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DISTRICT COURT IS NOW IN SESSION IN CITY OF DICKENS

District court for this, the 50th judicial district, convened Monday morning in Dickens with Judge Miam presiding and Attorney Bell prosecuting.

The grand jury for the term was immediately empaneled, composed of the following members: F. W. Jennings, foreman; Hawley Bryant, I. E. Abernathy, W. D. Blair, F. F. Henry, Norman Lawson, M. E. Tree, A. Biggs, H. O. Albin, L. G. Crabtree, R. R. Wooten, S. L. Porter, E. T. Varnell, Geo. S. Link.

The grand jury, up to this date, has not made a report. We understand that much of the efforts of the grand jury has been devoted to gathering evidence in the P. J. Hext case, whom it is alleged was killed Sunday at Afton by a dose of strychnine surreptitiously administered through a dose of medicine, his son, Bob Hext, having been arrested and placed in the Dickens jail charged with the crime.

The petit jurymen serving during the week are as follows: McLaughlin, C. C. Neely, O. N. Nix, L. K. Pettigrew, Wesley Phillips, L. B. Pipkin, Albert Powers, W. F. Ragland, J. M. Rose, G. H. Snider, Frank Speer, W. W. Sample, J. H. Swearingen, F. L. Terry, Joe Thanisch, A. W. VanLeer, W. W. Waldrup, W. M. Walker, W. T. Whitaker, J. P. Wilkes, W. T. Wilson, G. C. Windham, R. E. Parks, Joe Robertson, W. M. Hazel, R. C. Forbis, Raughley Harkey, W. B. Lee, W. S. Smiley, J. D. Powell, Fred Christopher, Alvis Hicks, Fred Hisey, Harvey Holly, W. D. Thacker, C. M. Jackson.

The first case called was that of the Dickens County Farm Bureau vs. W. L. McAteer, charged with breach of contract in the sale of cotton listed for sale through the bureau. After selecting the jury the case was compromised and dismissed by agreement from the docket.

The second case called was that of C. C. Haile vs. G. T. Coker, a suit for damages. This case was tried of the

last term of court, being appealed and reversed for a new trial. The case was called Wednesday and is now on trial.

Other cases on the docket and set for trial at this term are Mrs. Laura Blanton vs. Western Union Telegraph Company, a suit for damages arising out of the nondelivery of a death message, set for Thursday.

Monday, June 9th, the criminal docket will be taken up, and the following gentlemen have been summoned to serve as petit jurymen for the week; E. L. Adams, L. R. Barrett, E. L. Basham, J. W. Baze, R. B. Bowman, J. H. Boothe, Paul Braddock, J. M. Brownlow, R. C. Calvert, J. W. Creamer, N. V. Cybert, S. Derr, Charley Denson, J. M. Dunlap, J. A. Garrison, H. P. Gibson, H. E. Grabener, Poet Hagin, Rupert Harvey, E. B. Hash, J. H. Hemphill, J. K. Hinkel, J. W. Hilton, Ned Hogan, C. B. Jones, John King, J. W. Lanier, H. B. Lewis, R. C. Littlefield, A. Lollar, C. L. Love, Cecil Meadors, Lee Mims, Otto Mott, and J. V. McCormick.

Among the cases on the criminal docket likely to be called and tried at this term are as follows:

Guy Adams, charged with cow theft. Otto Peacock and Pearl Tyler, charged with horse theft. "Snake," a negro of Spur, charged with operating a gaming house.

It is also very probable that if the grand jury returns an indictment against Bob Hext on a charge of poisoning and killing his father, the case will be tried at this term of the court.

There are a number of other cases on the docket which will probably be dismissed. We understand that Attorney Bell has stated that he is very desirous of cleaning up the court docket, and if possible will do so, at this term, since he is retiring from the office of district attorney at the end of his term, and wishes to have a clean docket for the incoming attorney.

FARMER SAYS THAT JUNE PLANTINGS MAKE BETTER

R. J. Bateman, of Afton, while in Spur Thursday morning dropped by the Texas Spur office and paid us a very pleasant call. He reported that the Afton country had a fine rain Wednesday night. The rain down towards Dickens was heavier, the water washing over the highway at several points. It was also probable that further up on the plains the rain was heavier, since the waters were coming down the creeks in great volume. In conversation with Mr. Bateman he stated that he had made ten crops in this country, and that the very best crops of cotton he had ever made came from June plantings, therefore he suffers no uneasiness because of the extensive replanting of crops in several sections of the Spur country. Mr. Bateman said further that he had never suffered from hail storms during his life of farming. His crops had been lost on several occasions from high winds and excessive rains, but never had hail damaged him. Mr. Bateman is one of our very best citizens and most substantial farmers.

Walter Jordan, of Duck Creek, was among the number trading in Spur the first of the week.

JUNIOR A. & M. OLLEGE BAND IN SPUR TUESDAY

The Junior Agricultural and Mechanical College band, of Arlington, passed through Spur Tuesday morning, making an annual tour of the West. While in Spur the band rendered a concert on the streets.

Link Tidwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tidwell, formerly of Spur but now of Jayton, was of the number of band boys. The band boys are making the tour in two large trucks, there being some ten or fifteen instruments in the band. Link Tidwell has been attending Junior A. & M. the past year, and has been recognized for advancement in agricultural as well as musical studies. His friends and acquaintances in Spur were glad to see him and know of his advancement in college work.

Trade at Home

ENTERTAIN CLUB MEMBERS

Mrs. H. P. Gibson and Mrs. T. A. Johnson were joint hostesses to members of the Friday Afternoon, and the Entre Nous clubs, and numerous other guests, Friday night, May 30th.

Forty-two was the diversion of the evening, and was enjoyed by everyone. Lovely refreshments were served to about fifty guests.

Some of the Things Accomplished by the Spur Chamber of Commerce

Following are a few of the things accomplished by the Spur Chamber of Commerce during the period from March 16, 1923, to June 1, 1924:

1. Reorganized and extended its membership to 615 in number.
2. Gave a barbecue at the fair ground to its members and their families, entertaining the Dickens County Boy and Girl Clubs.
3. Instituted a Clean-Up day to dispose of trash and rubbish and beautify the city.
4. Prepared and submitted to the Locating Committee Spur's brief covering its advantages as a location for the Texas Technological College.
5. Employed a competent engineer to investigate and report on present and potential water supply of Spur and vicinity.
6. Sent "Miss Spur" to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at San Angelo to represent Spur in the All-West-Texas Pageant on May 22, 1923.
7. Instituted what was known as a "Community Week" in Spur, under the direction of Capt. C. S. Nusbaum.
8. Helped foster an election for the purpose of voting school bonds approximating \$40,000.
9. Helped foster repair to old school building.
10. Established tourist camping grounds in Spur.
11. Agitated the question of putting in first-class condition that portion of Fort Worth-Roswell Highway in territories adjoining Spur.
12. Secured from the State Highway Department an allotment of \$183,200 for the improvement of State Highways in Dickens county and the building of a new bridge across Duck Creek west of Dickens.
13. Secured the re-routing of State Highway No. 4 to pass through Spur.
14. Paid one-tenth of amount necessary to make a permanent repair to bridge across Salt Fork in Stonewall county.
15. Assisted County Demonstrator to the extent of \$30 toward expenses at A. & M. College of the Dickens County Club girl, Miss

finish which appeals to a man. They are kind to your feet, yet never lose their trimness of line.



Some men say they don't like to buy new shoes, because their old ones are so comfortable. When we sell you a pair of Packard shoes we

fit them so that you'll never know they are new, except by the looks. Yes, we are in a good humor, thankful for the fine rains that make the prospects for a bountiful harvest. We are glad we live now, it's great to live in this age when men have dug into the surface of God's world of hidden wonders, and we can see some of the powers He intended for man to harness. Science does not mystify God's plans or disprove His written words, but just help us to understand and appreciate how wonderful the mind of the Great Artificer of the Universe must have been.

Come on with the crowds. Make yourselves at home with us. We are building more room for you. Bring the children.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

P. J. Hext Died a Horrible Death Sunday at His Home Near Afton

One of the most sordid crimes and horrible deaths in the annals of Dickens county occurred Sunday when P. J. Hext died from the effects of strychnine poisoning administered to him through a dose of patent medicine which he was taking. His son, Bob Hext, a young man of twenty odd years of age, has been arrested and placed in jail charged with the crime.

It is said that Mr. Hext was in Afton Sunday morning for the purpose of getting a shave at the barber shop which sometimes opened on Sunday morning, remaining in town until about eleven o'clock when he returned to his home. Feeling badly he took a dose of patent medicine which had been purchased a day or two before at the Afton drug store. Soon after taking the medicine he remarked to his wife that he would go upstairs and lie down since he was sick and his feet were getting cold. Soon after going up stairs he called for help, informing his wife that he believed he was poisoned and to send for the doctor quickly. The doctor came immediately, administering the strongest antidotes at hand, but without effect, and after about two hours of suffering Mr. Hext died a most horrible death.

The bottle of medicine was found to contain strychnine, and a partly empty bottle of strychnine was also found. Evidence has been obtained that the son had, a few days prior, purchased a bottle of strychnine at one of the drug stores in Spur. If the evidence obtained as alleged is borne out by the facts, this is one of the most heinous and horrible crimes ever committed in Dickens county.

P. J. Hext was an honorable, honest and good citizen, and one among the most highly respected of the old time settlers of the county.

