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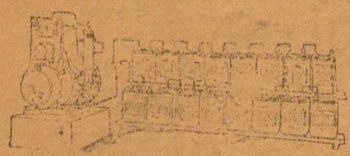
### BIGGEST BUSINESS THIS YEAR THAN EVER DID BEFORE

The Love Dry Goods Company is now conducting its annual January Clearance Sale. Mr. Love informed us that the receipts from the sale this January had far exceeded any previous year, up to this time. The fact that they are pushing this sale by an extensive advertising campaign in the paper and through circular letters is conclusive proof that they are getting results. This campaign of advertising results not only in benefit to Love Dry Goods Company, but to many other concerns of the town, in that this advertising brings people to their store and while they are in town they visit other places and perchance buy a few items, come around to the Texas Spur office and pay a year's subscription, and in this manner the advertising done by one concern helps the town. If every merchant of Spur would inaugurate a campaign of advertising throughout the year 1919, this year would go down in history as one of the greatest years in the advancement and extension of trade since the establishment of the town. Advertising is the greatest asset to a business, a town or a country, and the Love Dry Goods Company is one of the firms which appreciates this fact and takes advantage of it. Let us all get in the advertising game this year and make it a boomer.

#### NOTICE!

I Pay Cash For—  
**SECOND-HAND  
FURNITURE  
AND STOVES**  
Will Buy Anything Worth the  
Money!  
**W. C. HARREL**  
At Spur Hardware & Fur. Co.  
Call and See me or Phone.

The complete Electric Light and  
Power Plant  
Simple in construction, durable  
dependable, efficient in operation



**E. W. MCKENZIE, DEALER**  
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MATADOR, TEXAS

For a Short Time Only----

# FREE

An Extra Pair of

# TROUSERS

With every made to measure suit  
selected from Shayne-Brum pure  
wool fabric.

## Hogan & Patton

### DICKENS COUNTY CITIZEN WILL DRILL AN OIL WELL

W. McCarty and Henry McCarty, of the Afton country, were in Spur one day this week selling stock in an oil concern which will operate in the Red River country just over the line in Oklahoma. One of the McCarty boys will drill the well, and many people of Dickens county are taking a few shares of stock in the company because they know and have confidence in the McCarty boys, and also because they think oil will be found. At any rate they have no fear of being cheated out of their money by the drillers.

### NEW YORK CITY HAD ONLY A LIMITED QUARANTINE

The Roaring Spring Report stated recently that the Commissioners met in that county to determine whether or not the schools of the county should close again on account of the influenza. The schools, and even the business houses were closed a part of the time recently on account of the influenza epidemic. However, they found that the court had no jurisdiction over the matter of closing the schools of the county. The New York City Health Officer recently issued a statement with respect to that city's experience with the influenza epidemic, and in which he stated that the death rate of any city in the United States and that at no time did they quarantine by closing schools, picture shows, etc. They only condemned the operation of "holes-in-the-wall" where ventilation was insufficient to invite healthful surroundings.

### M. V. BALDWIN DIED JANUARY 16TH AT HOME NEAR GIRARD

M. V. Baldwin died January 16th at Girard, the remains being interred in the Girard cemetery.

M. V. Baldwin was seventy four years of age and during the past twenty four years had made his home with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Boling, Mrs. Boling being his daughter.

Mrs. Morris returned to her home at Haskell Tuesday, after a pleasant visit with her son, Dr. J. E. Morris and wife.

### SPUR COUNTRY MAY HAVE TEST FOR OIL IN NEAR FUTURE

One "duster" does not disprove any oil field. This fact has been thoroughly proven in every oil field of any note in the United States. All of them have their dry holes, and this fact does not discourage further development. A very recent proof that this statement is true is the history of the Burkburnett, Texas, oil field, which is called "wonder oil field."

Several years ago shallow oil was found near Burkburnett, and immediately several deep tests were drilled over the country, all of them being "dusters." The operators continued to develop and utilize the shallow oil which was no "big thing", but all hope of a rich find deeper had apparently been abandoned. But there was one stockfarmer at Burkburnett who had withstood the droughts and the winds of West Texas until he was about ready to give it up, and would have, save for a deep-seated belief that abundance of oil lay beneath his land, notwithstanding the "dusters" drilled in various portions of the country. So strong was his belief that he influenced his relatives and friends to back him in drilling a test well. This man's name is Fowler, and you well know the results of his efforts. Within a few weeks time Burkburnett had surpassed all Texas fields in oil production.

Several years ago a well was drilled on one of the twenty-acre blocks south of Spur by S. M. Swenson & Sons, to a depth of approximately five thousand feet. A hard limestone rock was encountered which the drillers were unable to get through. That well has seemingly been a barrier to oil development in this immediate section of country, notwithstanding the fact that all geologists say that oil indications are here, and some have said that had the drill in the Spur well gone through the rock formation oil would have been found.

But now comes a man with assurance that an oil test well will be sunk by an oil company in the Highway community, a few miles west of Spur, at no distant date, can he be able to meet their proposition. Joe Gaines, who resides in that community, says he has an offer from a reputable oil company to sink a test well if he will secure an oil and mineral lease on twenty thousand acres of land in a body. He further says he has all the leases except a few tracts, and expects to be able within a short while to meet the oil company's proposition.

Two geologists have recently made a survey of this immediate scope of country and report that formations, structures, etc., indicate oil. No geologist can depict the exact amount of oil that may be found, but the fact that the largest oil concerns in the land pay them big salaries to pass judgment on prospective fields is evidence that they can tell from outward indications what lies beneath the top part of the earth.

Oil development in Texas is ripe now, and it is the opportune time for a deep test in the sections of this country that have received favorable reports of reputable geologists.

Who knew a few months ago that oil would now be spouting from the bowels of the earth in the Ranger field? Who knows but that Dickens county will be attracting the attention of the world for oil production a few months hence?

### UNCLE GEORGE DAVIS DIED WEDNESDAY NEAR AFTON

Uncle George Davis died Thursday of this week at his home in the Afton country, after an illness of short duration.

Uncle George Davis was one of the "old timers" of Dickens county. He was one among the best citizens of Western Texas and his death will be a real loss to the country and a real sorrow to many friends throughout the country.

### GROWING REGARDLESS OF THE DROUTH AND WAR RULINGS

H. C. Cheeley, of near Spur, was in the city last week and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and had his name placed on our subscription list. The Texas Spur subscription list continues to grow regardless of drouths and high prices and rulings of the war department. We appreciate this fact very much, and some day when we strike oil, we intend to publish a five dollar paper for only a dollar and fifty cents.

### OIL POSSIBILITIES STILL EXIST IN AND AROUND TOWN OF SPUR

S. H. Twaddell, of the Soldier Mound community, was in town Saturday and informed us that an oil man was expected soon to arrive here to inspect a big lease of land in that section with the view of drilling for oil. Other oil men who have inspected this proposition state that oil indications are good and that oil will likely be found in that section. The fact that a well was drilled in Spur nearly five thousand feet deep without striking anything, is not evidence that oil can not be found several miles away, or even a mile away. We have heard it stated that geologists have said that it was very probable that if the Spur well had been drilled thru the rock in which they quit drilling, oil would have been found. We would like to see two or three more test wells go down in this country. Even in the Ranger and Burkburnett oil fields, dry holes are to be seen. A well half mile from Spur might be a "spouter"—we can never know until other wells are drilled.

### HALF FREIGHT RATE EXTEND- ED TO BENEFIT THE FARMERS

Clifford B. Jones received a telegram Thursday from Congressman Jones, stating that in response to a former letter, congress had extended the time limit for receiving shipments of seed at the one-half freight rate to March 1st.

This extension and consideration will result in great benefit to the farmers throughout the country, and especially in West Texas.

### COUNTY COURT IS IN SESSION THIS WEEK IN DICKENS

County Court convened Monday in Dickens, with Judge Walter L. Powell presiding and Judge Worswick as prosecutor.

A number of cases have been disposed of up to this time. A full report will be given when the court adjourns.

### THREE MEN SHOT WHILE IN SWEETWATER JANUARY 13TH

Sweetwater, Jan. 13.—A sensational shooting affair took place here at the union station at 3:45 o'clock Sunday afternoon, in which Monroe Leverett was shot four times, J. D. Padgett of Melrose, N. M., was hit by a stray bullet, sustaining a broken arm, and a soldier boy was struck by another stray bullet, receiving a slight wound.

