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# The Texas Spur

## AND DICKENS ITEM

A well tilled farm is more valuable to the owner and the community than an oil gusher.

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# Subscriptions Pouring in on Coupe Contest Which Closes at Six o'Clock Today, Friday Contestants Running "Neck and Neck" and Need Help of Friends to Win!

### THE FORD COUPE CONTEST WILL CLOSE FRIDAY AT 6

Subscriptions to both the Texas Spur and the Dearborn Independent have been coming in in good numbers the past week through the several contestants who are working faithfully and persistently during these closing days of the contest. We appreciate the number of new subscriptions and the liberal renewal of subscriptions being given the campaign. The Ford Coupe Contest was inaugurated by the Texas Spur and Godfrey & Smart solely for the purpose of getting renewal subscriptions and new readers to both the Dearborn Independent and the Texas Spur. We both appreciate the subscriptions given us, and each contestant also appreciates the votes that each subscription gives. There is just one more day in which readers of these papers and the general public may help a contestant to win this Coupe. We want to place every name printed on our list, and the contestants want your vote and help this last day of the campaign. There is not a reader of this paper, possibly, who has not in his own mind determined which one of the contestants he would like to see win this coupe, and probably a number have not given their subscriptions because they have not been asked to do so. It is not the intention to slight any one. The voluntary giving of a single subscription will be appreciated, and just one subscription may change the winner in this contest. The contestants are running "neck and neck" and the leader is merely a "nose" ahead of the second in the race. It is possible for any one of the contestants to win in the final count, so if there is an individual reader of this paper who has a preference now is the time to show it.

We have counted up the subscriptions and votes turned in to us up to Wednesday of this week, the time we go to press, and it as follows:

- Mrs. J. R. Rucker, Spur .....155,450
- Miss Jewell Barnett, Girard 153,750
- Mrs. Roy Arrington, Spur .....116,300
- E. C. Edmonds, Jr., Spur .....94,000
- W. E. Duke, Spur .....68,500
- Miss Lois Vernon .....31,400
- Miss Vera Shepherd .....24,100

Last week Miss Jewell Barnett, Girard, won the ten thousand vote premium for the most subscriptions in that week, the number being twenty two subscriptions.

There will be no premiums given this week of the campaign except for five hundred votes will be counted for each contestant to the Dearborn Independent. Other votes will be counted in the beginning of the time has all the votes.

### Trade in Spur— COUNTY LINE SINGING CONVENTION AT GIRARD

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attempting to influence the subscriber as to a preference in casting his vote. We have tried to so conduct the campaign that the losers will have no just cause to censure us, and we hope that each one of them will have no ill feeling toward us, even though we could not award them the car.

As announced last week, all contestants are expected to seal up their subscriptions, votes and the money therefor, in an envelope and deposit with the Spur National Bank not later than six o'clock Friday afternoon, November 30th. In this manner no one else will know how many votes are turned in until the final count, thus avoiding the possibility of the Texas Spur or Godfrey & Smart taking any undue advantage of one contestant above another in the contest. W. B. Lee of the Spur National Bank, Roy Cross of the Girard Bank and Mike M. Young have agreed to assist in the final count. We believe that not only every contestant but every individual interested in this campaign will have confidence in these gentlemen and will know that no "Sheenanigan" will be tolerated in the final count of votes and awarding of the Ford Coupe.

We want every reader of this paper to turn in a subscription and to get his neighbor to do likewise before this contest ends Friday afternoon. The contestant favored will appreciate it, the Texas Spur will appreciate it and Godfrey & Smart will appreciate it. We want the subscriptions and the contestants want the votes. It is impossible to even guess who will win the car. The leaders in the contest are right together, and only an official, final count can determine the winner. If there is a reader of this paper who has a favorite in the contest, now is the time to come to his or her aid—and the main thing is to do it before six o'clock Friday of this week.

The winner of the coupe will be announced in next week's paper.

### Trade in Spur— UNCLE JIMMIE HUDSON ILL AT WICHITA FALLS

News came this week of the critical illness of Uncle Jimmie Hudson at Wichita Falls where he is visiting with his daughter.

