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Statements Made by Spur Banks Shows Town and Country in Prosperous Condition

The statements recently made by the Spur National and City National Banks, and published in the Texas Spur, shows conclusively that Spur and the Spur country are in a prosperous condition.

The statements show a total of \$1,187,101.75 individual deposits subject to checks, with loans and discounts amounting to \$798,298.06.

More than one million dollars in the banks, deposited by individuals of the town and country, is evidence that the country is in substantial financial condition. The greater part of this money is the surplus funds realized from the 1924 crops which are now practically all sold. The country is very probably now in better shape in every respect than at any other time in its history. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent the past year in substantial and permanent buildings and improvements in the towns and throughout the country. Many new business houses have gone up in every town in the county, and in every community new farm homes have been constructed, more lands put in cultivation and substantial improvements made.

Spur is indeed fortunate in having two strong banking institutions which are ever ready and willing to promote the general interests of the town and country and back up financially every substantial progressive movement, as well as extend aid to those in need and honestly endeavoring to get ahead, build and progress. Much of the progress and prosperity now in evidence is due to the encouragement, assistance and backing of the Spur banks.

SPUR A RECOGNIZED SEED AS WELL AS COTTON MARKET

That Spur has become a recognized superior market for cotton seed as well as cotton and other farm products, is abundantly proven by the large sales made in the markets here during the closing fall.

Of the number of buyers in Spur D. H. Sullivan alone bought and shipped out fifty car loads of seed, forty of which were purchased and hauled in trucks from Afton. He has also contracted for ten more car loads from A. Gollhar, which will be trucked to Spur from McAdoo and shipped to the mills. Mr. Sullivan stated that had paid an average price of thirty to thirty-two dollars per ton throughout the fall.

Throughout the year just closed Spur maintained a market for all products second to no other market, at all times paying the very highest prices for cotton and seed and all other marketable farm products.

DR. DUVAL APPOINTED AS COUNTY HEALTH OFFICER

At a recent meeting of the Commissioners Court of Dickens county, Dr. H. L. Duval, of Dickens, was appointed County Health Officer.

Dr. Duval just recently located at Dickens, established an office and is now engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery. Dr. Duval comes highly recommended as a physician and citizen, and he and family are welcome additions to our citizenship.

RANGERS' FATE TO BE DECIDED UPON SATURDAY

San Antonio, Jan. 17.—Whether the Texas Ranger force will be given a new lease on life will be determined Saturday afternoon. Judge R. B. Minor of the Fifty-Seventh District court at that hour will rule upon a motion filed by Assistant Attorney General C. A. Wheeler, seeking to suspend his decree declaring the Ranger law unconstitutional and restraining the payment of Rangers' salaries. The case was taken under advisement at noon when Mr. Wheeler and D. B. Chapin, representing Captain J. E. Elgin, concluded their arguments.

Judge Minor granted the injunction last Thursday. At the same time he overruled a motion to suspend the injunction pending appeal to the Fourth Court of Civil Appeals. Mr. Wheeler, however, filed a second motion, seeking the same result. It was this motion that was argued Saturday.

The assistant attorney general urged the granting of the motion on the ground that the state is now without a Ranger force and its Mexican border is at the mercy of marauding bands, aliens and smugglers. Three companies are now stationed on the border, he said, but must remain inactive under the court's decision. If the case be reversed by the higher courts, he argued, the state will have suffered hardships and injustice and face the entire reorganization of the Ranger force.

D. B. Chapin opposed the motion on the ground that the trial court lost jurisdiction when notice of appeal was given and that the court is without legal authority to act upon its own discretion in the matter.

If the motion be granted, the Ranger force will be restored to its original status. If it be refused the injunction will remain in effect and disbandment of the Ranger organization will become necessary.

An immediate appeal will be taken, the assistant attorney general said, if the motion to suspend judgment is granted. It will take about a week, however, to prepare the transcript and perfect the appeal. Then the case must be submitted and await the action of the appellate court. A motion to advance the case in the appellate court will be made, Mr. Wheeler said.

DAREDEVIL LOCKWOOD IN SPUR ON ENDURANCE DRIVE

"Daredevil" Lockwood passed through Spur Thursday of last week in making a one hundred hour, non-stop endurance drive in a Maxwell car. He was locked to the steering wheel in Lubbock where the endurance drive started under contract to keep the Maxwell car going without a single stop, day and night for one hundred hours. The drive ended at Sweetwater Saturday afternoon, the driver being in such an exhausted condition that he was removed from the car on a stretcher, and bleeding at nose and ears.

The same Maxwell car will now be put on a fast drive test, after which it will be put on a long drive test.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON AND ENTREE NOUS CLUBS HAVE DELIGHTFUL MEETING

One of the most enjoyable social events of the season was had last Friday afternoon from three to five o'clock when Mrs. W. J. Bryant delightfully entertained members and guests of the Entree Nous and Friday Afternoon Clubs.

The spacious dining room and living room where the tables were arranged for forty two were beautifully decorated with cut flowers. Enjoyable games and much pleasant conversation were had and the time passed all too soon.

After the games delicious refreshments consisting of chicken salad on lettuce leaf, crackers, olives, hot tea and cake were served to the following: Mesdames Harkey, Moses, Jones, Williams, Hale B. Putman, M. Lea, Nichols, Jennings, Love, Whitner, Stovall, Edmonds, W. H. Putman, Caraway, Clemmons, Forbis, Wilson, Barrett, Pierce, Reed, Ned Hogan and Bryant.

The meeting adjourned at the appointed hour and all departed declaring Mrs. Bryant a most delightful hostess.—Reporter.

FIVE INCH SNOW FALLS OVER THE SPUR COUNTRY

A five inch snow fell Saturday night and Sunday morning, covering the entire country, and giving the country the first moisture since September and October. While the country at this time is not suffering for moisture, there being plenty time for rainfall to meet all cropping needs, yet the moisture from this snow will be of benefit to small acreages of wheat and oats throughout the country, and somewhat relieve the "tension" of "new comers" who may become anxious. The moisture from this snow will amount to from a half to three-fourths of an inch of rainfall, wetting the ground to a depth of some three or four inches. This is the first real moisture we have had since September at which time we had a two inch rain.

Work is Resumed on Lyric Theatre Buiding After Delay Awaiting Special Timbers

After a delay of some two or three weeks work was again resumed the first of the week on the new Lyric Theatre building adjoining the Ramsey Garage on Harris Street. This delay in the construction work was occasioned in that the contractors and builders Messrs. Maxwell & Harrison had special lumber ordered to go into the structure, and in order to get this special lumber workmen were sent out in the woods where the timber was cut, hauled to the mill and there sawed to the required dimensions, kiln dried and seasoned and then shipped to Spur. Immediately upon the arrival of this

G. W. LEWIS DIED AT HOME NEAR COMANCHE

G. W. Lewis was born June 10, 1849; was married to Miss Donie Conrad something like 55 years ago. There were ten children born to them; eight are still living, two having died in their infancy. His wife preceded him to the land beyond some 15 years ago.