W. R. Nicholson, of Post City, surrendered to the authorities following the shooting.

All parties were passengers on the Santa Fe train.

Attending physicians stated Sunday evening that Monroe Leverett will probably not live through the night.

The cause of the shooting is said to be family troubles.

### AMERICAN TROOPS READY TO GO INTO POLAND WAR

Paris, Jan. 13.—America has informed the allied governments, according to the Temps, that it is ready to send an American expeditionary corps to Poland. This force, the news paper says, would be able to at least double the support given by the two Polish divisions to be sent from the western front, and enable the Poles to victoriously resist the bolsheviks.

Geo. S. Link made a business trip to Post the latter part of last week.

#### NOTICE

**DR. MONTGOMERY  
OF STAMFORD**

Will be in Spur three days

Thursday, Friday and  
day Saturday

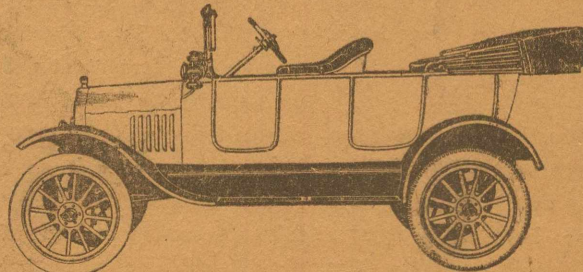
February 20, 21 and 22

prepared to remove tonsils  
and adenoids; treat diseases  
of the eye, ear, nose and  
throat, and to fit glasses.

Office with Dr. Standifer.

Genuine Ford Parts For Sale

Goodyear Casings



Reino Casings

FORDS—F. O. B. Detroit:  
Touring Car, \$450; Roadster, \$435.

W. F. GODFREY, Dealer  
Spur, Texas.



Don't worry—I will soon be well. My medicines came from the right Drug Store

WE HAVE MADE OUR DRUG STORE THE RIGHT DRUG STORE BY USING CARE IN EVERYTHING WE DO. WE PREPARE OUR COMPOUNDS WITH CARE; WE FILL PRESCRIPTIONS WITH CARE; WE SELECT OUR TOILET ARTICLES AND EVERYTHING WE PLACE IN OUR DRUG STORE WITH CARE. THE CARE WE USE MAKES OUR DRUG STORE THE RIGHT DRUG STORE FOR YOU.

**THE RED FRONT DRUG STORE**  
WE GIVE YOU WHAT YOU ASK FOR!

I want to buy some mesquite grubs for fire place.—R. C. Forbis, Spur. 8tf

B. F. Crump, of several miles south west of Spur, was a visitor in the city Saturday.

**FOR SALE**—Fort Worth Well Machine, 6-horse engine, good shape. Will sell or trade.—Geo. Renfro. 26f

W. L. Grubbs, of Red Mud, was in town Saturday trading with the merchants.

A. Lollar, of a few miles east of town, was here recently trading and looking after other matters.

Mrs. B. F. Crump, of southwest of Spur, has been spending the past few days in Spur at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dunn.

**The Huns are beaten, the war is won and the Allied Bakery and Restaurant will continue to make Victory Bread. Try a loaf. It tastes like**

A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill community, returned the latter part of the past week from a trip into the state of Oklahoma where he spent a few days on business.

Tom Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur, was in town Saturday and made a trip down to Jayton, spending a short time in that city.

Raldo Newman came to Spur one day the past week from his ranch in the eastern part of the country, and spent some time here buying supplies and meeting friends.

Recently J. C. Keller, of the Riter Hardware Co., handed us a check for four dollars and fifty cents to push his subscription up ahead of time, and for which he has our thanks. J. C. Keller is an all-round, fine man every day in the week.

Mrs. W. C. Pressley and young son, of the Pressley ranch east of Spur, were in the city the latter part of last week and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office, Mrs. Pressley renewing their subscription to The Texas Spur for which she has our thanks and appreciation.

Let the Texas Spur do your printing.

Elmer Shugart returned Saturday from the army camp where he has been in military service the past several months, he having received an honorable discharge from further service. We are glad to welcome the boys back home.

The snow and drizzle rain of Wednesday night of last week put more moisture in the ground. The country is already in fine shape for the various crops, and with just a few showers at the proper time the Spur country will surprise the natives in a great crop production this year.

Rev. W. B. Bennett, of the Steel Hill community, was in town one day the past week rustling feed stuff on which to make a crop another year. During the past two or three years the Steel Hill country has hit it hard, but now they have fine prospects and will make the stuff.

W. C. Mitchell, of the Tap country, called in last week and renewed his subscription, telling us that his crop prospects now were never better since he has been farming in this country. We are going to make big crops this year and the great Spur country will again blossom and bloom. Who will be next.

Dr. T. H. Blackwell returned this week from Ranger where he has been spending several days on business.

J. H. Edwards returned this week from Ranger where he spent a day or two looking after his oil well interests in that oil field. He said that it was so muddy and sloppy down there that one could not get about, therefore he returned home.

We went out to church a Sunday or two ago, and the preacher had for his subject, "Sabbath Desecration." We thought for a time that the preacher was hitting straight at us, but after the sermon we heard several others who said they thought the same thing. Many times people do drift into Sabbath desecration unthoughtedly and in following up the customs of the country, but this does not excuse us from the fact that Sabbath desecration is in reality a violation of one of the Ten Commandments.

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION.**

The Commissioners' Court of Dickens County, Texas, will, at its next regular session on the 10th day of February, A. D. 1919, receive proposals from any banking incorporation, association or individual banker in this county as may be desired to be selected as the depository of the funds of the county.

Any banking corporation, association or individual banker in this county desiring to bid, shall deliver to the County Judge on or before the first day of the term of the Commissioners' Court at which the selection of a depository is to be made, a sealed proposal, stating the rate of interest that said banking corporation, association or individual banker offers to pay on the funds of the County for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular time for the selection of a depository.

Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent. of the county revenue of the preceding year as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder, and that if his bid should be accepted he will enter into a bond hereafter provided and upon the failure of the banking corporation, association or individual banker that may be selected as such depository to give the bond required by law the amount of such certified check shall go to the County as liquidated damages, and the County Judge shall re-advertise for bids.

Witness my hand, this 15th day of January, 1919.

WALTER L. POWELL,  
County Judge, Dickens County.

J. C. Hindman, of two miles north of Spur, received a message last week stating that his son, "Father" Hindman, was among the number of soldiers wounded and returned to the United States for further treatment. "Father" Hindman was among those returned to Camp Bowie hospital, and it is expected that he will return home some time soon. Dickens county boys got out of the war very light, there being but few wounded, and but one or two killed in action.

J. A. Murchison, of Draper, was in Spur the first of this week, spending a day or two here on business and meeting his friends. Mr. Murchison was formerly County Commissioner from the Draper precinct, but resigned the place to look after his personal interests. He made a good commissioner and is also making good with his individual business of stockfarming. Here is hoping this year that he will make enough to compensate him for the two or three short years experienced in the past.

W. D. Thacker, of Draper, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything now most promising for good crops thru-out his section. We hope every acre planted to cotton this year in Dickens county will produce a bale of cotton, and every acre put in maize will yield two tons—and the prospect now is that such a hope will be fully realized. Come to Dickens county.

A. V. Womack, a prominent young citizen of the McAdoo country, was

in Spur Monday of this week trading and on other business.

J. C. Davis was in town one day this week shaking hands with his numerous friend and acquaintances.

S. R. Bowman, of two or three miles north of Spur, was in town one day this week.

J. E. Sparks, of Tap, was in town one day the latter part of the past week, trading and on other business in the commercial hub.

You can now get the best white flour bread baked at Allied Bakery and Restaurant—and it is fine! Try a loaf today. 11 tf

Johnson Hunter, of east of town, was here one day this week greeting his friends and trading some with the merchants. Johnson Hunter already has much of his land prepared for this year's crops. He is not only a good farmer, but a good man.

E. N. Brown, of the McAdoo section of country, was one among the number of business visitors in Spur the first of this week. He states that everything is now booming on the plains as a result of fine seasons and bumper crop prospects.

Faye Brock, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Brock, of Dickens, returned recently from overseas, having received his discharge from further military service. Both his parents, recently died in Dickens, he not being permitted to return in time to see them.