Uncle Jimmie Hudson is one of the oldest settlers of Dickens county, having been a resident here before the organization of the county.

It is hoped by his many friends and acquaintances throughout Dickens county and this section of West Texas, that Uncle Jimmie Hudson's illness will be only temporary and that he will soon be able to be back among his friends here.

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### BRYANT LINK COMPANY

"Be thankful unto Him and praise His name."

On this Thanksgiving week we can not but think back over the past year and feel grateful for the many good things that have come our way. There has been times when we could not see our way. It seemed that drought and pestilence had practically ruined the crops, and the price was such at that time that we could not see how our customers as well as ourselves could get by without a full crop. So we simply trusted believing in Providence and we can now see the sunshine. Business has been fair. All our working force has been kept on the pay roll and our friends have been kind to us. In fact, it seems that the bond of relationship between us and our customers becomes more and more one of friendship rather than that of strictly business. The year passing has made us feel more and more the warming glow of the heart in business.

Thanksgiving is an American institution.

When the first settlers came to the end of the harvest, though sickness and death had blighted their numbers, their barns held some corn and their smoke houses were full; game was plentiful and they made friends with the Indians. They set aside a day, for thanksgiving and the institution has been preserved ever since.

This year we have more to be thankful for than did our Pilgrim Fathers on that first Thanksgiving Day. It's a Good Old World.

There is more sunshine than shadows. There are more good folks than bad ones, more love than hate.

Our nation is at peace. Its the greatest nation on earth. We all have the necessities of life. Here we can serve God according to the dictates of our conscience, while in some parts of the world those who are Christians are persecuted and even murdered. How much we as a nation have to be thankful for. We want to express our gratitude to our many customers for you have made our business what it is. Especially do we appreciate your friendships, your kind words, your confidence, and we hope another year may be as good to you as this one has been.

### THANKSGIVING

"For Summer's boom and Autumn's blight,

For bending wheat and yellow maize,

For health and comfort, Lord of light

And Lord of darkness, hear our praise!

We trace to Thee our joys and woes,

To Thee of causes still the cause,—

We thank Thee that Thy hand bestows;

We bless Thee that Thy love withdraws.

Here on this blest Thanksgiving

### Night,

We raise to Thee our grateful voice;

For what Thou doest, Lord, is right;

And thus believing, we rejoice."

### BRYANT LINK COMPANY

Trade in Spur— SPUR WILL OBSERVE

### THANKSGIVING DAY

Spur merchants and business men will close their places of business Thursday in observance of Thanksgiving Day. We of Spur and the great Spur country have much to be thankful for. We are blessed with peace and plenty, and it is fitting that we cease from all activities for this one day and give thanks to the Supreme Power in our destinies and the Ruler of the Universe.

### Trade in Spur— DISTRICT COURT MEETS AND ADJOURNS TO DEC. 10TH

District court convened Monday in Dickens with Judge Milam presiding, and after empanelling the Grand Jury and launching them upon their duties the petit juries were dismissed and the court procedure adjourned until December 10th.

The court was adjourned on account of the absence of District Attorney Bell who is in Alabama.

Special veniremen, we understand, will be summoned for Monday, December 10th. It was not stated for what case the special veniremen will be summoned, but it is presumed that it is the Arnold Copeland case, charged with the shooting and wounding of Loyd Barber, son of former Sheriff G. L. Barber.

### Trade in Spur— SIX CAR LOADS TURKEYS SHIPPED FROM SPUR MARKET

Another car load of turkeys was shipped out of Spur the past week by the Spur Produce Company, making a total of six car loads shipped from Spur for Thanksgiving markets. A price of twenty cents a pound was paid for all turkeys sold on the Spur market, the total sales amounting to more than fifteen thousand dollars. The Christmas turkey market here will open about the first Monday in December.

It has been estimated that Texas this year will market between 2,000 and 2,500 carloads of turkeys and will bring the shipper \$10,000 dollars. This means something like \$2,000,000 will come into Texas from the East during the next 90 days from the turkey crop of the state. Ninety-five per cent of the Texas crop will find its way to the North eastern and New England states.