When quite a young man he came to Texas from Alabama, therefore seeing many hardships. Having lost one foot by accident, he was left somewhat of a cripple, but he toiled on as all the good old frontiersmen did, and just as he had his family almost raised to be men and women of their own he lost his sight. Though in this beautiful land of Texas he was in total darkness 18 years before God in his wisdom saw fit to call him home to where we all will have to answer the roll call.

He died January 11, 1925 just one year to the day from his youngest brother, B. S. Lewis, one other brother having died the same year. His going leaves only one sister, Mrs. Amanda Dutton out of a large family.

He was laid to rest at White Point cemetery at 4:00 p. m. January 12, 1925. Rev. George Lambert of the Church of Christ spoke a few words of comfort to the bereaved ones. Only one son, Ralph, of Spur was able to be here.

We left him in the silent city of the dead to wait the Judgment day.—One who loved him.

SUNSHINE SERVICE STATION ADDITION NEARLY COMPLETE

Chas. Whitner, who has the contract in constructing the new and extensive brick addition to the Sunshine Service Station, will complete the structure next week at which time it will be opened for business in connection with the service station. This building, like the service station, will have a stucco finish, making it one of the most attractive filling and service stations of the entire country.

MAN ACCIDENTALLY KILLED WHILE TRAPPING NEAR ROTAN

Thursday of last week Burt Allen Rhinebolt was accidentally killed while trapping near Rotan, a target rifle ball accidentally discharged striking him in the eye resulting in his death the following day. He was 17 years of age, well known and liked by associates at Rotan.

ENTERTAINED

Mrs. J. E. Sanders was a very gracious hostess to a large number of her friends at her home on Thursday afternoon. Paper cups of blue and pink were presented to each guest and the color scheme was beautifully carried out in the decorations of the living and dining rooms. Miniature kewpies tied to the tally cards were passed among the guests and "42" was played. At the conclusion of the games, Mrs. Sanders and little Christine, presented Mrs. Ray Sanders with a very attractive blue and pink basket bearing many beautiful gifts from her host of friends. Mrs. E. C. Edmonds entertained the guests with musical selections and Mrs. Tom Teague gave a very appropriate reading. Refreshments consisting of chicken sandwiches, fruit salad covered with whipped cream and coffee was served by the hostess to the following guests: Mesdames Ray Sanders, Foy Vernon, Lee Davis, E. C. Edmonds, Mageors, H. P. Scrimsher, E. L. Brown, Rosamond, Fallis, Cowan, Johnson, Tom Teague, Clarence Ellis, Thrope, Biggs, Hindman, Martin, Holcomb, Hazelwood, Mills, P. E. Ellis, Los Angeles, Calif., Dick Dublin, Lubbock, Texas, J. J. Fletcher, and Miss Ila Bowman.

STAMFORD VOTES BONDS FOR AUDITORIUM AND STREETS

The bond issue for the building of the Auditorium that will house the American Legion, the National Guard Unit, the women's clubs of the town, held here last Tuesday, carried with a vote of 187 to 115.

The bond issue for the improvement of the street carried by 220 to 82.—Stamford Leader.

Brick Now on Ground to Build First Drive-In Grocery Store in All of Western Texas

Brick are being unloaded and placed on the ground by D. H. Sullivan for the construction of his new Drive-In Grocery building on the corner lot on east Harris Street.

This will be the first Drive-In Grocery to be established in all of Western Texas. The building will be thirty five feet by one hundred feet and constructed similar to the drive-in filling stations. It will also be constructed with a view of later having automobiles drive directly through the building, loading on grocery supplies as they pass through.

Actual construction work on the building will begin not later than the first of the coming month, and be ready for business after thirty or sixty days.

DR MORRIS INVESTING IN FARM LANDS AROUND SPUR

This week Dr. J. E. Morris consummated a deal whereby he purchased of W. F. Foreman the 160 acre farm on the west side of the road near Espuela, and formerly known as the Stevens or Jim Walker place. The consideration in this sale was sixty dollars an acre, the farm being well improved and of the richest soil.

Dr. Morris also purchased the Fred Hisey eighty acre farm just west of Spur, the consideration in this purchase being \$8,800.00, or one hundred and ten dollars per acre. In selling his place, Fred Hisey came into possession of a number of stock cattle and a grass lease, thus indicating that he will try the cow business in preference to farming.

BUILDING NEW FARM HOME AND CLEARING MORE LANDS

W. H. Nichols, formerly of Dumont, but now east of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday and though we were busy he detained us long enough to give us the cold cash in renewing his subscription. Mr. Nichols is now building a new and modern farm home on land recently purchased out of the Matador tract now on the market. He is several miles nearer the county capitol and the commercial center, having us change his address from Dumont to Dickens where he will hereafter get his mail. The Nichols home is only one of a number being built in that part of the county at this time.

Another year and that whole section will have modern homes and improved farms. He wanted a bunch of Mexicans to grub out about a hundred acres of land for cultivation this year, and this will be only one of several hundreds of acres to go in during the year.

REPORT OF CIRCLE NO. TWO

Circle No. Two met with Mrs. Cal Martin at her home on Monday afternoon at three o'clock. Mrs. E. J. Cowan, recently elected chairman of the Circle was the very efficient teacher in the study of Psalms. At the conclusion of the lesson and business meeting, Mrs. Martin served a delicious salad course. The next meeting will be at the church on Monday afternoon, at three o'clock, with Circle No. One. All members are earnestly urged to attend the aid every Monday, and bring your neighbor with you.—Reporter.

PROMINENT MAN OF STONEWALL DIED IN SPUR

Barney P. Davis, a prominent citizen of Aspermont in Stonewall county, died Sunday of last week in Spur, after suffering for some time of blood poisoning.

Some time ago, while hauling wood, Mr. Davis stuck a thorn in the finger of one of his hands. From this thorn wound blood poisoning developed. Later his hand was amputated in an effort to counteract the blood poisoning. However, this amputation was ineffectual, and later the arm was amputated at the shoulder, without effect, the poison having entered the body.

Barney P. Davis was one among the oldest settlers of Stonewall county, having settled there in the earlier days. He was sixty odd years of age.