Walter Edwards, son of J. H. Edwards, and who was wounded in the big war, has been returned to a camp hospital in ~~Arizona~~, and upon his recovery is expected to return home. He was wounded in the foot, we understand, from a machine gun bullet or shell fragment.

Jim Ed Hall returned last week from the army camps, having been discharged from the service. He was in the air service. Since his return home he is doing mechanical work on automobiles, having been called out to one of the big ranches near Spur to repair a number of cars. Mrs. Hall accompanied him to the ranch where they will spend a week or two.

T. S. Lambert, of Tap, was in town the first of the week.

J. W. Waggoner, of Girard, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

Dillard Jackson, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday.

Mebane cotton seed for sale.—G. W. Chancellor, two miles north of Spur.

Tom Owen, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

D. J. Gilbert, of south of Spur four miles, was among the business visitors here the first of this week.

The Misses Gilbert, of south of the city, were here Saturday afternoon shopping. While in Spur they were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office, renewing their subscription to the paper.

W. J. Clark, a leading citizen of the Dickens country, was a business visitor in Spur one day the past week. He reports everything in fine shape in his section, with the best crop prospects of years.

**The war is over, the Huns are whipped and our soldiers will soon return to peaceful pursuits—but the Allied Bakery and Restaurant will continue to serve the best "cats" the market affords and will bake the best Victory Bread to be had any where. Call and see when you get hungry.**

Chas. Perrin, of the Draper section of country, was one of the number of business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week. He is one of the many in this part of Texas who is very enthusiastic concerning the prospects which prevail thruout our land now for bumper crops, fine grass and fat, high priced cattle.

We are glad to see J. W. Hunter and family back in the Spur country. They drifted out a year or two ago, going into Oklahoma, Arkansas, and possibly other states, looking for a better country and location. The fact that they came back is evidence in favor of the Spur country. We wish them all kinds of prosperity in the greatest country in the world.

**SPUR BLACKSMITH SHOP**

I now have charge of the Spur Blacksmith Shop and am in position to give you first class service. Will appreciate your business

MAT BINGHAM, Proprietor

**..Farm Loans..**

Buy Vendor's Lien Note

We are anxious to place \$500,000.00 in Dickens County in buying Vendor's Liens Notes Also \$500,000.00 in Farm Loans.

We inspect land same day we take application—thus avoiding the long delay in sending for an inspector. We also do our own paying out, thus enabling us to give Quick Service. We employ prompt methods and guarantee

**QUICK ACTION**

...If You Want The Cash, Try Us...

We are also buying notes and making loans in Counties surrounding Dickens.

**Browder & Love, Roaring Springs**

SEEDS—Over 500 Varieties.  
POULTRY SUPPLIES—Incubators.  
We can fill your order for any Seed, Poultry Article, Plant, Sprays, Insecticides, Fungicides. Prices and quality always Right. Prompt shipments. Ask for list.  
C. E. WHITE SEED COMPANY  
Plainview, Texas.

# STOP, LOOK, LISTEN

The Little Pullman Hamberger Stand is back on the corner and we want you to know that we are still putting out those Good Juicy Hamburgers at Ten Cents Each. It is the place to get a cup of coffee worth your while. This stand is run by the same Company that formerly operated it.

Come to see us often

Mrs. W. T. Andrews left last week for Hico where she will spend some time with her parents.

W. T. Lovell, of Draper, was one of the recent visitors in Spur, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

W. F. Foreman, of the Espeula section of country, was in town Tuesday of this week trading with the merchants and looking after other matters in the city.

Chalk Brown came in Tuesday of this week from the 24-Ranch and spent several hours here trading and on other business. He reports everything on the ranch now in fine shape.

John Weathers, of west of Spur, was among the business visitors here one day the latter part of the past week. John reports everything in fine shape and he expects to "come back" this year, and possibly make enough to compensate for the two or three hard years here.

N. Q. Brannen last week sold the Luce & Brannen stock of groceries to Bryant-Link Co., and Mr. Brannen is now with the Sol Davis business at the head of the grocery department. We are informed that the McCulloch barber shop will move into the building vacated by Luce & Brannen.

John Randall, of the Steel Hill section, was a recent visitor in the city and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything looking good now in his part of the country which has been very dry the past few years. However, John is one of the "stayers", and they always win out in any country.

J. Carlise, of the Duck Creek section of country, came in Saturday and spent a short time here on business and greeting his many friends of the town and surrounding country. He says everything is now in the very finest shape with respect to farming conditions and prospects in his part of the country, and it is hoped that the year 1919 will be the banner year of this whole country.

Wanted to buy good second hand double leather harness.—Spur Experimental Station.

Earyl Senning returned a week or ten days ago from the army camps where he has been training for overseas duty the past several months. The signing of the armistice relieved him of further necessity for training for war, giving him an honorable discharge from the service. Hereafter his time and attention will be devoted to peaceful pursuits, and he is now again at the head of his insurance and loan business in Spur.

Lovett Jordan, who recently moved from the Steel Hill country to the plains country, was in town two days of the past week, winding up his affairs here. Mr. Jordan did not sell his place here, but purchased a farm up on the plains where he intends to farm this year. We hope he makes a fine crop, but we are inclined to think he moved just at the wrong time, since we are now almost assured of bumper crops this year, after three hard years in the past.

Forrest Squyres was among the dis-P. H. Miller returned last week from Fort Worth where he had been attending a stockholders meeting of an oil concern in which he is interested. The oil business is now not only attracting the attention of oil men, but men of every walk of life. The men of big business, clerks, farmers and even printers are now dreaming of great wealth from oil investments. The development of oil is a big thing for Texas, and we hope that there will be riches for every individual in the whole state.

C. H. Scott, of the Steel Hill community, was among the visitors in the city the latter part of the past week. He and family recently moved to the Lovett Jordan place adjoining his own place, and where they will farm another year. Mr. Scott intends to run two places this year, and the present prospects warrant him in extra exertions in the farming business. We believe a bumper crop will be made this year, and those who take advantage of the present conditions will be the ones who will reap the harvest in the fall.

Dewey Johnson was in town Monday.

W. J. Elliot was in town the first of the week from his Spring Creek farm and ranch.

D. L. Boothe was one among the number who had business in Spur the first of this week.

W. W. Sample made a business trip to Stamford Monday of the past week, returning Tuesday.

W. M. Randall came in Tuesday of this week from the Steel Hill community, spending the day here trading and meeting his friends.

Dr. McLaury, of Jayton, was in Spur last week, having accompanied a patient to Spur for an operation at the Standifer Hospital.

W. F. Cathey, of near Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday of the past week shaking hands with his friends and also looking after business affairs.

Bill McArthur, of the Tap country, was in town one day the first of this week greeting friends and attending to business matters.

Send down and get a loaf of that Victory Bread at the Allied Bakery and Restaurant. They have the best of everything at all hours of the day.

W. P. Marshall, of Duck Creek, was in town one day this week greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

### WORK MULES FOR SALE

Or will trade for stock cattle. Also some good Jersey cows to sell for cash.—A. B. Morgan, Spur, Texas 9-4tp

C. W. Dortch, of the Sol Davis dry goods department, returned recently from a trip to Abilene where he spent several days with relatives and his friends.

Roy Butts, of several miles east of Spur, was in town recently. He is farming this year with great expectations, and we are confident that he will not be disappointed.

J. A. Legg, a leading citizen and farmer of the Croton country, had business in Spur the latter part of the past week, spending several hours in town trading and greeting his friends here.

Thomp. Johnson, who is this year farming in the Croton country, was in Spur Monday hauling out feed stuff with which to feed his farm stock during the crop times. He has great hopes of bumper crops, and we also are sure that he will make good.

charged boys from the army service, returning home last week, having received his discharge from further military service. We are glad to see the boys come in, and sincerely hope that never again will the occasion arise for any of us to be called into military activities.

W. L. McAteer, of "Egypt" between Dickens and Spur, was among the many here the latter part of the past week. He reports everything in good shape, and no doubt but that "Egypt" will maintain its reputation this year by producing bumper crops again.

J. P. Koonsman, of the Croton section of country, was a recent business visitor in the city of Spur. He states that the Croton country is now in the finest shape with respect to crop conditions and prospects, and bumper crops are expected to be harvested this fall.