It is estimated there is about 6,000,000 pounds of turkey in cold storage, held over from last year, which accounts largely for the lower price this year, these turkeys in cold storage having been bought at from 60 to 75 cents per pound.

### Trade in Spur—

No hunting, fishing or trespassing of any kind on my land.—J. Carlyle,

### ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

The most beautiful social affair of the season was when the Misses Catherine Wilkins and Vivian Duna entertained on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure, announcing the approaching marriage of Miss Gussie Mae Love to Mr. Tracey Gorham.

The spacious reception hall and drawing rooms were artistically decorated with vases and baskets of pink and white chrysanthemums, carrying out the bride chosen color scheme of pink and white. White ferns and autumn leaves added to the beauty of the rooms.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. Oran McClure who presented them to the receiving line composed of Mr. Oran McClure, Miss Vivian Dunn, Mr. Walker Garrow, Miss Gussie Mae Love, bride-elect, Mr. Tracey Gorham, groom, Miss Catherine Wilkins and Mr. Thomas Kehoe. Mrs. Oran McClure was beautifully dressed in a black satin and lace dinner dress. The hostess was never more beautiful than on this occasion. She wore a gorgeous yellow evening gown with silver head dress. Miss Vivian Dunn wore an orchid afternoon dress, with silver head dress. Miss Catherine Wilkins wore a black canton crepe afternoon frock, with gold head dress.

One of the most beautiful and pleasing diversions of the evening came when dainty little Miss Lera Harris after coming down the stairs, a bank of flowers and ferns, danced among the 4p tables.

Later in the evening to the strain of a wedding march came Max McClure and Isabelle Campbell, a miniature bride and groom. They presented Miss Gussie Mae Love, the honor guest with a Sheffield Sandwich tray or bon bon dish.

Bon bon dishes filled with pink and white mints were placed at each table. A delicious salad course was served with attractive nut bowls as plate favors. In the midst of the and white cake was stuck the tell arrows, on the back of the couple was found the secret—"Gussie Mae, Tracey—November 29, 1923."

The guest list included: Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Mageors, Mrs. Thomas Morrison, Mrs. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure, Misses Gussie Mae Love, Nina Grace, Eula Hedrick, Opal McAdams, Lola Stamey, Elizabeth Dye, Sybil Bowie, Willie Kennedy, Mable Harris, Willie Lee Gilbert, Margaret Elliot, Alva Jean Morrow and Allie Tate, Messrs. Tracey Gorham, John McKnight, Dr. Zachry, Chesley Speck, Roy Moses, Jack Rector, Mack Rash, Howard Reed, Cyril Crow, McLean, Brannen, Weldon Grimes, Tommie Kehoe, Garrow and the hostesses.—A Guest.

### Trade in Spur—

John Aston was on the streets Tuesday, enjoying the rainy weather while transacting business affairs.

### Trade in Spur—

Mrs. E. A. Russell and children are visiting with relatives and friends in Anson this week.

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THE MAN WHO PAYS

THE WILL TO PAY is hereditary just as much as red hair or buck teeth. It is a common fallacy that a man pays his debts because he has money. This is not necessarily true. On the contrary, the matter of paying has only a remote relation to money.

On the one hand is your friend who on the 'other' side of the ledger is gassed into paying the most ordinary debt.

On the other hand, the poor fellow without a visible dollar—you know him—who is Johnny on the invoice. Money has little to do with either case. It is the breed of the man.

The man who pays is the man who thinks in advance. He never flashes a roll; he does not drive a car and carry a mortgage at the same time. He does not hang up the butcher or the grocer for food that he cannot afford to eat; he never lights the fire without wondering where the coal man gets off. He never stalls nor bluffs, nor give notes nor writes checks dated tomorrow, but when the bills come in, he is there with the coin of realm, God bless him.

Sometimes he feels sore at the rest of us. He does not see that he gets on any better than the fellow who skins as he goes. Still he goes

on and on, pays and pays, simply because it is in the breed.

And after all, the World does not think a lot of his breed. The man who pays is the bulwark of society. He is the balance wheel of civilization. He is the mainspring of commerce. Business blesses him and he has honor among men for all time.—Canadian Record.