C. A. JONES, President
W. B. LEE, Active Vice-President

W. T. ANDREWS, Cashier
F. G. COLLIER, Asst Cashier

The Spur National Bank

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$125,000.00

SPUR, TEXAS

Subject—FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Dear Friend:

From 15 to 25 years of age is the free and easy, egotistical period, the age of romance and dreams of success; also of wild oats and extravagance.

From the ages of 25 to 35 a boy begins to "find himself" and buckles down to business, acquires a real respect for his father's judgment; takes his freshman course in the school of hard knocks.

From the ages of 35 to 45 the man is in the prime of life, approaching the zenith of energy and power. Most of the world's greatest work is done by men in this period. This is man's harvest time.

From the ages of 45 to 55 is a period in which most men meet reverses and begin to break. Only those well fortified by saving can look to the future with confidence and without fear.

From the ages of 55 to 65 ninety per cent lose their grip and are merely eking out a hand-to-mouth existence.

From the ages of 65 to 75 not one in a thousand are self-supporting. Only the thrifty escape poverty and distress.

Save in the accumulative period—a goodly bank account averts distress and assures comforts in later years. Think this over and start a bank account with us today. We pay four per cent, compounded semi-annually, on savings.

Yours very truly,

The Spur National Bank

Just Received a Full Car Load of
Oliver and P. & O. Implements!!
Included in this shipment we have
Two-Row Planters for You!

We Sell the "Dempster" Windmill
Our Stocks include Dry Goods, Drugs,
Groceries, Farm Implements and
All Other Merchandise to meet
the Needs of the Trade!

Let Us Serve You!

J. N. HANEY & SON, AFTON

Spur is a leader in handsome and substantial construction of business houses, and is now laying the foundation for the metropolis of West Texas in the future.

Special for Saturday and Monday

New Spring Ladies Hats
\$7.50 Values for

\$4.50

C. HOGAN & COMPANY
"We Strive to Please."

Special for Saturday and Monday

Peters Black Diamond Shoes
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\$2.95

THE ECONOMY STORE

Special for Saturday and Monday

\$8.50 Sweaters for

\$4.95

WOLFE'S BARGAIN STORE

ECONOMY JUST NORTH OF SPUR NAT. BK.

Special for Saturday and Monday

\$1.75 Overalls for

\$1.35

C. R. EDWARDS & COMPANY

BELL'S CAFE

An Inviting Place
For Ladies and
Gentlemen

For Saturday
and Monday

Koo Koo Syrup
Per Gallon

65 CENTS

Joplin & Gibson

THINGS TO THINK ON

By this time, Dear Reader, you must have reached the conclusion that we are putting over a REAL SURE ENOUGH HOME LOYALTY CAMPAIGN. If you have not already done so, just keep on reading these articles and by the time we get through you will admit it freely.

We did not start this campaign with any intention of doing the job in a half-hearted manner. Certainly we know that we have stepped on somebody's toes, but we cannot help that. Every good, strong, forceful sermon from the pulpit jabs somebody under the left side of the vest.

To you who have been lax in your duty to your home town we assert: IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE YOUR STAND FOR SPUR. If your hearts are here your dollars should be also, and the way to keep them here is to patronize home industry. Boosting for a town requires something more than just talk, and that something is ACTION. THE TRUE VALUE OF HOME BUYING SHOULD BE EVIDENT TO EVERY LOYAL CITIZEN. The keeping of money in Spur should require no further urging or argument. Spending your money in another community is like handing it to the box office of a circus—IT NEVER COMES BACK. You have bade it good-bye and sent it on a journey to some other community whose loyal Citizens will anchor it there forever.

Just don't forget that and make up your mind to BUY EVERYTHING YOU EAT, USE OR WEAR, RIGHT HERE IN SPUR, AND EMPLOY NO SERVICE BUT THAT OF A LOCAL CONCERN. THIS IS LOYALTY, THIS IS ACTION, REAL TANGIBLE COMMUNITY BOOSTING ACTION, THE KIND THAT "BRINGS HOME THE BACON". Try it a while, folks, and see how good it makes you feel to know that you are doing your full duty to Spur and her business, commercial and other interests.

The seeming inducements held out by other trade centers are nothing but baits to pull our dollars that way. The so-called commercial glad hand that is extended to you will only be held out AS LONG AS YOUR DOLLARS HOLD OUT. The interest they have in you is nothing but a selfish commercial interest founded on a cold, calculating business basis. If you will give this a moment's thought you will admit that this is true.

Surely you will admit that these other trading centers can have no possible interest in the advancement of civic progress of Spur. They are pulling for their own and adding what they get from you to what they've got and are holding on to it. Every time you send 'em a dollar they are a dollar better off and Spur is a dollar poorer.

Here we have much in common. Trading at home among friends our transactions are warmed by pleasing mutuality of interests. We are helping each other; we are living the Golden Rule in business, and step by step we are building for a greater and better Spur.

It has been said that Community Patriotism finds its outlet indirectly in all phases of life; that it strengthens our banks, promotes our manufacturing interests, creates jobs for our working men, encourages development and assists in everything that goes to make a city commercially great, socially attractive and widely known.

ENERGY, INTELLIGENCE AND LOYALTY—these of a CITY WORTH WHILE, and the greatest of these three are the chief human contributions to the creation of LOYALTY. Cultivate loyalty. Loyalty to your friends, your associates, your colleagues, your officials and your merchants. Then you will be serving your HOME TOWN AS WELL AS YOUR OWN INTERESTS

AND THE RESULTS WILL SPELL SATISFACTION.

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For Economical
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**Gilley
CHEVROLET
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The Best Yard for
The Best Lumber

Good Coal Too!

Spur Cream & Bottling Works

Ice Cream, Bottled Coca Cola, and all
Carbonated Beverages,

Phone 50.

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For All Automobile Ills!

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Get Yours Now!

**J. P. WILKES
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For Saturday
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10 Pounds
Calumet Baking
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Bank With Us and You Can
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Miltex Wool and Silk Dresses
Your Choice for \$10.00

SALEMS
QUALITY---SERVICE
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Saturday and Monday

DRIED FRUITS

Choice Dried Apricots, per pound,20c

Choice Dried Apples or Peaches, per lb....15c

Choice Prunes, per pound,14c

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

The Bank of Service.