The son, Bob Hext, will probably be given a hearing on the charge at this term of district court which is now in session.

MISS HIGGINS SHOWERED

Mrs. P. C. Nichols and Mrs. C. B. Jones entertained with a shower, Friday afternoon, for Miss Nell Higgins, who left Saturday for Dallas.

After a few games of forty-two, Mrs. D. H. Zachry rendered two beautiful vocal selections, and Martha Frances Nichols gave a reading. Then a clothes line was stretched across the living room, and Pike Nichols, Jr., dressed to represent an old colored woman, brought the gifts in and pinned them on the line. Declaring that he was tired, he asked Miss Nell Higgins to bring them in.

Delicious refreshments were served to the following guests: Miss Nell Higgins, Mrs. Birl Hight, Mrs. Tracy Gorham, Miss Lola Stamey, Mrs. Robert Lea, Mrs. Lawis Lee, Mrs. Roy Harkey, Miss Floy Richbourg, Mrs. Chalk Brown, Mrs. Jas. Reed, Miss Frankie Shugart, and Miss Edna Lieurance and Mrs. Tidwell.

Trade at Home
METHODIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Monday afternoon the ladies studied the transfiguration and Christ's teachings to His disciples just prior to His death in "The Life of Jesus." Our next Bible lesson will be the third Monday, chapter 16, 17 and 18.

Next Monday is our regular social meeting, every one come and be with us at the church.—Supt. of Publicity.

Trade at Home
Newt Cravey, of Red Mud, was in Spur the first of the week, trading some and meeting with friends and acquaintances here that day. Newt recently sold out his flock of turkeys, and now since grasshoppers are coming again we are wondering what Newt will do, since it is too much trouble to put out poison to save his crops.

Trade at Home
Bill Cherry, of just over the line in Kent county, was among the throngs of traders in Spur Monday.

Rain Sunday and Monday Contributes Further to Ideal Season

Rain both Sunday and Monday to the extent of an inch or more over the entire Spur territory further contributes to an ideal season for all agricultural purposes and livestock interests.

The rains in some sections was accompanied by hail which did damage. In the Red Mud country Sunday evening a number of farmers were hailed out and will have to replant crops. Those suffering damage are Jim Garrett, T. S. Lambert, and Ted Love, W. A. Craddock, Eldredge McClain, J. H. Jones, Will Garner and others.

Reports indicate that grasshoppers in formidable numbers are following in the wake of the hail storms in the hail belts, and to save crops it will be necessary to combat the hoppers. John Smith, of Red Mud, gives a method of poisoning which is said to be most effective, as follows: Plant or sow thickly cotton along the edge of the crop; take 2 pounds paris green to 1 pound arsenic, dissolve in warm water; mix with molasses to thin syrup; sprinkle on cotton prepared along edge of crop and it is said no grasshoppers will get into the crop. The syrup will stick to the cotton and a hard rain will be necessary to wash it off. The cotton for the poison can be planted at the same time the crop is planted, and thus be prepared for the hoppers sure to follow.

Trade at Home

DEATH OF ELIZABETH BECK

May the 23 Mrs. Elizabeth Beck passed on to the land of rest, after months of being confined to her bed. She was a member of the Methodist church at which place the funeral was held on May 24, conducted by her pastor, J. A. Smith.

She was a consecrated Christian and all during her long continued illness was so cheerful and hopeful. All who knew her were her friends, and all join in sympathy to the bereaved children and grandchildren left behind.

Trade at Home

J. J. Randall, of south of Spur, was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday of the past week.

W. L. Hyatt and family left Wednesday for Paris, Texas, where they will spend three weeks or a month visiting with relatives and old time friends. Uncle Bill told us that he had not been back to Paris, his old home, since he left there forty-eight years ago. He said he intended to take plenty of time along the way, endeavoring to follow back the old trail over which he traveled in coming out west in the early days. However he will find that macadamized roads have been built over the old trails and travel traffic confined to narrow lanes, the open range long since having been converted into truck farms. The free, open country and familiar scenes of forty-eight years ago have gone forever, but it will be a pleasure to Uncle Bill to meet the old timers there and talk over what used to be.

Trade at Home
John Q. Terry, young business man of Dickens, and candidate for county treasurer, was meeting with voters on the streets of Spur Thursday morning of this week.

Trade at Home
H. C. Allen, of Dry Lake, was in Spur Wednesday marketing home products, and while here called in and had us send him the Dallas News.

Farms & Ranches Get A Home Now

The O—O Ranch of Kent County is being cut up and sub-divided into farms and small ranches

COME NOW AND GET YOUR CHOICE

See our Agent for particulars

J. H. Fulcher
SPUR, TEXAS

Saturday, June 14th, is The Last Day For Candidates to File Names

All candidates who have already announced for county offices, and any others who desire for their names to appear on the official ballot for the democratic primary election to be held July 26th, should take notice that Saturday, June 14th, is the very last day on which names may be filed in compliance with the law.

All names to appear on the ticket for the primary election must be filed with County Chairman Jas. F. June 14th.

The Dickens County Democratic Executive Committee will meet at the court house in Dickens, Monday, June 16th, to canvass the names filed for offices, draw the names of candidates for places on the ballots, and also assess the candidates for their prorata of expenses for holding the election. After this executive committee meeting the candidates will have two weeks, or until June 30th, in which to pay in to the county chairman the amounts assessed against them for election expenses, and those failing to pay within the specified time will be dropped from the list to appear on the ballots.

Remember that all candidates must file their names with the county chairman on or before Saturday, June 14th, in order to have your names appear on the official ballot.

Trade at Home
A SERIES OF LECTURES AT THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

W. F. Ledlow from the State university, of Austin, will preach at the Church of Christ, Saturday night, Sunday at 11 a. m., and Sunday night.

Then he will begin a series of lectures commencing Monday night and will continue for four nights.

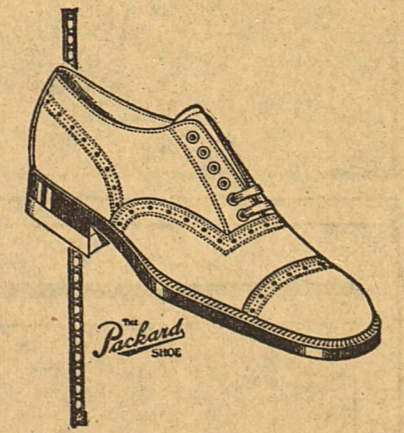
Brother Ledlow is man that can help you as well as interest you. The public is cordially invited to these series of sermons and lectures.

Trade at Home

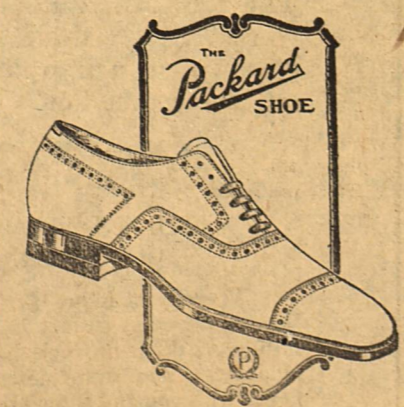
Miss Joe Dunn, of Croton, left Sunday for Denton where she will enter school. Miss Dunn was one of Croton's high school graduates this year, being valedictorian of the class.

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When you know Packard Shoes as well as we do, you will also respect them as highly as we do. You will respect them for their fine appearance, for their durability and resale value, for the solid comfort they give your feet.



You'll like Packards better than any shoe you ever owned. They have sturdy elegance, a custom

RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, on May 23rd, 1924, at Spur, Dickens County, Texas, died, Mrs. Elizabeth Beck,

And whereas, "Mother" Beck, as she was affectionately known by this entire community, was an unusually loyal member of Spur Chapter No. 164 Order of the Eastern Star, whose life and activities throughout the many years of her residence here were of such constant inspiration and help to this organization,

Hereafter be it resolved, by this Chapter of the Eastern Star in regular session assembled on this 5th day of June, 1924, that this foreword and the following data be spread upon the minutes of this meeting in affectionate tribute to her whom we so loved:

Mrs. Elizabeth Beck was born at Eleria, Ohio, December 28, 1841. Upon moving to Spur on December 28, 1912, she promptly sought affiliation with this chapter, and was promptly admitted by demit from the chapter at Pendleton, Oregon.

It is significant of her love for this branch of Masonic affiliation that with each and every change of residence she became actively identified with the Star.

The circumstances of her initiation are unique. At the time of her death she was one of the very few women of the United States who had received entrance as a side degree of Masonry. This was in California in the year 1862. The parchment certificate of membership was perhaps her most valued possession, and she spoke with some misgivings of its safe-keeping after her death. It is, truly, a document of history, and evidences the fact that she was one of the very first members of this Order. Indeed no older membership has been ascertained.

Infirmary was no obstacle to her indomitable interest in the meetings and welfare of the Spur chapter. When her care failed to be a sufficient support, she was carried to the lodge and to church as long as physical strength would permit.

Every office in the Star had had service at her faithful, loving hands. Grand Chapter meetings frequently had the pleasure and benefit of her attendance. She was the first Worthy Matron of the Rockdale Chapter.

These brief references cannot possibly compass her valued service to this Order, nor our gratitude therefor, but we desire these minutes to reflect our deepest appreciation.

Her gentle, loving spirit; her motherly sympathy; her great faith in God; her affection for all that was beautiful in nature will be constant sources of inspiration to us and to this community.

