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# The Texas Spur

## THE DICKENS ITEMS

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### The Texas Spur Will Publish a Christmas Edition the Week of December 19th

The Texas Spur will publish a Christmas edition on December 19th, and in this issue some of the best writers in Texas have contributed to its columns, and every Texas Spur reader will find much to interest and entertain them in the pages of this Christmas issue.

Among the contributions to appear in this issue will be Austin Callan, telling of an early day antelope hunt in West Texas, in which he took part. Now, we know of several Texas Spur readers who have participated in antelope hunts, but possibly there are none of us who could relate the incidents so entertainingly as does he.

Another writer tells how the good folks of East Texas celebrated one Christmas away back in 1876.

David J. Morris, who lives in South Texas, tells how the old settlers and foreigners in his part of the state celebrated Christmas.

Many other interesting stories will be in the Christmas issue—stories for the women folks, the men folks and the boys and girls.

Following are the contents for our Christmas edition:

"Christmas in the Open"—An old time antelope hunt in West Texas a week before Christmas. "Christmas in the Piney Woods"—Peach Tree Village (East Texas) and its first Christmas tree.

"Christmas Reflections" by J. H.

Lowery.

"Getting the Christmas Spirit"—When the Yuletide of Christmas joy sweeps into your heart.

"A Review of the Passing Year"—A review of the progress of Texas during 1924, by W. N. Beard.

"The Ready-Made Christmas"—A dear old grandmother has her own way, and shows the beauty of 'Home Made Christmas' over that of 'Ready Made Christmas.'

"And As Ye Give"—The angels gave the gift of peace and good-will almost two thousand years ago. Can not we do the same thing in 1924?

"Christmas Tree Decoration"—Pretty ways to decorate a Christmas tree at the last minute.

"Housewifely Christmas Gifts"—For the woman who is swift and skillful with the needle there are many ways she can surprise friends with pretty gifts that can be made at home.

"Boys and Girls Page"—Aunt Mary wishes all her boys and girls a merry Christmas and says to tell them that she has written a good story that they must read.

"Woman's Page"—Mrs. Margaret Stute has worked faithfully to get up an interesting Christmas page for the women folks. It would be profitable for all our women readers to turn to this page and read it carefully.

### Brick Addition Started This Week by The Sunshine Service Station of Spur

Mrs. E. F. Hall let the contract and work commenced the first of this week on a 92x50 foot brick addition to the Sunshine Service Station. The foundation has been laid and brick will be laid next week. This addition will cover two entire lots to be occupied by the station when completed.

Work is also progressing on the brick theatre building by Messrs. Maxwell and Harrison. The walls are nearing completion, and it is thought the building will

be ready for occupancy by the first of the year.

Aside from these two buildings now under construction, there will be several other bricks to start up soon after the first of the year.

The substantial building progress of Spur at this time and throughout the year is unprecedented in the history of town building in Western Texas.

—Help Spur Grow—  
A. J. Richey, of Croton, was in Spur this week.

### NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS OF DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS

To convenience taxpayers of the county in the payment of taxes, I have arranged to be at the following places and dates to collect taxes: Spur, Saturday, December 21st, and Monday and Tuesday, December 29th and 30th.

McAdoo, Friday, January 2nd. Afton, Saturday, January 3rd.

M. L. JONES,  
Sheriff and Tax Collector.

—Help Spur Grow—

### 16,952 BALES COTTON GINNED IN DICKENS COUNTY TO DEC. 14

The government reported 16,952 bales of cotton ginned in Dickens county to December 14th. In Kent county 6,481 bales had been ginned. Nearly 14,000 bales have been ginned in Spur up to Friday of this week. Spur will gin 15,000 bales, and the county will produce 30,000 bales this year.

### MISSIONARY SOCIETY MET WITH MRS. OTHO L. HALE

The Missionary Society of the First Christian Church met with Mrs. Otho Hale Monday, December 1st, with ten members present. The devotional lesson was read from Matt. 25-34-46.

Bro. M. B. Harris, B. F. Haile, and W. H. Putman gave interesting talks on religious education.

At the close of the meeting, the hostess served delightful refreshments of hot chocolate, sandwiches and dainty little cakes.—Reporter.

—Help Spur Grow—

### WORK ON TWO NEW RESIDENCES STARTS THIS WEEK

Chas. Whitener this week sold two and one-half lots in the west part of Spur to M. L. Rickels and Mrs. S. R. Bowman. Mr. Rickels has already commenced the construction of a residence on his part of the lots, and residence on her lot next week.

### District Court is Now in Session, Grand Jury Turns in 13 True Bills

District court convened Monday in Dickens, with Judge Milam presiding and Wm. Combest prosecuting for the first time since his appointment and election to the district attorney's office.

The grand jury, with W. J. Clark as foreman, was empaneled and immediately began its work. Up to Friday morning of this week thirteen bills of indictment had been returned, twelve of which were for felonies and only one for misdemeanors.

On account of the illness and absence of Frank T. McClure, court stenographer, the Judge dismissed the petit jurymen for the week, and only non-contested civil cases have been tried this week. The criminal docket has been set for next week. The following civil cases have been disposed of:

debt, dismissed. Dave Adams vs Linnie Adams, divorce, dismissed.

Perry Hodge vs Bessie Hodge, divorce, granted.

Mary Branch vs W. T. Branch, divorce, granted.

Paralee Brasley vs Alvin Brasley, divorce, granted.

Gladys Mitchell vs H. H. Mitchell, divorce, granted.

Adelside Harkey vs Clem Harkey, divorce, granted.

D. P. Smiley vs Emma Fletcher, et al, judgment for plaintiff for land sued for.

Attorneys G. E. Hamilton of Matador, J. M. Whatley of Paducah, and Harry R. Brandies of Sweetwater, were in attendance upon court, as well as the local attorneys. W. D. Wilson and W. E. Lessing.

### A Big Day Last Saturday at the Bryant-Link Company Store

A Big Day last Saturday at our store. We served coffee, ham sandwiches and cakes to our many friends who come our way. If you remember we told you we would serve coffee free and more. We always want to do more than we say everybody seemed to have a good time and we had a wonderful business. Next Saturday the 6th will be a Special Day. We are going to offer a lot of dresses at one half their real value. This will be your opportunity, also you will find a special demonstration of Delmonte Canned Goods in our Grocery Department; and our Hardware department is just full of Christmas. You can't keep from getting the Christmas spirit here. We are sure are proud of our stock of Christmas Goods and we are selling them pretty fast. You had better come on and select the Kiddies Christmas things.

It doesn't make any difference if you live fifty miles from Spur, we believe it will pay you to come here to do your shopping, in fact we are selling goods in towns eighty miles away, much larger towns than Spur.

—Help Spur Grow—  
BRYANT-LINK CO.  
WILL BUILD A NEW RESIDENCE IMMEDIATELY IN SPUR

R. M. Hamby recently purchased lots on Hill Street and is now making plans for the construction of a fine and modern residence, the work to begin immediately.

Mr. Hamby formerly lived in Spur and we are glad to know that he is again coming back to become identified with the resident citizenship.

The building progress of Spur is continuing uninterruptedly and in a most substantial manner.

### GEORGE H. THOMAS HAS HIS ARM CAUGHT IN GIN SAWS

George H. Thomas, who was employed as ginner at the Nickels gin at McAdoo, had his hand and arm almost sawed into mince meat last Wednesday. His glove was caught by the saws, pulling his hand into the saws. He was brought immediately to the Nichols Sanitarium, and it is thought now that his arm will not have to be amputated.

This is the first serious accident to occur at any of the gins of Dickens county. The Texas Spur hopes that Mr. Thomas will not suffer any less use of his hand and arm in the future.

### City Election Will be Held Tuesday to Vote Sewer and Waterworks Bonds

An election will be held next Tuesday, December 9th, for the purpose of voting bonds for waterworks and a sewer system in Spur. It is proposed to vote \$33,000 for sewers, and \$25,000 for the waterworks system.

In connection with the water bond proposition, it is well to remember that with the proposed system the insurance rate on business property will be reduced twenty one cents on the one hundred dollars valuation, and ten and one-half cents on resi-

dence property rates of insurance. The total valuations of Spur property amounts to two million dollars, therefore it can figured that the saving in insurance alone will more than pay for the proposed bond issue.

Every voter should cast a vote in the election.

—Help Spur Grow—  
D. D. Stewart, of Route One, is another of the new subscribers added this week to Texas Spur readers. They keep coming, and we certainly appreciate it.

### TOY AND DOLL DISPLAY!

WITH ARRIVAL OF NEW SHIPMENTS OUR TOY STOCK IS NOW COMPLETE

A full display is being shown consisting of the very newest articles in these lines. The Tinker Toy Roller is a substantial and an amusing toy. It spins automatically and is exclusively made. Other interesting instruments are Dolls. A doll is craved by every child. They are always familiar with a doll. Why this is we can not determine exactly, but simply because it is our image we suppose.

Make True Your Child's Wish, and Do Not Let Santa Disappoint Them!

Please Ask for Your Tickets. One Ticket is Given with Every Dollar Purchase. A Phonograph and Six Other Christmas Presents are to be Given Away December 24th to the Ticket Holders. The Phonograph will be on Display in our Store. Come and See it. Do not Drop Interest, but Simply Take Advantage of This Action. If you are Lucky your one ticket may get you the present—and one's luck can never be deciphered.

EACH TICKET HAS SEVEN CHANCES!

Our December Specials Are Still Being Continued!

NEW MERCHANDISE IS BEING DISPLAYED OCCASIONALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE!

Purchase Now While the Buying Season is Still on. You Can Never Have Anything You Do Not Get, So Why Not Be Dressed Up in New Clothes. A Good Personal Appearance is a Vital Asset.

**SALEMS**  
QUALITY---SERVICE  
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All lady customers will be presented with a candy, cake and cookie chart during the Celebration Week, December 15 to 20. These charts contain some of the best recipes obtainable. It is said when the copyright was granted for these charts that they were so appealing the girls in the copyright office at Washington immediately ordered copies for their own personal use.

All for yours, it is here for you.

