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# The Texas Spur

## AND DICKENS ITEM

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### FOUR DEEP OIL TEST WELLS TO BE DRILLED IN DICKENS COUNTY SOON

The oil lease contracts on the part of Messrs. McGee, Kelsey and Linch have not yet been signed up. The delay in completing the contracts is caused by not yet having secured the necessary tracts of land to completely block up the two leases of twenty thousand acres each, and also in the time required to examine titles, etc. to the lands already leased. However, but few more days delay is anticipated, and it is expected within the next few days all detailed work will have been completed and orders given on the part of the lessees for the shipment of rigs and the spudding in of the four deep test wells.

During the past two weeks there has been considerable interest on the part of the people of Spur and the surrounding country with respect to the oil developments and prospects.

Already land holders have had offers to purchase leases and royalties. One dollar and fifty cents an acre has been offered in at least one instance for the oil lease on lands within the territory to be developed, the offer being refused. Other land holders, in being asked to put a price on royalty, have placed a price of fifty dollars an acre for the one-eighth royalty on their holdings. By the time drilling operations have commenced, these prices are expected to increase. If there is oil to be found in this country the people who have been here for years, endured the hardships and privations of a new and developing country, want to get some of the benefits of oil developments.

Messrs. McGee, Kelsey and Linch have leased the brick building near the Texas Spur office and will maintain their offices at this place.

During the past two weeks twenty seven quarter section tracts of land adjoining the proposed lease acreage have been sold by the Spur Farm Lands management to parties of Spur and surrounding country.

During this week a six section tract of land adjoining the leased territory was purchased by Messrs. McGee, Kelsey and Linch for a consideration of approximately seventy five thousand dollars. None of the lands sold by the Spur Farm Lands management was raised in price on account of the

oil boom, the prices paid ranging from fifteen dollars to twenty five dollars per acre.

Those of Spur who purchased land figure that this is a "safe way to play the oil game" at this time. If oil is struck they have made fortunes, and should the test wells fail to bring in oil, they have lost nothing since the land is worth the price paid for agricultural and stockfarming purposes.

Notwithstanding the fact that a well nearly five thousand feet deep was drilled in Spur several years ago without striking oil, there are numbers of citizens of the country who have faith in this section developing a great oil field from these tests to the northeast and northwest of Spur, and all geologists who have made surveys here have been in accord in stating that surface indications were most favorable for oil. The fact that one well drilled here failed to bring in oil, is not conclusive evidence that no oil exists under our territory. We noticed in the papers this week where a "dry" well was drilled right in the heart of the Ranger oil field, this well being drilled to a greater depth than those already producing oil and surrounding it. Another well drilled near the well in Spur might bring in a real "gusher." No one knows about these things until they are tested out.

That Messrs. McGee, Kelsey and Linch are confident of their undertaking to bring in oil here is attested in a substantial way by the fact that they are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in purchasing lands and in oil development work. The confidence exhibited by these gentlemen lends encouragement to those of us who witnessed the bringing in of the one "dry" well, and now all are hopeful and optimistic of the outcome of the proposed four test wells.

The proposed test wells are to be drilled to a depth of four thousand feet should oil in paying quantities not be found at a lesser depth. Before the outcome of these wells is known, there will be much speculation on the part of the people, and we predict that thousands of dollars will be paid to landholders for leases and royalties even before the field is proven, and should an oil well be brought in everything will go "sky high" and the people will talk and think in millions of dollars where now they think and talk of dimes and dollars.

We are betting that Dickens county will develop the richest oil field yet uncovered.

#### C. B. JONES ENTERTAINED VISITORS TO SHEEP MEETING

C. B. Jones, manager of the Spur Farm Lands, entertained representatives of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the A. & M. College Extension Service with a dinner at the old ranch headquarters Friday night. The local experiment substation and the visitors from the college wish to express their appreciation of the royal hospitality offered them by Spur and in particular, by Mr. Jones, who showed them every possible courtesy during the recent sheep meeting.—Wellington Brink.

#### BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

One of the fascinating things about Abraham Lincoln is his rise from a log-cabin to the presidency. It is a tribute not only to the dogged, unwavering patience of the man himself, but to this wonderful country of ours as well.

Do most of us give full credit to our country and the boundless opportunities she provides. Think of it, from a log-cabin to the presidency. And those opportunities, are just as great today as in Lincoln's time.

We can't all be presidents—four year terms and arithmetic prove that—but we can do what Lincoln did—our best in whatever we undertake, and prepare against the day when the chance may come.

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In fact we are selling hats, suits, dresses and coats to ladies of other towns equally as large as Spur. There is a reason. Come on you ladies who haven't done so, and learn the reason we sell ladies wear in other towns.

Yes, we have the largest stock of dry goods we have ever had in our shelves, and we want your business. Merchants who have the nerve to keep their stocks up now deserve patronage.

Yes, we are going to try and stay until it rains or we strike oil, either of which may be a long time, for it has been three years since it rained and we never did strike oil.

Nerve! Yes, the people of this country have more nerve than any set on earth. Some are smiling as they pass their friends who have very little more on their tables than bread and water. No, you can't keep a people like this from winning, and when they do get rain, harvests and plenty, they will be happy and thankful.

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Sand Storms! Yes, but remember the April showers, the cool nights of summer when you can rest so sweetly here while in many sections they are melting.

Cheer somebody up, it helps to have some one say things are going to get right. Yes, we have hardware, implements, windmills, buggies, wagons—most everything you need in a general hardware line. Let us serve you.

You are part of the town or community in which you live, so if you knock it reflects on yourself. If you know more than the other fellow take the lead and help him to be wise also. Be a booster, any old mule can kick.

Come on with the crowds who spend their cash with us. We need your business. We are here to stay if the elements will permit. We want some

### SHEEP MEETING IN SPUR SATURDAY; HOME-GROWN FEED BEST FOR SHEEP

Home-grown feeds are best for West Texas' sheep. That much was evident to the many farmers, stockmen and boys' club members who visited Substation No. 7, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, last Saturday, on the occasion of the Second Annual Sheep Meeting. During the test conducted the past year, lambs of this substation gained more on a ration of native milo heads, cottonseed meal and alfalfa than they did on a ration of corn, bran and oats, imported feeds, the year before.

J. M. Jones, chief of the Division of Animal Industry of the State Experiment Station, in the forenoon made a report of the progress of the sheep investigation under way on the substation. He cited briefly the history of the research work here in lamb breeding and feeding, telling the objects in view and the results so far obtained. He also presented data on the effects of three methods of docking or detailing on the station farm, namely, searing with a hot iron, cutting with a knife and searing the artery. The figures showing effects on gains in weight seemed to favor the method of searing with a hot iron.

C. M. Hubbard, assistant animal husbandman, discussed the results of this year's feeding tests in detail and presented in a thorough and pleasing manner its outstanding features.

In this test, the following cross-breeds were compared with the straight Rambouillet lambs: Lincoln-Rambouillet, Romney-Rambouillet, and Romney-Delaine. All lambs remarkably gained, no lot averaging less than a gain of .47 pounds per head, daily. The straight Rambouillet made a daily gain of .51 pounds daily during the 98 days test just completed. A gain of from .3 pound to .35 pound is usually considered good.

The lambs exhibited Saturday will be entered in the Fort Worth Fat

part in the development of this great country. Spur is near the center of West Texas and may some day be the capitol of the state when it is divided into East and West Texas. We are builders. Will our buildings stand when we ourselves have crossed the Bar.

Loyalty to home, town, community, state, nation and world. It is that quality that causes a dog to follow his master, a horse to lope his rider, a man to trust his friend, a citizen to fight for his flag.

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Stock Show. Last year the station farm took top premiums in every class in which it entered lambs. This year, because of the keen enthusiasm and interest its 1918 entries aroused over the state, it is quite possible the station will not do quite so well, although it is certain to capture its full share of premiums.

Saturday afternoon's sessions were held in the Gem Theatre and were attended well.

J. M. Jones again spoke, calling attention to the fact that "a farm without livestock is like a chicken without feathers." He pointed out that West Texas sheep had gone through the drouth remarkably well.

C. C. French, club agent of the A. & M. College Extension Service, described in a very eloquent and heart-touching address some of the many trials he passed through when, as a young man he embarked in the sheep business in the Southwest. He drew many helpful lessons from his experiences. He counseled fathers to make partners out of their sons in the livestock work.

M. W. Coll, sheep specialist of the Extension Service, told of some of the benefits to be derived from county sheep and wool growers' organizations. He championed the fight being made by the sheep men in favor of more strict legislation against predatory animals.