And be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to her family.

Nellie Davis, Worthy Matron; Attest: Kate Senning, Secretary.

Committee: Haseltine Wilson, Kate Senning, Clifford B. Jones.

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 Estate of Elizabeth Beck, Deceased:

Mrs. Laura Grantham has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said Elizabeth Beck, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary of the estate of Elizabeth Beck, deceased, which will be heard at the next regular term of said court, commencing on the Third Monday in July, A. D. 1924, the same being the 21st day of July, A. D. 1924, at the courthouse thereof, at Dickens, Texas, at which time and place all persons interested in said estate may, and are hereby cited to, appear and contest said application, should they desire 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 2 day of June, A. D. 1924.—O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk, County Court, Dickens County, Texas.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS

This is written in the hope it may cause some girls to be more considerate and kind to her mother, lifting a little the cares and toil from her tired shoulders, making her life more worth living and brightening her dear old face.

How many girls can answer yet to the following questions?

Do you give up some of your

Ajax Tires

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When in Need of Anything for Your Car, Call on

MOTOR HOSPITAL

You Will Receive Courteous and Dependable Service. We are Equipped to Recondition any Motor. We know Enough About Welding to Guarantee it. Batteries Charged—Tires Changed—Cars Washed

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MOTOR HOSPITAL

youthful pleasures to help mother on wash day or to help with canning or hoe the garden or iron? so mother need not work so hard.

Do you ever keep house a day so she can go to town or visit a friend?

Do you help with the family sewing and see that your mother has something nice and pretty to wear as well as yourself?

Many a mother seldom or never goes out for the simple reason that she has no time to devote to her own wardrobe. Her time and strength all being spent for her children and home-keeping. So many girls of the present day seem to think only of their own pleasure and giving pleasure to their young friends.

Dear girls, mother is the best friend you have or ever will have in this world, and I beg of you to be a friend to her, and the memory that you were interested in her and her homely tasks will be sweet to remember as long as life lasts and worth more to her than all the expensive Mother's Day gifts money can buy, and when you are gone away from mother and the old home or if mother should be taken away to a toil free world, you will always be glad you were her friend and helper.—Contributed.

Trade at Home

TO THE VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY

Sanatorium, Tom Green County, Texas, February 28, 1924.

Mr. C. C. Cobb, Dickens, Texas. My Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of February 25th, and in looking through my files find your application to State Tuberculosis Sanatorium was received under date of December 28, 1921. I am glad indeed to note your splendid improvement. The only cases of pulmonary tuberculosis that would be a menace to his family or community is the open cases or the one with a positive sputum that is not careful. If you are not coughing and do not have any open pulmonary tuberculosis you could not infect anyone, neither could you if you are careful in disposing of your sputum, if it was positive for tuberculosis. I see no reason from a standpoint of tuberculosis why you should be denied any office in your county.

Take good care of yourself and remain well. We know now that patients with tuberculosis can get well and remain well with good care.

Thanking you for your letter, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

J. B. McKNIGHT, Superintendent.

The above is in answer to a letter I wrote Dr. McKnight, explaining my present condition, and I am very glad that I can say I am enjoying better health than for fifteen years.

I have been advised through literature furnished by the National Tuberculosis Association to follow as near as possible the same occupation as before and most of you know that I was employed in the Clerks' office here when I went to bed.

I am qualified to fill the Clerk's office and will run it without bias or prejudice if elected.

Thanking you in advance for a careful consideration of my claims for the office of County and District Clerk in the July Primary. Sincerely, C. C. COBB. Political ad.

Trade at Home

FOR SALE—Kitchen Cabinet, good as new, at a bargain.—C. C. Haile, Spur, Texas. 30-ft

Trade at Home

Miss Margaret Elliott left this week for Canyon where she will attend a summer normal school with the view of better equipping herself to teach in the schools of the country. We understand that Miss Elliott has been one of the number selected by the Spur school board to teach in Spur schools the next term. Miss Elliott is not only a fine young lady but is recognized as one of the best teachers in the country.

FARMING BY RADIO

Now the farmer may sit in his home, or on his porch these fine summer evenings, and listen to the latest developments in the farm situation, hear crop reports, talks on propagation methods, expert advice on proper treatment of soils and planting, how he may better his lands and gain better results in crop production, animal husbandry and numerous other matters pertaining to the farm.

Trade at Home

Bert Brown and wife, of the 24 Ranch, were in the city Monday the guests of friends.

Trade at Home

TO TRADE for stock hogs, good fresh Jersey Milk Cow. C. P. Harris. 30-2t

Trade at Home

Finis Bilberry, a good citizen and prosperous farmer of the Gilpin country, was among the business visitors of Spur the first of this week.

Trade at Home

A first class repairman, doing first class work is located with the City Drug Co. Give him a trial and be convinced. 32-1t

Trade at Home

Bill McArthur, of west of Spur, was here the past week meeting with his friends, and incidentally putting a little more life and zest into the political campaign. This will be one campaign in which not only the candidates but most of the voters will be interested, especially since there will be a contest for practically every office, except G. W. Rash, who has a clear field and open sailing and which he undoubtedly appreciates. Heretofore the majority of voters have been inclined to lose sight of all other candidates but that of sheriff, but this year the indications are that other offices will also be warmly contested, including county commissioners, clerk, treasurer, tax assessor, and precinct weighers as well as sheriff and tax collector. The most important of all offices is that of commissioner, because the commissioner's court administration affects every individual and the pocketbook of the tax payer—and we are glad to see the interest manifested in every precinct in the selection of a county commissioner.

Trade at Home

NOTICE—I make a specialty of repairing furniture, making window and door frames, or anything in wood work. Headquarters at P. H. Miller's Lumber Yard. W. S. Hunter. 29-ft

Trade at Home

FOR SALE or Trade—Two residences, one 7 room and one 5 room. in north and east parts Spur.—J. P. Wilkes. 24ft

Plant Less Cotton

A. C. George, a leading citizen and good farmer of the Highway community, was on the streets Tuesday greeting friends and acquaintances. Mr. George was very optimistic concerning the prevailing crop conditions in his section as well as throughout the entire country.

This is one year that West Texas, and the Spur country in particular, will open the eyes of the world in abundant crop production. The indications now is that the harvests will be great, even more abundant than can be gathered without the help of unlimited imported help and laborers.

Trade at Home

A. C. STOVALL DIED A. C. Stovall, at the age of seventy five years, died Tuesday at the Nichols sanitarium where he had been some time for treatment following a stroke of paralysis.

Mr. Stovall was the father of Roy Stovall, of the Spur Light & Power Company, and had been making his home with his son the past several months. His remains were carried to Quanah for interment in the old home cemetery, funeral services being held Wednesday morning before their departure, at the Stovall home in Spur.

Trade at Home

IN MEMORIAM

At eleven o'clock a. m., Tuesday, May 27, the death angel called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Arthur, claiming as a victim their little daughter, Velma Ray.

Little Velma Ray was born in April, 1924. She was a lovely little child with a bright winning smile for every one.

"None knew her but to love her." Her little soul has returned to the God who gave it. Up there in Heaven she will bask in the sunshine of God's love and smile. She will dwell with the beautiful angels.

We extend sympathy to the bereaved parents and relatives, and hope that they will find consolation in the knowledge that they can meet her some day on that bright, golden shore, where sad partings and heart-aches never come.

Altho it seems hard at times, we must all learn to submit to God's divine will. Remember He will not make our load greater than we can bear, for "He doeth all things well."—Fred Arrington.

Trade at Home

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross were in the city the past week from their ranch home over in Kent county. Tom reports his cattle as well as farm interests now in ideal shape. He has two or three hundred head of three and four year old steers with a number of stock cattle now on the range, and which he says are gaining from one to two pounds of flesh each day. His farms are in ideal shape, his seed in the ground with promise of abundant yields. The fall of 1924 will be one of the most prosperous seasons the great Spur country has ever known.

Trade at Home

Bill McArthur, of west of Spur, was here Tuesday meeting with his friends and trading some with the merchants. Incidentally he was talking a little politics on the side and prognosticating with reference to other candidates to enter the field and the possibilities of those already in the running. It is generally recognized that the present political campaign will be one of the most interesting contests we have had in Dickens county.

Trade at Home

J. M. Howze, of the Highway community, dropped in Tuesday, indulging pleasant conversation, political prognostications and incidentally made our financial pathway more substantial and enduring by pushing his subscription up a couple of years.

NOTHING SHORT OF THE BEST

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DR. M. H. BRANNEN Dentist Office over Spur Nat'l. Bank

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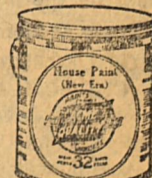
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C. B. WHITEN, Motley County
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For County and District Clerk:
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ROBT. REYNOLDS
S. L. DAVIS
O. C. ARTHUR (Re-election)

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G. L. BARBER
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For Tax Assessor:
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For County Treasurer:
C. H. PERRY (Re-election)
MRS. H. P. COLE
JOHN Q. TERRY

For County Judge:
H. A. C. BRUMMETT (Re-election)

For County Attorney:
B. G. WORSWICK (Re-election)
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For Public Weigher, Precinct 3:
G. W. RASH

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For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3:
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For Justice of the Peace, Precinct 1:
E. L. HARKEY

KENT COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

For County Commissioner, Precinct 2:
WILL H. SMITH

MIDWAY CLUB MEETING

Demonstration Club met Tuesday afternoon at Midway with most all members present.