SPUR NATIONAL BANK



**AN OLD TIMER GETS BACK ON THE TEXAS SPUR LIST**

Last week, our good friend and old timer of Dickens county, J. B. Yantis of Midway, called in and told us he wanted to again get his name back among the list of Texas Spur readers, saying that he considered the paper not only worth the money, but that in going through the hardships of a new town and country, boosting and building for the future of both, and enduring and surviving the lean as well as fat years, he considered we were due recognition as well as help now in reaping some of the benefits of past labors. We appreciate, more than words can say, such consideration and favors, and now that the town and country have advanced to that point where progressive development will be more rapid and substantial in future, and the people in general we hope more prosperous, it will be our endeavor to continue to boost and build and help make the town and country a better and more inviting place in which to live.

In the early days here J. B. Yantis served the people as county treasurer for years and years, and until he decided to sell merchand'ise, and then later he thought things looked better away off yonder. However, a year or so ago he came back, recently establishing a filling station and mercantile business at Midway where he is now doing an extensive local business and enjoying life as well as prospering. We are glad to get him back in the Texas Spur family of readers, and hope that J. B. Yantis will always prosper and never again stray from the environs of Dickens county.

**PIE SUPPER AT THE RED MUD CHURCH NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT**

A "Pie Supper" is announced for Friday night, December 12th, at the Red Mud church. This will be an occasion of pleasure, enjoyment and social get-together meeting, as well as helping a worthy cause in a financial way. Everybody is invited to come, bring pies and cakes and participate in the proceedings.

**POWELL & HINDMAN CLOSED SOLD OUT DODGE BUSINESS**

This week Powell & Hindman sold out their Dodge business, dissolved their partnership, and turned the location over to Marion Gilly of the county of Floyd who will hereafter conduct a Chevrolet business at the same stand in the Crouse building on the corner of 8th Street and Burlington Avenue.

We understand that J. D. Powell will retain the Dodge agency and continue to sell cars, while L. A. Hindman, it is said, will recuperate for a time and later may possibly engage in farming.

Mr. Gilly, of the Chevrolet business, will establish a permanent agency for that car in Spur. He comes from Floydada, and is an able and responsible business man.

J. E. Sparks, of west of Spur, was here the latter part of the week.

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SPUR DRUG STORE

R. L. Overstreet, of north of the city of Dickens, was trading in Spur the other day. Mr. Overstreet was one of the first men with whom we got acquainted in the early days of Spur, and on a number of occasions we enjoyed shooting quail, prairie chickens and other game at his home place. Those hunting days are now passing but the memory of those early days of plenty game and open fields will long be remembered.

J. R. Dopson, of north of Spur, two or three miles, was here selling cotton the other day. He will make eighteen or twenty bales of cotton from his crop this year.

W. T. Lovell, of Wichita, dropped in on eday the past week to see us. Mr. Lovell is this year making good crops. We are hoping to see him rich enough some day to ride in limousines, wear a top hat and spike tail coat.

J. P. Koonsman, of east of Dickens, was a recent business visitor in Spur, reporting the Croton country in fine shape and everybody prosperous.

W. A. Kimmel is another one of the Texas Spur readers whom we are glad to keep on the list, he having this week handed us a dollar and fifty cents Tuesday for another year's run. Mr. Kimmel is this year making good crops, and is solid and substantial in ideas, ideals and convictions as well as in farming operations.

Cecil Scott, of Duck Creek, was here the other day meeting with his friends. Mr. Scott is another farmer who worries little because of a short crop in one line of farm products. He is a diversified farmer, and should the seasons be not inviting for one crop he has another coming to reap the benefits of either late or early seasons. Diversification at one time was only preached in this country but now it is generally practiced.

Alec Winkler, of the Croton section of country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week, reporting every thing moving along smoothly on the Croton Breaks at this time.

Miss Maggie Pearl McCarty spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. M. Gay.

H. Hisey, of near Spur, met us in the city one day the first of the week and gave us a check for five big silver dollars, saying "keep the Texas Spur coming", and which we are glad to do. We never have to send out "duns" to Texas Spur readers—they always come in, and always make us feel good.

Uncle Bill Perry told us th's week that he is now living "under his own vine and fig tree." He has just completed a new home on his suburban farm to the west of Spur, and he and wife moved the past week to their new home.

L. C. McNeill, of Lubbock, was in Spur the first of this week, spending some time here on business and meet with acquaintances. Almost since the beginning of Spur Mr. McNeill has each year attending the annual fairs, having some kind concession on the grounds. He, too, at one time spent several months here conducting a business. He is one of the fair concessionaires who can always come back where he has played before, and always meets with friends who are glad to see him and greet him.

W. A. Valentine, of west of Spur, was among the number here the past week ginning and trading. Mr. Valentine says that he hit it hard this year. The winds blowed out his crops and then dry weather came to retard his farm work. However, he has cotton to gin and sell.

W. P. Marshall, of Duck Creek, returned Tuesday from a trip up in the north part of Dickens county, and the south part of Motley county. He went up to accompany his uncle, W. D. Marshall, who wanted to visit with relatives and friends. Mr. Marshall is a close observer, especially of crops and crop conditions, and stated that he saw nothing to surpass the crops of the Spur country, regardless of the statements heretofore issued that Motley county had good crops. The crops of Dickens county are turning out much better than predicted in the beginning of the season. The fact is that at least thirty thousand bales of cotton will be produced in Dickens this year, and of this number Spur will gin at least one-half of the crop.

Newt Cravey, of Red Mud, was in Spur the other day. Newt is putting up posted signs around his place to protect his birds and other game.

W. F. Clements, of the Afton section of country, was in Spur recently and purchased a new Essex car which he is now driving.

J. A. Legg, of Croton, was on the streets of Spur Tuesday of this week meeting with friends and incidentally trading with Spur merchants.

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**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."

**CARDUI**

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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

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SPUR, TEXAS

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This applies to nearly all of our property in Dickens County, and, in some instances, the reduction is as great as \$8.50 per acre.

We believe these new prices will fully equalize valuations over the pastures, and that they will prove Attractive.

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CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

Spur, Dickens County, Te



Henry Elkins and Ben Murry Hale, who are attending T. C. U. at Fort Worth, spent the week end in Spur with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Elkins and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Hale. Henry, we understand, will complete his college course and obtain his degree this year, while Ben Murry is taking the first year college course. Both are making excellent records, and their friends in Spur are all proud of them and their accomplishments in course of study and preparation for life.

W. C. Fields, of Stephenville, was in Spur the past week prospecting and looking over the Spur country with a view of locating here. It is very probable that Mr. Fields will locate here, since he is well pleased with the country. Not having sold his property back East, and not being in a position to buy at the present time, Mr. Fields desires to rent land for another year, thus "testing out" the country and at the same time having an opportunity to look around and buy the most desirable farm property.

W. T. Young lost two pair blue serge pants between Wilson Draw school house and bridge on the Spur road. Finder please return to the Texas Spur office.

W. R. Bradfute, of the Duck Creek section of country, was here trading the other day, reporting everything in good shape in his section.

W. H. Dewveall, one among the new readers of Texas Spur, from out on Route One, was here last week trading and meeting with acquaintances. Mr. Dewveall only recently located in this section, and we are glad to have him as a citizen as well as a reader of the Texas Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gragon, of the Steel Hill community, were in Spur Saturday visiting among their friends and shopping with the live-wire merchants of the city.

White Swan Cafe
A menu and service you will always appreciate.
Mrs. Lula White, Prop.

R. M. Dubois, of the Duck Creek country, was recently in the city, and while here called in and had his subscription to the Spur paper extended up another year. Notwithstanding the disadvantages encountered in his section this year, Mr. Dubois is making fairly good crops, we are glad to note.

Mr. and Mrs. Rape, of the Steel Hill community, were recent shoppers and visitors in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Tol Merriman were in the city the latter part of last week from their ranch home to the south of Spur. Mr. and Mrs. Merriman are among the oldest settlers of the Spur country, having located their home here before the organization of the county and when wire fences were unknown on the cattle ranges. These old timers are today the best and most substantial citizens.

R. F. Keene, a good citizen of near Spur, was here the past week transacting business and greeting acquaintances.

A. Lollar, of east of Spur, was in town a short time one day last week. Mr. Lollar is one of the most substantial citizens and best fixed farmers of the entire country.

Will Young was here the past week from Red Hill. He says everything looks good.

J. W. Baze, of the Dry Lake section of country, was among the number on the streets Tuesday of this week.

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Either the cotton is too high or the land is too cheap. For one acre of land will usually produce from one-fourth to one-half bale of cotton annually—worth from \$35 to \$75. One crop will frequently more than pay for the land. We will sell you the land for \$12 to \$20 per acre on long time payments and at a low rate of interest. If you are interested in securing a home for yourself and family where there is no boll weevil and where the climate is fine and the water good, write today to

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STEPPING AHEAD OF THE BANK CROOK

Bankers Association Official Gives Rules to Foil Criminals and Avoid Loss.

By JAMES E. BAUM, Manager Protective Department American Bankers Association

The direct cost of all crimes in this country has now reached its highest peak. Statistics reveal startling increases in nearly every type of crime during the past ten years. The total financial loss through the operations of criminals is estimated at more than \$3,500,000,000 for this year. A few of the items follow:

Table with 2 columns: Crime type and Amount. Items include Embezzlement, Burglary, larceny and petty thefts, Forgery, counterfeit money, and various other crimes.