J. E. Boog-Scott gave an interesting talk from the cattleman's standpoint. Mr. Boog-Scott is one of the state's most prominent ranchmen and

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#### Announcement!

I wish to announce to the public that I have resumed the practice of medicine and surgery at my former location, Dickens, Texas, and shall be pleased to serve you to the best of my ability whenever the occasion arises.

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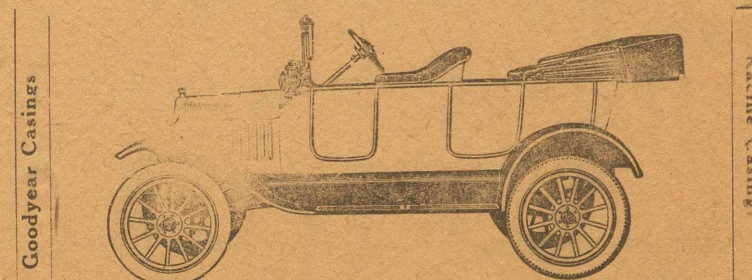
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SPUR, TEXAS

**STEEL HILL.**  
The farmers of Steel Hill are all about through with their plowing, and several of them are now hauling gravel for the Highway. The farmers of Steel Hill are all anxious for the good roads to be completed this summer, for we believe that we will have lots of cotton and maize to haul off next fall.

The people of Steel Hill have suffered the loss of a good neighbor, Bro. French, who died last week. I understand that his little child that has been real sick, is now better.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheely have a real sick child at this writing.

Bro. Bennett, of Duck Creek, will preach for us at the Baptist tabernacle at Steel Hill the first Sunday in March. We hope to have a large attendance. Everybody is invited.

Steel Hill has been complimenting Duck Creek for their good literary Friday night of the 21st of February. We hope they will do that well again.

Elson Jones is still with his friends and relatives of Steel Hill.

The oil fever is raging throughout our country. Messrs. W. T. Wilson and A. W. Jordan have the fever real bad, but with the proper attention I think they will recover by the first of next July.

I haven't much news to write now, I guess I had better go slow. I'll drop old Rambling Bill a line He's a rambling lad you know. Take this from me, Rambling Bill, I do not wish to emphasize

But it was Trickey Sal, of Steel Hill, That you so ignorantly criticised. I think your mind is rather weak, Why should you tramp on my toes, And such ugly words try to speak About the poetry I compose? After making fun of every line In the letter I wrote last,

You tried to imitate my rhyme And completely made a flash. Now, Rambling Bill, you silly elf, If I were you I'd go off and hide And forever live by myself Or else commit suicide.

A country kid, I think you said, You could tell them every time Just from the way the letter read Perhaps by every word and line, Dear Rambling Bill, it is a pity For a smart old boy like you To be confined to a noted city, I know you would like the country too Come out of your city, take exercise, And heed the things you hear. When you go back you wont criticise The letters in The Texas Spur.

Now, dear old boy, will you be fair? Take this from me and bear in mind This does not make our editor swear For he is not the swearing kind. Now, Bill, you see I am a plucker My rhymes are better than you thot. I sent them out to catch a sucker And a Rambling Sucker I have caught But let me say, emphatically Although you think you are fame, We all know you are eratic. From the way you sign your name. You may criticise the folks at home, But to the public don't say a word Until you are called upon And you will never be disturbed.

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*Every true American is proud to own and keep his Liberty Bonds.*

**THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK**  
SPUR, TEXAS

**TAP TELLINGS.**

No rain yet, but we are expecting a flowing well of oil soon.

Most farmers have their lands all broken ready for planting when the time comes.

Little Gertrude Hinson is very low with pneumonia.

Orwin Lambert left this week for the Pitchfork Ranch where he has a position cow-punching.

Brother Campbell has accepted the call as pastor of the Baptist church at this place, and will preach Saturday at 11 o'clock and Sunday at 11, and Sunday night, each fourth Sunday. Brother Campbell is an able preacher. It will do you good to hear him.

Little Loretta Sparks has been very sick, but is much improved at this writing.

W. A. Valentine and Mrs. Ward, from their homes at Watson, spent Tuesday night with J. E. Sparks and family.

Jim Lane and family received a telegram last week of the death of their son, Oliver, who was soldiering in France. We hope this to be a mistake, as they received a card from him dated just five days after the date he was said to have died, Feb. 12th. We certainly hope that Oliver is still alive, and will soon be home with his loved ones and friends.

A petition is now being circulated to open up a rural route through our community, and which is greatly needed out here.

Oran McClure and family, of Spur,

were pleasant callers at T. E. Love's the other Sunday.

J. E. Sparks and others are taking great interest in the oil propositions that are offered them, and are soon expecting the Red Mud and Tap communities to be developed into a great oil field.—KID-A-LUDE.

**GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.**

(Written in Memory of Our Tried and True Friend, Uncle George Davis.)

Who died recently at his home near Afton, in this county.

It was our pleasure to know him as he deserved, he being raised by a pains-taking old aunt of ours.

We were closely associated with him from the time we, two little tots, played in the dusty road until we reached manhood together.

Many a pleasant hour have we spent in childish play. To love him was to know him as I knew him. And he also loved his associates. I never knew of his ever having any trouble or misunderstandings with any one.

There was no job too hard for him to undertake for a friend.

The immediate cause of his death was brought on by an attack of the flu. Besides his wife he leaves to mourn his loss, eight children, five boys and three daughters, and seven grand-children.

This world, I believe, is made better by him having lived in it.

So, farewell, George.

His boyhood friend,

J. G. HENDERSON.

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### PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION, GIVING THE LEGISLATURE POWER TO GIVE OR LEND, OR AUTHORIZE THE GIVING OR LENDING, OF THE CREDIT OF THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING CITIZENS, HEADS OF FAMILIES, TO ACQUIRE OR IMPROVE THEIR HOMES.

House Joint Resolution No. 19.

To amend Section 50, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, to provide that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend, or authorize the giving or lending, of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire, or improve their homes; authorizing the State to acquire, improve, sell or lease real estate or assist such citizens to acquire or improve their homes upon terms and conditions prescribed by the Legislature; authorizing the Legislature to create such agencies as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this section; providing that obligations created under this section shall never be taxed; and providing that the Legislature shall have authority to provide a method of securing any deferred payments for lands purchased hereunder, and that such obligations shall be secured in addition to the usual liens by an annual assessment collected as a tax against the land; and providing that the Legislature shall have no power to relieve any person from any obligation entered into under this provision or any statute enacted thereunder; and providing for the classification of lands acquired under this Act, and limiting acreage sold to any person where lands are classed as agricultural.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 50, of Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, be so amended that the same will read and hereafter be as follows:

Sec. 50. The Legislature shall have no power to give or lend, or to authorize the giving or lending, of the credit of the State in aid of or to any person, association, or corporation, whether municipal or other, or to pledge the credit of the State in any manner whatsoever, for the payment of the liabilities, present or prospective, or any individual, association of individuals municipal or other corporation, whatsoever, except that the Legislature shall have the power to give or lend, or to authorize the giving or lending, of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting native born or naturalized citizens who are heads of families and who will become in good faith actual occupants, to acquire or improve their homes; and for this purpose the State is authorized to acquire, improve, sell or lease real estate or assist such citizens to acquire or improve their homes upon such terms and conditions and in such manner and subject to such limitations as the Legislature may from time to time prescribe. Provided that no land shall be acquired by the State under the terms of this amendment to the Constitution until the said lands are examined, and the value of said lands is appraised and ascertained as to its actual value for agricultural purposes, by a commission hereby authorized, composed of the Governor, Attorney General, Land Commissioner, Comptroller of Public Accounts and the State Treasurer; and their report shall be available to all prospective land purchasers. The Legislature shall have authority to create by law such agencies as may be deemed necessary to effect the purpose of the Act. Obligations created under this section shall never be taxed, and the Legislature shall have authority to provide a method of securing deferred payments for lands purchased hereunder, and in addition to the usual liens may secure the same by an annual assessment collected as a tax against the land; provided, however, the Legislature shall have no power to relieve any person from any obligation entered into with the State under this provision or any statute enacted hereunder. The terms of this Act shall not apply, or be extended to any person who is not a bona fide resident citizen of the State of Texas and who has not been such citizen at least two years prior to the extension of such aid, nor shall the terms of this Act ever be applied to any lands outside of the State of Texas. Provided further that all land acquired by the State under the provisions of this section for which the State may lend its credit shall be classified as agricultural lands or otherwise, and if classified as agricultural lands, then no more than 200 acres shall be sold to any one person under the provisions herein.