After demonstrations and discussions, the club decided to have a box supper, Friday night, June 13, for the purpose of raising money to defray the expenses of sending one of our members to the short course at A. & M. College in July.

Everybody invited to be present at box supper.—Reporter.

Trade at Home—

Walter Jordan, of Duck Creek, was in the city Monday, spending several hours here trading and meeting with friends.

Trade at Home—

Dr. Hale is in Dallas this week. There he met his son, Ben, who has returned from Kemper Military School, and who will visit with relatives in Gatesville before coming home. Ben Murry has distinguished himself this year at Kemper, having made the highest grades and stood at the head of his classes.

Trade at Home—

LOST—Between Mace Hunter's and our home in Spur, a baby bonnet, made of flesh crepe de chene and lace, trimmed in blue rosebud braid. Finder please return to Huie the Tailor, or Mrs. R. F. Huie and receive reward. 32-1t

Trade at Home—

Miss Creola Richbourg left Wednesday for Mineral Wells where she will spend some time recuperating and enjoying the pleasures of that health resort.

Trade at Home—

Miss Mollie Williams, of Haskell, is in Spur visiting with her brother, Jas. F. Williams and family.

DR. MONTGOMERY

Dr. Montgomery of Stamford will be in Spur two days, Tuesday and Wednesday, June the 17th and 18th, prepared to treat diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, remove Tonsils and Adenoids and to Fit Glasses.

Office at
NICHOLS SANITARIUM

H. C. Eldredge, of near McAdoo on the plains, was in SEpur Wednesday of this week. Mr. Eldredge has several hundred acres of wheat this year which he reports doing as fine as it could. He also said that there was a considerable acreage of oats this year in the plains section and which is making the finest ever known. The plains section of Dickens county is a fine grain country, but this year much of the acreage heretofore given to small grain is being planted to row crops of maize and principally cotton.

Trade at Home—
E. M. Blackmon, of west of Spur, was a pleasant caller one day this week at the Texas Spur office. He says that crop conditions are most promising now throughout his section of the country. Unless some calamity befalls, the Spur country will this fall harvest the biggest crops ever before produced in the history of farming in West Texas.

Trade at Home—
We understand that J. H. Stephenson, an attorney of Benjamin, has filed his name for a place on the primary election ballot as a candidate for district judge of this the 50th judicial district. It is presumed that Judge Milam will also be a candidate for reelection to the place.

Trade at Home—
Mrs. W. B. Bennett, of Gilpin, was shopping in Spur Thursday of this week.

Plant Less Cotton—
George S. Link, Jr., returned this week from Kemper Military School where he has been attending junior college, the term having closed the last day of May. George S. finished his high school course at Kemper this being his second year at Kemper.

Trade at Home—
Mr. Patten, machinist and linotype erector for the Mergenthaler Linotype Company, came by Wednesday to visit with us and inspect the new linotype recently installed by the Texas Spur. Mr. Patten knows his business, and makes it a point to look after machines installed by himself. The Linotype Company very probably have nothing to give away, but what they sell you they make render service, and possibly in the end this is worth more than a low price in the beginning.

Trade at Home—
John Goodall, of near Girard, was a business visitor in Spur last Saturday. John reports everything in good shape in his section. While John may have several hundred acres of cotton on his place, he stated that he had set aside a ten acre patch the proceeds of which will be devoted to a hilarious vacation in the late summer or fall. He said he had just received from Gyp Mayfield who recently returned to California, a beer check acquired while in Juarez, Mexico, and that the receipt of this reminder had encouraged a definite conclusion as to where his vacation would be spent.

Trade at Home—
Bob Goodall was here Saturday from Girard. Bob has secured a big farm near Girard. He has decided to not make the race for sheriff in Kent county this term, concluding that possibly more remuneration would come to him through farming operations in this financial stringency.

Trade at Home—
NOTICE—I will begin a musical class in Violin, Saxophone and Clarinet, June 16th. Those interested please phone No. 2 or No. 23 for reservation. Henry G. Elkins. Now at T. G. U. 31-2t

Trade at Home—

W. D. Blair, of east of Spur, was on the streets Wednesday of this week.

MISS FLOY RICHBOURG WEDS JACK RECTOR

A pretty wedding this week was that of Miss Floy Richbourg, daughter of Mr. J. B. Richbourg, to Jack Rector at the Methodist church, Tuesday evening at eight o'clock.

The church was beautiful with roses and ferns. The altar being framed with a white trellis with climbing roses effectively arranged. On either side of the altar lovely ferns produced an artistic setting.

Preceding the entrance of the wedding party, Mrs. Ray Dickson sang, "The Sweetest Story Ever Told," accompanied by Mrs. Webber Williams on piano and Mr. E. C. Edmonds on the violin.

The bridal party entered to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin, played by Miss Willie Richbourg, sister of the bride, accompanied by Mr. Edmonds on the violin.

Messrs. Mack Brown and Jimmie Sample entered down the left aisle and took their places on either side of the altar.

Mrs. Ruby Pierce, matron of honor, was next to enter and was attractively gowned, net over satin with an arm bouquet of pink roses. The maid of honor, Miss Creola Richbourg, sister of the bride followed, wearing a gown of yellow crepe, her bouquet was Boston daisies.

The bride was preceded by the little flower girls, Joan Brown, Jane Goufey and Frances Morris, who were dainty and sweet in frocks of beautiful colored georgette.

The bride entered with her father and was met at the altar by the bridegroom and his best man, Faust Collier, V.C. Smart, Jr., nephew of the groom, was ring bearer. An impressive ceremony was read by Rev. J. A. Smith.

The bride's gown was a duchess satin model. Her veil was of white tulle and caught with a beautiful bandeau of rhinestone and pearls. She carried a lovely shower bouquet of brides roses and lillies of the valley.

Miss Willie Richbourg played "Narcissus" very softly, during the ceremony and recessional.

Mr. and Mrs. Rector left immediately in a car for an extended trip to Colorado, after which they will be at home in Spur.

The Texas Spur joins their many friends in wishing this popular couple much happiness and prosperity.

Trade at Home—

Judge H. A. C. Brummett was over from Dickens Saturday. While the Judge is in this campaign for reelection, he has no opponent and consequently will have easy sailing. However, the Judge has made a good officer, rendered fair, just and lawful decisions and at all times looking carefully after his official duties—and should he have an opponent in the race his running mate would have no easy sailing. We didn't know much about Judge Brummett until recently when occasion to be out with him. As the old saying is, "he is a good scout," he is there with the goods in or out of office, and will carry more than his part of the load any time.

Trade at Home—
Rayburn Evans, who has been attending Kemper Military School the past term, returned home this week, stopping along the way to visit relatives.

Trade at Home—
Mr. and Mrs. McCrary, of west of Spur, were guests in the city one day this week. Mr. McCrary has become a staid old farmer, and reports everything blooming and booming out his way on the farm.

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Trade at Home—
Crawford Cobb was over Wednesday from Dickens, pushing his campaign for the county clerk's office.

Trade at Home—
Mr. McMeans, with the C. Hogan department store, with his family is visiting this week in East Texas.

Trade at Home—
Chesley Speck, who has been attending business school in Ft. Worth, returned this week and resumed his position with Bryant-Link Company.

Trade at Home—
S. J. Ousley and family are spending the week recuperating in Mineral Wells.

Trade at Home—

J. P. Goen was in Spur Wednesday from his ranch home to the northwest of Dickens.

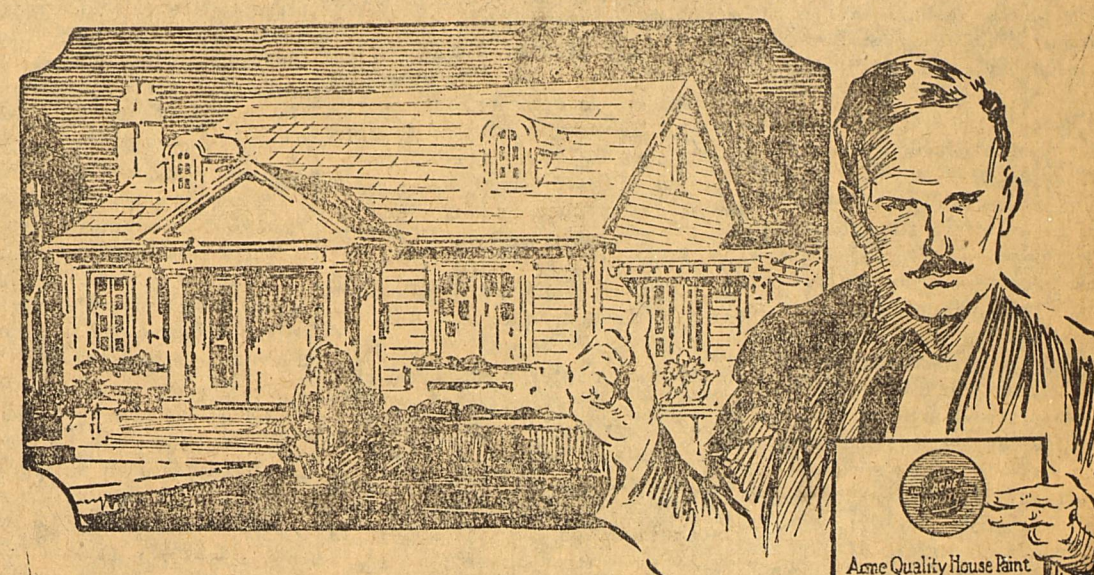
S. B. Scott, Sr., and Jr., were attending court the first of this week at Anson.

