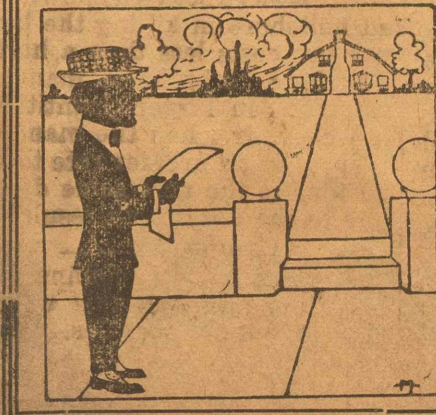
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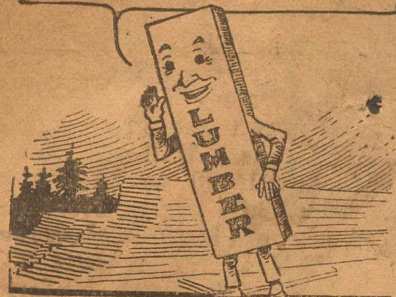
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Mrs. W. P. T. Smith was in Spur Saturday shopping.

Aubrey Johnson, son of Eb Johnson, of Spur, recently left Spur to enlist in the navy.

John Weathers was here Tuesday from his home at the Red Mud Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Bryant were here Saturday from their home on the Pitchfork Ranch.

Buster Bural, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Saturday. Buster is now driving a new Maxwell car.

R. N. Thomas was in Spur Saturday from his home two or three miles southeast of the city.

Misses Brantner, charming young ladies of the Red Mud country, were shopping in the city Saturday.

Elmer Shugart, who lives a few miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday. He has just recovered of an attack of the measles.

W. H. Tallant, of a few miles south of Spur, was in town the first of the week, reporting that he had planted some feed and cotton. Many other farmers throughout the country have planted and are planting this week.

H. O. Albin and J. J. Albin, who recently moved to the Spur country, called in Saturday and had their names enrolled on the Texas Spur subscription list. They are well fixed and substantial citizens and we are glad to welcome them as resident citizens of the great Spur country—the biggest, broadest and most productive country in the world.

Bob Gipson, who lives near Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Mr. Thomas was here Saturday from his home near the city.

A. B. Morgan, of twelve miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

T. W. Morgan was in Spur Saturday from his home west of the city.

W. J. Elliot, of the Spring Creek Farm and Ranch, was in the city Saturday.

W. F. Foreman, of seven miles north of Spur, was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday.

Dewitt Haden, of Quanah, spent several days of this and last week at the J. L. Moore ranch west of Spur.

L. S. Scott and family, of a few miles northwest of Spur, were among the number of visitors to Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bowman came in Saturday from their farm home three miles north of the city and spent several hours trading with merchants.

If you want a fine Jersey milk cow, 7 years old, with a young calf and now giving milk see J. J. Albin of near Spur and tell him that you read in the Texas Spur, or that someone who did read it in this paper told you that he would sell such a cow at a low price. Mr. Albin will also sell you an almost brand new Spaulding hack at a reduced price. Now you can get this cow or this hack at a bargain provided you do not fail to state that this information came to you through the Texas Spur.

Mebane Cotton seed and red top cane seed, free from weevils for sale by J. H. Farmer. 26-2t Mrs. J. I. Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch, left Friday of last week to visit her invalid mother at Ballinger.

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S. W. Rather, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday.

D. E. Thomas was in the city Saturday on business.

J. P. Koonsman, of the Croton, country, was here Saturday.

W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill country, was here Saturday.

Bill Cartwright, of the Soldier Mound country, was here Saturday.

W. F. Shugart, who lives 8 miles east of the city, was here Saturday.

L. C. Arrington, of Dickens, was among the number in Spur Saturday.

Mr. Mimms, of the Draper country, was in Spur Saturday on business.

W. H. Cartwright, of the Soldier Mound community, was in Spur Saturday.

Jeff Smith came in Saturday from his home west of Spur and spent a short time in the city on business.

W. M. Hazel recently evidenced his patriotism in that he refused to raise the price of feed while the other dealers had none to sell, notwithstanding that the price of feed has advanced on the market. Tell us that there is no patriotism outside of fighters?

Doc Edwards, of the Croton country, was here Saturday.

Rev. Bates returned this week from a trip to Fort Worth.

J. C. Cozby, of three miles east of Spur, was here Saturday.

Jno. Law, of a few miles north of Afton, was here Saturday.

H. V. Davis, of ten miles west of Spur, was in town Saturday.

W. F. Cathey, of a few miles north of the city, was in Spur Saturday.

Johnson Hunter was in Spur Saturday from his home five or six miles east of the city.

For Sale—S. C. Black Minorca eggs. \$1.50 for 15.—Mrs. Ed Hufstедler. 26-4tp.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hindman, of a few miles west of the city, were here Saturday shopping.

Ranger Robinson is drilling a squad of the Home Guards at Dickens. Every where the citizens are showing their loyalty by drilling in military work.

M. L. Blakely, of near Afton, was one of a party who passed through Spur Monday on their return from attending the Methodist Conference of this district. The next regular Conference meeting will be held in Matador.