Sec. 2. The foregoing Constitutional Amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of the State of Texas at an election to be held throughout the State on the 24th day of May, A. D. 1919, at which election all voters favoring said proposed amendment shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "For the amendment to Section 50, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend or authorize the giving or lending of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire or improve their homes," and all those opposed shall write or have printed on their ballots the words: "Against the amendment to Section 50, Article 3, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing that the Legislature shall have power to give or lend or authorize the giving or lending of the credit of the State for the purpose of assisting citizens who are heads of families to acquire or improve their homes."

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have same published as required by the Constitution and existing laws of the State.

Sec. 4. That the sum of \$5,000.00, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the Treasury of the State not otherwise appropriated to pay the expenses of such publication and election.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,  
Secretary of State.

(Attest: A true copy.)

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## DEMOCRATIC DEMOCRACY.

(By T. M. Cunningham.)

Rev. 11:15—"The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever."

A few centuries back the theory of the Divine Right of Kings held sway among the nations. No one dared refute it. Advantage was taken by the kings of this right and the people began to discredit it.—Ill. "Hy. Esmond." Gradually the pendulum swung away from that theory. One nation after another began to throw aside not only the theory of "Divine Rights" of kings, but the king himself. Gradually democracies have been formed in which the rights of the people were emphasized. In these modern times the pendulum has swung to the other extreme. The fall of autoocracy in Central Europe was the death stroke of the time-worn and much abused theory of Divine Rights of Kings.

But so anxious have we been to bury every vestige of the claims of autoocracy that we have sometimes sought also to discard the idea of any Divine Right existing anywhere. Does not this Divine Right rest in the people as truly as ever a king claimed it? Indeed, we can find the sovereign right of the people written every where, not only in the trend of history and in the demands of our times, but also in the written Word of God.

It was the purpose of God to make his people a nation of priests, with equal rights and equal access to God. Before the law was given even in the infancy of the nation of Israel, the Divine Right of the people was expressed in these words: "Ye shall be unto me a Kingdom of Priests." This Divine idea was that of a true democracy, the small and great upon the same plane of privileges. Disobedience to the law made it necessary to pacify priests to plead their cause before God, the priesthood confined to one family, Aaron. In the Dispensation of Grace, however, we have a substitute, Christ, who has obeyed perfectly, and again we are raised to equality in universal priesthood.

The whole Bible, O. T. & N. T., abounds with this Divine idea of equal rights both in religious affairs and in civil.

Jesus Christ made his appeals all to the individual; the obligations he expressed were individual obligations; and, praise God, the blessings he gave and the privileges he offered were individual and equal. God is no respecter of persons. We all stand on the same footing before Him. Where ever there was a social or civil order established among his people, equality and freedom were the cardinal principles of the order. The infant church of the N. T. was founded on this basis and it was only the wanderings of sinful men that caused the church to change that basis to a hierarchy.

Democracy and universal suffrage (woman suffrage) are Divine in origin and in its rights to continuity.

But God, in His word, goes further than state broad principles upon which we should be governed whether in religious or in civil affairs. He states also the form into which this government is to be molded—Representative.

Moses' first organization of the children of Israel was a representative organization. The elders of Israel, chosen by the people ruled 1000s, 100s, 50s and 10s. Moses was the president. The judges had their helpers in the representative elders of Israel. But the monarchical government established under Saul was man's idea and it proved a failure long before the two kingdoms were taken captive.

The N. T. order was governed by elders and representatives chosen by the people. At the first synod Jesus, Paul and Barnabas were elect-



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ed by the Antioch church to represent them. And the Jerusalem synod in turn commissioned Judas and Silas with Paul and Barnabas to represent that body in settling certain disputes which troubled the church at Antioch. Both elders and deacons were appointed in every church to rule the people.

At the synd in Jerusalem the question of equal suffrage was settled—Jew and Gentile had equal rights.

Thus do we see the sanction of the Scripture upon a Representative Democracy—Universal Serf and Fair Representation. In swinging back to Democracy we find that we are getting back to where God started us. If we had read His word and heeded it the departure would have been avoided. Experience whipped us into line. Men's consciences demanded justice and equity in government. Democracies hold officers accountable to the conscience of the people.

### GRAVEL HILL ITEMS.

Well, we thought we would write a few items to the Texas Spur to let every one know the sand storm had not run us off. We are still here and are preparing to raise a bumper crop this year.

Gravel Hill school is progressing nicely and the children are all learning fast. The scholars think they have the best teacher there is in Prof. McCormick. I wonder if he thinks he has the most obedient children there is.

Mr. Kelley McAlister, wife and baby, of near Jayton, visited his sister, Mrs. J. R. Henkel, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Baker, who is teaching the Rosewood school in Kent county, is also visiting Mrs. Henkel.

Mr. M. M. Morris and several of his children visited Spur Saturday.

Misses Nora and Adell McCarty visited Mrs. J. R. Henkel Saturday night to hear some music rendered by Miss Baker, who is a fine musician.

The Primitive Baptist had services

at the Gravel Hill school house Sunday, with a very good attendance.

Mrs. J. R. Henkel, who has been confined to her bed for the past week with an attack of appendicitis, is able to be up again.

We are very glad indeed to welcome Mrs. Luther Ragsdale back in our community, as we missed her very much while she was away.

Mr. Estes, who has been very sick for some time with pneumonia, is doing nicely which we are glad to learn.

Mr. H. J. McCarty visited Spur Saturday.

The boys and girls of this community are very much interested in the pig club. If they all join that wants to, there will be some fat hogs or poor ones one, to sell at the fair.

Mr. C. C. Haile and wife visited J. R. Henkle and wife Sunday evening.

Mr. Gravelly is preparing Mrs. John McCormick's land for this year's crop. His land being sandy, he has to wait for the sand storms to quit a little.

Well, if Brown Eyes is welcome, she will come again, so I bid you all adieu.  
BROWN EYES.

Brown Eyes is very welcome, and we hope to have Gravel Hill items every week hereafter.—Ed.

The Marquette line Ladies Spring Suits, Silk Crepe or Georgette Dresses. A line cleared by itself—such original designs. The only high-class line shown. — Love Dry Goods Co., Spur, Texas.

D. I. McCombs, of Clairemont, was here Monday and spent several hours in the city on some business matters. While here Mr. McCombs purchased a new touring car from the Ford Service Station.

The party that picked up my corduroy coat in front of Earyl Senning's residence last Saturday evening, please return to J. C. Keen. It has my switch board keys and pliers in the pockets. 1t

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Friday, March 7th, 1919.

J. J. Cloud, of the Soldier Mound community, called in at the Texas Spur office Thursday and paid us for some advertising and also for the paper another year. Mr. Cloud tells us that he always gets results from his advertising, that it always pays. An ad in the Texas Spur costs very little and is a quick, cheap way of getting what you have before a large number of people. Try it.

The West Texas Chamber of Commerce recently organized at Mineral Wells selected Stamford as headquarters for the organization. Three salaried men, Messrs. S. E. Miller, secretary of Mineral Wells Chamber of Commerce, Geo. W. Brigg, secretary of Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, and Ed P. Byars, were employed, the first as secretary, the second as field manager, and the latter as manager of transportation and traffic department. The West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be of great benefit to West Texas if its officers and managers will work for the country without reference to individuals.

The wheat guarantee bill, carrying an appropriation of one billion dollars, was passed by congress, authorizing the president to use existing agencies or create new ones to buy wheat of the 1918-19 crops at the government guaranteed price and dispose of it at market prices. This bill gives the president authority to provide all the machinery for handling wheat from the time it is purchased from the farmer until sold to consumers, with control over millers, wholesalers, jobbers and all others. The question comes to us: if the government can place a standard, guaranteed price on wheat, why can't it do the same thing on cotton?

Jim Foster was in town Thursday from his ranch home six miles east of Spur, spending several hours here on business and conversing with his numerous friends.

A. W. Jordan, of the Steel Hill section of country, came in Saturday and spent an hour or so here trading and on other business.

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

The Misses Gilbert, of four or five miles south of Spur, were recent shoppers in the city.

Judge A. J. McClain and son, Porter, of the Cat Fish country, were in Spur Saturday meeting friends and attending to business affairs. The Judge is very anxious that oil developments begin in his part of the country, since he and others are confident that there is plenty of oil underground in that section. We firmly believe a great oil field will be developed here. The development progress has already commenced and will not stop.

C. J. Smith was among the number in Spur Saturday from the Dry Lake community. He says everything is in fine shape and that he and others anticipate bumper crops, oil gushers and unparalleled prosperity in the future. West Texas people are the most optimistic people on earth.