CHIROPRACTIC

The body, like any other machine, will work normally when all its parts are in place, so the energy will apply. In the human body the energy is called vital force. It is transmitted through the nerves to the cells of the body, and so long as the nerve channels are free the vital force will pass to the place of function and normal activity will result. Normal function means HEALTH.

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When I started back to Fort Worth Thursday morning, I drained the crank case and had it filled with one (1) gallon of competitive of Pierce Oil, and when I got to Austin I found it to be the same competitive of the same competitive.

On the trip going down I had to drive in mud between Taylor and Austin, which was very hard on the engine.

This proves to my satisfaction what Pennant oil does for me, and I have no hesitancy in recommending Pennant oil to you. I know they will deliver the mileage and insure the life of your engine.

Yours very truly,
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MR. C. C. HAILE:

When I hear of a person that has been suddenly taken from our midst, from home and loved ones, there is a sigh of sorrow, but a comforting relief comes to their friends to know that he or she has protected the family by having an Insurance Policy composed of friends, and in the paying of which each member has the consolation of knowing that they are helping their neighbor.

A FRIEND TO SPUR MUTUAL

Swatting Flies is all Right But Prevention Is Easier

The common house fly is an annoying pest as well as an important carrier of communicable diseases. Such flies breed and live in filth—so much so that an absence of flies about a home may be taken as an indication of the absence of filth. The number of flies in a community is a fair sanitary index of the homes which make up the community.

House flies are instrumental in spreading disease germs in two ways—mechanically, by transferring filth and disease germs on their bodies and legs to food, or directly to the hands or mouth, as is often the case in babies. The second way is that fly specks, the excreta from flies, may contain germs; the fly's digestive system is so simple that germs are not destroyed when they pass through a fly's body.

Flies spend the winter in out-of-the-way places (cellars, barns and attics) and come out in early spring to feed and lay eggs. About 95 percent of our flies lay their eggs in stable manure, although open privies and other places where refuse and filth accumulate may provide breeding places. The most important means of preventing flies is to remove the manure from the stables at least once a week during the hot season. This manure had best be scattered on the land while it is moist and before the nitrogenous substances, so valuable to the soil, have evaporated and been lost.

Swatting flies is all right, but prevention is easier. Early spring is the most effective time to fight the fly, that time only a few flies are left from the cold of winter. If they are killed before they lay eggs and multiply, and the stables and other breeding places are kept clean during the summer, the prevention of flies will be an easy problem.

The importance of flies can be realized when it is considered that they spread typhoid fever, dysentery and the bowel complaints of small children, and that more than one-fifth of all the deaths and a still larger percentage of the sickness occurring in the southern United States are caused by the spread of germs obtained in human bowel material. The fly is one of the most important factors in the spread of this excreta.

DOUBLING THE LIFE OF AN AUTOMOBILE

It has been stated, and it is undoubtedly true, that half the wear and tear an auto receives is due to the carelessness of the driver. Any one, and especially the man living on the farm and away from nearby garages, should give his car a little time and thought now and then. He will be rewarded with increased mileage and materially lessened repair bills.

The most flagrant abuse of the auto is not keeping it oiled. It is not sufficient to pour in another quart when one happens to think of it. On every car there are oil and grease cups which should be kept filled. The transmission and differential should be attended to every few hundred miles, or serious wear is bound to occur. On the smaller cars the oil cups on the front axle and the grease cups on the back one are easily reached, and no where else is wear more destructive than axle wear. Many motorists find they get better results by completely changing the oil in the engine every 500 miles rather than adding another quart as it seems needed. It is common to find oil so heated and churned after much driving that there is very little lubricating qualities left in it.

Another matter often overlooked is oiling the springs. Besides oiling them where they are attached to the support, if oil is introduced between the leaves, friction of one rubbing another is lessened, riding qualities much improved and the squeak of dry springs is avoided.

In the summer a car will run as well on a lean mixture of gasoline as it will in the winter on a heavy one. On the smaller cars it is very easy to cut down the mixture by a simple adjustment of the carburetor, and much gasoline will be saved. A few experiments, and the driver will learn how to set the carburetor at the desired point.

Any tire man will say that almost as many tires are ruined by improper inflation as are worn out by genuine usage. If a tire has too much air in it, running on a hot pavement will cause the air to expand and burst through the walls. Too low inflation allows the rim to pound the side and top of the tire when a bump is hit. Once a wall is fabric-broken, a blowout is not far away. Inner tubes should be carefully inserted so there are no creases to pinch through. Any rusted or rough spots on the rim should be sandpapered smooth, or invariably it will chafe through the tire.

A new process of rejuvenating finish is rapidly gaining favor. Instead of repainting, the old surface is thoroughly cleansed. Any rusty spots or places where the finish is marred are touched up with the same color and allowed to dry. Then a coat of good varnish is applied, and this is followed by a second. This is an inexpensive way to refinish and extremely satisfactory. The car looks and retains its appearance as if it were a new one.

Trade at Home—
Spur the people's town.

DIVERSIFIED FARMING

I remember when I was a youngster back on the farm my father always had a horror of borrowing money, but he had no objection to borrowing in order to buy livestock. "Livestock," he used to say, "is like the interest on your note. It works while you sleep."

How long do you suppose any kind of business could survive conditions like those of one-crop farming, running only part of the year?

The principle of diversified farming, as distinguished from specialized farming, is not in any way different from the principle that manufacturers of farm implements—and manufacturers in other lines of business, too—have found it necessary to adopt in order to make ends meet, and, in normal years, to lap over for a reasonable profit.

When the farm implement maker broadens out into the manufacture of a wide variety of machines, including all or many of the essential tools of agriculture, he does so in order to keep his factory profitably busy throughout the year, making the various kinds of implements according to their respective seasons. He doesn't want any slack season which would increase his costs.

In this way, the manufacturer so arranges his business that the overhead cost of administration, production and sales distribution shall be divided among several lines instead of being loaded upon a single line that is manufactured and sold during only a limited part of the year.

Exactly the same principle, then, applies to the farm as to the factory, the store, the bank or the railroad or any other such enterprise. All-year-round production charges and expenses.—Alexander Legge.

Trade at Home—
Mrs. J. W. Baker left Spur this week for Dallas to be with her sister who is at the Baptist Sanitarium in Dallas for an operation. Mrs. Baker will remain with her sister indefinitely until she has completely recovered from the operation.

Trade at Home—
Tom McArthur was in town the first of the week from his farm and ranch home near Tap. Tom reports that while he has not suffered from the recent hail storms, yet the excessive and heavy rains have forced him to replant his crops, thus entailing as much labor and expense almost as if he had been among the hail sufferers.

Trade at Home—

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G. W. Woods was in Spur Tuesday from Roaring Springs. Mr. Woods and family formerly lived near Spur, moving the past year to near Roaring Springs where they are now farming and prospering in their new home.

MANUFACTURED DOPE ABOUT THE GOVERNORS' CAMPAIGN

DALLAS, May 30.—For the past few weeks the Texas gubernatorial Candidates have been feted, fated and surfeited with the Texas Democratic convention. But now with that fateful event behind them, and not one half happened to them that they heard would happen, they have scattered almost over the entire state to tell the people why they should be elected.

Lynch Davidson, the Houston candidate, has been in South Texas sticking closely to his business program, declaring that his slogan of "More business in government and less government in business" is meeting with a reception he little dreamed of.

Jim Ferguson has presented his wife's name for the ticket in case his own is barred and continues to campaign. He says none of the candidates have said anything about him and that he is not going to say anything about them until they do.

Burkett in West Texas added his voice to the chorus which has been attempting to belittle Lynch's work in rehabilitation of the State Railroad. T. W. Davidson has been in West Texas, defending his Farm Labor conference platform and preparing to act as governor in Neff's absence.

Felix D. Robertson, as to stature the smallest of them all in this market going, continues explaining his platform along the same lines, while his backers have been sending out word that Lynch is the man he must beat for the office.

Collins is still vigorously attacking the Klan leaders and Pope, seemingly taking no notice of the meeting at Waco, continues to saw wood, pressing his slogan of "No more taxes, no time, no place, nor nothing." Barton has been defending his use of the state rangers in his law enforcement program. Ferguson has stated exactly the number and where the votes will come from to elect him; and Lynch Davidson, elated over the reports received

while at Waco, has pointed out that he will be elected because he will get more than Jim—or any other candidate.

Trade at Home— SPUR BOY MAKING AN UNUSUAL SCHOOL RECORD

Mr. Henry G. Elkins of Spur, according to an announcement of the faculty of Texas Christian University recently, has been elected to temporary membership in the Texas Scholarship Society, an organization made up of all universities and colleges of Texas that offer a standard A. B. degree.

Mr. Elkins has maintained an av-

erage grade of A (90 to 100) throughout his two years at T. C. U. and in recognition of this has been given temporary membership. If he maintains the same high standard of work throughout his junior and senior years in the University he will be elected to permanent membership in the Texas Scholarship Society.