I am going to give you some rules to follow, not to startle any one unless it be toward more extreme care in handling and safeguarding funds and valuables. Right here let me quote rules to help foil criminals known as "check passers" or "scratchers"; they will help you to avoid serious loss:

- 1. Never write checks with a pencil. Use pen and ink or, if possible, a check protector.
2. Fill in all blank spaces.
3. Don't erase. Errors should be corrected by writing a new check and destroying those incorrectly written.
4. Never give a blank check to a stranger and never cash a stranger's check without an indorsement which you have positively verified.
5. Make checks payable to "cash" or "bearer" only when you personally present them at your bank. Otherwise use the name of the person you intend shall receive payment.
6. Never place your signature alone as an indorsement on checks you intend to deposit. Write above or below your signature the words "For deposit only."
7. Never sign "mit" checks. If you expect to be absent any length of time open a separate account subject to check of your employee.
8. Guard your cancelled vouchers as you would a check, leaving none where they may be easily taken.
9. Keep your check books securely locked up and be careful how and where you sign or exhibit your signature.
10. Beware of the magic of the word "certified." Ordinary certification stamps can be duplicated almost as easily as any other rubber stamp.
11. Watch checks which apparently bear the makers "O. K." or other form of approval. They are more easily forged than the full signature.
12. Safeguard your checks as you would your money, for they represent it.
13. Deposit slips provide space for your name, usually upon the upper lines. Those written incorrectly should be destroyed as otherwise your signature will be available for fraudulent use. You can prevent loss by first writing the detail of amounts deposited and then printing your account name.
14. The bankers' campaign for everybody to "pay by check" has borne fruit. It has been estimated that today more than 95 per cent. of the business of the U. S. is transacted by the use of checks or other credit instruments. That means about six and one-half billion checks will be written by bank depositors in this country during 1924 and they will total about \$500,000,000,000 in amount, or one hundred times the money in circulation.
15. Banks War on Crooks
The average bank depositor when queried as to what his bank does to protect his deposits, will probably tell you they are kept in a great vault and that armed watchmen are employed, as well as an elaborate and efficient burglary and robbery alarm system. He may not know that the 23,000 banks comprising the American Bankers Association have constantly and conveniently available an army of highly trained specialists who wage a continuous and relentless warfare against the bank criminal. These operatives are within easy reach of any member bank. Criminals know that if they attack a member bank they are attacking one of the most powerful and effective protective organizations in existence.
Another medium by which bankers prevent many financial crimes or losses is the warnings continually broadcast from the American Bankers Association and forty-eight state bankers associations. These warnings keep the trap constantly set and carry out the Association's plan of crime prevention as contrasted with detection.

Danger Ahead
American farmers should not increase their wheat acreage for 1924. If they increase the acreage by three million acres, as is indicated by the Intentions to Seed Wheat Survey of the government, and normal conditions again prevail in other wheat producing countries, next year's wheat market will be glutted and once more wheat prices will be ruinously low. The present high price of wheat is due to poor crops in other countries and in certain sections of the United States.—W. M. Jardine, Advisory Council, Agricultural Commission, American Bankers Association.

Where Bankers Come From
The smaller localities are to a large extent the recruiting ground for the profession of banking. A recent survey discloses the fact that of 682 senior bank officers in the largest cities of the United States, 406, or 60 per cent, were born in the country or in small towns.
Of the 682 senior bankers of large cities, 427, or approximately 62 per cent, had a high school or college education. The conclusion is reasonable that the smaller environment, coupled with an education, makes for success in the banking field.—American Bankers Association Journal.

Miss Frankie Schugart, who has been with the Bryant-Link Company at Post the past several months, returned this week to Spur and will resume her former place here with the company. Miss Frankie said that Post is a nice town, but there is no place like Spur—and we agree with her.

T. S. Lambert, of Tap, came in Tuesday of this week and while here paid the Texas Spur office a friendly and social call. Mr. Lambert is this year making about fifteen bales of cotton, and plenty feed stuff. He was among the "defeated" candidates in the recent primary election, but apparently the defeat did not dispirit him in the least, for he was smiling and said that he "loved everybody."

W. L. McAteer, of the Egyptian Farm between Spur and Dickens, was here one day this week, talking good times. If Mr. McAteer hadn't had to pay out security debts and lost out in the goodness of his heart and desire to help others, he might have been a rich man today. As it is, however, he lacks much of being a "pauper."

M. S. Faver, of east of Afton, was in Spur Tuesday of this week trading with Spur merchants and meeting with his friends of Spur and surrounding country. Mr. Faver is this year making good crops. The fact is that the north part of Dickens county never fails to make the crops, wet or dry.

W. J. Young, of north of Afton, returned this week from Mineral Wells where he has been several weeks for treatment. Mr. Young has been suffering for some time of enlargement of the heart, and it is hoped by his many friends in Spur and throughout the county that the treatment received will be of benefit to him. Mr. Young is one of the old settlers of Dickens county, and one among the best men of the West.

J. W. Smith, of near Dickens, was meeting with his friends here the past week. Mr. Smith is another farmer of the country who farms with his head as well as hands. He reads extensively, as well as work hard, keeping up with what is going on in the world of politics and general public affairs.

J. J. Noland, of north of Dickens, was trading in Spur recently. He says his section of the country is in good shape, making good crops and everybody contented.

Dr. Lyons was one of the business visitors in Spur Monday of this week. Dr. Lyons is one of the leading physicians of the north part of Dickens county, with his office headquarters at Afton.

L. S. Scott was on the streets one day during the week marketing his staple crop. Lis Scott is another of the early settlers of the country who is today solid, substantial and prosperous.

W. H. Tallent, of Gilpin, was here last week, meeting with his friends and trading in Spur.

Our good friend, J. L. Puckett, of near Spur, was among the recent visitors on the streets.

Mrs. W. R. Horn, of Red Hill, was shopping in Spur Monday.

W. A. Stevens, of near Spur, returned the first of the week from Crosbyton where he spent several days visiting with his daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Taylor.

P. R. Boothe, of near Spur, came in Monday, spending a short time in Spur trading and meeting with his friends. The Boothers came here in the early days of Spur, and are now among the most solid and substantial citizens of the country.

E. A. Bailey, a good citizen and successful farmer of the Steel Hill community, was transacting business affairs in Spur the first of the week.

Clinton Hogan, of Belton, is a guest this week at the homes of his brothers, C. Hogan and Ned Hogan, of the city.

We Don't Want To feel that your outward appearance is being neglected. There is No Need Of It. The way we clean, press and repair clothes is up-to-date and our prices are within your means. MAY WE CALL? QUALITY CLEANERS Spur, Texas.

FOR FIGURES On anything from PIG PEN TO A NEW HOME See MUSSER LUMBER CO. Spur, Texas

THE BETTER WAY The one certain way to know that your car will always be ready to go whenever and wherever you want to go, is to have it thoroughly inspected by us at regular intervals. Then if anything is out of adjustment we can fix it before any real damage occurs. R. A. HOWE DODGE SERVICE STATION

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WE HAVE IN STOCK Feed oats, seed oats, corn, corn chops, maize heads, shorts, bran and cotton seed meal, seed rye, seed barley, seed wheat, Cow Chow, Omolene, Hen Chow, Pig Chow, Startine, Chicken Chowder and tankage, alfalfa hay, Prairie hay, Johnson grass hay, all sized empty sacks, blacksmith coal, Nigger Head Lump and Nut. Priced to Sell Business or Inquiries Solicited SPUR GRAIN & COAL CO. W. M. HAZEL, Proprietor

Buick Continues its Leadership For the seventh consecutive year Buick has first choice of space at the National Automobile Shows. This signal honor is awarded annually by the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce to the manufacturer-member having the largest volume of business for the preceding twelve months. In winning and in maintaining this enviable position year after year, Buick has demonstrated conclusively that the true value of any automobile is reflected in the consistency with which the public buys it. Since the introduction of the 1925 Buick models, public patronage has increased to an even greater degree. A tribute to the Buick engineering skill and manufacturing ability that have provided newer and better Buick cars without departing in any way from the fundamentals of power, economy and dependability for which all Buicks have been famous. SPUR BUICK CO. SPUR, TEXAS Better automobiles are built, Buick will build them

Quick Way To Break Heavy Cough Many have been astonished how quickly a bad cough disappears when treated with a new double-action treatment that is simple but wonderfully effective. Here is the method, which is based on a remarkable prescription known as Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs: You simply take one teaspoonful and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing, without following with water. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and heals soreness and inflammation, but also loosens and removes the phlegm and congestion which are the direct cause of the coughing. When the cause is removed, the severest cough quickly disappears. This treatment is for coughs, chest sores, tickling, sore throat, hoarseness, bronchitis, spasmodic croup, etc. Recommended for children as well as grown folks—no narcotics or opiates. Economical, too, as the dose is only one teaspoonful. At all good druggists. Ask for DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY FOR COUGHS



**WOLFES BARGAIN STORE**

**Dolls For The Kiddies!**

Dolls of all kinds, sizes and shapes. Crying, Talking and Laughing Dolls. A doll suited for every child is now on display at this store.

**Ladies Silk Underwear!**

In All the Wanted Colors, and made of Best Materials—Popular Priced.

**Big Reduction in Ladies Coats and Dresses!**

**SENSATIONAL REDUCTIONS IN MENS AND BOYS SUITS AND OVERCOATS!!**

**TOILET SETS**  
**An Ideal Gift for Christmas!**

**WOLFES BARGAIN STORE**

**CLIF LOVELANCE'S BROTHER IS SCALDED TO DEATH**

Clif Lovelance received a message that his brother, Jim Lovelance of Newport, Arkansas, Wednesday fell in a vat of hot water while working at a saw mill, dying that night, his remains being returned to their old home at Waverly, Tennessee, for burial Friday.

Clif was unable to get to Tennessee in time for the funeral.

**STUDY CLUB ORGANIZED.**

A new Study Club was organized last week in Spur. The meeting this week was with Mrs. Robert Lea, there being quite a number present. After mapping out our work, we spent a very pleasant social hour. The club will meet next week with Mrs. T. J. Seale.—Reporter.

**READ THE "STORE NEWS."**

The Texas Spur this week is full of "Store News" from the various merchants and business men of the city. We call special attention of Texas Spur readers to these advertising columns each week. Special Christmas offerings and price reductions are being made, and readers will profit by looking the ads over, and will be greatly inconvenienced in their shopping by posting themselves on trade offerings before coming to town. The Spur merchants have large stocks to select from and are making prices to encourage buying at this time.

C. Earyl Senning and family, of Amarillo, are in Spur this week visiting his mother, Mrs. Kate Senning and family.

**NEW READERS CONTINUE TO JOIN THE TEXAS SPUR LIST**

The list of Texas Spur readers is growing substantially and without interruption, which is most encouraging and gratifying to us. We endeavor to publish a readable and interesting newspaper, and do our best to make it worth a dollar and fifty cents to those who favor us with subscriptions. Among the number of new readers added to the list and also renewal subscriptions, are the following: J. B. Yantis, L. C. Hail, Carl Hail, Mrs. W. M. Brown, W. B. Rutledge, Paul Akin, D. D. Stewart, Lula Pinkston, W. W. Maxwell, W. C. Cantrell, J. I. Hayes, C. A. McClain, O. B. Sims, W. A. Kimmel, Clarence Ellis, Sam Hemphill, L. C. Ponder, J. T. Jones, Ira Allen, Mrs. J. J. Hail, H. Hisey, and others. We want to send The Texas Spur to every home within Dickens county and the entire Spur trade territory. We appreciate to the fullest extent the new readers coming to us voluntarily, and without a subscription campaign.

**ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE DRY LAKE COUNTRY**

J. L. Hutto had business in Roby the first of the week.

R. F. Rogers returned Saturday from Junction where he had been on business.

The young people of the community were entertained with vocal music Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Kidd.

Eugene Rogers had the misfortune of getting his arm broke Saturday afternoon while cranking a truck, but we are glad to note his presence again in school.

Thanksgiving was observed by teachers and pupils of school here.

Marlin Rogers is sporting "Another Buick" of the six cylinder variety.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Bell and family spent Sunday with Prof. and Mrs. W. J. Wheatley of Midway school, last Sunday.

Crops here are almost gathered and consequently school is increasing.

Rev. Riley filled his regular appointment at Foreman's Chapel Sunday and Sunday night.

**Miscellany Wants!**

**FOR SALE**—Two improved farms, half way between Spur and Dry Lake. Prices and terms reasonable.—R. E. Dickson. 50-1f

Improved Mebane and Cash Cotton Seed. The best that can be obtained. Buy from me.—M. M. Young. 50-1f

Two spans good work mules for sale at reasonable price, by M. M. Young, Spur, Texas. 52-1f

**FOR SALE**—A Big Base Burner Stove for sale cheap. Also Ever Brite oil heater.—Call or phone 185. Spur, Texas. 3-1f

**FOR SALE**—40 acres, all in cultivation, three-fourths mile west of Spur High School, 6-room house and galleries on three sides, 1 acre in a young orchard, garage, wash house, barn, poultry and dog sheds, well, windmill, cistern, water piped to the garage and lots. Clear of encumbrance and abstracted. See T. M. Maples, Spur, Texas. 3-1f

**FOR SALE**—Vigorous farm raised Mammoth Bronze Gold Bank strain Turkeys. Toms \$6.00.—Mrs. J. H. Farmer, Spur, Texas. 4-3tp

**POSTED**—No hunting, shooting, or trespassing of any character will be permitted in any of my pastures.—J. P. Goen. 5-8p

**SOUTH PLAINS LAND**  
Easy Crop payment \$5 per acre cash assume school debt due in 1950, balance like rent 1-3 and 1-4 of crop. Write today, The Blalock Co., Littlefield, Texas 5-4p

**CARD OF THANKS**  
We take this method of expressing our sincere thanks to those who so nobly assisted us in this our time of sorrow through the sickness and the death of our beloved wife and mother. May God's richest blessings be with you.—J. N. Zumwalt, Mr. and Mrs. Sellers, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wilhoit, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Wilson, Mrs. Lula Pinkston and Mrs. Minnie Brown.

**THE JOYOUS CHRISTMAS TIMES!!**

When We Pause and Allow Our Feelings of Gratitude to Friends, Relatives or Sweethearts to be Expressed in Some Suitable Gift or Token. To enable you to make this proper present, we now have open for your inspection a large and well assorted stock, and invite you to visit our store and inspect this display of holiday goods

<p><b>GLASSWARE</b></p> <p>Games, Guns, Mechanical Toys, Kodaks</p> <p><b>POTTERY</b></p> <p>Vases, Bowls, Sugar Cream, Jordiners, Candle Sticks, Ornaments</p>	<p><b>POTTERY</b></p> <p>Furniture, Velocipedes, Blocks, Kiddie Cars, DOLLS, DOLLS! DOLLS, JEWELRY, Rings, Watches, Diamonds, Pearls</p> <p>Lavaliers, Cameos, Compacts</p>	<p><b>For Her</b></p> <p>Diamond Pins, Manicure Sets, Mesh Bags, Traveling Sets, Pottery, Ivory Sets, Leather Hand Bags, Diamond Rings, Wrist Watches, Vanity Cases, Necklaces, Candies, Vases</p>
<p><b>For Mother</b></p> <p>Bibles, Diamonds, Mirrors, Cut Glass, Silverware, Toilet Sets, Picture Frames, Sewing Scissors, Fruit Consoles, Paintings, Baskets, Baskets, Candies</p>	<p><b>For Every Member of the Family</b></p> <p>EDISON PHONOGRAPHS, GIFT SUPREME! Sold On Our Budget Plan, if so desired. Late Records Every Week! \$35.00 to \$300</p>	<p><b>For Him</b></p> <p>Bill Folds, Cigarette Cases, Military Sets, Stick Pins, Razors, Chains, Jewelry, Leather Goods, Fountain Pens, Emblem Goods, Traveling Sets, Co. lar Cases, Belt Buckles, Pens</p>
<p><b>For Father</b></p> <p>Smoking Stand, Cuff Buttons, Writing Sets, Watches, Razors, Humidors, Chains, Shaving Sets, Late Fiction, Brief Cases, Flash Lights, Traveling Sets, Brushes, Charms</p>	<p><b>SILVERWARE</b></p> <p>Knives and Forks, Sugar and Cream, Tea Sets, Ladles, Spoons</p> <p><b>DOLLS, DOLLS! DOLLS</b></p> <p>Air'p'anes, Buggies, Wagons, Balls, Toys</p>	<p><b>LEATHER GOODS</b></p> <p>Hand Bags, Bill Folds, Cigar Boxes, Card Cases, Washing Sets, Pianos, Stoves</p>

**THIS ASSORTMENT NOW AWAITS YOUR INSPECTION!**  
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE! COME EARLY WHILE THE SELECTIONS ARE COMPLETE!  
**THE RED FRONT DRUG STORE**  
G. R. ELKINS, Manager

**HONOR ROLL OF THE McADOO SCHOOL.**

Below are the names of the pupils in McAdoo High School who made an average of 90 per cent and not less than 80 per cent on any subject:

We are proud of this list of pupils and hope to see it continue to grow. Parents should see that their children's names appear on this list, or find out why they are not.

First Grade—Lorene Covington, Inez Rose, Leslie Cornelius, Lewis Pullen,

Second Grade—Beulah May Phifer, Marshall McDonald, Price Neely.

Fifth Grade—Rose Mary Hickman, Martha Womack, Katherine Rose, Dudley Wooten.

Sixth Grade—Earl Neeley, Edith Neeley, Ausborn Fox.

Seventh Grade—Leamon Brantley Ruth Neeley, Ruth Wood, Lawrence Fox, Milton McDonald, Aline Smithe.

Eighth Grade—Marshall Formby, Susan Hickman, Buel Fox, Artho Womack.

Ninth Grade—Ovie Phifer, Opal Nickels.

Tenth Grade—Lucile Cypert, Ouida McLaughlin, Claud McLaughlin.

**JOI DE VOI CLUB MEETING.**

Mrs. Tracy Gorham was hostess to the Joi de Voi Club members at her home Wednesday evening, there being three tables at bridge. Mrs. McMeans won high score in the games, while Mrs. W. D. Wilson was awarded the guest prize. Pineapple salad, sandwiches and coffee were served to Mesdames W. D. Wilson, F. W. Jennings, B. McMeans, M. H. Brannen, D. H. Zachry, E. L. Brown, Cecil Fox, C. L. Love, Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Thomas Morrison of Fort Worth and Mrs. Roy Moses.

A girl was born Wednesday to Mrs. I. R. Powell. I. R. Powell died recently at their home in Crosbyton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alger returned this week from Austin where they spent a few days on business and

visiting with friends. Mr. Alger is the highway surveyor for Dickens county.

**Another Reduction!!**

**FORD**

Offers More Values For

Less Money!

**CARS HAVE BEEN IMPROVED AND PRICES REDUCED!**

Prices F. O. B. Detroit:

Chassis, Plain	\$225.00
Roadster, Plain	\$260.00
Roadster, Starter Cl.	\$325.00
Roadster, Starter Dr.	\$345.00
Touring, Plain	\$290.00
Touring, St. Cl.	\$355.00
Touring, St. Dr.	\$375.00
Coupe, St. Dr. Only	\$520.00
Tudor Sedan	\$585.00
Fordor Sedan	\$660.00
Truck Chassis	\$365.00
Tracor	\$495.00

**A New FORD Car as a Christmas Present**


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# OUR BIG RED TAG SALE!

Starts Saturday, December 13th, 9 a. m.

AGAIN THIS ANNUAL RED TAG SALE COMES TO DELIGHT AND TO SATISFY OUR BIG TRADE BY GIVING THEM A CHANCE TO SELECT WHAT THEY NEED AT A WONDERFUL AND MARVELOUS SAVING ON PURCHASES IN HARDWARE AND FURNITURE!!

*The People of Spur and Surrounding Country Have Come to Look on the Spur Hardware & Furniture Co's. Annual "RED TAG SALE" as the Greatest Sale Event of the Year. It is in Truth the Sale Event of the Year, Because it Offers Such a Mammoth Stock of Choice Merchandise at Such Tremendous Reductions, and at a Time Just Before Holidays When Saving in Prices are Most Needed and Most Appreciated.*

IN A SALE SO WIDELY KNOWN AND SO MUCH APPRECIATED BY ALL, IT IS UNNECESSARY TO QUOTE PRICES NOW! WE KNOW YOU WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED IN PRICES.

REMEMBER THE DATE, SATURDAY DECEMBER 13, AT 9 O'CLOCK A. M. PROMPTLY SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY, Spur

## Mrs. J. N. Zumwalt Dropped Dead Friday Evening While in the Field

Friends and members of the family of J. N. Zumwalt were greatly shocked when it was learned that Mrs. Zumwalt had dropped dead while in the field Friday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Zumwalt had been picking cotton, and at the time was just arising from where she had been sitting on her cotton sack and talking in the most pleasant and jovial manner to other members of the family while weighing up their pickings preparatory to quitting for the day. As Mrs. Zumwalt arose she dropped dead without speaking.

Apparently Mrs. Zumwalt was in the best of health, and her death was a shock to all. Her remains were interred Sunday in the Spur cemetery, the body being held over to await the arrival of other members of the family living at a distance from Spur.

Texas Spur extends sincerest sympathy and condolence to Mr. Zumwalt and other members of the family in this great and unexpected bereavement.

—Help Spur Grow—

H. C. Cravey, of Red Mud, was in town Friday of this week.

## DUCK CREEK SCHOOL WILL BEGIN MONDAY, JANUARY 1

D. D. Hagins, one of the trustees of the Duck Creek School District, was in Spur Wednesday and informed the Texas Spur that the term of school would begin at Duck Creek on the first Monday in January.