# Best Lump Coal

On the track now every week.  
Get it at the car and save money.

P. H. MILLER, SPUR, TEXAS

H. A. Boothe made a business trip last week to Wichita Falls where he spent several days.

Postmaster Henry Clay, of Dickens, was in Spur one day this week greeting friends and looking after business matters.

Henry Clay drove the Spur-Roaring Springs mail line one or two days last week while Homer Boothe made a trip to Wichita Falls.

Mrs. Hawley Bryant and Miss Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, were in Spur one day the past week shopping and visiting with friends.

W. A. Harris, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake community, was one of the many business visitors in Spur Saturday.

J. J. Albin, of the Highway community, was one among the number of visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week. He reports the Highway community in fine shape, plenty rain and moisture and good crops are expected this fall.

Rev. Cunningham came up from Stamford Sunday before last and filled his regular appointment at the Presbyterian church. Rev. Cunningham has appointments here two Sundays of each month, the first and second Sundays of each month.

L. W. Bilberry, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in town Tuesday of this week buying farm supplies and getting ready for a bumper crop this year. He says the ground on the plains is sure wet to the bottom.

### \$20.00 REWARD.

STRAYED—One dark sorrel mare, branded inverted V on left hip and 4 on left shoulder. One dark mare mule, 3 years old, not sheared, unbranded. \$20.00 reward for their return to T. A. Randleman, Spur, Texas. 3-2tpff

While in McAdoo recently Merchant Brannen stated that the rainy weather had not only benefitted the crop prospects of the country, but that it had resulted in stimulating his business in that farmers of that section could not get out to go to town and were forced to buy of him.

Cicero Douglass, of the plains section of country near McAdoo, was in Spur the first of this week trading and on other business. He reports the finest season they have had for years in the plains country, and the indications are that the biggest crops of many past years will be produced this year.

L. H. Edwards, of Croton, was one of the number of business visitors in Spur during the week. Mr. Edwards is farming and stockraising and states that conditions at this time are very promising. He also has oil interests in the Ranger oil field, and now is in the millionaire class, having to work only for past-time.

We received a letter last week from J. E. Wright, requesting that we hereafter mail his paper to Canadian instead of Gageby, Texas. Mr. Wright and family moved last year from the Draper country to Gageby and they are well satisfied, and state that fine crop prospects prevail in that section at this time.

We understand that our friend, W. C. Barley, of the Dry Lake community, has gone "west" hunting a new location. He may return satisfied to stay here, but should he decide to go, we know he will make a mistake. This country is just now coming into its own and will prosper those who stay with it beyond their expectations.

### NOTICE.

Having purchased the dental equipment of the late Dr. M. L. Pierce, I am located at his former offices for the purpose of the general practice of dentistry.—A. L. Basher, Dentist.

# Coal Grain Hay

WE NOW HAVE A FULL STOCK OF OATS, BRAN, CORN AND MILL PRODUCTS. ALSO THE VERY BEST COLORADO NIGGER HEAD AND NUT COAL. FILL YOUR COAL BINS NOW BEFORE COLD WEATHER CATCHES YOU!

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M. E. MANNING, Proprietor.

The following prices will prevail on all cars stored in our Garage, effective January 1st

One Night Only - - 25c  
One Week - - 1.00  
One Month - - 3.00

No charge will be made for cars left through the day unless same is carried over night.

Citizens Garage and Machine Shop

## NEW JEWELRY SHOP

I am now located at the Wilkes Racket and Second Hand Store with a Jewelry Repair Shop and will fix your clock, watch, gun, sewing machine, etc., at a minimum price. All work guaranteed.

LEON LOVE

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**CROP PLANT FOOD.**

As every one knows, the soil that produces the same crop year after year becomes gradually impoverished until, or at least, it is no longer able to supply the proper nourishment to a new crop. While acres of farm land have been abandoned because their soil has just become exhausted.

There is a pretty definite list of substance that must be included in the soil before it can support vegetation. The list is a highly interesting one. It includes oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, carbon, phosphorous, potassium, sodium, silicon, lime, magnesium, iron, sulphur and chlorine. Many other substances may be present in the soil, but these are very essential to the growth of vegetation.

Among the substances in the soil that is essential to the growing of vegetation, nitrogen is of the first importance, because it is generally deficient in the Texas soils. It is the plant food most largely removed by the crops. It is the one plant food largely lost to the soil in drainage water or by leaching. The air, as we know, is four-fifths nitrogen, if you have to buy it it is the most expensive fertilizer. However, it is not essential to plant life, as bacterias are created in the nodules of the cowpea, and these have the power to draw the nitrogen from the air. These bacterias convert the nitrogen into mineral nitrates that are soluble in water and available immediately as plant food. It is estimated that the cowpea where the ground is well inoculated, puts \$20.00 worth of nitrogen to the acre; that is, it would cost \$20.00 to buy and put upon the land the nitrogen that a good stand of cowpeas has drawn from the atmosphere into the soil.

As free air permeates the soil its nitrogen and oxygen are to be found there uncombined, but the nitrogen, at least in this free state, is of no direct use to the plant life.

It must be combined into a soluble compound before it can be utilized. Oxygen is more directly available, but this element also enters into an important combination. In a word, oxygen forms compounds of one kind or another with every other essential element that enters into the soil.

Green vegetation contains a large amount of plant food readily available for the crop plant. However I dislike to advise the plowing under of green vegetation, as it is really a wasteful practice. Such a crop has both a feeding and fertilizing value. It is obvious, therefore, that in turn-

ing under the green crops we lose all the feeding value. The grazing down of green crops is one of the most economical methods to be observed by farmers of this country, for the reason that in this manner the greater part of both the feeding and the fertilizing value is saved. However, if you have a crop of green vegetation that is of no feed value, such as weeds, I advocate the plowing of it under, as this is the best method of getting the plant food back into the soil where it is needed for immediate use.

F. W. ALEXANDER,  
Emergency Demonstration Agent.

**THE LOCAL PAPER.**

An appreciation of the local newspaper and of what its editor does for the community is well expressed in an article we have noticed in some of the exchanges credited to ex-Governor Francis of Missouri. It follows: "Ex-Governor Francis once said the following of newspapers:

"Each year the local newspaper gives from \$500 to \$1,000 in free lines to the community in which it is located. No other agency can or will do this. The editor in proportion to his means does more for his town than any other ten men, and in all fairness he ought to be supported, not because you like him or admire his writings, but because the local paper is the best investment a community can make. It may not be brilliantly edited or crowded with thought, but financially it is of more benefit to the community than the preacher or teacher. Understand me, I do not mean mentally and yet on moral questions, you will find most of the papers on the right side. Today the editors of the local papers do the most for the least money of any people on earth."

**MAY HE BLESS MY PRAYERS.**

All my joys and all my sorrows  
At His precious feet I cast,  
Knowing his are the tomorrows,  
What he blesses that will last.

Nothing else has any value,  
Nothing else can we call good,  
But the things that he approves of,  
In our hearts are understood.

Daily do I work to please Him,  
His will to do.  
It's not always easy knowing what's  
The right thing and the true.

Yet I trust that He will guide me,  
For His promises are yea,  
I feel sure that He'll walk beside me,  
Helping and guiding on the way.

So with joy I rise and gather  
All the joys He leaves me for the  
day,  
That I certainly may please Him  
In the end for which I pray.

May God ever bless me  
In every prayer,  
At home, on the sea  
And in the air.

—J. E. STEGALL, somewhere in France.

**WHAT DOES IT MEAN?**

When you see a service star  
What does it mean to you?  
What does say now, think,  
When it turns to gold from blue.

It means that some where  
A laddie gave his life  
To place liberty and love  
Instead of bitter strife.

It means that some where  
A lovely mother lives  
And smile through her tears;  
She is proud of what she gives.

It means that some where  
A sweetheart brave and fair  
Kisses his picture softly  
And thinks how he died over there.

They mean so much, those golden stars,  
Shining most every where.  
They say "I've helped bring liberty  
To lands where its held dear.  
MISS CLEO HAILE.