Mr. Elkins is a member of the Add-Ran Literary Society and an active participant in all school activities.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Trade at Home—

I have a complete list of all poll tax payers of Dickens county for sale at \$7.50.—M. L. Jones, Sheriff and Tax Collector. 24tf

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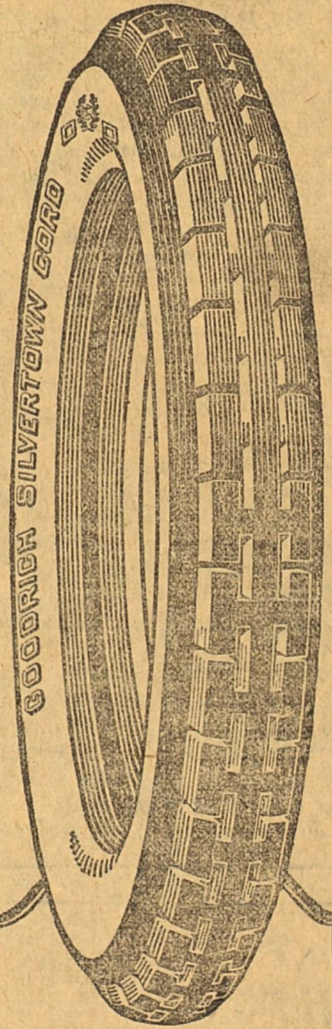
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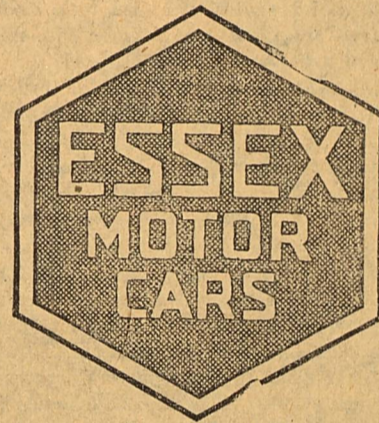
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A Message To Texas Farmers By Aaron Sapiro, Marketing Genius

Aaron Sapiro, the world renowned genius of cooperative marketing, and whose system and efforts in marketing problems of other states have brought prosperity out of penury, and orderly, systematic and profitable methods out of former chaotic practices of marketing, recently visited Texas, participating in discussions of marketing plans for farmers and producers. From the Southwestern Machinery we take the following excerpts from a speech delivered by Mr. Sapiro recently in Dallas, and which by some is considered to rank in oratory with Bryan's "Cross of Gold and Crown of Thorns" oration:

It is not the speculator who breaks the price of cotton. It is the grower. Each man dumps his cotton against the other man's cotton, and the speculator simply takes advantage of the situation. He merely sits there and takes what the grower gives him, and that is just what you or I would do if we were in his place. We would let the grower break the price and buy it at the least possible cost. The grower is to blame and yet he can not do anything differently when he stands alone. The growers unintentionally are their own worst enemies.

That is why we say that for growers to band together simply to save a little money by co-operative purchasing and things of that kind is not enough. This does not help them merchandise their crops, and if the growers will help each other to merchandise their crops they can make enough out of the process so that they can pay the same as anybody else for what they want to buy in city or town. They will not have to think of that type of saving except in the same way that the city man thinks of it. The growers have one aim to accomplish, and that is merchandising their crops instead of dumping their crops.

Take what has happened in the cotton industry. We have in the United States an industry by which we produce two-thirds of all the cotton in the world, a staple nonperishable article giving us which would amount to a commercial monopoly of this high type product. We have been producing it decade after decade and in the same districts. You would imagine that these farmers must have made some money, because the men who sell cotton goods get a fairly good price, and you have known of cotton exchange millionaires and mill men who have left enormous fortunes for their children. There are several millions of cotton farmers in the southern section of the United States, and they live in a stage of poverty such as you never dreamed of—a stage of two generations behind the rest of the United States. You can go to South Carolina and see homes where the whole family lives in one room, where per a pair of shoes or stockings; where they have to take the little children and put them to work in the field and can not give them any schooling. There are districts where the whole county can not raise enough taxes to put in a decent road or a school, or put up a decent church; where family after family all their days are passed in gloom and hopelessness; where tenantry is increasing, where the standard of living is going down. And yet these very people are producing one of the greatest agricultural crops of the world, which makes millionaires every single year in New York, in New England, and in Old England. You would think it a most amazing thing to realize that the average family income in South Carolina, in producing cotton, is less than \$300 a year, including the higher war years, for the last ten years. It is the most amazing thing I have ever known in my life to realize how this great and valuable crop, one of the greatest on the North American continent can create much wealth, can take so much out of the consumer and leave so little, either in money, in happiness or in decency of living for the man who created that wealth.

It has succeeded in California, and today the cotton men are imitating it, the grain men are imitating it. All over the United States this movement is spreading like a prairie fire. What does it mean to the grower? What does it mean to the community, to the consuming public and to the industry as a whole?

First, for the growers it has meant a complete change in their whole method of living. The California growers look different from the growers in any other part of the United States. They don't have wrinkles all over their faces. They have had steady incomes for a few years and are beginning to think of life in the same terms as other men think of life. They are beginning to think of physical comforts of liv-

ing, of decent schools and churches, and so on. That is why, if you look through the California rural districts today you will see homes that are homes—homes with running water and bathrooms and everything homes should have, even electricity. We find they can pay enough taxes to get good roads and California roads are supposed to be the best in the United States. They can pay enough taxes so the California rural schools are the best in the United States, although our city schools are known to be notoriously poor. They can pay enough taxes so that they can have rural libraries, and in centers not big enough to have libraries they pay enough taxes so they can have traveling libraries. You can not go anywhere in the co-operative districts without seeing good churches, little movie houses and all the things that indicate good, clean recreation as well as comfortable living! and if you will look at the roster of the University of California you will find that it is one of the largest in the United States—I am not saying that it is the best, but the largest—and you will find they have more farmer boys and girls on their rolls than in any other two states of the Union.

Our farmers send their boys and girls to the high schools, and where they can, to the university. They have learned how to make money, and with this money we have bought education and decent living. They buy life insurance at the rate of five to one over the best southern states, and three to one over the best of the agricultural states. The California farmer looks on living from the same viewpoint that you and I look upon life. The California farmer does not need to make his boys and girls work on the farm between school hours. He does not send his wife to work on the farm as is done in so many states in the South. The California farmers live on the standard of living that you or I think is right for a city man with a small family at this particular stage of civilization. To the California farmer this has become a gospel and that is why these associations, which started with a control of 50 per cent of some particular commodity, now with the strawberries and things like that, have 90 per cent of the entire crop sold through one office; the raisin growers have 95 per cent of the growers in one association, the prune growers have 88 per cent in one association, the almond growers have almost 90 per

cent in one association; because our farmers have seen through co-operative marketing they achieve everything that modern civilization holds.

What has it meant to the community? First, these farmers have got more money than ever before. I have in mind a district that in 1912 had a net return from raisins of less than \$1,000,000 annually. That meant the growers had a spending power of less than \$1,000,000 a year from that industry. Up to 1913—and that was before the prohibition movement which changed the raisin industry in some respect—they had increased the return from raisins in that district alone to \$23,000,000 a year. They had more than trebled the crop and were selling every pound of raisins they produced. They had increased the purchasing power of those farmers to about \$23,000,000 a year. What did it mean? It meant that the farmers stopped buying their wives "mother hubbards" let them buy decent dresses. They stopped buying overalls and started buying decent suits of clothes, decent shoes and all things that meant an easier way of living. They had better food and they built better homes. In short, they spent that income right around in the town. The merchants who sold them the things made deposits in the banks or made investments. If you go to Fresno you will wonder from where all this prosperity comes. It is the center of three great co-operative organizations, the raisin, the peach and the fig growers, and tops all cities in the Babson's list of prosperous small cities in the world. All that out of agriculture and not out of manufacturing.

What does it mean to the consuming public? I know that a great many thinkers believe that if the grower gets more, the consuming public must pay more. There are two sides to that. Even if it did mean the consumer had to pay more money, still the movement would be justified. No consumer has the right to say that he should have cheap goods if the price he gives means he is keeping his heel on the neck of his brother. No consumer has the right to ask any grower to produce cotton, for instance, if the price that grower gets for his product is keeping him in something absolutely as bad as the old-time slavery. But it does not work that way. We do not ask for more money from the consumer in the long run. Take the case of oranges. You are getting better oranges today than you dreamed of when the association was started. You get good graded oranges every day in the year. Where you used to have a three months shipping season, now by scientific planning they ship oranges every day in the year. They have extended the shipping period from three to twelve months, and those oranges are actually costing you less by 12 per cent than they used to cost you before the orange growers were organized. And the orange growers are making more money. Why? Because they are selling all the oranges they raise. In the old days they sold perhaps one-third of their crops, and the other two-thirds rotted. The great aim of co-operative marketing is not to stick the consumer. The great aim is to merchandise that

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RAT-PROOF BUILDINGS

The common rat brings about the loss of many millions of dollars a year by his depredations. It is next to impossible to get rid of him without extensive co-operation of everyone, so the next best thing to do is to make it difficult or impossible for him to get near articles he might injure. It has been estimated that if the material the rat wastes on a good sized farm could be saved, the selling price of it would hire several hands each year.

The rat must be denied a place to hide and multiply. The best way to keep him out of buildings is by a proper use of cement. The farmer particularly is anxious to escape loss by the rodent, and his granaries, corn cribs and poultry houses may be made ratproof by building cement floors and foundations in them.