—Trade in Spur—

BAYLORS FOOTBALL CHANCE GOOD

Waco, Texas, Nov. 13th, 1923.—The football champion ship will be decided Thanksgiving day when the three strongest teams will meet. Texas U. will play A. & M., Baylor will play S. M. U. Baylor is the favorite because the foot ball fans do not believe that Texas will be able to "pour it on D. X. Bibles fighting aggies." Baylor is not so confident about beating S. M. U. 'the team to beat A. & M. However, she has shown her wonderful ability in defense by holding to a tie two of the strongest teams (supposedly) in the southern conference. If the Aggies beat Texas and Baylor beats S. M. U. THEN Baylor will be awarded the championship. But, will they this is the question on the minds of

every football fan in the south? The answer will be given out November 29th.—Hot Shot.

—Trade in Spur—

EDITOR DONALD OF SLATON DIED NOVEMBER 8TH

Will Donald, the editor of the Slatonite at Slaton, died Thursday, November 8th, at 3 o'clock. Mr Donald, we understand, had been suffering from an attack of pneumonia for about ten days and while his condition was known to be serious it was hardly expected by most of the people that it was necessarily fatal, but death climaxed the attack at about three o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Donald came to Slaton some thing like about five years ago and purchased the Slatonite from L. P. Loomis, now at Canadian, and has been operating the paper ever since making a grand success. He has been a very important factor in the growth of that city, and his influence has counted for much in the development of the Great South Plains and his death will keenly be felt by the progressive people of this section of the state. He is survived by a wife and five children.

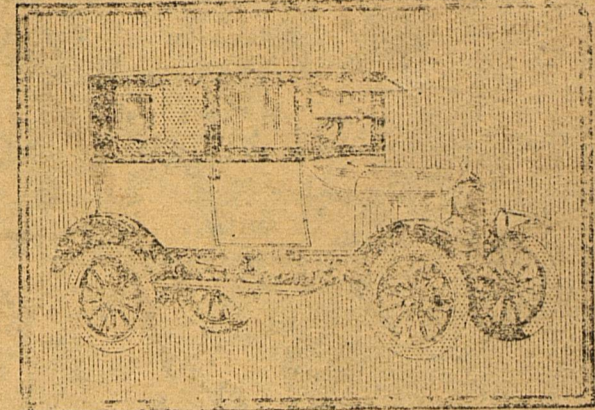
Mrs. Myrtle Penney, of Lubbock, was in Dickens last week to be with her sister, Mrs. H. P. Cole, during the illness of Sheriff Cole. However, Mrs. Penney was called to Wichita Falls on account of the critical illness of her father, Uncle Jimmie

Hudson, who is in Wichita Falls with another daughter.

—Trade in Spur—

Mr. Stovall, of Fort Worth, accompanied by his father, spent several day this week in Spur with his brother, Roy Stovall.

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The Tudor Sedan is a 4-door sedan with a new type of body designed for harmony of appearance and convenience.

Wide doors, folding front seats, well padded interior, dark brown broadcloth upholstery and attractive trimmings give it individuality, comfort and convenience.

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WE HAVE PLACED ON SALE A LARGE ADDITIONAL ACREAGE OF SPUR LAND WHICH WILL OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF SELECTION TO INTENDING PURCHASERS OF EITHER FARM OR RANCH LANDS.

List of offerings and prices may be ascertained on application to our office. Terms will be as heretofore: one-fifth cash, balance in six equal annual payments, with privilege of paying any or all notes before maturity with eight percent interest only to date of payment.

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THE TEXAS SPUR

The Interstate Commerce Commission has denied application for railroad building in West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. The commission claims that the project had not been studied thoroughly and cost of construction under-estimated. The Federal Government has exclusive control of all railroad building and extension in this country. This arrangement is under the law turning the roads back to their owners. No doubt the Interstate Commerce Commission was dominated largely by the truck lines that protested against the construction of the roads. As long as the law stands that guarantees a certain income to the roads on their investment so long will the government have control in these matters. The thing to do is for the government to turn the roads back to their owners, allow them to do their own financing, guarantee them nothing, and let them build the roads in America they want to. West Texas and New Mexico need more rail roads, but under the present rail roads, but under the present system of government control few, if any, miles will be built. The old lines will dictate these matters. The government will be compelled to listen to the trunk lines in their arrangement of guaranteeing them so much interest on their invested property.—Times Signal.