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A SCHEDULE OF THE WAR DECLARATIONS FROM 1914

The declarations of war, or formal entrances into war, were made as follows: In 1914, July 28, Austria vs. Serbia; Aug. 1, Germany vs. Russia; Aug. 3, Germany vs. France; Aug. 4, Germany vs. Belgium; Aug. 4, France vs. Germany; Aug. 4, Great Britain vs. Germany; Aug. 6, Austria vs. Russia; Aug. 7, Montenegro vs. Austria; Aug. 10, Austria vs. France; Aug. 12, Great Britain vs. Austria; Aug. 12, Montenegro vs. Germany; Aug. 23, Japan vs. Germany; Aug. 25, Austria vs. Japan; Aug. 28, Austria vs. Belgium; Oct. 29, Turkey vs. Russia; Nov. 2, Russia vs. Turkey; Nov. 5, Great Britain vs. Turkey; Nov. 5, France vs. Turkey; Nov. 7, Serbia vs. Turkey; Nov. 7, Belgium vs. Turkey; Nov. 10, Montenegro vs. Turkey. In 1915, May 23, Italy vs. Austria; June 3, San Marino vs. Austria; Aug. 20, Italy vs. Turkey; Oct. 7, Russia vs. Bulgaria; Oct. 14, Bulgaria vs. Serbia; Oct. 14, Great Britain vs. Bulgaria; Oct. 16, Bulgaria vs. Russia; Oct. 18, Italy vs. Bulgaria; Oct. 18, Montenegro vs. Bulgaria. In 1916, March 9, Germany vs. Portugal; March 10, Portugal vs. Germany; March 16, Austria vs. Portugal; Aug. 28, Roumania vs. Austria; Aug. 28, Germany vs. Roumania; Aug. 30, Roumania vs. Bulgaria; Aug. 31, Turkey vs. Roumania; Sept. 1, Bulgaria vs. Roumania; In 1917, April 6, United States vs. Germany; April 7, Cuba vs. Germany.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our heart felt thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Avery and all others who so nobly and faithfully assisted us in caring for our daughter and sister, Mrs. J. F. Sanders, during her recent illness which resulted in her death at their home in the Dry Lake community. We assure you of our full appreciation of every favor shown her, and earnestly pray God's richest blessing on each one.—J. M. Proctor and children, Sagerton, Texas.

W. W. Garner was among the many visitors to Spur Wednesday.
H. C. Craigs, of Red Mud, was among the visitors in Saturday.

NOTICE

To all persons who reside outside of the Spur Independent School District who desire to send their children to the schools of said district for the ensuing year of 1917-1918, the School Board has passed the following order: "That all pupils who have not been transferred as required by law, shall be required to pay for the full term, and all those who have been transferred shall be entitled to free school for such a length of time as the sum allotted from the State and county to such district will maintain the schools of the Independent District, but shall be required to pay tuition for the balance of the term.—E. C. Edmonds, President of School Board; B. D. Glasgow, Secretary.

On account of the high price of grain and the unsettled markets we are forced to close our books and do a strictly cash business. All city orders will be sent C. O. D. Out of town customers please send your check with order. Those owing us kindly settle your account.—Spur Grain & Coal Company. Phone 51.

Judge Camp, a prohibition lecturer, was in Spur and lectured at the churches in the morning, afternoon and night of Sunday. Those who heard him say that he is an effective and forceful orator and knows how to handle his subject.

Rev. Wm. M. Lernay, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, who was scheduled to begin a series of meetings in Spur at the First Christian Church Sunday, failed to come, account of illness. However, the meeting will be had at a later date.

J. M. Jones, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday.

J. I. and Tom Greer were in the city Wednesday looking after business matters.

Ben Hagins, of Duck Creek, was among the numerous visitors to Spur Saturday.

South front rooms to rent—Mrs. F. N. Oliver. 26-2t.

J. A. Kerley was in the city Wednesday.

Shoats for sale. See the Spot Cash Grocery.

Joe Ericson was in Spur one day this week on business.

Red Top cane seed for sale.—Brannen Bros. Company.

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CALL MEETING FOR FARM LOAN ASSOCIATION

The Dickens County Federal Farm Loan Association will hold a meeting Wednesday, May 2nd, for the further completion of the organization. Everyone interested in this organization should be present at the individual applications which are to be filled out by the borrower are to be handed out at this meeting. It is further desired that each member be present in order to sign the Articles of Association and other papers which are necessary to complete the organization.

The meeting will be held in Spur Wednesday, May 2nd, at 10 a. m.—Jno. B. Hardin, Secretary-Treasurer.

DRY LAKE ITEMS

Mr. W. A. Johnson and son, John, are visiting in Shawnee, Oklahoma. They made the trip in their Dodge car.

Messrs. R. P. Dopson and J. E. Brown are attending Conference at Rule this week.

We are glad to note the arrival of another car in the Dry Lake, community, the owner being Mr. Jeff Smith.

Messrs. Jeff and Jim Smith attended lodge meeting of the W. O. W. in Spur Saturday night.