STRAYED HOGS—I have at my place, 10 miles northwest of Spur, 1 black sow and shotts. Party can get same by paying for this ad and reimbursing for feed. B. E. Morgan. 32-1t

Trade at Home

Mrs. Furnell, of Roberson county, is in Spur this week visiting her sister, Mrs. O. D. Blanton and family. This is the first time the sisters had met in the past seventeen years. Mrs. Furnell will probably spend the summer in Spur with Mrs. Blanton.

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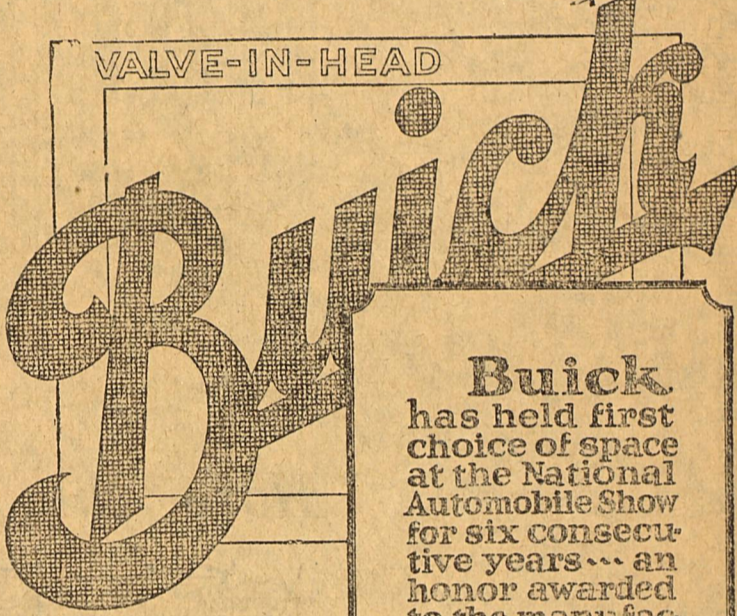
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DELINQUENT TAX ROLL, 1923
Spur Independent School District

Table listing delinquent tax rolls for 1923, including names, addresses, and amounts. Includes entries for Abernathy, I. E., Banks, Tom, Bell, W. A., etc.

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MESSAGE TO TEXAS FARMERS

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product so that the consumer's dollar can stay where it formerly did, but so that the growers can get his share out of that consumer's dollar. In California we used to get 8c out of the consumer's dollar, but now the California co-operatives get 48c out of the consumer's dollar without increasing the dollar. In dairy products we have gone up a little more than 4 per cent in the share of the grower out of the consumer's dollar. Our aim is not to stick anybody. It is to introduce a system which prevents waste, to introduce a system which prevents speculation and to introduce a system which means that the man who produced farm products shall have a chance to merchandise that product and make a real living, a civilized living, out of that product, so that from the standpoint of the grower, the standpoint of the community and the standpoint of the consuming public this co-operative marketing movement has more than justified itself.

And then there is another phase that we have to think about. Do you think you are producing good citizens out of men who feel that everything they do is manipulated, and that they are losing out of it? Do you think you are producing good citizens when you make a man feel there is no fair industrial basis for his living? From the standpoint of citizenship this co-operative marketing movement has been the most valuable thing we have ever had in California. It has united classes. It has not separated the classes in California with bitterness. It has united them in the State of California. It has built up the finest type of citizenship which the State has ever known. And it has gone further than that. It has entered into the life of every man who has participated in it. He comes to realize that the other man is a man just like himself, that he is doing something with the other man. They have recognized that. You can see it in their faces. That is why we have these wonderful managers in the co-operatives constantly being offered doubled salaries if they would leave the co-operatives. They never think of leaving the co-operatives because the sense of service has got into their blood. They realize they are doing a big constructive thing. There is a different spirit in our farmers since co-operative marketing has become more or less universal. I have seen that happen. I have seen men who couldn't be gotten together for any purpose once they got together for co-operative marketing they will get together for clubs or to build churches or schools or any other purpose for which men can properly and wisely get together. There is a spirit that grows from co-operation that you will never find anywhere else.

I want your interest in co-operative marketing, not because it is a matter of dollars and cents in the pocket of the grower or the pockets of the merchants or the community at large. I do not want your interest in co-operative marketing on that account. I want your interest because, in the first place, it is the right thing, and because it is the one great permanent movement by which a new and fuller spirit of citizenship has been created on the farms of the United States, on the farms of Denmark and on the farms of every country in the world, in which the growers have learned to work together intelligently on their primary industrial problem. And, men and women of Dalls, I hope you feel with me that it is not only a farm problem. It is a problem for you as well as the farmer, and you will not be doing your full duty as citizens unless you give moral support and more than moral guidance to the development of this movement in Texas. We have done a thing in California which you can do in Texas, and since you can do it, I know you are going to see that it is done.

Practical Nurse Tells

Mrs. N. E. Snow, of Route 1, near Paris, Tenn., tells the story of her experience as follows: "I am 62 years old and I have been a practical nurse for more than 20 years, taking mostly maternity cases. One of my daughters suffered from cramping at... She would just bend double and have to go to bed."

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The Woman's Tonic was recommended to her and she only had to take about two bottles, when she hardly knew that it was... she suffered so little pain. "My youngest daughter was run-down, weak and nervous, and looked like she didn't have a bit of blood left—just a walking skeleton, no appetite and tired all the time. I gave her two bottles of Cardui. It built her up and she began eating and soon gained in weight, and has been so well since." Cardui, the Woman's Tonic, has helped suffering women for over forty years. Try it. At all druggists. E-100

mail in cases of emergency." "The Essex used was a stock car, for the value of the data obtained depended upon the performance of a car that would be available upon an instant's notice by the postal authorities. Some idea of the distance covered may be gained from the fact that, had the car started from Los Angeles over the Midland Trail, it would have reached a point in Nebraska only 153 miles from Omaha in the same two days and fifteen hours. The route ran over all sorts of roads, from the well laid Apache Trail to mountain and desert paths which were all but impassable. Newspaper critics in the territory say that this is a record which, in all the factors considered, never has been surpassed by any car, and which could be achieved only by an automobile sound in every detail.

Trade at Home— J. J. Randall, of south of Spur, was in the city the latter part of the past week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Recently Mr. Randall advertised for lost or strayed pigs. Soon after placing the advertisement in the Texas Spur the pigs were found. Advertising is one of the greatest forces in the business world. The fact is that advertising is of greater importance in reaching out and bringing in results than even the capital stock invested in business. Advertising does the business while capital stock only makes it possible to do business.

SETS U. S. MARK FOR ENDURANCE

Carrying U. S. mail under official authority from Washington, an Essex six touring car just completed the most strenuous desert-running test that could be found within the borders of the United States, according to information reaching the Spur Hudson-Essex Agency. It was driven by Charles L. Goldtrap and L. Leunthaul, under the supervision of the Hudson-Essex branchmaster at Phoenix, Ariz., and the postmaster S. J. Michelson of that city.

A distance of 1674 miles was covered in the remarkable time of 63 hours and 10 minutes, an average of 26 1/2 miles per hour, without stopping for more than a few minutes at a time to take on gasoline, grab sandwiches and for the drivers to snatch a few moments of much needed sleep. Seventy-three gallons of gas and two quarts of oil were used. This is an average of 23 miles to a gallon of gas and 3550 miles per gallon of oil. "The test proved conclusively that the new Essex has inherited all of the stamina and pep of the Essex four which was famous for its performance. It also proved the practicability of carrying United States

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Trade at Home— FOR SALE OR RENT—One iron clad Warehouse, size 20x30, located back of Wendell Bldg., Spur, Texas. —Otho L. Hale. 28-1f

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SPUR DELPHIAN CLUB HAS INTERESTING MEETING

The Spur Delphian Club has its final meeting of the year May 27th, at Mrs. P. C. Nichols.

At 2:00 o'clock the club members met and held a short business meeting and elected officers for the coming year. Mrs. W. D. Wilson, president; Mrs. P. C. Nichols, vice-president; Mrs. Oran McClure, secretary; Mrs. Jas. B. Reed, treasurer.

The club disbanded for the summer, will take up their work again in September.

At 4 o'clock the following guests arrived: Mrs. D. H. Zachry, Mrs. J. E. Morris, Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Snider, and Miss Neitha Snider, Mrs. Cameron, Miss Kitty Powell, Mrs. Lessing. The following program was given: Address—Mrs. E. C. Edmonds; Piano Solo—Mrs. J. H. Busby; Reading—Miss Neitha Snider; Contest—Mrs. J. H. Busby; Violin Solo—Mrs. Lessing; accompanied by Mrs. Edmonds.

Lovely refreshments of strawberry ice cream and angel food cake were then served. Reporter.

CAPLE FAMILY OF NEAR McADOO HAVE REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caple held a family reunion at their home near McAdoo; Mrs. A. W. Stewart and children and grandchildren present at the same time in several years. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Broom and two daughters, of Stamford, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Fleming and three children of McAdoo; Mrs. A. W. Stewart and little son of Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Jot Meacham of Chicago, Ill.; Solon S. Caple of Los Angeles, Calif. and little son, Junior.