Tol Merriman was here Saturday from his ranch home south of Spur, calling in and boosting up his subscription to the Texas Spur for which he has our thanks.

**Silk Waists, Silk Petticoats, Belts, Neckwear, Hosiery, Notions all kinds.**—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

County Treasurer C. H. Perry came over one day this week from Dickens, spending some time in Spur greeting friends and former associates.

Jim Smith, of the Dry Lake community, was here Saturday shaking hands with friends and trading some with the merchants.

**HUGHES FAMOUS CANDIES ARE THE VERY BEST—AT THE CITY DRUG STORE.**

J. J. Noland, a prominent citizen and farmer of the Afton country, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of the week.

S. L. Davis, of Dickens, was a business visitor to Spur Saturday, spending several hours here meeting his friends.

We are glad to have you call on us when you are in the market for feed and hay.—Farmers Wagon Yard. tf

W. L. McAteer, of "Egypt" near Dickens, was in Spur Saturday meeting friends.

Judge Walter L. Powell and wife, of Dickens, were visitors in Spur Saturday.

**FOR SALE**—Black Jersey cow, will be fresh with milk soon. Will sell at reasonable price.—Mrs. W. G. Potts.

C. R. Gunn, of near Dickens, was one of the business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Owen were visitors in Spur Saturday from their ranch home twelve miles southwest.

Go to Henry Clay for first-class work.—Dickens, Texas.

**\$12,000,000 FUND TO AID TEXAS HIWAYS**

Austin, Texas, Feb. 22.—R.M. Hubbard, member of State Highway Commission and known as Commissioner of Construction, gave out some interesting figures today regarding funds available for road building in Texas. He said: "The postoffice appropriation bill making additional appropriations of \$200,000,000 to the States for good roads building is certainly a stimulant for new and better roads.

"Under its terms Texas will receive over \$12,000,000. Of this amount we will have available for the construction of roads during 1919 over \$7,000,000. In addition, we will have available from automobile license fees previously paid, and paid during the year about \$1,700,000, after all overhead expenses have been paid. In addition to these two amounts we have available for 1919 from the original \$75,000,000 Federal appropriation fund, approximately \$3,000,000. This makes a total of approximately \$12,000,000 available or aiding in the construction of good roads during 1919.

"The Federal Government requires that the sum appropriated by its bill be matched or equalled by a like amount of funds to be put on roads in which the Federal fund is expended.

"This requirement, however, is easily met, as the commissioner's only trouble is to get enough Federal and State funds to match those furnished by the counties.

"However the different communities are rapidly coming to realize the importance of good roads, and previous to a February meeting the commission had allotted a total of approximately \$7,500,000, leaving a balance to be allotted of approximately \$4,500,000, which will be available for road construction this year."

Al Sullivan came in Saturday and spent a few minutes here on rushing business. Al is this year farming several hundred acres of cotton and other crops and which keeps him very busy. He will not have to reduce his cotton crop this year in accord with state plans, since he has been reducing the past two or three years.

Bert Duncan, of the Croton country, was in Spur the first of the week. He informed us that he was progressing with the road work in that section. He is working the roads in the Afton and Croton countries, and will soon have fine roads leading into the markets of Dickens and Spur.

This week I am going to sell a six-room house, well improved, east front, dirt cheap. Do you want to buy this place like paying rent?—C. Earyl Senning.

W. A. Stevens, of the Espeula section of country, was one of the number of visitors in Spur Saturday of the past week.

Bob Gipson, of north of town, was in Spur Saturday trading and on other business.

We have bran, shorts, barley chops in transit. See us for special prices.—Farmers Wagon Yard. tf

R. P. Davis, of the Dry Lake community, was among those who had business in Spur Saturday.

Walter Pordan, of the Duck Creek country, was in Spur one day this week.

F. M. Middleton, a leading farmer, stockman and citizen of near Dickens, was here Saturday.

See the show Saturday night

**THE WESTSIDE BARBER SHOP**  
W. P. SIMPSON, Proprietor  
Solicits Your Patronage and Guarantees Satisfaction  
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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION PROHIBITING THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF INTOXICATING LIQUORS.**

House Joint Resolution No. 1.  
A resolution proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas, by amending Article 16, Section 20 thereof by striking out and repealing said section and substituting in lieu thereof a new Section 20, prohibiting the manufacture, sale, barter or exchange in the State of Texas of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever, except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes, and providing that the Legislature shall enact laws to enforce this section; providing that until the Legislature shall prescribe other or different regulations on the subject of the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever, for medicinal purposes, shall be made only in cases of actual sickness, and then only upon prescription of a regular practicing physician, subject to certain regulations with reference to the same; providing that this amendment shall be self-operative, and until the Legislature shall provide other or different penalties, the violation of any part of this constitutional provision shall be deemed a felony punishable by confinement in the penitentiary for a term of years specified, without the benefit of any law providing for suspended sentence; conferring authority upon the District Courts and judges thereof, under their equity powers, to issue upon suit of the Attorney General injunctions against infractions or threatened infractions of any part of this constitutional provision; providing that, without affecting the provisions herein, intoxicating liquors are declared to be subject to the general police power of this State; declaring that the Legislature shall have power to pass any additional prohibitory laws in aid thereof which it may deem advisable; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitutional amendment and prescribing certain rules and regulations with reference to the same; declaring that the provisions of the General Election Law shall govern in all respects as to qualification of electors and method of holding the election and in all other respects where applicable; directing proclamation for the election and making certain provisions for the election and ballots thereof and method of voting; prescribing certain duties for the Governor of the State; and making an appropriation to carry out this resolution.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:  
Section 1. That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by striking out and repealing Section 20 thereof and substituting in lieu of said section 20 the following:

Sec. 20. (a.) The manufacture, sale, barter or exchange, in the State of Texas, of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors or medicated bitters capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever except for medicinal, mechanical, scientific or sacramental purposes, are each and all hereby prohibited.

The Legislature shall enact laws to enforce this section.  
(b) Until the Legislature shall prescribe other or different regulations on the subject, the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, or any other intoxicant whatever, for medical purposes shall be made only in cases of actual sickness, and then only upon the prescription of a regular practicing physician, subject to the regulations applicable to sales under prescriptions in prohibited territory by virtue of Article 598, Chapter 7, Title 11, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas.

(c) This amendment is self-operative, and until the Legislature shall prescribe other or different penalties, any person acting for himself or in behalf of another, or in behalf of any partnership, corporation or association of persons, who shall, after the adoption of this amendment, violate any part of this constitutional provision shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall, upon conviction in a prosecution commenced, carried on and concluded in the manner prescribed by law in cases of felonies, be punished by confinement in the penitentiary for a period of time not less than one year nor more than five years, without the benefit of any law providing for suspended sentence. And the district courts and the judges thereof, under their equity powers, shall have the authority to issue, upon suit of the Attorney General, injunctions against infractions of any part of this constitutional provision.

(d) Without affecting the provisions herein, intoxicating liquors are declared to be subject to the general police power of the State; and the Legislature shall have the power to pass any additional prohibitory laws, or laws in aid thereof, which it may deem advisable.  
(e) Liability for violating any liquor laws in force at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall not be affected by this amendment, and all remedies, civil and criminal, for such violations shall be preserved.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Saturday in May, being the twenty fourth day thereof, A. D. 1919. At said election, the vote shall be by official ballot, which shall have printed or written at the top thereof in plain letters the words, "Official Ballot." Said ballot shall have also written or printed thereon the words, "For Prohibition," and the words, "Against Prohibition."

All voters favoring said proposed amendment shall erase the words "Against Prohibition" by making a mark through the same; and those opposing it shall erase the words "For Prohibition," making a mark through the same. Said ballot shall have also written or printed thereon the words "For Prohibition," and the words "Against Prohibition."

If a majority of the votes cast at said election shall be "For Prohibition," said amendment shall be declared adopted. If a majority of the votes shall be "Against Prohibition," said amendment shall be lost, and so declared.

All of the provisions of the General Election Laws as amended and in force at the time of said election is held shall govern in all respects as to the qualifications of the electors, the method of holding such election, and all other respects so far as such election law can be made applicable.

Sec. 3. The Governor of the State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State.

Sec. 4. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation and election.

GEO. F. HOWARD  
Secretary of State

(A true copy.)

W. C. Mitchell, a good citizen and farmer of the Tap country, was in town one day this week buying supplies and also implements with which to produce that big crop this year. We hope he makes the biggest crop he ever farmed.