R. L. Lacey and wife and Miss Blanche Terry have been employed as teachers, and with D. D. Hagins and Dalton Johnson as the trustees, the next term of Duck Creek school promises to be the best within the years since the organization of the district and the establishment of the school.

Dickens county people have ever been alive to school and educational interests, and there is not a school district in the county but has voted extra taxes and bonds to establish and maintain the very best schools. Duck Creek has lately built a new and modern building, and is recognized among the best rural schools all of Western Texas.

—Help Spur Grow—  
A boy was born the past week to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ensey.

## Church of Christ Will Build a New Brick Church Structure in Spur at Once

Members of the Church of Christ of Spur this week purchased lots in the east part of Spur, on which they will soon begin the construction of a modern brick church structure.

The proposed building will be a two-story structure, and will be of the type of modern architecture, if not in dimensions, will be one of the handsomest church edifices of the entire country.

—Help Spur Grow—  
MARRIED

Miss Jessie Woods and Mr. F. M. Bradshaw, of the McAdoo country, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony November 27th at the home of J. W. Jennings who performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woods, one of the best families of the McAdoo country, and is a young lady of charming personality, beauty and loveliness. Mr. Bradshaw is a young man of worth and integrity, and the Texas Spur joins their friends in extending congratulations and very best wishes for a long and happy married life.

—Help Spur Grow—

E. T. Varnell, of east of Afton, was in Spur this week, and meeting the Texas Spur representative, gave us a check for the renewal of his subscription. Mr. Varnell has gained seven bales of cotton to this date. He is a "half and half" farmer—planting half his acreage to feed and half to cotton. This year he has extra fine feed while his cotton did not make the usual turnout on account of excessive rains, hails and sand storms in that section.

—Help Spur Grow—

J. W. McWaters, who formerly lived in Spur, returned recently after an absence of several years. He is now assisting in the construction of the new Lyric Theatre building.

—Help Spur Grow—

J. P. Goen was in Friday from his ranch home northwest of Dickens. He is being bothered and damaged by hunters, therefore is having a good notice published.

—Help Spur Grow—

I. A. Wolfe and L. M. Lewis made a business trip this week to Dallas, returning Tuesday. They went to Dallas to buy goods in resupplying their stocks of goods in Spur.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. Roy Moses spent the past week end with her mother in Cisco.

## THE SPIRIT OF THE U. S. A.

The Lyric Theatre, under the management of W. W. Flournoy, is giving Spur the very best programs to be had in filmdom. In fact Spur is now second to no other town in West Texas with respect to its moving picture theatre programs. Mr. Flournoy informs us that he has arranged to show "The Spirit of the U. S. A." at the Lyric Tuesday and Wednesday December 9-10. In "The Spirit of U. S. A." Mary Carr and Johnnie Walker are the stars, and the picture contains drama, pathos, humor, action, love, adventure, suspense, mystery, thrills, surprises, touching the real senses of life. It has more than a hundred thousand troops in the various scenes of warfare, big guns, the most noted officers of the American army, airplanes, showing one German plane which was actually shot down over there, ending with a glorious tribute to the men and women of this great nation—that's "The Spirit of the U. S. A."

## MOTOR METERS FOUND.

Last week in rounding up violators of the law over in "negro town" Constable Jim Crump uncovered a number of motor meters which had been removed from cars and hidden away at some convenient time. The car owners who have lost motor meters can see these at Texas Spur office for identification, and get them if the ones lost.

Motor meters may at times be easily removed from cars by a watchful purloiner who ought to be caught in the act. There are few thieves here and those few should be rounded up and taught a good lesson.

—Help Spur Grow—

Geo. D. Rigers, D. C. Ph.C., of San Antonio, was in Spur this week to visit Lavina B. Conklin, Chiropractor. New chiropractic instruments are being added to the Conklin and Moore office.

—Help Spur Grow—

J. I. Hayes handed us a dollar and fifty cents to boost the Texas Spur along through the holiday season. Thanks. Nothing makes us happier than acts of this kind.

—Help Spur Grow—

Clarence Bilberry was down this week end from Quitaque where he is selling Ford cars. He says business is rushing there too in the sale of Fords.

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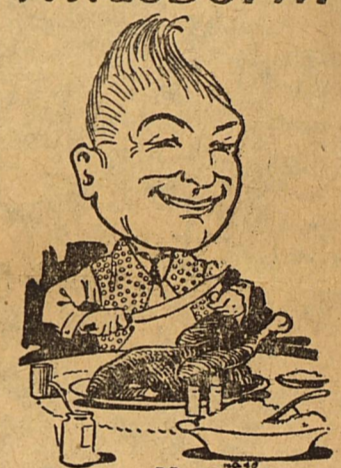
An Exquisitely Appointed Table is a Delight to You and Your Guests!

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## RED PEP'S PHILOSOPHY



Here's to two great American birds! The Turkey on your table and the eagle in your pocket!

## A PUBLIC AUCTION SALE!!

At My Farm Known as the Johnnie Sparks place About 3 miles south and 7 miles west of Spur, and 1 mile northwest of the Red Top School House.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1924 BEGINNING AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Following Items Will be Sold to the Highest and Best Bidder:

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| Two Head of Horses and 2 Mules.                | 1 Go-Devil   |
| 1 Black Mare, 9 years old, 1150 lbs.           | 1 Garden Cultivator                                  |
| 1 Bay Mare, 8 years old, 1150 lbs.             | 2 Sets Work Harness.                                 |
| 1 Black Mare Mule, 3 years old.                | 1 Single Harness.                                    |
| 1 Black Horse Mule, 4 years old, well matched. | 1 Scoop Shovel.                                      |
| 3 Good Jersey Milk Cows.                       | 1 Scoop Fork.  |
| 2 well bred Jersey heifer calves.              | 1 Post Hole Digger                                   |
| 1 roan Durham heifer, will make good milk.     | 1 Wire Stretcher. 1 Pitchfork.                       |
| 1 Jersey Male Calf.                            | 1 Good Sharpless Cream Separator.                    |
| 2 Yearling Steers.                             | 1 Heating Stove.                                     |
| 1 Good Jersey Male.                            | 1 Red Star Gas Range or oil stove.                   |
| 2 good Brood Sows, will find pigs in January.  | 2 Bed Seats and Springs.                             |
| 1 Good Wagon.                                  | 2 Mattresses and a Few Chairs.                       |
| 1 Buggy.                                       |  |
| 1 Oliver One-Row Lister, in good shape.        | Chickens and Other Articles too Numerous to Mention. |

TERMS—All sums under \$20.00 cash. All sums above that amount, 10 months time when secured by an approved note. All articles must be settled for before removed from grounds.

FREE LUNCH AT NOON!

D. T. EWING, Owner

W. H. SEALS, Auctioneer

## DONT FOOL YOURSELF

Go to Any Place in Spur Where They Sell Coal, Gasoline, Lub Oils, Kerosene, or Feed—Examine it, Note Carefully

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## BULLDOG GROWLS

By E. C. EDMONDS Jr.

Turkey day sees victorious season  
for S. H. S. Bulldogs.

Champions '25—

Spur 13—Silverton 6.

Spur 6—Post 7.

Spur 44—Matador 12.

Spur 25—Snyder 0.

Spur —Floydada 25.

Spur 13—Ralls 14.

Spur —Matador 1.

Spur 36—Aspermont 6.

Spur 25—Jayton 0.

Spur 174—Opponents 104.

Champions '25—

1st—All District Team:

Left End—Burnam—Spur

Left T—Terrill—Lubbock

Left G—Smith—Lubbock

Center—Smith—Lubbock

R. G.—Lewis—Spur

RT—Gibson—Spur

RE—Watkins—Ralls

Quarter—Henery—Floydada

Full B.—Lisenby—Spur

Half B.—Self—Post

Half—Keith—Ralls

Champions '25—

2nd—All District Team:

LE—Lisenby—Spur

LT—Lisenby—Spur

LG—Lisenby—Spur

Center—Lisenby—Spur

RG—Lisenby—Spur

RT—Lisenby—Spur

RE—Lisenby—Spur

Quarter—Lisenby—Spur

Full—Lisenby—Spur

RH—Lisenby—Spur

LH—Lisenby—Spur

Champions '25—

Best Passer—Keith—Ralls

Best Punter—Edmonds—Spur

Best All-Round—Gee—Ralls

Best Field Runner—Edmonds—Spur

Best Sport—Manning—Spur

Champions '25—

Jello hits 'em hard

Bull's got the guts

Putt puts interference

Snap calls 'em Mutts

Heyland runs and leaves 'em

Gibson makes the wreck

Rozy runs between 'em

Bush slaps 'em in the neck

Mainie never gambles

Robt. ducks and goes

Chip has beastly luck

Goob knocks 'em down in rows

Tang "Talk it up boys

Mack is the fighter.

Skiki gets the quarter back

Chop Suey treats 'em whiter

Now the season's over

In a New Year we dine,

Remember fellow Bulldogs,

It's District Champions '25.

Champions '25—

This year:

4 men have been disabled.

George never lost ground.

Bush averaged 40 yds. on punts.

3 teams failed to return games.

3 fights by Spur players.

Spur forfeits one game.

Tang's made a great quarterback.

Robinsons made every practice.

Robt McCormick played all games.

Champions '25—

Captain Putt '25.

A boy who is very deserving in everything. Putt is made of real stuff. His interference has been wonderful. Putt is the kind of a guy who always looks out for the other fellow. Here's to you, Putt, stay in there and fight.

Champions '25—

Captain Tang '24.

Tang has played a wonderful game this season. He has put the spirit into the boys when there was no spirit. Tang leaves school this year. When Spur loses him she has suffered a loss that will long be felt.

Champions '25—

Spur's games Turkey day were both winners. The score of the Jayton-Spur game was 25 to 0. Only second ring men were used. The score of the Town Boys and High School game was not recorded, as there was no one at the game with an adding machine.

Champions '25—

Two of the most brilliant features of the game were when Mr. Grimes made his spectacular tackle (on the ground). Another was when Wennie Harris turned his toes to the

skies and resolved that he had enough foot ball playing.

Champions '25—

Well, fellows, hold 'em tight. We had a great old year, didn't we. Next year look out. Remember, "District Champions '25."