**A PLEASANT CALL MADE TO THE CITY DRUG STORE**

There was a man that came to Spur,  
His name I do adore.  
He looked the signs all up and down,  
And found the City Drug Store.  
The first thing that he bought  
Was a good old Coca Cola.  
And then he drank a Grape Juice so fine,  
And called for Manola.  
Of Cigars and Cigarettes  
Immensely he did buy,  
And a bottle of Peruna he said that he would try.  
He bought and bought, and said that that would do,  
And then he thought he'd better get something for the flu.  
He said the call was a pleasant one,  
and really a delight,  
And when the bill he received, it was exactly Right.

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**THE BOYS ARE COMING HOME.**

Put on your glad rags,  
Smile and look your best,  
Comfort the mourning ones,  
Hearten the oppressed,  
For we know there's many  
Who sit in grief and pain,  
For the brave and loyal lads  
Who'll ne'er come back again.  
How they kissed them—how they missed them  
How they longed for them and cried:  
How they waited for their letters,  
With a gripping fear inside.  
Then one day there came the story  
How their brave boy fought and fell,  
And they bowed their heads and whispered:  
"God, Thou doest all things well."  
And through their sorrow and their anguish,  
Helped the victory to swell.  
Hear them sing the chorus,  
Tho' pain their bosoms wrack:  
"Hurrah! hurrah! the boys are coming back."

Put on your glad rags,  
Dress up in style,  
Pessimism drive away  
With a cheerful smile.  
For we know that bounding  
O'er the silvery foam,  
With eager eyes and longing hearts,  
The boys are coming home.  
How we'll meet them—how we'll greet them—

How we'll take them by the hand  
How we'll listen to their stories—  
Listen to and understand.  
For in fact we've suffered with them,  
Suffered every day and night,  
Waiting, watching, weeping, praying  
God to guide their steps aright,  
And he heard our prayers and saved us  
From the cruel tyrant's might.  
And so we'll swell the chorus  
Up to Heaven's dome:  
"Hurrah! hurrah! the boys are coming home."  
—MRS. W. B. BENNETT.

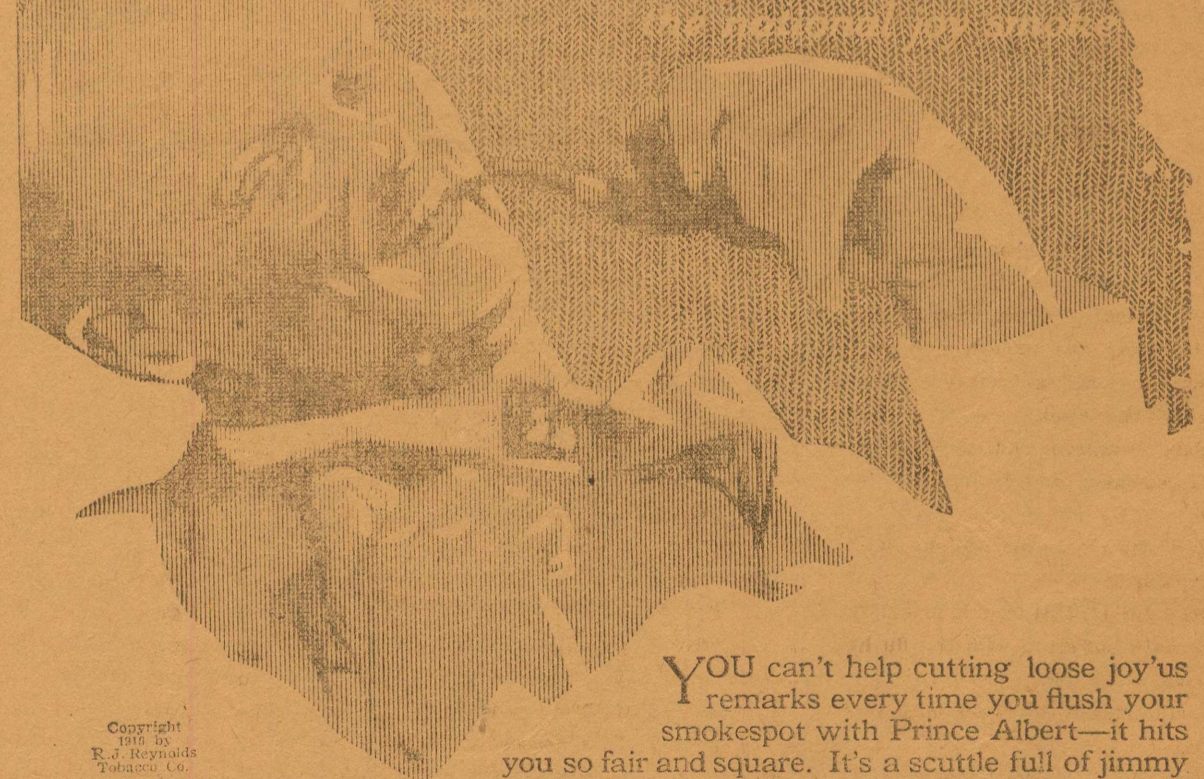
Mrs. McCrary's mother, Mrs. J. E. Johnson, who has been spending the past three or four months in Spur recuperating from an operation, has returned to her home in Stamford.

Wanted to buy good second hand double leather harness.—Spur Experimental Station.

Tom and Bill McArthur were in the city the first of this week from the Tap country, and report everything in the very finest condition at this time.

Sheriff R. I. Goodall, of Kent county, was in Spur Wednesday of this week on official business and greeting his numerous friends of Spur and surrounding country. He reports all things looming up in Kent now.

**PRINCE ALBERT**



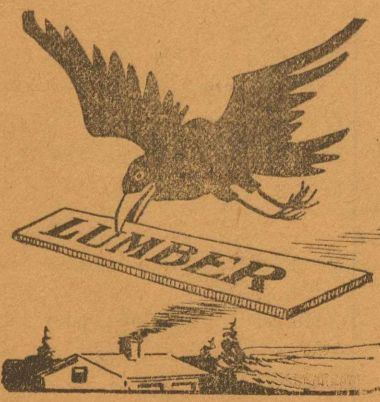
YOU can't help cutting loose joy's remarks every time you flush your smokespot with Prince Albert—it hits you so fair and square. It's a scuttle full of jimmy pipe and cigarette makin's sunshine and as satisfying as it is delightful every hour of the twenty-four!

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# 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

**I**N 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 may be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must 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.

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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

### CLAIREMONT NEWS.

P. Brady, of Snyder, was in town Monday on business.

J. R. Ward and family are visiting relatives near Post this week.

Charlie Peek and family of several miles southwest of town, have the influenza.

R. Tatom and family are having a siege of the flu.

Bert Jay and family of several miles north of town, visited relatives in Clairemont Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Goodall and Miss Iva Deavers visited relatives and friends in Girard Sunday.

Miss Ides Glenn came home Monday. Her school is closed on account of the flu.

Werner and Carlos McCombs made a flying trip to Jayton Monday.

Roy Rogers and Herman Morgan spent several hours in town Saturday.

Dr. Wray was attending to professional business in Clairemont several times this week.

Sam Johnston and E. K. Taylor were business visitors in town Monday.

J. V. Howerton, of Abilene, was in town this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter and children have been suffering with the flu here of late.

School closed this week on account of the flu.

Miss Jennie Adams returned to Spur Thursday after spending several days with friends and relatives.

C. O. Thompson, of the Sneed ranch, was in town the latter part of the week.

Jim Waggoner, of Girard, was in town Friday.

Mrs. C. A. Morris returned home Friday from Girard.

Jeff Bird of several miles south of town spent Friday in the city.

Jim Cuteman, of the Hart ranch was a business visitor in town Friday.

Willie Garnett and Byron Polk of Jayton passed through town Friday en route home.

T. F. Hunter, of Wichita, is visiting sick relatives here.

Mr. Basil Cairnes has suffered with the flu the past week.

Johnie Powell was here from Jayton this week.

A singing was enjoyed at the church Sunday night.

Rube Grice passed through town this week going to his home at Jayton. He reported Mexico a very cold country.

Dr. McLaury, of Jayton, was called to Clairemont several times this week.

Mrs. Tona Stewart is reported sick this week.

Messrs. Suedan, Welsman and Jones were in town this week returning home from a hunting and trapping trip to the Pecos River where they stayed about three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sampson were in town the latter part of the week.

Bert Jay was attending to business in town recently.

R. I. Goodall, Horace Johns and Tom Hunter made a flying trip to Jayton Friday.

Mr. Jim Hutson recently passed through town en route to Rotan to spend several days.