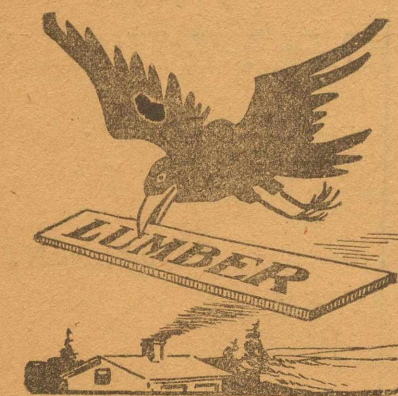
Ben Hagins, of Lamesa, recently returned to his home after spending some time here visiting relatives and looking after his farming interests of the Steel Hill community.

R. A. Brown, of the Highway community, was in town Thursday. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section, with good prospects for oil as well as crops.

J. R. McArthur and wife, of the Tap country, were in Spur Saturday shopping and visiting with friends of the city.

Good work horse for sale. See I. G. Van Leer, Spur, Texas. 14-1tptf

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for that lumber you contemplate buying will be a reasonably sized one if you purchase of us. Ask the contractors and home builders in this community about the quality of lumber and fairness of our methods.



**BRAZELTON LUMBER COMPANY**



W. J. Elliott and family, of the Spring Creek Farm and Ranch twelve miles southwest of Spur, were in the city the latter part of the past week visiting with friends and shopping with merchants.

We have home raised, new crop of cane and maize seed, 6 cents per lb. Buy now before these seed are all gone.—Farmers Wagon Yard.

C. H. Brinnell came in Saturday of the past week from the Spur Ranch headquarters, spending several hours in town trading and on other business matters.

Let me do your tailor work.—Henry Clay, Dickens, Texas.

A. B. Morgan was in town Saturday day.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING FOR AND RELATING TO EQUAL SUFFRAGE.**  
Senate Joint Resolution No. 7.

Proposing to amend Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas so that it shall hereafter, in substance, provide that every person, male or female, subject to no constitutional disqualifications, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, and who shall reside in this state one year next preceding an election, and the last six months within the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; provided electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence; declaring that the electors living in any unorganized county may vote at an election precinct in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes; providing that any voter who is subject to pay a poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas shall have paid said tax before he or she shall offer to vote at any election in this State and hold a receipt showing that poll tax has been paid before the first day of February next preceding such election; declaring that if said voter shall have lost or misplaced such tax receipt, he or she shall be entitled to vote, upon making affidavit that such tax receipt has been lost, which affidavit must be in writing and left with the judge of the election. And declaring that all laws now on the statutes relating to qualified voters and governing and regulating elections shall apply to male and female voters alike; and all laws relating to elections shall remain in full force & effect until changed or modified by the Legislature, and declaring that this amendment to the Constitution shall be self-enacting.

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section 2, of Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended so that hereafter said election shall read as follows, to-wit:

Section 2. Every person, male or female, subject to none of the foregoing disqualifications, who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, and who shall be a citizen of the United States, and who shall have resided in this state one year next preceding an election, and the last six months within the district or county in which he offers to vote, shall be deemed a qualified elector; and all electors shall vote in the election precinct of their residence; provided, that electors living in any unorganized county may vote at any election precinct in the county to which such county is attached for judicial purposes; and provided further, that any voter who is subject to pay a poll tax under the laws of the State of Texas shall have paid said tax before he or she offers to vote at any election in this State and hold a receipt showing such poll tax paid before the first day of February next preceding such election. Or if said voter shall have lost or misplaced said tax receipt, he or she shall be entitled to vote upon making affidavit before any officer authorized to administer oaths that such tax receipt has been lost. Such affidavit shall be made in writing and left with the judge of the election. All laws now on the statutes of this State regulating and relating to qualified voters in both primary and general elections shall apply to and govern and regulate both male and female voters, and shall be in effect until such statutes are changed or amended by the Legislature. And this amendment to the Constitution shall be self-enacting without the necessity of further legislation.

Sec. 3. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to the vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held for such purpose on the fourth Saturday in May, A. D. 1919, the same being the twenty-fourth day of said month; at said election, the votes shall be placed on an official ballot which shall have printed, or written, thereon the words, "For the amendment to Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing qualifications for male and female voters," and also the words, "Against the amendment to Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing qualifications for male and female voters." All voters favoring this proposed constitutional amendment shall erase the words "Against the amendment to Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas," and those opposing it shall erase the words, "For the amendment to Section 2, Article 6, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, providing qualifications for male and female voters," which said erasures shall be made by making a mark with a pencil, or pen through said words. All ballots cast, as above provided, shall be counted as cast for or against a proposed amendment, and if a majority shall be for the amendment it shall be declared adopted; if a majority of the votes cast shall be against the amendment, said amendment shall be lost. All provisions of the general election laws, as amended and enforced at the time said election is held, shall govern in all respects as to the qualifications of the electors, the method of holding said elections, and in all other respects so far as such election laws can be made applicable.

Sec. 4. The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for such election and have same published as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Sec. 5. The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

GEO. F. HOWARD,  
GEO. F. HOWARD,  
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13.

A resolution to amend Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as follows: Strike out the words "Four Thousands," found in the third line of Section 5, and insert in lieu thereof the words "Ten Thousand," and adding after the word "furniture" the words, "and this clause shall be self-enacting," and making an appropriation to pay necessary expenses hereof.

Be it Resolved, by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That Section No. 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas be so amended as hereafter to read as follows:

Section 5. ARTICLE IV. GOVERNOR'S SALARY AND MANSION. He shall at stated times receive compensation for his service an annual salary of ten thousand dollars, and no more, and shall have the use and occupation of the Governor's Mansion, fixtures and furniture, and this clause shall be self-enacting.

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held throughout the State of Texas on the fourth Saturday in May, A. D. 1919, same being the twenty fourth day of May, A. D. 1919, and the Governor of this State is hereby directed to make the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same duly published as required by the Constitution and laws of this State. Said election shall be held under and in accordance with the general election laws of the State and the official ballot shall have printed or written thereon in plain letters the words, "OFFICIAL BALLOT," and also the words, "For the Amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas," and also the words, "Against the Amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas."

All voters favoring such amendment shall erase, by making a mark through the words, "Against the Amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas," and all voters opposing such amendment shall erase by making a mark through the words "For the Amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas." If a majority of votes cast shall be "For the Amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas," said amendment shall be declared adopted. If a majority of the votes cast shall be "Against the Amendment to Section 5 of Article IV of the Constitution of the State of Texas in regard to the salary of the Governor of the State of Texas," said amendment shall be lost and shall be so declared.

Sec. 3. There is hereby appropriated out of the funds in the State Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or so much thereof as may be necessary to cover the necessary expense attached to the proclamation and publication of this amendment, and the Governor shall issue the necessary proclamation and cause the same to be duly published.

GEORGE F. HOWARD,  
Secretary of State.

(A true copy.)

# PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke



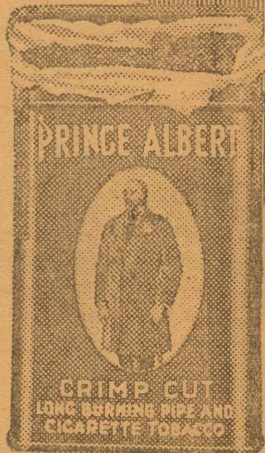
NEVER was such right-handed-twisted smokejoy as you puff out of a jimmy pipe packed with Prince Albert! That's because P. A. has the quality!

You can't fool your taste apparatus any more than you can get five aces out of a family deck! So, when you hit Prince Albert, coming and going, and get up half an hour earlier just to start stoking your pipe or rolling cigarettes, you know you've got the big prize on the end of your line!

Prince Albert's quality alone puts it in a class of its own, but when you figure that P. A. is made by our exclusive patented process that cuts out bite and parch—well—you feel like getting a flock of dictionaries to find enough words to express your happy days sentiments!

Tippy red bags, tidy red tins, handsome pound and half-pound tin humidors—and that classy, practical pound crystal glass humidor with sponge moistener top that keeps the tobacco in such perfect condition.

R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Winston-Salem, N. C.



Mrs. L. A. Hindman, and sons, Jack and Dial, came in one day the latter part of the past week, spending the day in Spur with friends.

STRAYED—Red, white face yearling, marked crop the left ear, branded F on left shoulder. Will be glad to locate it.—Mrs. C. Fite. 1t

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**NOTICE.**

Taken up on my place about January 10th, 1918, one heifer yearling, branded VH (connected) on left side, left fore-leg been broken and crooked, with knee slightly large.

Owner can get same by paying feed and pasture bill and advertising.

Will sell at Spur on March 8th, at public auction, if not claimed in meantime—J. L. Karr, at Old Espeula.