Help Spur Grow—

PROGRAM OF SERVICES FOR

SPUR M. E. CHURCH CIRCUIT

Dickens City—First Sunday—Sunday school at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m.

Foreman's Chapel—Second Sunday—Sunday school at 10 a. m. and preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Girard—Third Sunday—Preaching at 11 a. m.

Duck Creek—Third Sunday Eve—Preaching at 7:15 p. m.—W. W. Riley, Circuit Pastor.

Help Spur Grow—

FARM FOR SALE—A bargain in 211 acres on Duck Creek, 170 acres in cultivation, 5-room house, good barn, well of good water, windmill and other outbuildings. For price and terms see owner on farm, eight miles south from Spur. Also have some good jersey cows to sell.—R. W. Moore. 5-3p

Help Spur Grow—

T. E. Gregory, a good citizen of near Spur, was a recent business visitor in the city.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Spivey spent Thanksgiving with relatives in the city of Rotan.

Help Spur Grow—

Little Miss Ruth Spivey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Spivey, entertained a number of her friends with a party on her eleventh birthday, Wednesday, November 26th. Many interesting games were played, after which refreshments were served to the eleven guests.

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Mrs. E. E. Moss and M. S. Thacker, of Roaring Springs, spent a few days last week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hoyle.

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HURRAH!

We're Juniors all so proud,  
They say 'our colors're awfully loud'  
But why should we care,  
School work is our share.

To describe our girls is simple:  
Pretty red lips with cheeks so dimple.  
Boys with a few sound brains,  
Their dainty feet swell when it rains.

Here's to 'Old Roy,' our class poet,  
And good looking Dorothy we all know it.

We know you've read  
All about what those Seniors said,  
'Their boys were the only 'stars''  
But we have players that could

Scatter "Mars."  
The Juniors will win in basket ball,  
Ring goals just to hear 'em squall.  
But now dear readers, if you'll listen,  
The whole of our High School

To you I'll make glisten  
Like the stars in the sky,  
All other schools we defy  
Even from Matador we didn't run,  
Our whole high school's same as one

Now, if there's anything written bad,  
That could possibly make you mad,  
I'll try to make you happy, not sad.  
If you think right you'll be glad,

So step on the gas  
All others try to pass.  
If in our school work we make good  
Affiliation to get, I'll say we should,  
So here's to we pupils and teachers,  
To all just alike,

For the best high school  
We must fight, fight! fight!!  
—W. C. Alexander.

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R. J. Bateman was down again the past week from Afton, reporting everything moving along nicely in that section.

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H. O. ALBIN AND JOHN ASTON  
BUY HALF SECTION FARMS

This week H. O. Albin and John Aston purchased a half section of farm land just east of Dry Lake, the lands being divided into two places, one taking the east and the other the west half. The consideration in this purchase was fifty dollars per acre. The half section tract is a fine body of land, and is pretty well improved.

Mr. Aston recently sold his farm home in another section, looking forward to this purchase, while H. O. Albin is just keeping his money in circulation and acquiring lands today which will soon be out of reach of others than millionaires.

Help Spur Grow—  
Mrs. Hugh Squyres, of near Spur, was shopping in the city Monday of this week.

Help Spur Grow—  
S. H. Nally, of near Dickens, was trading and marketing products in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Help Spur Grow—  
Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Sanders, of Floydada, spent Thanksgiving here visiting their daughter, Mrs. W. J. Hoyle, and family.

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Arnold Copeland was transacting business affairs in the city Tuesday of this week.

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## WORK OF ORGANIZED BANKING TO PROMOTE BETTER FARMING

By D. H. OTIS  
Agricultural Director American Bankers Association.

The Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association has adopted and encourages the following general projects in its national program:



D. H. Otis

1. Boys and girls club work.
2. Diversified farming.
3. Increased appropriations for agricultural research.

With the state bankers' associations, the agricultural colleges and hosts of farmers' organizations uniting in all parts of the country, the Commission has held conferences in forty-seven states. The different individual projects approved number 195. Plans are now under way for follow-up work in making these programs effective.

These banker-farmer conferences have resulted not only in definite programs, but they have been the means of greatly increasing interest on the part of bankers. At the beginning there were a number of states that had no agricultural committees. Others were inactive. We now have agricultural committees for each state with the exception of two, and these have promised to appoint committees soon.

### Banker Influence

The attitude of the bankers is not that of attempting to tell the farmers how to farm, but rather to aid in bringing about conditions that will help the farmer to help himself. The farmer who produces, the agricultural college that is attempting to improve the quality of farm products, and the banker who furnishes the capital are endeavoring to put their heads together and perform team work. A representative of one of the colleges of agriculture recently made the statement that the bankers could do more than the colleges for the advancement of agriculture. The banker is in position to influence the type of agriculture practiced by the farmer patrons. A county agent comes in contact with only 15 to 20 per cent of the farmers of his county, while the bankers come in contact with at least 75 per cent.

In some localities farmers seem to be prejudiced against bankers, due largely to misunderstanding. There is no better way for relieving this strained relationship than by getting the banker and farmer pulling together for their mutual interests and for the community.

If agriculture is to develop it is necessary to maintain on the soil men and women who will put as much intelligence into their business as is put into other lines of business. It is hard to change the attitude of mind of an old farmer. The great hope is in developing boys and girls into men and women who will be interested in improving the conditions on our farms. Out of forty-seven programs adopted at the banker-farmer conferences, thirty-six included boys' and girls' club work as one of their leading projects.

Farm Accounting

A large number of bankers are recognizing the importance of inventories, financial statements and farm accounts and are encouraging the keeping of records among their farmer patrons. Not a few insist on a financial statement from the farmer before making a loan, just as is required of other business men. Such a statement not only acquaints the banker with the financial status of the farmer but also brings the farmer face to face with conditions on his farm and calls attention to opportunities for improvement.

In many states county bankers' associations are being organized with agricultural committees. In New Jersey every county is thus organized. Ohio has a representative of the agricultural committee in every county in the state. Wisconsin has added thirteen agricultural committees to its county organizations. In Arkansas educational trains have been run in cooperation with the railroads, the College of Agriculture, and others for stimulating interests in better farming methods. In Oregon the Bankers Association employs a field secretary to devote his entire time to carrying on educational and agricultural programs. In Kentucky special plans have been developed for coordinating the various organizations interested in agricultural development. Key men, bankers, have been appointed in sixty-five counties. An annual income of \$5,000 is provided and field secretary employed.

It will be seen that the efforts of the Agricultural Commission and the committees of the various states, in cooperation with the colleges of agriculture, have been to formulate workable programs. The field for work appears unlimited. The spirit of the bankers and the colleges is superb and effective results will be accomplished.

## WHAT ARE FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES?

Way in Which Currency is Increased or Decreased According to Business Needs.

Federal reserve notes are direct obligations of the United States and are receivable by all national banks and member banks and by Federal reserve banks, and for all taxes, customs and other public dues, but they are not legal tender for private debts. These notes are redeemable in gold upon the demand of the holder at the Treasury Department of the United States in Washington, or in gold or lawful money at any Federal reserve bank.

The means by which Federal reserve notes are issued and the security behind them is of considerable interest. Any Federal reserve bank may make application to the Federal reserve agent (the local representative of the Federal Reserve Board) for such amounts as it may require accompanying its application by a tender of collateral equal to the amount of notes applied for. This collateral consists of notes or bills acquired either by rediscount from member banks or by purchase in the open market, or gold or gold certificates.

Against its Federal reserve notes that are in active circulation a Federal reserve bank is required to hold a gold reserve of 40 per cent. But any gold deposited with the Federal reserve agent as collateral may be counted as part of this required reserve. In order to redeem its notes in gold when presented at the United States Treasury each reserve bank must carry a gold fund with the treasurer of the United States of at least 5 per cent of its outstanding notes not covered by gold collateral, but this redemption fund counts as part of the required reserve of 40 per cent.

Federal reserve notes, then, are secured as follows: (1) they are a direct promise or obligation of the United States and of the issuing Federal reserve bank; (2) they have collateral behind them of at least 100 per cent, consisting of eligible paper or gold; (3) a gold reserve of 40 per cent is required; (4) they are a first lien on the assets of the issuing Federal reserve bank.

One of the prime reasons for providing for the issuance of Federal reserve notes was to secure an elastic currency—that is, a currency that would expand and contract with the needs of business. This was accomplished by permitting the issue of these notes largely against commercial paper. For example, when member banks are being called on heavily for loans they rediscount with their Federal reserve bank some of their eligible notes. The reserve bank in turn deposits this paper with the Federal reserve agent, receiving from him a like amount of Federal reserve notes which may be turned over to member banks in return for the notes it has rediscounted, or circulated in some other way.

Contraction is practically automatic. If the needs of business diminish there is less need for currency and less borrowing at the member banks. These in turn reduce their rediscounts at their reserve banks by turning over to it funds received from the repayment of loans and from deposits. In times of declining business it is usual for the member banks to repay much of their borrowing with Federal reserve notes deposited with them by their customers.

## STRAIGHT TALKS WITH AUNT EMMY

ON MAKING SAVINGS EASY

Helen met Aunt Emmy on the street. "Where are you going, Aunt? May I come, too?" she asked. "Of course you may, dear. I'm just going to the savings bank with my weekly deposit. I didn't know you saved money regularly. I wish I could."

"Anybody can who really wants to," said Aunt Emmy dryly. "It's easy enough if you have some system about it."

"But it doesn't seem at all interesting to go to the bank once a week with just so much," Helen said. "There's no fun in saving that way."

"Nonsense!" replied Aunt Emmy. "It's good fun to see your interest marked up on the book. But if you want an interesting way to save I'll tell you one. You and Maud do it together. You put away a cent for each day of the month. Suppose you begin today. This is the sixth. All right, then, you each put six cents into a little box. Tomorrow you put in seven cents and so on up to the thirty-first of the month. Then you begin again with one cent. The most you will have to put away any one day is thirty-one cents, and you know how easily that goes for candy or some other useless trash."

"Yes, but how much would we save by the end of the year, Aunt?"

"Enough to pay for a nice little vacation or to make a fine Christmas—about sixty dollars, without knowing it almost," Aunt Emmy said.

"Why, Aunt, that is a great plan. I shall tell Maud tonight," Helen said. "If we do it right along at the end of the year we shall have more than we ever had in our lives all at once."