Two Bales of Cotton to Acre Produced in West Texas in Recent State Contest

You can not read the story of how John McFarlane of Anderson county won the \$1,000 prize in the More Cotton on Fewer Acres Contest without a thrill of admiration for this man who took his Georgia stock plow and whipped an East Texas drouth that lasted from May 29 until the onset of fall. McFarlane used fertilizer, used it lavishly and used it wisely. He made the best of soil preparation and planting. But the thing that makes him deservedly a winner is fact that he never gave up. June passed with no rain. But McFarlane was out plowing his cotton. He got right down in the dirt with it. He walked the rows and knew what was going on there. And he kept on plowing. July sweetened through and still the clouds withheld the moisture the parched earth cried for. But McFarlane kept on plowing. Rumors began to drift in from the north and west and south. Somebody over there was expecting to make an enormous crop. Somebody over yonder was counting on the other side of the state already had the grand state-wide cotton prize in his vest pocket. But McFarlane kept on plowing.

The results that the winner obtained under the conditions which he had to face are enough to put heart in every discouraged tiller of the soil in Texas. McFarlane's answer the adversity was more than work. To be sure he put intelligence into it and invested money in it. But it was the work that fed the brains and form to the success he won. Ten times he cultivated his tract after planting. Three hundred and sixty-one hours of man-power and 228 hours of horse-power went into that five acres of cotton. In all that expenditure of effort a man who thinks has time to know his crop as he knows his neighbor. McFarlane can tell you the life history of individual stalks in that field. He met them often enough to know them.

Five thousand and eighty-one pounds from the five acres was McFarlane's yield of lint cotton—better than two bales to the acre. And the staple is said to range from an inch to an inch and a sixteenth. A staple and a yield such as that in the face of a drouth through the summer is an achievement. It is a struggle of man against handicaps of the sort that go to make success in any line a romance and an adventure. How close was the field of competition is shown by the fact that F. H. Littleton of Wilbarger county was exactly fifty-one pounds behind McFarlane. Two bales to the acre in West Texas. Who said Texas cotton lands were worn out? Who said that the state average of a bale to the acre was the best we could do? Why, we've just begun to farm in Texas, and the McFarlanes and the Littletons will tell us how to do it. They have been here all along, but they are just getting to the point where they are in position to make themselves heard. The News, The Semi-Weekly Farm News and the A. & M. College of Texas have lent their auspices to the contest, not in any spirit of sporting blood or of notoriety promotion, but in an honest effort to let the best of our farmers tell the rest of our farmers what five acres of Texas can do under an unlimited application of Texas brains and Texas energy. —Dallas Farm News.

A COMMUNITY WORKING IN HARMONY CAN DO ANYTHING

Recently three men were seen pulling on a heavy fire hose trying to get it in better position while fighting fire. Each man was doing all that he could to move the line but it wasn't moving. The reason for their failure was that the three men were not pulling in time. That is, they were not making their jerks together and they were failing to accomplish anything. Finally all stopped and one man hollered "altogether, boys." This brought them in time and the heavy hose was easily placed where it was needed. That's what is called team work. A whole community working together in harmony and peace can accomplish nearly anything they undertake. When the same amount of energy expended singly and with no regard for concerted effort would show little or no results. Haskell people are usually willing to do team work and when they do, things come to pass readily. Let's all pull together for the future and make things happen rapidly for the good of the town. —The Haskell Free Press.

NEW THINGS ARE "NEWS"

Every member of every family in this community is interested in the news of the day, and no items are read with keener relish than announcements of new things to eat, to wear, or to enjoy in the home.

Mr. Merchant, you have the goods and the desire to sell them. The readers of the Free Press have the money and the desire to buy. The connecting link is advertising. Give the people the good news of new things at advantageous prices. They look to you for this "store news" and will respond to your messages. Try it and be convinced. —Haskell Free Press.

M. S. Faver, or east of Afton, was on the streets Monday of this week. He reports a fine snow and everything now looking most promising in the north part of the county.

Rural Free Mail Delivery Made Wonderful Progress—Brings Town and Country Closer

Few institutions in the history of American progress can be credited with a more salutary effect upon the march of that progress than the Rural Mail Service of the Post Office Department.

No other single instrumentality has done more than the Rural Mail Service toward "bringing the city to the country", and relieving the prosaic existence of farm life. It has been as effective in establishing closer contact between the farmer and his markets. It has been the most important factor in making agriculture an exacting business instead of its one-time precarious classification which conveyed no broader meaning than "tilling the soil."

Twenty-nine years ago the farmer and his wife, and children, led an existence of almost complete isolation, living upon widely scattered farms, some of them miles apart. They had comparatively little communication with their neighbors or the outside world, except that derived from weekly trips to the adjacent village. More often than not the farmer lost a full day's work

TAXATION TAKES PROPERTY

That any state should confiscate all farm lands and make tenants of the occupants would seem unbelievable. But the process is under way, and at present rate of progress will be accomplished within the lifetime of the present generation.

Dr. R. T. Ely, of University of Wisconsin, shows, by official tax records of states, and also figures compiled by bureau of economics of Department of Agriculture, that the states will soon absorb by taxation all income of farm lands.

It is a principle of law that to take the income from property is practically the same as to take the property itself.

In Ohio farm lands between 1880 and 1920 increased in value from \$45.97 to \$113.17 an acre, while taxes from 1913-1921 increased 177 per cent. In Kansas values increased from \$10.98 in 1880 to \$62.30 in 1920, and taxes 271 per cent from 1913 to 1921.

Since 1920, land values have decreased at an average of 20 per cent. Taxes, on the other hand, have shown the opposite tendency. A statistical chart of taxes and farm income would show the line for taxes steadily curving upward in past eight years, and now near to line of farm income. When it crosses that line the work of confiscation is complete.

"The power to tax is the power to destroy."

REGISTER 1,200 AUTOS IN STONEWALL COUNTY

Aspermont, Texas, Jan. 14.—Sheriff Bingham reports that taxes are being paid rapidly. Many cars have not yet registered. A total of 1,100 cars were registered in Stonewall county last year. To date 717 cars and 42 trucks have been registered. The total number will probably be more than 1,200 this year.

NOTICE

On job, I will be back with the Spur Hardware & Furniture Co. I will be there as the furniture man, funeral director and embalmer. I am no longer a printer or news paper man. See me there.—J. C. Duff.

THE TEXAS RANGER LAW HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 15.—The law creating the ranger force, passed March 29, 1901, and amended in 1919 is unconstitutional and void, it was held here Thursday by Judge R. B. Minor of the Fifty-Seventh District Court. The ruling was made in a case filed by J. E. Elgin against Gov. Pat Neff, Adjutant General Thomas D. Barton and other State officials to restrain them from paying out money and from organizing and equipping the ranger force. A perpetual injunction was granted.

Judge Minor held the law unconstitutional and in violation of three articles of the State Constitution.