Ed Hulse, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur one day this week from his home in that section. He was becoming somewhat enthused over the prospects of oil and mineral development of this part of Texas. He had some ore which was sent off to be assayed, and we are confident that it will prove of value, and that it will also indicate other rich products underground.

W. P. Sampson, of a few miles to the north of Dickens, was a recent visitor in Spur, shaking hands with his numerous friends of the town and surrounding country. He is this year farming and states that he has fine prospects for bumper crops. We are hopeful that he will make a "killing" this year and be able to move to town and establish a banking business.

My Red Hens are Winter Layers, mated with cocks from 200 egg strain. Eggs, \$1.00 for 18.—Mrs. Nannie Fletcher, 1 mile east of Spur. 4t

Poet Hagins, of Gilpin, came in the latter part of last week and spent the day in Spur trading and conversing with friends.

Just received a fresh and complete line of standard cigars at the City Drug Store. Smoke with us.

J. E. Sparks, of Tap, was in town one day this week, stating that the "wind never blows" in that part of the country.

Frank Hale was in Spur Saturday from the Sunshine Ranch twelve miles southeast. He informed us that the rig for the deep oil test well on his ranch had been set and the well has been "spudded" in. Geologists say that there is no question but that oil exists underground in that section, and we are all hopeful that this well will hit the center of the pool. At any rate it is going down and within the course of time we will know the outcome.

C. W. Avery, a good farmer, of west of Spur, was in town Saturday feeling so enthused over the oil prospects that he called in gave us some information of his section, as well as boosted up his subscription another year.

If you know an item of news phone the Texas Spur. We will be glad to have it and thereby you can assist in making the Texas Spur a better and more readable paper.

W. E. Duke, a successful and persistent business farmer of the Watson community southwest of Spur, was among the visitors here Saturday of the past week.

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.

H. C. and Willie Eldredge, of the plains country near McAdeo, mere visitors to Spur the latter part of the past week.

Tom Stephens, of Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur Thursday of this week, spending an hour or two in Spur.

**EGGS FOR SALE.**  
Thoroughbred White Leghorn Eggs at \$6.00 per 100, or \$1.00 per setting.—The White Poultry Farm, Afton, Texas. 1t



# CHOICE TOWN LOTS FOR SALE

Last summer while times were so hard and the weather so dry and discouraging, I made a lucky deal for the Pool & Robinson interests in the town of---

## Dickens, Texas

Consisting of over 100 choice lots and a large tract of acreage located mostly in the western part of the town. I bought this property at my own figures, which enables me to make the astonishing prices on a part of it that I am going to offer the public.

A year or two ago lots could be bought in Ranger, Burkburnett or other of the oil towns at practically your own figures. An investment of \$100 in one of these towns would now be worth thousands. We have a better showing for oil right here in Dickens county than some of the best producing fields in Texas had before the wells were brought in, and the town of---

### Dickens Is Right In The Heart Of The Coming Oil Fields Of Texas

And before the year expires you will see development begun. If you wait until the drill strikes the oil to make your investment, you will have waited until it is too late.

For a short time only I am offering 50 Business Lots and 52 Quarter Blocks for

**Business Lots, 25x140 Feet, . . . . \$40**

**Quarter Blocks, 150x175 Feet, . . . . \$75**

None of these will be facing the public square, but all business lots will be close in.

You may make your own selection or I will select for you, giving you the closest in lot I have at the time your order is received. A deposit of one-fifth the purchase price is required with order, the remainder may be paid in monthly installments of ten dollars, if preferred. Warranty deed to be delivered upon final payment. Liberty Bonds accepted at par. Mail application with check or draft.

**Taxes Paid. Title Perfect**  
Make your reservation now, as this offer positively will not stand long

**DR. T. H. BLACKWELL**  
Dickens, - - - - Texas

#### ITEMS CONCERNING PEOPLE OF THE TOWN OF CLAIREMONT

Miss Ides Glenn, who is teaching the Underwood school, visited relatives here Friday night.

R. Tatum entertained Friday night in honor of Mr. Oscar Osman.

Mrs. C. O. Fox and daughter, Evelyn, are sick this week.

Miss Olive Adams visited relatives here Saturday night and Sunday.

H. W. Johns made a flying trip to Girard Saturday.

Misses Marie Taylor, Annie Hull, Iva Deavers and Messrs. Rufus Duke, Carlos McCombs and Sam Johnston visited friends in Jayton Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor visited relatives in Girard Saturday.

Mr. Oscar Osman, one of our highly appreciated boys, has returned from France where he has been serving in the army. Mr. Osman was one of our boys who volunteered and was in service twenty two months. Every one is glad to welcome him home.

Miss Marie Taylor and Mr. Rufus Duke were quietly married Monday morning at 7:30 o'clock, Judge Vardiman performing the ceremony. The happy young couple left immediately after the ceremony for Spur where they took the afternoon train for Fort Worth where they will attend the Fat Stock Show. Miss Taylor was one of the most popular young ladies of our town and will be greatly missed by

her many friends. Mr. Duke is a prosperous young oil magnate of De Leon, Texas. Clairemont extends to them their very best wishes.

Mr. Byron Polk of the Smith ranch, transacted business in Clairemont on Tuesday.

Mr. Oscar Osman visited friends at the Sneed Ranch Tuesday of this week.

Mr. Carlos McCombs is teaching the O-O school.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Jay, Mr. Sam Johnston and Miss Jen Adams accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Duke to Spur Monday.

#### NOTE OF INTEREST.

The Dickens Cemetery Association is taking up donations for the purpose of fencing the cemetery, and for the benefit of any one who has relatives buried in the cemetery and have moved to distant parts of the county or country, we are giving you notice so if it is your desire to help you will have the opportunity to do so. All help will be appreciated. Those wishing to help will please send money to Mrs. B. G. Worswick, Dickens, Texas.

#### RECITAL.

Under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church, the following young ladies will appear in a recital on Thursday evening, March 13th: Miss Ronelle Adams, Pianist; Miss Zada Stafford, Reader; Miss Kate Hall, Violinist.

#### WILL PREACH ON THE DANCE.

Next Sunday evening at seven-thirty, I shall preach on "The Modern Dance." All young people and parents are invited to be present. If you endorse the dance, or if you oppose it, come out and let us make an honest inquiry into this subject, which I believe, vitally affects the morals of our young people. I am no fanatic, but I have some convictions on this subject.

Sunday school at ten a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Subject: "The Bible and Success." Make our church your church.—J. O. Haymes.

#### NOTICE.

To our friends, one and all, you have our thanks in as much as they have stood by us in helping get prospects for real oil development in our section. We have offered our acreage and assistance in any way possible for the development of our community and surrounding country. We take this privilege to say with help of people, the company is now on the ground ready to carry out our contract as placed before the people. By doing so we will soon know as to what a real oil field can do for our country.—Twaddell & Williams.

We have corn, wheat bran, rice bran, barley, chops, corn chops, cold pressed cake, cottonseed cake, corn chops on hand at prices that will sell them. Call to us.—Spur Grain & Coal Co., Spur, Texas. 17-2t

S. Yandell, one of the leading farmers of the Girard country, was in the city Thursday of this week and purchased supplies of the Spur merchants.

We clean 'em right in Dickens.—Henry Clay, Tailor.

#### DOES THOROUGH-BRED POULTRY PAY IN THIS COUNTRY?

This is a question that is asked every few days by people who have never tried the poultry business in its best way.

I will say yes, from every standpoint. First, the beauty of a flock of poultry, that is all, just the same in color and shape and size.

Next, the profit you gain out of a well bred flock. You sell just common poultry by the pound to get rid of your surplus, and thoroughbreds you sell by the head from \$1.00 to \$2.50 each. We could have sold several hundred this year if we could have spared that many. Our hens brought us \$3.00 per hen last year, with an increase of 25 young hens besides. These hens cost me \$1.00 a piece. Does a \$50.00 cow bring the cowman \$150.00 a year? I say no.

We now have 70 head of hens and pullets on the yard, but some of the pullets are just getting old enough to lay. Our record for the last two months proves more and more that they pay. In January we got 456 eggs. In February we got 616 eggs. At the present prices of eggs you can see our profit.

One of my neighbors said the other day that he had 100 hens on his yard, of every color on earth, but he had never gotten over 10 eggs a day this winter. He needs a good laying strain of White Leghorns on his place

to see the difference. The best you can get will pay you the most money.

I want to see Dickens county some day in the lead with fine poultry, and an annual poultry show, with better markets for poultry and eggs.

Mr. Crawford, our good County Agent, wants to get the farmers more interested in poultry, so let each one that can, do a bit and help him. So here's for the best year in the poultry business. Let us farmers make it the best. Get a few White Leghorns on your farm and you have struck oil. White Poultry Farm.