"Exactly—but remember, the main thing is regularity—until finally saving will become a habit," Aunt Emmy said.—Anne B. Aymes.

# Exmas Giving

## THE DAYS ARE RAPIDLY PASSING FOR YOUR HOLIDAY BUYING!

May We Give You Timely Advice in This Connection, that you may be Better Served. You Realize that it takes time and thought to properly make your selection. It is a hard job to purchase for your friends, and we are only calling your attention to it in this connection!



May We Have the Pleasure of Showing you the Following Items?

Ladies Robes, Satin Mules to Match, Hat Boxes, Fitted Cases, Bags, Furs, Novelties of the Latest Fashion. Just arrived a vast Selection of Whiting & Davis Mesh Bags. Silk Hosiery is shown by us in a Great collection in

Vanity Fair  
Cadet, and  
Pigeon  
Lines!

All Direct from the Factory Shipments, And Assure You Satisfaction; The Shades Represented Cover the field of the Newer Shades!

May We Urge Your Early Attention to Our Ready-to-Wear Lines

Many Special Values in

Dresses and  
Coats

Just Arrived in Evening Dresses from our Chicago Buyer, some Clever Styles

At \$25 and \$35.

Young Man, That Suit is Here Now for You!

MAY WE SEE YOU AT THE EARLIEST DATE!

Prices Being Offered are Very Low, and We Assure You Satisfaction in the Goods. We wish to ask your early attention while the selection is best. Do not wait for the small selection, but come now! Just arrived some very attractive Overcoats for the young man in well made garments that will appeal to your purse.

Young Mens Suits

ARE OFFERED IN 2-PANT SUITS FROM

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MANY LINES HAVE BEEN CLOSED OUT!

OUR LINES OF UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY AND SHIRTS, TIES, NECKWEAR, HATS, AND ETC.

Are in Excellent condition for your inspection, and we are at your service to show you these lines at your request.

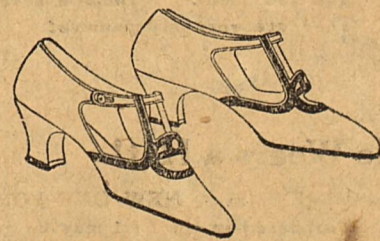
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Sweet Orr & Co. Corduroys, Mole and Khaki Pants Are Offering in many price lines, and guaranteed to give service or replaced with new goods.

Come Look Our Staple Lines Over!

Other Staple Lines are Offered in Domestic, Cheviots, Sheetings, Ginghams or Any other Requirement.



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The Store That Saves!

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Leather Coats  
AND  
Fancy Wool Shirts

TO BE SOLD AT PRICES CONSIDERABLY UNDER VALUE!

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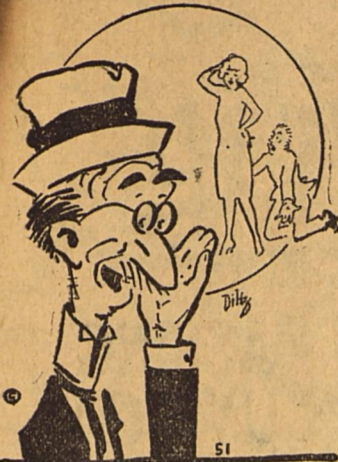
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The way to acquire Confidence is to have your affairs in such shape that you can avoid all financial worry and dependence. That leaves, as the greatest factor in your success, the BANK ACCOUNT and its proper handling.

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But When You Buy Your—

**Meat Needs**

HERE—You are always sure of Getting the MOST REAL VALUES For Your Money! Nothing But the Best in

**Meats AND Vegetables**

Is Good Enough for Our Patrons—and our Prices mean Economy for Thrifty Buyer.

COME IN!

**CENTRAL MARKET**

**FOR OVER 200 YEARS**

Haarlem oil has been a world-wide remedy for kidney, liver and bladder disorders, rheumatism, lumbago and uric acid conditions.



correct internal troubles, stimulate vital organs. Three sizes. All druggists. Insist on the original genuine GOLD MEDAL.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jordan, of Duck Creek, were among the shoppers in Spur Saturday.

**STRAIGHT TALKS WITH AUNT EMMY**

**ON BEING A SMALL INVESTOR**

"It seems to me, Aunt Emmy," said Jane, "that it is rather silly for us to be talking about investments when all we can save is about \$500 a year after all our expenses and life insurance are paid."

"You're wrong there. If you save \$500 a year you are doing very well indeed, and remember that the insurance you speak of is in the nature of an investment itself."

"Well, I know, Auntie, but somehow investments always seem to mean dealing in lots of money, thousands and thousands of dollars. There certainly can't be many good securities which people with so little money as we have could buy."

"Indeed, there are a number of good investments for the small investor," said Aunt Emmy. "Even if you could only set aside five or ten dollars a month you can be sure of one investment that you can safely make on your own responsibility and that is putting your money in a savings bank, the safest and most conservative way of making it work for you. Even though the interest will be moderate, you will feel safe. Then there are other securities you can buy, but don't buy any before getting sound advice from some trust company or bank. These investments are real estate mortgages, industrial corporation securities, public utility corporation securities, government securities—any one of these securities may be bought on the installment plan. You may pay as little as five dollars a month for them or as much as you want to invest."

"Of course you can never be actually positive that an investment will turn out well. Human affairs are uncertain at best. When you invest money, what you really do is entrust your money to business men to use in a paying business. If your bank gives a good account of the corporation whose securities you desire to buy you are comparatively safe. But never use a cent of your capital for speculation. No matter who comes to you and tells you that a certain stock is going up, that it is a sure thing, don't speculate on it. Speculating in stocks is not for our kind. You'd never believe it, but some people who are supposed to have common sense will mortgage their homes and ruin themselves in wild speculations. The best thing for you is to buy securities on monthly payments."

"Can you do that, Aunt Emmy?" "Certainly, and if you start to do it you'll soon find that you'll be willing to do without lots of little catch-penny things for the sake of owning a nice comfortable bond."—Anne B. Aymes.

The State Board of Control will again recommend that the Legislature provide sufficient appropriations to enlarge the Northwest Texas Insane Asylum at Wichita Falls to accommodate 1,000 patients. It now has a few less than 400 patients at an overhead expense that would care for 1,000, or even more.

**Texas Items**

There were 7845 bales of cotton ginned in Shelby County prior to October 1, according to information given out by cotton enumerator.

The cotton season in Goliad County is about two-thirds over, and the prospects are that the county will gain about twice as much as last year.

Only one-third of a normal pecan crop is expected in Texas this year, due to drought and insects, according to a report just issued by H. H. Schutz, government statistician.

An issue of \$75,000 city of San Benito street paving improvement bonds bearing 5 1/2 per cent and maturing serially, was approved by the attorney general's department and registered in the comptroller's department.

Bell County's taxable values for the year 1924 amount to \$29,831,036, according to the tax rolls compiled by Tax Assessor W. A. Gilmer and approved by the commissioners court. This represents an increase of \$38,286.

The St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railway Company has been authorized by the interstate commerce commission to construct a line of railroad in Willacy and Hidalgo counties, Texas, connecting with its other properties.

Houston county, according to the cotton census enumerator for the county, had ginned 19,652 bales of cotton prior to October 1, the total crop for the county being estimated at 25,000 bales. The crop for 1923 was 36,000 bales.

Grading has started on the second section of the Jim Wells County \$1,300,000 highway, extending from the Texas-Mexican depot at Alice, south along the west side of the S. A. and A. P. railway tracks for several miles.

Satisfactory progress is being made toward the procurement of the right of way between Tyler and the Neches river to the west for the Terrell-Tyler interurban project which is being pushed with vigor by the committees interested.

Railroads of five states were represented at the annual meeting of the Southwest claim conference Friday at Houston. Claim agents and adjusters of railroads in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma and New Mexico attended.

The ribbon cane crop in the Troup farming section will be short this year, local growers state. The drought has retarded growth and development of the cane stalks to the extent that it is believed local shippers will not be able to fill all orders for the famous East Texas ribbon cane syrup.

The 1925 convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce will be held in Mineral Wells May 4, 5 and 6. These dates were decided upon this week at a meeting of the executive board. Mineral Wells was selected as the 1925 convention city during this year's convention at Brownwood.

The Texas railroad commission has placed a valuation of \$3,325,633 on the Galveston, Houston and Henderson railroad as the preliminary to the issuance of bonds. It is understood the money raised is to be used in liquidating the road's share of the cost of building the causeway at Galveston.

There were 19,333 bales of cotton ginned in Washington County from the 1924 crop up to October 1, reports Julius E. Gajeske, special agent of the census bureau. These figures show ginnings much lighter than in 1923, but practically the same as in 1922. Government reports showed 23,946 bales ginned to September 25, 1923, and 18,732 to September 25, 1922.

An issue of \$42,500 Cass County road bonds of District No. 4, bearing 5 1/2 per cent and maturing serially, has been approved by the attorney general's department; also approved an issue of \$20,000 Dallas County levee improvement district bonds of District 12, bearing 6 per cent and maturing serially.

After having paved seven miles of the Montalba highway, the paving contractors have shipped their outfit to Houston County, where they have a contract. They stated that the rest of the job near Palestine would be finished next year, when the winter's rains had settled the heavy dumps sufficiently. A number of bridge structures are not yet finished.

Travel over the highway through Cameron and Hidalgo counties is heavier than that on most any other highway of the state, figures obtained by Boy Scouts at Donna show. These figures show that from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m., a total of 2469 motor vehicles passed through Donna, which is more than pass over any other road in the state during a like period, with one or two exceptions.

State rangers have relieved the city officers at Austin in guarding the state lunatic asylum, where there is a quarantine against a smallpox epidemic. The rangers took over the work of guarding this institution on Saturday. This step was taken following numerous conferences between city and state officials. The Austin police force has been compelled to expend a considerable amount of extra money in paying for guards at the institution. The city complained of having to stand all the expense when the institution is state owned.

**TO OUR FRIENDS**

We want to ask our friends at this time to try and arrange so their accounts may have attention. We are not directing this appeal to those of you who have always paid accounts promptly, but to the ones who have caused us to send many statements and spend our money in sending out a collector. We feel that when credit is extended by us on our terms, and when due it is up to the patron to advise us if the conditions of their failure to pay. It is very necessary that we meet our debts as dating on our purchases are arranged. It is also necessary that our customers do likewise in relieving their accounts so we may have the money for our use at the proper time. We have some few patrons who have extended us their business and while they may owe us at this time, we are glad to be of service in rendering them aid. We also have the ones who, from our viewpoint, handle their business in a very unsatisfactory manner, and to those we want to state frankly that it is necessary that they call, and take care of their obligations.