Joe Earnest, of Jayton, was in town Friday looking at the houses.

Marie Taylor entertained the young people Friday night with a hall dance.

The D. G. I. Club met Thursday. The club will meet only on the first Thursday in each month until school closes.

N. V. Bilby and Jenks Garrett, of Jayton were here on business Friday.

Andy Shipp, of several miles south of town, did trading here Thursday.

Mr. Joe Eardnest, clerk of Kent County, moved to Clairemont Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Scoggins have a red-headed boy at their house now,

weighing six pounds. We call him Joe.

Carlos McCombs is visiting at Peacock here of late.

Miss Annie Hull is visiting relatives in Snyder while school is closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Peterson and Ab Cargile, of the Cairnes ranch, had business in town Thursday.

Neil Smith, Lewis Huckleberry and Ervin Strickland, of several miles west of town, made a flying trip to Jayton Thursday.

Dick Byrd was in town Friday trading.

Miss Florence Dial is reported sick with the flu this week.

The young people were entertained with a dance Saturday night which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Messes Georgia Morgan, Faye Hart, Marie and Bernice Tylor, Messrs. Sam Johnston, Gene Whitaker, Carlos McCombs, Herman Morgan, and Mr. and Mrs. Edd Taylor attended the dance at Frank Hale's Friday night.

Mrs. C. O. Fox and son were visiting the sick in town Thursday.

Mrs. Delma Scoggins has been ill for several days.

Dad Scoggins has been unable to leave his bed the past week.

Dennis Ethridge and Vernon Dunn passed through town Saturday hauling cake from Jayton.

Neil Smith and wife spent several days in Snyder this week.

Ruby Gilbert, of several miles south of town, spent Saturday with friends here.

Mrs. B. Bridges, teacher of the Rogers school several miles north of town, visited friends here Saturday.

Clarence Osman from Rogers ranch was in town Friday on business.

Gene Whitaker, of Peacock, spent several days with friends here the latter part of the week.

John Williams is visiting his wife and relatives here this week.

Turner Hart, of several miles north

of town, did trading here Saturday.

Charley Byrd made a call to Clairemont Saturday.

Georgia Morgan and Bernice Taylor were visitors in the city this week.

Hon. H. W. Johns was appointed auditor for Kent county by the Commissioners Court last week. We are all proud of Horace.

H. W. Johns, Charley Thompson, and R. I. Goodall made a business trip to Snyder Saturday.

H. and E. A. Durham and Sam were in town Saturday paying taxes.

George Rogers and Clem Haywood of several miles north of town, spent several days here this week.

Mrs. E. W. Cross and children, of Post, are visiting relatives here this week.

Messrs. Johnnie Powell, A. P. Garnett and Lee Cathey spent many hours with friends in the city Tuesday.

Lee Harrison and Cleve Floyd, of Jayton, made a business trip to the city Tuesday.

Mrs. John D. Hopson and daughter, Ruth, have been reported sick.

Billy and Glenn Hancock, George Gilkerson, J. W. Lane and Dr. Alexander, business men of Jayton, made a business call to Clairemont Tuesday of this week.

Miss Olive Adams, of Clipper, spent a few hours with relatives here Monday.

George, Frank and Lee J. Harrison were here tax-paying Monday.

Clem Cornelius and Tom Cross, of the Cross ranch several miles west of town, were here on business Tuesday of this week.

### A TYRANT DETHRONED

Seekers after coincidences have pointed out that the hostilities ceased on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. A bible reader wrote to a New York newspaper that a downfall like the Kaiser's

was described in the eleventh verse of the eleventh chapter of the eleventh book of the bible. The head of a political and military system which taught, the creed of physical power merited the condemnation: "Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee." (I. Kings 11:11.—Ex.

### BAPTIST CHURCH.

You are cordially invited to attend worship at the Baptist church next Sunday, both morning and night.

The evening service will begin at seven o'clock.

We very greatly appreciate the presence of a number of visitors on last Sunday. Come again. You are always at home with us.

Our Sunday school attendance was 115 last Sunday. This included those only who came in time to be reported. Come early next Sunday and let's make it better. We open Sunday school at ten a. m.—Geo. W. Thomas, Pastor.

### FOCH DEMANDS NEW GUARANTEES FROM HUN GOVERNMENT

London, Jan. 13.—At today's session of the allied military advisers presided over by Marshal Foch the suggestion was made that the allies occupy some of the German ports, according to an Exchange dispatch.

The occupation will be undertaken as a guarantee for the carrying out of the armistice conditions and as a punishment for Germany's dilatory efforts in complying with some of the armistice terms.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick, of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of the past week, reporting everything moving along nicely in the capital city.



INTERESTING LETTER FROM  
SERGEANT T. C. WILLIS

France, Dec. 8th, 1918.

Dear George and Tessie:—I suppose you all have wondered many times what part of the front I was on. I will try to tell you my trip from the time I started from Hoboken. We sailed on the 18th of July, landed in Brest, France, the 30th. We sure were proud to get our feet on dry land. We had some excitement on our trip over. I heard the big guns shoot; they shot at everything that looked like a sub; we made the trip fine except we were awfully crowded. We sailed on the Antigone, 360 feet long and one of the ships that Uncle Sam took from Germany. They used it to ship cattle on. After landing in Brest we moved out to Camp Mud (we called it) and we were not used to mud; it was hard with us. On the 3rd day of August we boarded a train for we didn't know where, but landed in Bar-Seaube the 5th and moved out to the little village of Spoy; stayed in training there until the 7th of October. While in Spoy we learned the customs of the people and how to count French money, although I haven't learned how to speak French yet—it is hard for me to learn. On the 7th of October we boarded a train for the front, the place we had heard so much of but knew so little. I began to wonder whether I would be one of the lucky ones to come back, though I wanted to go up and see for myself. We unloaded on the 10th where we could hear the big guns, then we moved up toward the front. You all read about the St. Mihiel drive; it started on the night of the 14th; we learned that we were to back up the dough boys the first rattle out of the box. The dough boys put the Germans out of the notorious Hindenburg line, so we had to fix a road up across the trenches to get the boys food and ammunition and the artillery across. I got my first introduction to the German artillery on the night of the 13th while I lay awake in what was left of the little village of Fey-Hey listening to the shells as they went over. I didn't realize how dangerous they were until the next day when Jerry went to shooting at us. The first shot hit the building where our kitchen was located and they did not quit until they made a direct hit on my bed—tore one of blankets into bits and fixed my overcoat up to suit Jerry; so the next night we hunted up some dugouts to sleep in. After I had gone to bed and had dozed off to sleep, the Red Cross called for volunteers to go out and help carry some gassed and wounded dough boys. In going up we had to pass through some heavy wooded country. I had seen one dead Jerry, but those were the first dead Americans. It makes a difference in who is dead. I had a different feeling when I knew that it was Americans. It was as dark as a stack of black cats and we did not dare have a light. After we got up to the first aid station and had carried a few of the boys out, Jerry decided

ONLY A FEW MORE JANUARY DAYS

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to make it uncomfortable in our particular neck of the woods. He began to send over some shells—we call them G. I. cans—and that was the first time I felt the need of a gas mask. They put gas masks on the wounded who were not able to put them on themselves. Jerry mixes his shells, he would send us one gas shell to each heavy explosive: after a while we thought he had quit and as we had done about all the good we could we started back to camp; we hadn't gone far when one of Jerry's airplanes came over, and I think he kicked the back end-gate out from the way the bombs exploded, and we didn't lose any time in getting in a big shell hole that was near. All of us got in one shell hole and then it was not full; you don't take up much room when Jerry is shelling, you naturally feel smaller; then Jerry shelled some more and we went into camp. The next day we had to fix up some road that had been blowed up, also some of our artillery. It was a sight, dead horses and men and torn up wagons everywhere; we had to work in plain view of the German's observation balloons. I sure did feel unnecessary that morning, but Jerry did not bother us. Two of our observation balloons were burned and one of our planes was brought down; after that we went to Verdun sector and were there when the big drive started, but I won't tell you about it this time. I am located in the little village of Veziennes, a river and canal near, and two cap it all, a double-track railroad runs near where I can see the trains run on it every

day. We are doing fine, got good billets to stay in, but I sure would like to come home, although I do not know when it will be. I have been getting all the letters you all have written, one a week, so don't worry about that. Is papa getting the allotment that I made? If he is not, tell him to let me know at once. I think we will get paid soon, first time in two months. If I don't get to come home the first of the year, I want to know how I came out. I think I will get to come home by the first of February. I don't think we will have to go to Germany as occupation troops, I hope

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not, anyway. Well, I will close for this time with best wishes to you all.