#### DIED.

Mrs. Trammell, of five miles north of Spur, died Wednesday night after an illness of some time, the remains being interred Thursday in the Spur cemetery. Some time ago, we understand, Mrs. Trammell suffered an attack of influenza, and since that time has never fully recovered.

The Texas Spur extends sincere condolence to the bereaved husband and children.

The Marquette line Ladies Spring Suits, Silk Crepe or Georgette Dresses. A line cleared by itself—such original designs. The only high-class line shown.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur, Texas.

Buy your kodaks and films from Henry Clay, Dickens, Texas.

Have your printing done at home.

#### NEW JEWELRY SHOP

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

N. L. LOVE

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**THE SECOND HAND STORE IS READY TO DO REPAIRS OF ALL KINDS OR TRADE NEW FOR OLD**

**J. P. WILKES Proprietor**

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**SPUR HARDWARE AND FURNITURE COMPANY**  
 THE SATISFACTORY STORE—Hardware, Furniture and Coffins

**HERMAN SUTTLE KILLED SELF AT HOME NEAR LITTLEFIELD**

Herman Suttle shot himself Monday morning at his home near Littlefield in Lamb county. A forty five pistol was used and death was instantaneous.

Herman Suttle was for many years range boss on the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, and is well known to all the old-timers of this country.

W. W. Ellis and wife, of the Rocking Chair Ranch in Kent county, were called to attend the funeral, he being their son-in-law. Mr. Ellis stated that Mr. Suttle got up Monday morning, walked to the dresser in the room. Geologists have said that oil is under the ground here, and if it is the drillers are going to find it. Plans for the drilling work are already made and actual drilling operations will soon be under way. Here is hoping that "gushers" will be encountered in every well put down, and we believe that at least one or more of the five wells to go down will bring in a real "gusher."

**MEETING OF EX-CONFEDERATES**

We are requested to announce that a meeting of the members of Col. John A. Green Camp of Ex-Confederates will be held in Spur Saturday, March 15th, at the directors room of the Spur National Bank.

J. C. Stephens, of Afton, passed through Spur the latter part of last week on his way to Galveston to look after some cotton which he shipped to that point earlier in the year. He thinks now that he will continue to hold his cotton until it goes up again. While gone he will see the sights at San Antonio, hobnob with the governor at Austin and possibly come by and view the wealth of the Eastland county oil belt.

**STRAYED**—Black Jersey milk cow unbranded and unmarked, little and straight up horns, about six years old. Notify L. W. Bilberry, McAdoo, Tex., and receive reward for trouble. 1tp

the past week shopping.

County Clerk M. Gay came over Saturday from Dickens and spent the afternoon here meeting friends.

Miss Mabel Van Leer left the first of this week for Ranger where she has a position as stenographer for an oil company.

**THE FAMOUS WATERMAN FOUNTAIN PENS AT THE CITY DRUG STORE.**

N. A. Baker left the first of this week for Hamilton where he will spend some time with relatives and looking after business interests.

Jim Walker and J. C. Weir, of near Spur, were among the visitors here late Saturday afternoon.

Bob Morgan was a business visitor in Spur Thursday of this week.

**LOCAL DICKENS CITIZENS WILL DRILL OIL WELL IMMEDIATELY**

J. H. Edwards, associated with Dr. Blackwell, J. F. Speer and other local citizens of Dickens, are making arrangements to drill for oil on their lands near Dickens.

Mr. Edwards left this week for the Eastland county oil fields to secure well drilling rigs and make contracts with drillers for sinking one or more wells as planned, the work to begin at once.

This insures at least five test wells to be drilled in Dickens county during the year.

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John Smith, of Red Mud, was in town Saturday. He told us that the present sand storms did not in the least indicate short crops and an unseasonable year. In years past he said sand storms had come frequently and later than this, and that later good rains came, bumper crops were produced and everybody was contented. We are not beginning to feel uneasy, but since other new-comers might begin to get worried, we repeat what John Smith said, and since he has been here since before farming operations were commenced, he ought to be some authority.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was among the number here Saturday. He is one of the number of land owners of that section who have given leases on their lands that oil developments might be instituted in this part of the state. Mr. Farmer will always be found foremost in the development progress of our country.

A. C. Hyatt, formerly one of the Texas Spur force, is now publishing the Sipe Springs Record, having recently leased that plant. He is located in the oil belt and we hope he will reap some of the riches characteristic of an oil field.

J. H. Jones, who has been spending some time in Eastland county looking after his interests in oil lands, returned last week to his home west of Spur.

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 hot cakes.

T. S. Lambert, Mayor of Tap, was one of the distinguished visitors in the city this week.

We will buy your fat stock and hogs if you have anything to offer see us.—Eb and Elmer Johnson, Spur. 17-tf

**DR. BLACKWELL IS PLACING LOTS ON SALE AT DICKENS**

Dr. T. H. Blackwell, of Dickens, is placing on sale a number of town lots in the city of Dickens, both residence and business lots, and in view of the oil prospects of the country, these lots are expected to sell like "hot cakes."

The prices placed on the lots are in accord with pre-oil days, being worth the money regardless of whether or not oil is brought in. Those desiring to take a "shot" at the future prospects for an oil field here could not do better than invest in town lots. Should oil be struck here these lots will be worth thousands of dollars, each, since Dickens, as well as Spur, will develop into real cities, teeming with thousands and thousands of people daily.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhea, of near Silverton, were called last week to Aspermont to see her father who was sick. They spent the night in Spur with Oran McClure and family. Roy McClure, of Silverton, accompanied them to Aspermont.

C. B. Bankenship, of east of Spur, called in one day this week and extended his own subscription to Texas Spur, and also sent the paper to his father. He was feeling good over the oil development progress.

Lee Rice, who has been with the Bryant-Link Company, is now traveling salesman for a wholesale grocery firm of Stamford. He makes this western territory.

L. W. Bilberry, of near McAdoo, was in Spur the first of this week. He states that a good season is in the ground and that he anticipates good crops this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy, of three miles north of Spur, were here Saturday visiting friends and shopping with merchants.

It is said that A. A. Allen made a quick trip to Benjamin, accompanied by the sheriff, Mr. Barber, in response to a summons from the judge.

R. E. Thomas, a leading citizen of Espeula, was among the number in Spur Saturday.

D. E. Thomas came in Saturday and spent the afternoon here trading and on other business.

See the new line of stationery at the City Drug Store.

Luther Hindman was in town from his ranch west of Spur, one day this week.

Mrs. J. H. Busby and children are visiting her mother at Lueders.

Sell your poultry and cow hides at Farmers Wagon Yard.

E. H. Blakley, of near Afton, was in Spur Wednesday.

C. A. Jones, of the Afton country, was in Spur last week.

John Weathers, of Tap, was in the city one day this week.

George Rice, of Jayton, was a visitor in Spur one day last week.

Hughes Regal Chocolate—none better—at the City Drug Store.

**C. I. CANNON COW THEFT CASE NOW ON TRIAL AT BENJAMIN**

The C. I. Cannon cow theft case is this week being tried at Benjamin.

This case was reversed and remanded by the higher courts, this being the third trial of the case.

A number of Dickens county citizens are in attendance as witnesses.

**LEASING LAND FOR OIL DEVELOPMENT WORK NEAR DUMONT**

J. R. Best and H. R. Sinclair, two citizens of Dumont, were in Spur the latter part of last week. They informed us that lands were being leased in their section for the purpose of oil development work. If the required acreage can be secured a deep test well will be drilled in that country.

**BRYANT-LINK CO. DOUBLE-DECKING STORE FOR ROOM**

This week the Bryant-Link Co. is building additional room to their department store by double-decking the middle part of the house. This new department is being equipped to take care of the ladies ready-to-wear department. Closets are being built in, dust-proof, to care for their stock of ready-to-wear, and is neatly, conveniently and attractively arranged.

**P. A. RAMSEY & SON BUY THE GARAGE BUILDING AND LOTS**

P. A. Ramsey & Son, of the Citizens Garage & Machine Shop, last week purchased of the townsite company the buildings and two lots in which they have been conducting their business in the past. Evidently Messrs. Ramsey intend to "get in on the ground floor" and be ready for any eventuality.

Lucien Haile, of Afton, was here Wednesday greeting friends and selling eggs from his White Poultry Farm. He says it pays to raise good chickens in this country. He has given the chicken business a fair trial and has made money. Read what he says about it in another column of this paper.

Frank and Bryan Speer were in the city Saturday trading and meeting their friends.