Respectfully yours,

**LOVE DRY GOODS CO., SPUR**

**JUNIOR AMERICAN RED CROSS ARMY 5,596,663**

**Children of 29,942 Schools Now Enrolled in Movement of Service to Humanity.**

The American Junior Red Cross, which was organized as a children's auxiliary during war-times especially to help the young refugees in Europe, and to exemplify in peace-time the Red Cross ideal of service, has now a membership of 5,596,663 in the schools of the United States and the insular possessions.

This Junior movement gives opportunity for the children to share in Red Cross effort parallel to that of the parent organization. Juniors are therefore identified in varying degree with the health services, disaster relief work, salvage and other suitable activities of value to the operations of the Red Cross.

It is a valiant host marching on under its "I Serve" banner in the cause of happier childhood everywhere and particularly wherever the American flag flies. The enrollment embraces 29,942 schools and 147,486 school rooms, a gain over 1923 of 5,655 schools and 22,414 school rooms. The year's gain in membership was 769,402 children, or nearly 80,000 for each month of the school year.

The educational and social values of the Junior Red Cross movement is thus evidencing the firm and cordial endorsement of school authorities. The government has added the weight of recognition by extending the Junior Red Cross in the schools for American Indian children. The American Red Cross is also planning to develop the Junior program in 600 rural schools in isolated sections.

—Help Spur Grow—  
H. J. Parks, of west of the city, was here the past week trading and on other business.

**LYRIC THEATRE WEEKLY PROGRAM**

- MONDAY, DEC. 8:  
"Don't Marry For Money"  
10c and 30c
- TUES. & WED., DEC. 9-10:  
Special  
"Spirit of U. S. A."  
25c and 50c
- THURSDAY, DEC. 11:  
"A Silent Partner"  
10c and 30c
- FRIDAY, DEC. 12:  
Serial  
"Ruth of the Range"
- SATURDAY, DEC. 13:  
"Flynn No. 22"  
A BIG WESTERN  
10c and 30c

**WEEKLY SERMON**

(By Robt. C. Jones)

**1. Man is Required to Do the Will of God.**

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 7:21) "And the world passeth away and the just thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." (1 John, 2:17)

**2. We Are Required to Keep the Commandments of God**

Solomon says, "Let us hear the conclusions of the whole matter, fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecc. 12:13). John says, "Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city." (Rev. 22:14)

**3. We Must Obey the Gospel.**

"Taking vengeance on them that know not God, and obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Thess. 1:8.)

**4. We Must be Doers of the Word.**

"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." (Jas. 1:22.)  
All temporal blessings are received conditionally. We must work for the things that sustain life. Salvation is no exception to this rule. We must labor for the meat which endureth unto everlasting life. (John 6:27.)

**5. God Does Not Feed Us Unconditionally.**

—Help Spur Grow—  
God gives us each day our daily

bread, but we must work for it. God ordained the law of temporal blessings, put men in subjection to it. To get the blessings they must comply with the law. The same thing is true of salvation and all spiritual blessings. James says, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow nor turning." (Jas. 1:17.) God does not change the conditions of His law for any one.

**6. If Salvation is the Gift of God, Why Say It is Conditional.**

There is one indispensable condition to giving anything. The one to whom the gift is made must be willing to receive it. When we obey the gospel we are merely receiving that which God offers to give to us. If we refuse to comply with the conditions upon which God has promised to give us eternal life, we can not receive the gift.

—Help Spur Grow—  
Lester Ericson, after spending the year on his farm out near Spur, is making preparations to move back to his Spur City home.

—Help Spur Grow—  
Al Bingham, of the Spur Ranch headquarters, was on the streets of Spur Tuesday afternoon greeting his friends of the town and country here that day.

—Help Spur Grow—  
FOR SALE—A good milk cow, cheap. See W. M. Ledford or Arnold Copeland. 5-2p

**GIFTS FOR ALL**

Every Member of the Family and Friends as Well May be Remembered With Gifts From This Store!

BEFORE STARTING YOUR LIST OF GIFT PURCHASING YOU SHOULD COME HERE THE GIFT OFFERINGS. IT WILL AID IN SELECTING—SAVE TIME AND MONEY!!

**Novelty Silk Hose For Gift Giving!**

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JUST THE THING TO GIVE, You will exclaim when you see them. Include several pairs on your list—They are very inexpensive!

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GIVE HIM A NEW ONE FOR XMAS! The old one Purchased in the Fall may be getting a trifle worn now. A SPLENDID STOCK ON DISPLAY!

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**Let Us Supply Your Wants For Christmas Cooking**

**JOPLIN & GIBSON, SPUR**

WITH THE CHRISTMAS EATS!



C. C. Haile, one of Spur's hustling business men and one of the oldest citizens of the county, has been doing business in his line through the busy fall season. Last week he made a business trip to McAdoo and other points on the plains where one or more deals were furthered or consummated. Among other real estate deals he reports having sold the John Aston place near Spur to J. H. Marsh for a consideration of \$70 per acre. Also the J. H. Smith place near Espuela to Chas. McKay of Ellis county for a consideration of \$40 an acre. Those who contemplate moving West had better get in now while lands may be had within the reach of moderate means. The time is coming with our day when no farm land may be had here for less than a hundred dollars an acre.

Help Spur Grow—  
N. Travis Cochran, who has been here for the past two weeks conducting a sale of pianos for the Gerts & Bush Piano Co., at Bryant-Link Cos. big department store, departed Tuesday for Vernon where they will conduct a sale of pianos through the Christmas holiday season. During the time they were in Spur quite a number of pianos were placed in the homes of the Spur people.

Help Spur Grow—  
Mr. and Buren Smith, who spent several days visiting with relatives in Lamesa, returned last week to their home in the Dry Lake community.

Among the many who were in Spur the past week was Albert Powers, of Afton. Mr. Powers this year demonstrated his ability, success and knowledge of farming by winning the premium for the best crops produced in the county. His feed was fine enough to show and win premiums at the State Fair. He recently informed us that he was making fine cotton which was turning out more staple to the pound than at any time in his experience of farming. This country will grow the best, and some day the proper methods of farming will be followed generally by all the farmers. The successful operations by such men as Albert Powers will bring this about much sooner than farming on paper.

Help Spur Grow—  
Chas. E. Lee proprietor of the Busy Bee Cafe at Afton, was in the city of Spur Monday, buying his supplies of the Spur dealers. Mr. Lee reports a fine business at Afton, saying that Afton is the busiest little city in the county this fall. Those who have not visited Afton lately would not know the town now. Many new homes and business houses have been built since last fall. A hundred thousand dollar business for one firm is not out of the ordinary at this time.

Help Spur Grow—  
J. M. Hahn, of west of Spur, was here Tuesday ginning and marketing cotton.

E. D. Butler, who used to live in Spur, but who has been living over near Clairemont the past several years, was in Spur Monday. In the early days of Spur Mr. Butler operated a delivery business here. He said that Spur is now getting too much of a city for him to move back. He was very much surprised at the rapid and substantial growth of the town since his last visit here. There are few towns which have enjoyed the substantial growth of Spur during the past year. In the early days we could see sky-scrapers and smokestacks in Spur—and these dreams are coming true.

Help Spur Grow—  
Sam Stradley, who used to be here in the earlier history of Spur and Dickens county, returned recently from so-journing in other parts of the great state, and has accepted a place as cook for the New Western Hotel which is now owned and managed by Homer Dobbins. Sam Stradley is known by the old timers, and in years gone by cooked in cow camps, later in cafes in following up the settlement and agricultural development progress of the country.

Help Spur Grow—  
J. P. Middleton is leaving this week for Dallas where he will join a party of insurance men on a tour to Cuba. Mr. Middleton has won three trips as a result of being among the leaders of Texas agents in securing life insurance policies. Last year Mr. Middleton won a trip through Yellow Stone Park and this year he goes to Cuba at the expense of the company. Mr. Middleton knows the insurance business and rarely ever fails to write policies for those who may be interested.

Help Spur Grow—  
Col Howell and family, of Erath county, spent several days of last week here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Moore at their home to the southwest of Spur. One day while the two families were driving in a car it was run into a ditch by the side of the road and overturned. It's almost a miracle that no one was injured—and no doubt at this season of Thanksgiving they were really thankful at this time. Mrs. Howell is a sister to Mr. Moore.

Help Spur Grow—  
W. W. Riley and family, formerly of Mineral Wells, are now domiciled in their new home in Spur. Mr. Riley is the circuit pastor for the Spur district of the Methodist Conference. We are very glad to welcome he and family to Spur.

Help Spur Grow—  
Again we were made to feel that this is a good world in which to live. Clarence Ellis met us Wednesday and slipped a dollar and fifty cents in our jeans, saying "keep 'er coming." Clarence informed us that he had about ten more bales of cotton to pick before finishing up this year's crop. We are hoping that for these last bales he will get at least thirty cents a pound—and he may do it, since the price is now again taking a turn upward.

Help Spur Grow—  
Uncle Jimmie Jones, of the Duncan Flat country, was here again last Saturday, meeting with his friends of this part of the county.

Help Spur Grow—  
W. O. Formby, of Afton, was a business visitor in Spur the first of the week.

Help Spur Grow—  
D. F. Capshaw, a good citizen and farmer of Afton, was a Spur business visitor during the week.

Help Spur Grow—  
Bob Goodall, of Kent county, was meeting his friends Monday in the city of Spur. Bob reports everything in fine shape in Kent county at this time.

Help Spur Grow—  
T. E. Rucker, of the West Pasture, was transacting business and meeting with his friends in Spur Monday of this week.

Help Spur Grow—  
WANTED—Party with two or three bucking horses for Wild West Show, on road all winter. Address, Doc Hall, Spur, Texas. 5-1p

Help Spur Grow—  
FOR SALE—A good milk cow, cheap. See W. M. Ledford or Arnold Copeland. 5-2p

Help Spur Grow—  
H. J. Parks, of west of the city, was here the past week trading and on other business.

Help Spur Grow—  
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jordan, of Duck Creek, were among the shoppers in Spur Saturday.

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