CROTON PIE SUPPER EXPENDITURES

These are the things bought and paid for by me for the Croton High School Interscholastic League fee, \$2.00; 3c money order and 2c stamp; 1 Wilson J4 basket ball for Senior Boys \$10.00, and postage \$16.20; 1 vaulting pole, \$5.90, \$1.10 postage \$6.10; 1 Javelin, \$4.67, freight, \$5.17; 1 Wilson J4 basketball for Juniors, \$10.00 and postage, \$10.20; 1 basketball whistle, 50c; 1 basketball book \$3.50; 1 volley ball rule book, 25c; 6 basketball shirts at \$2.50 and postage, \$15.25; 3 Indian heads at 65c and postage, \$5.30; Trimming for 8 pants at 80c and postage, \$6.50; 1 pair pants, \$2.50; 1 pair good nets 40c; 8 numbers at 12c, 96c; Adhesive tape, 15c. Grand total \$68.00; Note on piano \$32.00; Total spent by me \$100.03. Total taken in and given me from pie supper, \$99.93.

A. C. GENTRY, Prin.

HOW ABOUT YOU?

When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature of Illinois and was badly swamped. He next entered business—failed—and spent 17 years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner.

He was in love with a beautiful woman to whom he became engaged and then she died.

Entering politics again he ran for Congress and was badly defeated. He then tried for an appointment in the United States Land Office, but failed. After this he became a candidate for the United States Senate and was defeated.

In 1856 he became a candidate for the vice presidency, but lost the race. In 1858 he was once more defeated, this time by Douglas.

In the face of all this, he eventually became one of the country's greatest men, if not the greatest.

How would you stand in face of such setbacks? Think it over.

—Helo Spur Grow—
Joe Lambert, who has been farming on the plains near McAdoo the past year or two, has moved his family to Spur where he has accepted a position with Spur Grain & Coal Company. Mr. Lambert has purchased lots in the city and will build a residence immediately, thus making Spur his permanent home for the future. We are glad to have Mr. Lambert and family back with us and wish them much prosperity here.

— THIS MEANS YOU
If your clothes are nicely cleaned, pressed and repaired, you'll always look distinguished and feel better.

SPUR TAILOR SHOP

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WHAT NEXT?

So rapid has been the progress of science and invention in the past few years that many are wondering where it will all end. Once in a while some one predicts that we have about reached the limit of new discoveries, but these remind us of the government clerk in the Patent Office in Washington, who resigned, giving as his reason that inasmuch as practically everything that could be invented and patented had already been invented, he wanted to go into some line of work which promised employment for the future.

This is a true story the most striking part of which is that the resignation of the clerk referred to took place in the year 1837.—Haskell Free Press.

OUR WELCOME TO SPUR

On January 8th, some of the good people of Spur Baptist Church gave us a cordial welcome, by coming and bringing a lot of good things to eat, yes, valuable to us and very much appreciated by this Missionary and his family.

Most of all the spirit that prompted the gifts. We feel we are among fine people and are glad to be citizens of Spur. May the God of all Grace reward every giver and help us to be of service to all while here.

Very truly yours to serve,
J. O. TIDWELL.

—Helo Spur Grow—

Geo. S. Link has been out of the city several days this week on business in connection with the Bryant-Link chain of stores throughout West Texas.

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A PORK BARREL ON EVERY FARM

According to press reports one of the great manufacturing companies of this nation is making a saving of \$11,000 per day on what was formerly wasted. The writer well remembers when cotton seed was wasted; it is now a valuable article of commerce. It is generally understood that the packing industry could never have been such a great success as it now is were it not for the way it has converted into valuable by-products, what was formerly wasted. Paraffin was at one time worthless; it is now a valuable by-product from petroleum. Only a few years ago the sugar cane after being crushed was practically a waste; now it is manufactured into a valuable article of commerce.

On a cotton farm that is properly fenced, the hog is a by-product, or a side line, and it is a consumer of by-products—the waste that is now taking place on nearly every cotton farm. The value of a good brood sow on the farm was never before so well known as in the work done at the A. & M. College by G. W. Warren, Swine Husbandman at the experiment station, W. L. Stangel in charge of the school of agriculture, A. & M., and A. L. Ward, secretary Texas Swine Breeders' Association. From a 260 pound hog, they produced the following:

Hams, 38 pounds at 32c, \$12.16; breakfast bacon, 26 pounds at 30c, \$7.80; pork products, 30 pounds at 40, \$12.00; pork lard, 4 gallons at \$2, \$8.00; total \$56.96. Live weight value \$26.00, which shows a profit of \$33.96.

The feeding of a litter of 14 pigs by Edgar F. Laird at Amarillo, for 180 days, producing 4,291 pounds of pork and making a profit of \$225.00 in 180 days, shows the value of a good brood sow.

When something near these two demonstrations are combined on each cotton farm in Texas, the people of this State will not have to spend seventy-five million dollars for imported pork products.

The Commissioner of Agriculture of Texas tells us that the cotton crop of 1924 will cost 24 1/2 cents per pound to produce.

The writer has seen cotton sell from 3 1/2 cents to 4 cents per pound at the present cost of production. If cotton goes back to 8c or 10c what will happen Bankruptcy.—By C. C. French, Industrial Agent, Fort Worth Stockyards Co.

Help Spur Grow—

Jeff D. Harkey was here Saturday a short time from Dickens, transacting business affairs. Mr. Harkey is now manager for the Matadors in the sale of lands being cut up for agricultural purposes. This land is to the east of Dickens, and when settled and developed will mean much to the resources of Dickens, county. Much of the land has already been sold, and a number of new farm homes now being built, and a consideration acreage will be placed under cultivation this year. Practically all of the big ranches of Western Texas are now being cut into small tracts and sold for agricultural development to the actual settlers and home builders. Soon the last evidences of the Old West will disappear, and even the roughest sections will be given over to stock-farming.

Help Spur Grow—

Miss Isabel Elliott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliott of the Spring Creek Ranch to the southwest of Spur, was brought to the Nichols Sanitarium Saturday where she underwent an operation Sunday in relieving a condition resulting from pneumonia. Miss Isabel had been suffering of pneumonia several days and was in a very critical condition. It is hoped that the operation and treatment at the Sanitarium will give relief and Miss Isabel will soon be received completely.

Help Spur Grow—

We met John Latham Saturday on the streets of Spur. This is the first time we have seen Mr. Latham in many moons. Several years ago he moved West, and we had nearly lost trace of him until he recently returned to the old home back in the Red Hill community. We are glad to welcome J. H. Latham and family back to Dickens county.

Help Spur Grow—

J. W. Smith, of near Dickens, was among the number on the streets last week. He is again becoming enthused in the possibility of oil developments in the country at this time. During the time test wells were being drilled on the Davis and 24 ranches, Mr. Smith was among those who traded extensively and continuously in leases and royalties. Sure in the conviction that oil will be uncovered in this section, it is very probable that lease and royalty trading will again soon be revived in this territory as a result of tests to be made on the Pichfork Ranch, the first test well to spud in the last of this month.