Trade in Spur—

Mrs. R. A. Sadler, of Anson, has been in Spur spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. E. A. Russell and family.

Trade in Spur—

We are again making Brick Chili—Central Market. 1tf

Trade in Spur—

My place for sale on easy terms, will consider some trade.—Fred Danforth. 7 4tp.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens, County, a copy of the following notice:

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To All Persons Interested in the Welfare of John Kirby Foard, and Robert Weldon Foard, Minors has filed in the County Court of Dickens, county, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the persons and Estate of said Minors which said application will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the third Monday in January A. D. 1924, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minors, may appear and contest said application, of they see proper to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 20th day of December, A. D. 1924.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk

County Court Dickens, County, Texas. 9 2t

Trade in Spur—

LOST—Saturday afternoon on the streets of Spur, one gold knife, price tag \$7.50 attached. Finder please return to Jen Adams, Spur, Texas and receive reward. 9 1to

Trade in Spur—

Good winter pasture for 20 to 30 head of stock.—C. P. Harris. 8tf.

MAY SOON CALL WITNESSES IN MAYFIELD CASE

Testimony in the contest of election of U. S. Senator Earle B. Mayfield, may be begun within the next three weeks before a subcommittee of five, of the senate committee on privileges and elections.

This assertion was made Friday morning by Luther Nickels, one of counsel for George E. B. Peddy, plaintiff in the proceedings which were instituted in the senate several months ago.

"It is probable that proceedings in the case will, within the next two or three weeks, reach the point where testimony will be offered," Mr. Nickels said.

Trade In Spur—

Fancy S. C. R. I. Red cockerels \$2.50, \$5.00 and \$7.00; hens \$1.50, and \$2.50.—Mrs. A. B. Morgan, Rt. A Box 39, Spur, Texas. 9 4tp.

Trade in Spur—

FOR SALE—My farm 3 miles west of Dickens on highway, 165 acres, 90 acres in cultivation. See or write C. C. Cobb, Dickens, Texas

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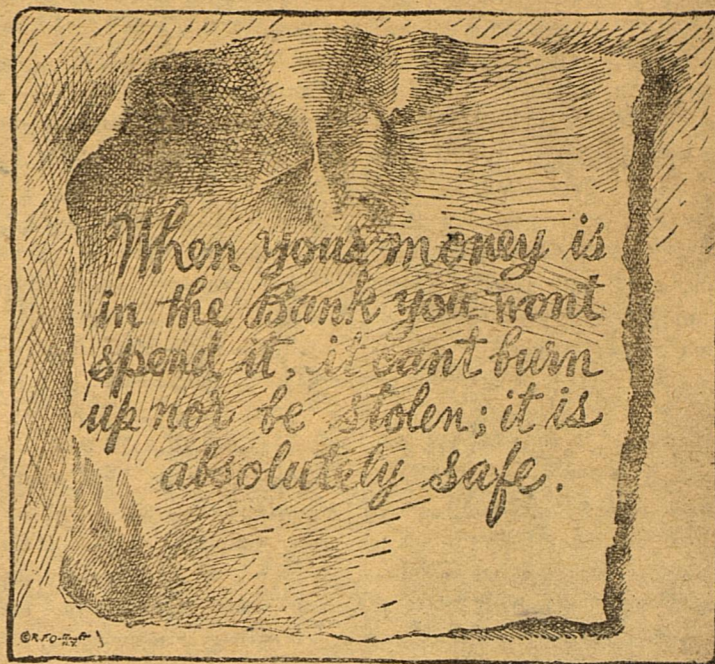
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If that money had been in our bank, you would probably still have it, and would have grown to a nice round sum. Forget the past—today is here. Come in and start a bank account and by REGULARLY depositing your spare money, you will soon have money.

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