Your brother,  
**SERG'T THOS. C. WILLIS.**

AND THE YANKS DIDN'T BOAST.

The American soldiers came, and we liked them. They were fine healthy looking resolute men with self-confidence of men who know that they can do and are determined to do it. They astonished us by their modesty. I do not mean to suggest that there were not any American soldiers who bragged—there probably were, although I never met any—but I mean to suggest that the very great majority of them were men of quiet demeanor who made few assertions, but who asked a great many questions.

I am not sure that their inquisitiveness did not astonish us more than their modesty. They were always making inquiries—they even carried note books in which they jotted down our answers to their questions—and they manifested a desire to know all that there was to know. There was no attempt to teach us how to do the job; there was, on the contrary, a great anxiety to be taught.

Rumors began to run about the trenches of the way in which the Americans were testing this and testing that, comparing our gas respirators with the French ones, accepting this idea from us and that idea from the French, and perhaps another from the captured Boche. And training! In no place in the world are so many rumors born and spread as in the trenches; and after a while the stories of the way in which the Americans trained became legendary in character and a most extraordinary change in our attitude towards them took place.

Imagining that they would be full of boasts, we had prepared to depreciate them; finding that they were modest and determined, we actually took to boasting in their behalf; and our favorite expression was, "The Yanks'll put the wind up Jerry when they get at him!" With swift unanimity we decided that the Americans were taking the war seriously.—Dr. John Ervine in the Outlook.

Earyl Senning, Forrest Squyres and Jim Ed Hall have returned home.

LETTER FROM ROY DAVIS  
NOW AT CAMP TAYLOR

Camp Taylor, Jan. 2nd, 1919.

Dear parents, brother and sister:—How was Christmas with you. The package that I received from you certainly was nice. I enjoyed and appreciated each and every present from each of you. The presents were all the Christmas I had. Only had the one day off and the weather was so bad that I could do nothing but stay inside; did not have a holiday new year's; worked all day; we were taking inventory and you know that Uncle Sam's work can't stop for anything. I was made chief checker for taking inventory, had to make a separate sheet for each item, worked day and night on it, and when we were through I had to put my signature on every sheet. I think by the time they get through with them in Washington, D. C., that they will know my sig.

I had a box from Louie and Irene with cig., gum and candy. Had a cake from Deana and Willie and a present from a lady friend, (a pair of hair brushes with case, my initials laid in gold on each brush,) certainly pretty; will send them home some time soon; am afraid they will get lost or stolen here.

Have no definite news of getting out yet. We had a small snow Christmas day, have had lots of rain. Hoping to be home soon, your son and brother,

ROY DAVIS.

P. S. Love to all my friends.

WOULD EXTEND ONE YEAR OPERATION OF SEED LOAN LAW

Austin, Texas, Jan. 18.—Senator Bell of Crowell, Foard County, has introduced a bill extending one year the benefits of the seed loan act of the fourth called session of the Thirty-Fifth Legislature. In view of the copious rains throughout the State and the good season now in the ground, the first in three or four years in the West, Senator Bell thinks the State should extend its credit a year, so that the West may again be planted and the fields produce food and feed. In other words, this is a most opportune time to extend aid to the drouth-stricken sections and enable the farmers and stockmen there to get on their feet when nature has been bountiful and there is ample moisture in the soil.

Under the bill the time for the distribution of feed and seed is extended until September 1, 1919, and the time for payment to the counties to Dec. 1, 1919. The act also extends two years the time in which the counties are required to repay the State, one-half each year, and at 4 per cent. interest per annum.

At this time the state has loaned to counties \$535,434 with which to furnish seed and feed in drouth-stricken sections. This amount is out of the original appropriation of \$2,000,000, and Senator Bell's bill, if enacted, would make the remainder of the appropriation available. Under the present law no feed or seed was obtainable after Sept. 1, 1918.

No other changes are contemplated by the bill. The method of obtaining seed and feed remains the same, the beneficiary signing notes and agreeing to pay 5 per cent interest. The counties are limited to \$30,000 each from the State and must show that they have no funds on hand which can be used for supplying feed and seed.

Miss Mary Copeland left Sunday for Dallas where she will take a business course, including stenography. Before leaving she called in and had the Texas Spur follow her to the city. On her way she will visit friends at Bowie.

Cyclone Season Is Here

PLAY "SAFETY FIRST"

by building a permanent Storm House.

Go the Concrete Way

SAFE COOL PERMANENT  
SANITARY

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Chas. Whitener

**THE BIG SUPPER ENJOYED AT THE SUNSHINE RANCH**

The big supper at Sunshine Ranch, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hale, was well attended and highly appreciated by all present. The large dining room was brilliantly lighted, and the long dining table was laden with good things to eat from nine o'clock till four o'clock in the morning. East of the dining room was a well heated and neatly furnished room where the elderly people was entertained. In the southeast part of the building two large rooms were neatly prepared for the entertainment of the young people with music and dancing. In the southwest corner of the building was a well equipped room, well heated and lighted. There Mrs. H. T. Garnett entertained the children with games and stories of various kinds.

The entertainment will long be remembered by all present, and we thank Mr. and Mrs. Hale for the hospitality shown us.

Mr. Hale is one of the land-marks of West Texas whose cordial greeting and whole-souled hospitality knows no strangers.—A Guest.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We wish to extend our sincerest thanks to our friends and neighbors who so generously assisted and comforted us during the illness and death of our father, M. V. Baldwin.—Mrs. Lela Boling, Girard, Texas.

We drove out the other day on the Dickens road and noted that Commissioner Rash has put in a new floor on the bridge, fixed up the abutments with gravel and made a fine bridge. We stated some time ago that Mr. Rash would have to "keep up the corners" to make as good commissioner as Mr. Johnson. Mr. Rash is doing that very thing, and if he keeps up the present "pace" he will be recognized at the close of his term as one of the very best commissioners the county has ever had.

**EXPECTED TO BUY 1919 STAMPS.**

All persons who signed pledges to purchase 1918 War Savings Stamps, but who, for any reason, were unable to discharge their pledges by Dec. 31, 1918, may, and are expected by the Government to purchase 1919 War Savings Stamps to liquidate these pledges, which are personal, binding obligations. The purchase of 1919 War Savings Stamps may be applied on liquidated pledges made in 1918.—Frank M. Smith, Federal Dist. Dir.

**OIL, OIL! OIL!!**

See P. H. Miller for stock in his new company, Union Oil Production Co. Two locations, 1 mile of famous Duke & Knowles; besides other good locations. Don't wait, but come at once.

All soldier boys discharged from the army should familiarize themselves concerning the continuation of government life insurance. If the monthly premium on this insurance is not remitted, the insurance will lapse after thirty days. All who wish to continue the government insurance policy should remit the monthly fee regularly and without delay.

R. A. Brown, of the Highway community, was in town Monday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports that the Highway community is now clear of the influenza and that the school there now has a 100 per cent attendance. The flu has hit the various communities hard, and we are glad to hear that the epidemic is now past.

Miss Helen Grace spent the week end at Stamford, returning home Monday.

J. H. Jones, of the Tap country, was in Spur Thursday.

Get your onion sets at Spot Cash Grocery.

Luther Keith, of Ralls, was in Spur one day this week.

Mrs. L. A. Hindman has been visiting out of the city this week.

A good season is in the ground for onion sets. Get them at Spot Cash Grocery.

If there ever was a year to make onions, this is the year. Get them at the Spot Cash Grocery.

Joe Jay, of Jayton, made a business trip Thursday to Spur where he spent several hours meeting friends.

John King is this week attending a convention of the retailers hardware association in Dallas.

Jack Renfroe, of the plains country, visited his son, George Renfroe, this week, and was in Spur Thursday.

J. W. Young, of Afton, was here Wednesday, spending a short time in Spur on business.

Just received a big quantity of D. M. Ferry's Garden Seed at the Spot Cash Grocery.

W. E. Gates, of the Afton country, was in Spur Thursday of this week on business.

Frank Speer was in Spur Thursday from his farm home in the Espeula community.