Help Spur Grow—

J. O. Tidwell and family recently moved to Spur and are now welcome citizens among us. Mr. Tidwell is Baptist Missionary for the Dickens Association, including both Dickens and Motley counties, he and family coming from Lake View, in Hall county.

CROSBY COUNTY OFFICERS GET STILL UNDER CAP ROCK

The Sheriff's department made a big haul Tuesday, when they captured a big still under the cap rock south of town.

The officers had been suspecting that there was a still somewhere in the neighborhood in which it was captured, and had been searching for it.

Monday, a young man who was trapping in the pasture came upon two negroes digging a hole. The trapper was ordered to get out quick and he did. He came to Ralls and reported the constable Reed. Reed came to Crosbyton, secured some assistance and went to the scene where they located the still. The premises were vacated and no trace of the bootleggers were found.

It was said that something like two barrels of whiskey, 4 or 5 sacks of sugar, 20 barrels of mash and other paraphernalia was taken in the raid which was brought to town and stopped on the court house yard where a crowd was soon inspecting the catch.—Crosbyton Review.

Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jacobson, of near Spur, were pleasant callers recently at the Texas Spur office, having his name added to the ever-growing list of readers. We are very glad to add Mr. Jacobson's name to the list of Texas Spur readers.

Help Spur Grow—

We received letter this week from A. E. McBroom, who recently moved from the Spur country to Brownfield, kicking about not receiving his Texas Spur. We hope that Mr. McBroom will prosper in his new home, and that hereafter he will receive his paper regularly, read it each week, and we guarantee that if he does he will be "trekking back to Dickens county within the course of a year or two at most."

Help Spur Grow—

D. G. Odam, who has been in Spur some time with Mrs. Odam who underwent an operation last week at the Nichols Sanitarium, dropped in at the Spur office and renewed his subscription. Friday of last week the Baptist Ladies Circle of Spur, accompanied by other ladies of the city, went in a body to the sanitarium to visit Mrs. Odam, presenting her a beautiful bouquet of flowers and otherwise cheering her while convalescing. His neighbors up on the plains have also assisted Mr. Odam by picking out his cotton crop and hauling in his feed, and are now hauling lumber out for him with which to build a house on his place.

Mr. Odam asked the Texas Spur to express their thanks and sincere appreciation to all of the people for their kindnesses and help during these troublous days. We have always said that the people of this country had hearts of gold, and D. G. Odam now knows this to be true. We had rather be a pauper among West Texas people than a millionaire in a cold, unfeeling world.

Help Spur Grow—

Harvey S. Holly, of near Dickens called in Tuesday and renewed his subscription to Texas Spur, and further favored us by bringing with him another new subscriber in the person of D. F. Christopher of Roaring Spring. We appreciate such favors as this, and they will not soon be forgotten. Harvey Holly recently sold his farm north of Dickens, purchasing a larger place between Spur and Dickens where he is now located and making preparations for another bumper crop—and we are hoping that he makes it.

Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. T. C. Ensey, who recently underwent an operation at the Nichols Sanitarium, is now reported doing nicely and rapidly regaining health and strength, we are glad to note.

Help Spur Grow—

T. T. Clark, of McAdoo, was among the recent business visitors to Spur.

Help Spur Grow—

W. F. Bradshaw came down recently from the plains country near McAdoo, greeting his friends from down in the "breaks."

A SPAN OF MULES FOR SALE

These mules are extra large, weighing 1300 to 1350 lbs., gentle, priced right. See G. W. Bennett, 8 miles northwest of Dickens, Texas. 11-3tp.

Help Spur Grow—

Sheriff and Mrs. M. L. Jones, of Dickens, were visitors Wednesday in Spur.

CATLEMAN DIES SUDDENLY

F. D. Hendrix, who left town this morning with Ben Brothers, died in a filling station at Paducah, shortly after his arrival.

Mr. Hendrix who was nearly 70 years of age, had frequent sinking spells, and Mr. Brothers says when they left the auto he called on him to hold him as he was going to fall. He was laid down and Mrs. Hendrix and Dr. McDaniel phoned for, who started for Paducah in the Smith ambulance. Mr. Hendrix, however, died fifteen minutes after he felt the sinking spell coming on John Frank and Joe, survive him. He had moved here over a quarter century ago from Ohio, and had large ranching interests at various times.—Quanah Tribune-Chief.

NEWS OF WEST TEXAS

LUBBOCK—All but about \$60,000 of the \$350,000 bonus required for the building of the rail road from Lubbock west through Level-land to the New Mexico line has been raised and the remaining amount will be raised at once.

MULBUSHOE—Bailey County has just voted \$60,000 Court House Bonds for the purpose of building a modern county court house. Bailey County has a very prosperous crop year for her farmers and many new farms were put under cultivation during 1924.

BRADY—A large deposit of mica has been found near Brady. J. L. Anderson owner of the land has just made a contract with the Ford Mica Company of New York for a part of the production. Considerable tonnage of the mineral substance is now available.

ALPINE—Much interest is now being evinced along the lower border of the Big Bend County in the Great Southern part of Brewster County to get a national park for the joint cooperation of the State and National Governments.

BEST—Best a thriving town of West Texas, will have a large number of visitors at the District Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to be held at Big Spring, February 5th.

BRECKENRIDGE—Stephens Co. Bond issue for the sum of \$250,000 to build a new modern court house carried a few days ago by a substantial majority.

W. E. Gates, manager of the Afton Garage, was among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday, and while here paid the Texas Spur office a pleasant visit. He reports that the cotton is about all out around Afton, the gins now running only at intervals to take care of the ginnings.

Help Spur Grow—

Dr. J. N. Haney, of Afton, was a Spur visitor Wednesday of this week. The Doctor just recently returned from Lubbock where he had been in a hospital for treatment of an injury which came near resulting in the serious consequences of blood poisoning. We are glad to see Dr. Haney able to be out again.

Help Spur Grow—

Clem and O. K. Harkey, of Katy, are in Spur this week visiting Newt, Roy and Uncle Tom Harkey.

Help Spur Grow—

L. B. McMeans, of near the city, was here Saturday buying supplies and meeting with friends.

Help Spur Grow—

John Southworth came over Saturday and spent the day here meeting with friends and incidentally pushing sales for the Matador lands.

Help Spur Grow—

We met J. I. Greer on the streets Wednesday and he had the Texas Spur sent to his daughter, Mrs. Jack Ward of Hollywood, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Ward have been in Hollywood the past year, having moved from Colorado where they were formerly located.