**SHEEP MEETING HELD IN SPUR SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST.**

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organized the first baby beef club in the United States. He says that the cattleman can well afford to raise one sheep to every cow.

W. T. Magee, sheep specialist of the Extension Service, discussed the breeds of sheep best adapted to the Texas Panhandle. He said "there is no doubt but what this is a particularly good country for the production of sheep. He would like to see an earlier lambing season encouraged."

G. L. Crawford, Dickens County Agent, told what Dickens county is doing with lamb clubs. He declared that Spur business men had signified their willingness to back the club work to the extent of \$800. Forty dollars in premiums have already been subscribed by those with the work at heart. Dickens county has the only lamb club in Texas. Mr. Crawford hopes to put fifty choice ewes in the hands of twenty five youthful members.

C. B. Jones made a splendid and cordial address of welcome to the visitors.

The Rev. J. O. Haymes, pastor of the First Methodist Church pronounced the invocation. Miss Louise Cates sang a very charming number which was appreciated by everyone.

Miss Katie Powell, who is one of the teachers this year in the Afton school, spent Saturday and Sunday in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Powell.

Jim Edwards, of near Girard, was in Spur Monday to see if he could get work on the road graveling work now in progress on the Highway.

Spend a pleasant hour at the Gem Theatre Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

Al Bingham, of the West Pasture came in Saturday and spent a short time in Spur on business.

L. C. Arrington, of a few miles to the west of Dickens, was in Spur the first of this week on business.

Dr. Standifer spent several days of this week in Lubbock.

**FOR ALL THESE THINGS TANLAC HOLDS A NATION WIDE RECORD**

TANLAC Has restored more lost appetites;  
 CORRECTED more disordered, upset stomachs;  
 MADE more fat, plump people out of thin frail ones;  
 PUT the rose tint into more pale, haggard faces;  
 TAKEN the pain out of more aching backs;  
 SET more livers and kidneys to working night;  
 STOPPED more heads from aching and swimming;  
 BUILT up more weak, run-down systems, and,  
 IS THE BIGGEST SELLER ever put on the market.  
 TANLAC has absolute MERIT and this accounts for its unprecedented success and nation-wide FAME.

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**FINE HORSE AND JACK FOR SERVICE**

Good, Big Jack, 16 Hands

H. PARKS, - - 3 Miles



# 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.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 9TH

Subject: "How to serve one's country."

Time: B. C. 1450. Place, The eastern side of Jordan opposite Jerico, known as the land of Moab, near Mt. Nebo where Moses had gone up to die. Main thought: Strength and courage to be found in the study of God's word.

Joshua, the great leader, succeeds the greater Moses. The genealogy of this worthy is contained in 1 Cor. 7: 20-27. He is described as descended from Ephram, the son of Joseph. His grandfather was chief of the Ephraimites in the organization of Israel into tribes. He was born in Egypt and came out in the exodus when he was a man of 43, in as much as he died at the age of 110. Having been 27 years on the promised land after its conquest, he would have been 83 at the time he was given command of the multitude. The first time he appears in history is where he held a chief position in the battle with the Amelkites. He is afterwards delegated as the minister of Moses, meaning that he was a close attendant. Thus he waited upon Moses when the great leader went into the Mount of Sinai, doubtless tarrying apart and not being personally present a august interviews of the receiving of the law. When Israel came to the border of Canaan he was one of the spies sent to examine the country and with Caleb brought back a favorable report. He was indicated as the successor of Moses. It is undisputable that he was faithful to every trust, serving in a subordinate capacity for forty years and never once appearing in the record as being rebuked for any deficiency or error, but being always where he was needed and doing what

he was appointed to do. He was told to be strong and courageous.—Adult Bible Class Quarterly—Baptist.

"Christ the Hope of Our Country." If any one thinks that anything but the grace and power of Jesus Christ can save this country, all he needs to do is to look honestly at the facts.

There never was a time when the utter futility of every thing else to save us was so patent and manifest as today. Great commercial prosperity, full banks, overflowing crops at high prices, factories running full power, and with employment at high wages for every man, more money for the army and navy than Germany was spending before the war, education, any legislation that anybody wants, all the prescriptions for national salvation which have been urged upon us have been tried, and we are as far from salvation as we ever were, and in some matters nearer damnation than we were a year ago. Our country's one hope is Jesus Christ. He and He alone can save America. Only Christ can open our eyes to see our faults and sins, overboastfulness and vanity, our materialism an dflippancy and irreverence, our worship of clay and iron and golden gods instead of the God of Life and Truth and Love. We need to have our public acts controlled by Christ's spirit, but shall not get it done until we have taken Him into our lives, and accepted Him as Savior, Master, and Lord. (Condensed from Robert Speer in Sunday School Times)—Presbyterian.

The only Christ that saves from sin is the Christ that lives in the heart.—A. B. Wilkes.

Great line Dress Gingham, formerly sold at 35c, now on sale at 25c a yard. All colors or shades, yard wide 35c. Dress Percals this week only 25.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

### A DEED AND A WORD.

A little stream had lost its way  
Amid the grass and fern,  
A passing stranger scooped a well,  
Where weary men might turn,  
He walled it in, and hung with care  
A ladle at the brink,  
He thought not of the deed he did,  
But judged that all might drink,  
He passed again, and lo! the well,  
By summer never dried,  
Had cooled ten thousand parching  
tongues,  
And saved a life beside.  
Nameless man, amid a crowd  
That thronged the daily mart,  
Let fall a word of hope and love,  
Unstudied, from the heart!  
A whisper on the tumult thrown,  
A transitory breath—  
It raised a brother from the dust,  
It saved a soul from death.  
O germ! O fount! O word of love!  
O thought at random cast!  
Ye were but little at the first,  
But mighty at the last.  
—Hattie King.

### NOTICE.

I will complete all unfinished work of Dr. Pierce's.—A. L. Brasher, in offices formerly occupied by Dr. Pierce.

### ATTENDS SEVERAL CHURCHES.

I attended the Baptist church at 11 o'clock and heard Brother Campbell preach. His text was the triumphant words of St. John who was thrown in to a pot of boiling oil and was not hurt by it. It is found in the First Epistle General of John, 5-4: "And this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith."

At the night service I heard the new pastor of the Christian church, Rev. McCarroll. He preached on the Parable of the Lost Sheep, the Lost Coin and the Lost Man, or as the Bible has it, "the younger son."

I heard at both churches words of commendation of these sermons.

Rev. Campbell is a visitor from the Red Mud neighborhood where he is the accepted pastor.

Rev. McCarroll is just beginning his pastorate at Spur. His people are satisfied with him, and if he continues to give them sermons as good as Sunday night, they will prosper as a church.—A. B. Wilkes.

### WOOD FOR SALE.

Cord wood at \$2.50 per cord on my place 10 miles southwest of Spur.—J. B. Morrison.

### ATTENDED BAPTIST LADIES AID.

The following are among those who attended the recent annual meeting of the Baptist Ladies Aid Society, had at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds: J. F. Vernon, J. T. McCulloch, W. O. Smith, Mrs. W. O. Smith, Mrs. Ben Brothers, Geo. W. Thomas, Mrs. Geo. W. Thomas, Roy Edmonds, Mrs. J. T. McCulloch, Mrs. Newton Johnson, Mrs. E. J. Cowan, Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, Mrs. Homer Dobbins, Baby Dobbins, Miss Alta Fite, Miss Ruth Love, Geo. F. Fair, Mrs. Geo. F. Fair, Perry Fite, Eb Johnson, Henry Scott, H. L. Burnam, L. N. Stevens, W. T. Andrews, Jr., W. F. Godfrey, Mrs. J. J. Hail, Mrs. Oscar Jackson, Grace McKnight, Kathie Pounds, Mrs. Perry Fite, Mrs. Henry Scott, W. C. Gruben, Emmett Lee, Mrs. J. F. Vernon, N. Q. Brannen, P. H.

Miiler, B. J. Brothers, Elise Brothers, Lois Vernon, Mrs. J. D. Powell, Freeman Edmonds, Mrs. Minnie Lewis, Oran McClure, Mrs. Oran McClure, Max McClure, Mrs. L. N. Stevens, Mrs. L. N. Burnam, Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Jr., E. C. Edmonds, Sr., Oscar Jackson, Cora Austin, Mrs. W. C. Gruben, Jennie Shields, Lottie Fite, Welta Fite, Spencer Sullivan.

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### HUGHES FAMOUS CANDIES ARE THE VERY BEST—AT THE CITY DRUG STORE.

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 "eats" the market affords and will bake the best Victory Bread to be had any where. Call and see when you get hungry.

When you are in town put up at the Farmers Wagon Yard.

## 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