Wayne Van Leer, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday of this week trading and on other business.

C. D. Copeland and wife, of east of Spur, spent Thursday in the city on business and with friends.

J. F. Moore, a leading young citizen of McAdoo country, was a recent visitor in Spur, spending some time here trading and on other business.

T. G. Bass, of Dry Lake, came in Thursday to meet his son whom he expected to return from the war. The son, however, failed to arrive.

L. H. Perry left this week for the city of Stephenville where he will remain some time looking after his interests at that place.

W. J. Young, of the Afton country, was in Spur Thursday of this week greeting his friends and trading with Spur merchants.

J. A. Kerley, of several miles east of Spur, was in the city the first of this week. He informed us that all members of his family had now recovered from the effects of the flu. Mrs. Kerley had pneumonia following the flu.

Walter Peters and wife, of Afton, left Thursday for California where they will make their home in the future. W. W. Stegall stated that they would be back in the fall—at least by cotton picking time—and that he intended to plant cotton with that expectation.

D. E. Thomas, of the Soldier Mound community, was in town one day this week. He informed us that he recently had a picture made of five generations of his family. His mother, who is living with him, is ninety five years of age. There are few families of the country who have five generations living.

**VISIT DAUGHTER IN SPUR.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Jones went to Spur Saturday on the forenoon train to attend to the business of their late son-in-law, Monroe Lewis, who died there some few days ago with pneumonia. While there they visited at the home of their daughter, Mrs. West Lewis, who resides about nine miles west of Spur. They returned to Jayton Sunday accompanied by T. M. Maples and wife who returned to their home in Spur Sunday afternoon.—Jayton Herald.

Perry Fite returned this week from a trip to the Eastern cattle markets.

J. M. Aston, was in town Saturday from Dry Lake.

W. F. Godfrey returned Tuesday from a trip to Paducah.

J. D. Powell returned this week from the Fort Worth markets.

C. L. Hollar left for Hurley, New Mexico, Monday.

Judges Wilson and Glasgow left for Eastland Wednesday, on business.

Get your onion sets at the Spot Cash Grocery.

A boy was born January 16th to Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Willis at their home eleven miles southeast of Spur.

A fine boy baby was born Sunday, the 19th, to Mrs. O. J. Wilson, of near Spur.

Now is the time to plant onion sets. The Spot Cash Grocery has them for you.

Mrs. E. J. Cairnes and son, Bobbie, were in Spur Tuesday from their ranch home in Kent county.

Miss Ora Belle McMillan, of Fort Worth, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. N. A. Cady.

Mrs. Jim Nash, nee Miss Mabel Young, went to Fort Worth Wednesday where she will join her husband.

D. J. Gilbert, of south of Spur four miles, was among the business visitors here the first of this week.

The Spur band will be reorganized Friday night at a meeting to be held at the home of R. G. Rogers, instructor for the boys. Spur at one time had one of the best bands of the country, and it is hoped that the reorganization will result in just as good if not a better band.

A number of people from the Draper section of country have been in town this week, and each one was inquiring about W. T. Lovell. Some time ago Lovell mysteriously disappeared and many dollars were spent for telegrams, etc., in trying to locate him. His friends now fear that he has again wandered away, and are becoming anxious concerning his whereabouts.

E. L. Williams, of the Afton country, was in Spur the first of this week and called in at the Texas Spur office and made us feel good by complimenting the paper. Mr. Williams has been farming in that country the past three years. He says that 'old timers' here tell him that these three years have been short crop years. However, Mr. Williams said that he had each year made better crops than he had ever made where he came from "back east", and that if a good year comes along he would probably make enough on which to retire from active business and enjoy a life of leisure.

W. H. Birdwell was here Tuesday.

J. W. Thompson, of Afton, was in Spur Thursday.

J. H. Smith was among the number in Spur during the week.

R. P. Davis, of Dry Lake, was in town the latter part of the past week.

R. T. Dopson, of the Dry Lake settlement, was among the number in Spur Saturday.

L. J. Elsby, a prominent citizen of the McAdoo country, was a business visitor in Spur the first of this week.

Joe Ericson, of the West Pasture, was in town one day this week on business.

Wyatt A. Taylor is now a shoe-maker, having discontinued for a time his work with the nursery company.

Miss Eunice Grabener left Wednesday of last week for Fort Worth to attend a business college.

Claude Powel, who has been sick for some time, we are glad to note is again able to be up and about town.

Jim Smith and family, of the Dry Lake community, were visitors in the city Sunday afternoon.

**NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.**  
Don't forget your City and School District taxes—Delinquent after Jan. 31st.—E. J. Cowan, Collector.

Miss Cathryn Cates, who has been secretary of the Dickens County Exemption Board, left recently for Dallas where she has a position.

J. W. Smith, who recently moved from the plains country to a place north of Spur, was here Thursday on business.

E. C. Edmonds left the latter part of this week for Eastland where he will spend several days on business.

W. D. Eldredge, of McAdoo, was in town the first of this week and while here handed us a dollar and fifty cents for the renewal of his subscription to the Texas Spur, and for which we have our thanks.

Two of the Thanisch boys returned this week from the war service to their homes in the Draper country. We are glad to see the boys come back. They are entitled to all the honors that comes from war.

Hon. A. J. Hagins, of Jayton, was in Spur Monday of this week on business. He reports everything around Jayton now in the very finest shape with respect to crop prospects and conditions.

Mr. Cargile, who is now making his home in Roaring Springs, was down in Spur one day recently greeting his friends here. Mr. Cargile is running a wagon yard and feed business now at Roaring Springs and reports his business good.

Troy Morris, of the Ralls Banner, passed through Spur Monday on his way down to Jayton, his former home. He informs us that everything in and around Ralls is now in the very finest shape and things are expected to boom this fall.

Dave Taylor has again resumed his position with Bryant-Link Co., after spending some time in military service. Mack Brown is also at his old place with Bryant-Link Co., he having spent the greater part of his military service in England.

**UNDERWOOD CHILD UNDERGOES OPERATION AT SPUR HOSPITAL**

Dr. and Mrs. McLaury accompanied Ed Underwood and wife to Spur Saturday morning whose little daughter underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Standifer hospital. Dr. and Mrs. McLaury returned to Jayton on the afternoon train while Mr. Underwood and wife will remain at the bedside of their daughter until she has fully recovered.—Jayton Herald.

Mrs. Jim Crump is spending this week with B. F. Crump and family at their home southwest of Spur.

Mrs. S. J. Ousley is in Anson with her daughter, Mrs. Hudman House, who is reported quite sick.

Dr. Sandifer and Clifford B. Jones spent a day or two of this week in the oil fields of Eastland county.

Young Rhode Island Red Roosters for sale. Also black eyed and purple hull peas to sell at 10 cents pound.—W. D. Blair, Spur. 2tp

We received a letter recently from W. L. Pullen, of McAdoo, enclosing two dollars and twenty five cents for the Texas Spur and Dallas News another year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nash, who have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Young, of the city, returned this week to their home in the eastern part of the state.

Mrs. T. D. Ford and children returned last week from Midlothian where they had gone with the expectation of making their home. However, they decided Spur was a better place in which to live.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Stephens, of the Afton country, died Wednesday, the remains being interred in the Afton cemetery. The Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Stephens in this great bereavement.

J. B. Morrison came in one day this week from his ranch south of Spur, spending several hours here meeting friends and on business. He told us that everything was now in good shape with respect to ranching interests, and that he with other ranchmen of the country expected to recover the effects of the past three short years.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Boling, of Girard came up Tuesday with their little son who underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital Wednesday morning. The little boy stood the operation fine, and the operation was a success in every particular, and we are glad to note that the boy is now on the road to recovery.

John Awalt, who is farming this year on the Dr. Morris place south of Spur, was in the city Monday. He has been with the 24-Ranch for a number of years, but the prospects for good crops which prevails throughout the land induced him to quit cow punching and go to farming. We hope he will make a bumper crop and we feel confident that he will do so.

Mesdames Bert N. Brown and I. B. Brown, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, were in Spur Monday shopping and visiting with friends. While in the city they were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office, adding three names to our subscription list, having the paper sent to Miss Clairbel Brown who is attending college at Nashville, Tenn., W. M. Buck, Muskogee, Okla., and to Mrs. Brown. We appreciate such callers.