FOR SALE—1000 Bales of Fresh Alfalfa Hay at \$1.00 per bale on my farm.—W. T. Wilson. 30-1f

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Dickens County Delegates Attend State Democratic Convention at Waco

Judge H. A. C. Brummett and C. Hogan, two of the duly elected delegates from the Dickens county convention, attended the state convention held last Tuesday in Waco. Jas. F. Williams and Oran McClure, and Oran McClure, Jr., accompanied the delegation. Personally, we had never attended a state political convention before, and in view of the generally expressed sentiment that there would be a battle royal in the political convention hall, we had a desire to attend and witness the political maneuvers of state politicians. In this we were disappointed, because very evidently the whole procedure had been mapped out, cut and dried before hand, and the convention was merely a meeting place to perform. And any changes that were made in the program of procedure were engineered and decided upon by not more than three or four of the leaders in private rooms of the Rawleigh Hotel and not on the floor of the convention hall.

The gentleman selected to make the keynote speech did well, created some enthusiasm even though prepared and staged for the occasion, but some of the statements which should have been cheering were rather amusing. For instance, he said the democracy of Texas and the people from the "forks of the creek" were now in the political saddle—when as a matter of fact it was very evident that the ku klux were in the saddle, at least in this convention, and were riding over everything and everybody that stood in the way. In this we were surprised, because we had been informed that the ku klux were not in politics, being merely a fraternal, moral, benevolent and non-political organization—but we want to tell you that the ku klux were in actual control of the state democratic convention, and it may be possible that they have sufficient numbers and the power and influence to control the ballots in the democratic primary election—but we will never believe it possible until we see it done. However, we have little fear of the ku klux long remaining in power should they prove powerful enough to control the ballots in the coming primary election, because far-seeing and wiser men have long since recognized in the organization elements of its own rapid dissolution. For instance, at the convention, a good friend of ours who is a grand cyclops or some other influential official of the klan in his baliwick told us that the state organization had recently selected eight of its leaders as a committee to select candidates and make out a ticket to be voted by klan members in the democratic primary election. However, this klansman friend of ours had a mind of his own and had decided to support another candidate for governor of Texas than the one selected by this klan committee, and when one of the higher officials of the organization, learning of this rebellious attitude on the part of an influential member, came out to whip him in line, he informed the would-be controller of politics in Texas that he saw too much of voting negroes back in the old states to meekly submit to dictation and control in matters of personal and political rights and free American privileges. There are some egot men in the ku klux klan, but they are getting out of it. Such an organization will make enemies out of brothers, disrupt church fellowship, create animosities and dissension in communities and bust the democratic party if permitted to control its actions.

Governor Pat Neff was at the convention, but sat unostentatiously out in the convention hall with his delegation, amusedly watching the stage performance. However, he proved himself the biggest man there when, after being permitted to be selected as one of the national delegates, he arose, and as a real statesman rather than a mere politician, firmly declined the condescending offer of those in control, stating that his ideas and conviction were not in accord with their instructions. Pat Neff made a strong campaign to prevent the "ring" from controlling state political affairs, but lost out. Pat Neff has at heart the interests of democracy rather than factional control of politics and governmental affairs. Time will tell whether or not his attitude was that of a far-seeing statesman in opposition to control of politicians.

Back in our younger days, in the old states, we witnessed on frequent occasions the playing of politics in disguised forms. At that time a real statesman could be distinguished among the politicians—and it is the same today. What Texas needs today is real statesmen of the old-fashioned school of politics to push

her political and statehood interests to the front ranks in governmental affairs of state and nation—and they will show up some day from down on the forks of the creek and assume a place at the head of public affairs.

Along in the afternoon, seeing that the convention proceedings would be unobstructed and the program as scheduled would be consummated without a jar, we decided the time could be more interestingly and profitably spent outside with the Spur boys who are in Waco attending Baylor University. The fact is we have concluded that to attend the state convention was merely an excuse for us to get down to Waco to be with these boys—Cotton Harris, E. C. Edmonds, Jr. and Weldon McClure, each of whom are taking a real, active interest in their courses of study. We drove with the boys out over the most beautiful driveway along the Brazos river, noting the unsurpassed beauty of the natural scenery and other points of interest along the way. Later we decided to drive over to Corsicana and visit an hour with a sister whom we had not seen during the past seventeen years, with the idea of returning in time to join the delegation homeward bound. However, in this we were disappointed in that we were forced to drive all night long, burnt up twenty five gallons of gas and traveled more than a hundred miles out of our way, going almost to Dallas and Fort Worth to get back to Waco by eight o'clock the following morning. In going to Corsicana we crossed a slough of some eight or ten miles in extent, thus necessitating an extended detour.

On the whole the trip was a pleasure. Judge Brummett, Jas. F. Williams and C. Hogan are "princes of good fellows" to be out with, can take a political drubbing with as straight a face as the best of them, and can meet the disadvantages and hardships encountered on an overland trip as philosophically as the hardened globe trotter.

The trip was of benefit in that we now know which way the political winds blow, and the state convention procedure convinced us more thoroughly than ever that the convention system of political government disregards the will and the interests of others than those in control, giving the country faction rule rather than government of the people and for the people. There is a movement on foot to do away with the primary election system and revert back to the convention system of nominating candidates, and we want to say to our readers and the voters down on the forks of the creek that if you don't keep awake and alive to the political drift, you will soon have no voice in public governmental affairs and be forced to submit to the domination of factions, cliques and klans who are now seeking and gaining power in that direction—and furthermore if in the coming primary election the democracy of Texas fails to swat, and swat hard and en masse the klan and factional candidates for state offices, the beginning of this end will already have been accomplished. This is no time for dilly-dally and soft-soaping on the part of real democrats who believe in a free, open government of the people, for the people and by the people—because if you do Texas will surely have a ku klux governor and public affairs will be dictated and directed by the leaders of an unidentified, masked organization whose meetings and deliberations are in secret and secluded places. God forbid that the democracy of Texas will permit such a state of public affairs in the Lone Star State.

Trade at Home—
Mrs. Newt Locke, son and daughter of Miami, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ellis of the Rocking Chair Ranch, and other relatives and friends of the Spur country.

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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Wichita County, on the 27th day of Feb., 1922, by A. F. Kerr, District Clerk of said Wichita County, for the sum of seven thousand, one hundred eighty-eight and .91 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Joyce Land & Cattle Co. in a certain cause in said Court, No. 11-940-c and styled Joyce Land & Cattle Co. vs. J. B. Sneed and his sureties, Bert N. Brown and I. B. Brown, placed in my hands for service, I, M. L. Jones as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did, on the 27th day of May, 1924, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, Texas, described as follows, to wit: Being the North-East Quarter of I. & G. survey, certificate No. 527, in said County of Dickens, said tract being located about six miles Northeast of Dickens. Abstract 263, and levied upon as the property of J. B. Sneed and that on the first Tuesday in July, 1924, the same being the 1st day of said month, at the Court House door, of Dickens County, in the town of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. B. Sneed.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Texas Spur, a newspaper published in Dickens County.

Witness my hand, this 27th day of May, 1924.—M. L. JONES, Sheriff, Dickens County, Texas. 32-3t

Trade at Home—
FOR SALE—Medium sized refrigerator at reasonable price—Weldon Williams. 32-2tp

Trade at Home—
Mrs. Marchmann and daughter Miss Faye, of Denton are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jopling in the city.

MONDAY LAST DAY FOR STATE CANDIDATES TO FILE NAMES

WACO, June 1.—But one more day, Monday of next week, remains for candidates for state offices to file their applications for their names to be on the ticket to be voted in the July primaries, July 26. So far thirty-five applications have been sent here to Secretary Joe W. Hale of the State Democratic Executive Committee. The list includes ten candidates for Governor and seven for Railroad Commissioner. The State committee will meet in Dallas on June 9 to certify the names of candidates for State offices to the various county chairmen in Texas.

Saturday the following applications were received by Secretary Hale: J. M. Melson, Sulphur Springs, candidate for Attorney General; Lor A. Smith, Austin, Railroad Commissioner, unexpired term of four years; John D. McCall, Beaumont, Lieutenant Governor; Wallace Malone, Fort Worth, Lieutenant Governor.

Trade at Home—
Mrs. Beulah Lucas has as her guest Miss Brownlea of Lubbock. Miss Brownlea is a musician and singer of high merit and will probably lend her talent to Spur for the ensuing school term.

Trade at Home—
During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt, who are on an extended visit to Paris and other points, Mr. and Mrs. Newt Harkey have charge of the Spur Hotel. Newt says for us to inform the traveling public that they have nice, clean airy rooms and the best fare at so much per, and if necessary can provide lariats and hitching racks.

Trade at Home—
Dave Talent has assumed charge and management of the New Western Hotel which has just been reopened after remodeling and renovating thoroughly and throughout.

Trade at Home—
Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hufstelder, of the Dockum Valley, were shopping in the city Thursday morning of this week.

Trade at Home—
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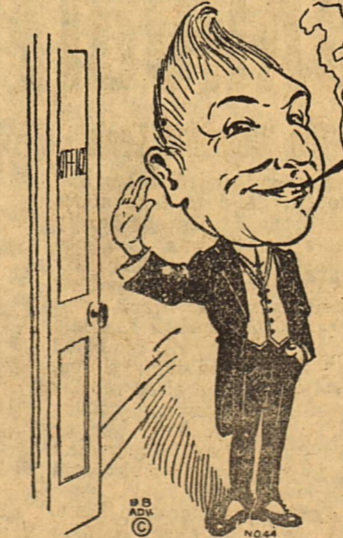
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