Help Spur Grow—

"Red Mud" Lambert, of the Pitchfork Ranch, was among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Help Spur Grow—

PLOW FOR SALE—A double disc plow, P. & O., with two sets sharp disc. Price \$45.00. 4 miles east of Spur on Red Hill road.—C. S. Leatherman. 12 1tp.

Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch, spent Wednesday in Spur the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Garner.

Help Spur Grow—

W. T. Lovell was here Wednesday from his home out near Wichita. Since Lovell had some "nervous goats" shipped in from Tennessee, his place has become somewhat of a show-place, and several orders have been taken for more goats of the same kind for other of that country. These goats are unknown to any other part of the United States except in the one locality of Tennessee. The main characteristics of these goats is in the fact that they can not climb and when excited they fall down as if paralyzed.

Help Spur Grow—

A. C. George, of Highway, was greeting friends Wednesday on the streets of Spur.

Help Spur Grow—

P. E. Hagins, of Gilpin, was among the business visitors in the city Wednesday.

Help Spur Grow—

J. Carlisle has sufficiently recovered from his indisposition to be in town Wednesday of this week.

Help Spur Grow—

Henry Austin was among the number in the city Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything now in fine shape.

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WHY MEN FAIL

There is a cause for everything! Nothing ever "just happens". If a man is promoted to a better job there is a cause. If a man loses his job there is also a cause.

There are many causes that lead to failure. Here is a list of the most common causes.

1. Finding fault with the other fellow but never seeing your own.

2. Doing as little as possible and trying to get as much as possible for it.

3. Spending too much time showing up the other fellows weak points and too little time correcting your own.

4. Slandering those you do not like.

5. Procrastination—putting off until tomorrow something that you should have done day before yesterday.

6. Deceit—talking friendly to the other fellow's face and stabbing him in the back as soon as he turns around.

7. False belief that you are smart enough to reap a harvest of pay before sowing a crop of honest service.

8. Disloyalty to those who have trusted you.

9. Egotism—the belief that you know it all and no one can teach you anything.

10. Last, but not least, lack of the necessary training and education to enable you to stand at the head of your line of work.

Look this list over and check your self up by it. If none of these causes for failure apply to you, then you are to be congratulated, because you are a success!—Ex.

INCOME TAX IN A NUTSHELL

Who? Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of \$2,500 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more must file returns.

When? The filing period is from January 1 to March 15, 1925.

Where? Collector of internal revenue for the district in which the person lives or has his principal place of business.

How? Instructions on Form 100A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

What? Two per cent normal tax on the first \$4,000 of net income in excess of the personal exemptions and credits. Four per cent normal tax on the next \$4,000. Six per cent normal tax on the balance of the net income. Surtax on net income in excess of \$10,000.—Ex.

Help Spur Grow—

County Commissioner O. C. Newberry, of Afton, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday. While here Mr. Newberry dropped around at the Texas Spur office and left a dollar and fifty cents for the renewal of his subscription.

Help Spur Grow—

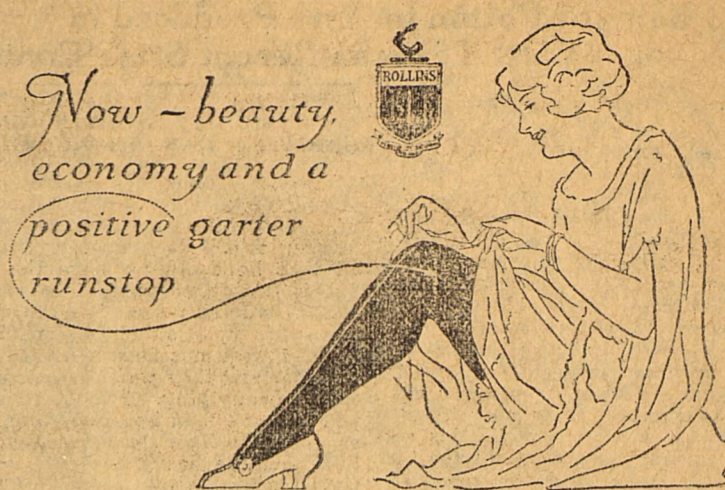
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Help Spur Grow—

Tom Greer came in Monday from the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur.



No more embarrassing garter runs—

Rollins Runstop—always red and always at the knee—gives you complete silk stocking satisfaction.

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C. R. EDWARDS & COMPANY

Albert Power, of the Afton country, was among the number in Spur Tuesday of this week. Albert Power is recognized as one of the best and most successful farmers of Dickens county, and last year he demonstrated this to be a fact by winning the first prize given by the Spur Chamber of Commerce for the best feed crop produced. While he was not in the state contest for the best cotton, yet his cotton crop ranked up among the best produced in the country.

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Miscellany Wants!

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

WHY PAY RENT?

We are cutting up the Figure 4 Ranch in Bailey county into 160 acre farms at \$20 per acre, giving 33 years to pay for same. Fine cotton and corn land. If you want good farm land at low prices and good terms, see this before you buy.—Perry & Cram, Agents, Plainview and Sudan, Texas. 6tf

FOR SALE OR TRADE—My

home of 7 acres, well improved, 5-room house with 4 closets, 2 fireplaces, well finished inside and out, located one-half mile from Spur townsite; cistern and well, and all necessary outbuildings, carbide lights. Price \$5,500. See J. J. Albin. 11-4t.

FARM FOR SALE—127 1-2 acres,

86 acres in cultivation, 10 miles N. W. Spur, cornering with Highway school ground, \$35 per acre. Good mixed sandy land, and the best water at 20 feet. See E. C. Edmonds or J. J. Albin, Spur. 11-4t.

Half and Half Cotton Seed, first

year from originator. 1100 pounds seed cotton guaranteed to produce 500 pound bale of lint cotton. Write me for circular and prices.—Ed Taylor, Queen City, Texas. 8-12tc

STRAYED—one brown M horse,

6 years old, 15 1-2 hands high; one bay mare mule unbranded, 14 hands high, 10 years old. Will pay \$5.00 for their return to the Godfrey Ranch on old Owens place 12 miles southwest of Spur.—A. M. Hoover 10-2p

Buff Orpington Roosters for sale at \$2.00 each.—Mrs. T. J. Hicks Afton Texas 14-4tp

FOR RENT—Front bedroom.—Phone 66. 11-2tc.