Mr. Harris and family visited Center View in Stonewall county last Sunday.

Mrs. W. A. Johnson and Mrs. Dopson took dinner with Mrs. W. C. Barley last Sunday.

Mrs. H. H. Hill is reported on the sick list this week.

Mr. and Mrs. English were called to Bob English's this week on account of the sickness of Mrs. English. They spent the week at Bob's.

Miss Pearle Blackwell is visiting Miss Lattie Johnson this week.

Misses Esther Davis, Lessie Barley, Bessie Davis, Ora Lee Denson, and Pearle Blackwell and Messrs. Coy Dopson, Clifford Barley, Burren Smith, Roy Dopson, and Jack Denson took dinner with Miss Lottie Johnson Sunday.

Mr. Alf Denson, of Sagerton, has been visiting his mother and brother, Ott Denson, returning to his home Monday.

Mrs. W. R. Barley and two sons, S. D. and C. F. Barley, of Childress, are visiting W. C. Barley and family this week.

Quite a few of the young folks attended the prohibition lecture at Spur Sunday night.

W. C. Barley and brother, C. F. Barley, attended the prohibition lecture at Spur Sunday night.

WESTERN KID.

Shoats for sale. See the Spot Cash Grocery.

Mr. Gollihar was here Saturday from McAdoo.

Mrs. W. P. T. Smith was in Spur Saturday shopping.

Shoats for sale. See the Spot Cash Grocery.

W. P. Simpson and wife spent Sunday in Jayton with friends.

J. N. Zumwalt, of twenty miles west of Spur, was here Saturday on business.

Misses Marie and Pauline Oliver graced our sanctum Monday with their presence.

E. F. Hall and family and W. S. Taylor and family visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike M. Young near Jayton Sunday.

Edwin and Blennie Pace are spending the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hammonds of the Tap country, recuperating from an illness of the measles.

Mrs. E. E. Holmes, of Hamilton, mother of N. A. Baker, and Dr. C. C. Baker and wife and F. H. Baker, of Hamilton, Dr. W. T. Baker and J. B. Baker, of Dallas, and Mrs. Hetty Shannon, of Oklahoma City, brothers and sister, are in Spur this week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Baker.

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E. N. Brown, of the McAdoo country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here handed us two and a half big silver dollars to extend his subscription up to the good year 1918. When we first came to Spur and established the Texas Spur it was not infrequent that we met men who informed us that they would be glad to read the paper but that they were afraid to pay their subscription in advance since they had been "skinned" a number of times by newspapers "suspending" operations. We appreciate the confidence shown the Texas Spur in that now the majority of our subscribers keep paid up in advance and have little fear of being "skinned" out of a year's subscription. We have been here more than seven years, and during this time we have never missed publishing the paper a single week, and if we live, keep our health and continue to own the plant the Texas Spur will be published every week during the next seven years. So you need not hold back in the least when it comes to paying your subscription up in advance—we will deliver the goods. Several have already paid up to 1920 and we have placed them on "our honor roll."

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Geo. W. Dodson, of the Liberty community north of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday. Mr. Dodson has not sold all of his last year's cotton crop, he having a number of bales stored for a price of twenty cents. We hope he will get his price and even more. According to the way other things are advancing cotton ought to bring about thirty cents.

ARRESTED MAN WANTED IN KENT COUNTY

Last week the Texas Spur contained a clipping with reference to a reward offered by Sheriff Goodall of Kent county for the arrest of Sam Wofford. Immediately after the paper had been issued Deputy Sheriff John Hazlewood read the clipping and within fifteen minutes had Mr. Wofford under arrest and delivered him to Sheriff Goodall following morning. Wofford is charged with having raised a check given him on the Girard bank, the check being for five dollars and raised to fifty dollars.

Deputy Sheriff Hazlewood, as well as Sheriff Collier are always on the look-out for law violators and are making the county good officers in every respect.

MERRY WIVES

Mesdames Manning and Nicholson entertained the Merry Wives and their husbands Friday night at the home of Mrs. Manning. Upon entering the guests were served with delicious punch at a table beautifully decorated with roses and bride's wreaths. Mrs. Pierce presided over the punch bowl.

At the conclusion of a number of forty two games, refreshments of cake and cherry ice cream were served to a large number of guests.

Those present were Mesdames and Messrs. Link, Jennings, Baker, McClure, Neilon, Pierce, Standifer, Cates, Clemmons, Davis, Godfrey, C. Hogan, Higginbotham, Tunnell, Edmonds, Campbell, Bates, Bobo, Andrews, Grace, Nicholson and Manning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hawley Bryant were here Saturday from their home on the Pitchfork Ranch.

W. H. Birdwell dropped in to see us one day this week. Recently Mr. Birdwell made arrangements with us for a cap-and-ball pistol with which to wage war on invading Mexicans, but now he says that "Sallie, the cook" has convinced him that he should remain at home since every character of food and feed has advanced to such an extent that the people will be forced to produce their own living at home or go hungry, therefore he has decided to put in a big crop of food and feed stuff and renounce all ideas of war.

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