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Wanted—sewing of any kind.—Mrs. F. I. Hale, Dickens, Texas

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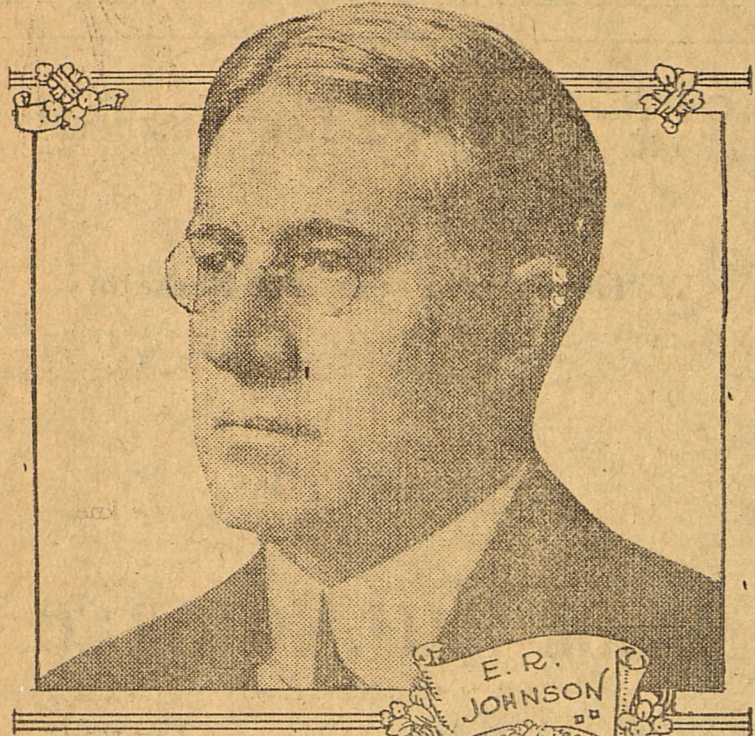
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America's most famous opera and concert stars have been placed at the disposal of the radio public through the efforts of E. R. Johnson, president and founder of the Victor Talking Machine Company, in co-operation with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

This departure from what Herbert Hoover recently termed "an endless diet of jazz" in radio programs, is the outgrowth of a movement on the part of both companies to improve the standards of radio music, and, it is believed, will have far-reaching consequences. It is Mr. Johnson's opinion that the influence of good music in the home is as important to the growing child as the in-

fluence of happy environment and home life. Under tentative arrangements between the two companies the Victor artists will appear at regular intervals during the present year, giving radio recitals and concerts.

Among the stars from whom selections will be made are many whose names are household words in American homes. They are: Frances Alda; Harold Bauer; Lucrezia Bori; Emilio de Gogorza; Giuseppe de Luca; Miguel Pléta; Jean Gordon; Maria Jeritza; Giovanni Martinelli; Margarete Matzenauer; John McCormack; Rosa Ponselle; Ernestine Schumann-Heink; Antonio Scotti and the Pionzalez Quartet.

**Community Cemetery Association Meeting
to be Held Sunday at First Christian Church**

Because of the uninviting weather last Sunday the Community meeting called by the Spur Cemetery Association was postponed until next Sunday, January 25th, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at which time it will be held at the First Christian Church.

The meeting is for the purpose of having the community as a whole join in the work of beautifying and caring for the cemetery in an appropriate and systematic manner, in keeping with the respect due those who sleep in the Silent City. A driveway has been opened directly to the cemetery, the city water is being installed and it is desired to employ a sexton to do other improvements and keep the grounds attractive and presentable in due reverence and respect to the dead.

Every individual in the town and country is invited and urged to attend the meeting Sunday afternoon at the First Christian Church, and thus help and encourage this worthy undertaking.

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Whiting returned this week from a month spent in Ft. Worth, Dallas and other points.

Help Spur Grow—
Tim Stovall, linotype operator on the Lubbock Avalanche, is here this week visiting his brother, Roy Stovall and family.

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. Tracy Gorham is in Mineral Wells, Fort Worth and Dallas, the guest of friends for the month.

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. Rosamond returned this week from Dallas where she had been with Mrs. W. J. Rosamond who is in a hospital, having recently had a foot amputated. She is reported now doing nicely.

Help Spur Grow—
T. S. Lambert came to town Wednesday. He recently sold out and now has nothing to do but take life easy.

**Amidst Unparalleled Events in Political
History, First Woman Governor Inaugurated**

Austin, Jan. 20.—A woman sits today in the seat of power, where since the birth of Texas, only men have sat.

A kiss bestowed upon the state's oldest official Bible, an oath to uphold the laws, a promise to consecrate her life to her state, and Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson of Temple, Texas, became the first woman governor of the union's largest state.

The investiture of the woman governor was an epic in speech and song. A few thousand of her fellow citizens witnessed the simple, impressive ceremonies in the hall of the representatives, while from 20,000 to 30,000 stood outside the granite walls of the great capitol as history carved another epoch within.

Without parallel among the stirring events of Texas history, was the induction of this erstwhile housewife to the premier political position in the state. The ceremony was dominated by the simple faith which the common people of Texas are said to cherish. It brought together under the roof of the historical capitol, the humble and the mighty, who mingling in a common cause, brought the myrrh and incense of political fealty and laid them at the feet of the woman here, in the birth of a new time.

So great was the crowd attempting to get into the inaugural that the governor's party was unable to enter when it called at the door. Six thousand persons jammed the hall, while uncounted thousands packed the rotunda of the capitol on every floor and overflowed into the capitol grounds.

As she came forth, Mrs. Ferguson was greeted by a tumult of roars and music. "The Old Gray Mare Band", from Brownwood, which brought the mare herself into the capitol, struck up "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You" as Mrs. Ferguson, accompanied by her husband, former governor James E. Ferguson, came out to the front of the platform and stood while members of her party took their places.

Mrs. Ernest Thompson of Amarillo, with the band sang as the band played. The little grandson of the Ferguson, Ernest Nallie, was brought in on the shoulder of his father, George E. Nallie.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson stood at the speaker's rostrum, all smiles and bowing, as the band continued to play and the officials and dignitaries found their seats on the platform. The great hall was full of noise and cheering.

Mrs. Ferguson wore a black silk gown, trimmed with wide gray fur, and gaily beaded. Her hat was a brown, close-fitting creation, with a turned-down brim, and black goose quills. She wore a black coat, black satin slippers completed the costume.

The governor's salute of 17 guns for Pat M. Neff, retiring governor, began to boom at 11:50 and continued at intervals, while the governor's party was attempting to get into the hall.

Governor Neff came to the platform with Mrs. Ferguson and then took a position on the right of the platform. Mrs. Neff and Miss Halie Maude Neff, the governor's daughter, were with the party.

Personal friends in the audience frequently gained Mrs. Ferguson's attention and she bowed and smiled at them. Otherwise, her face showed composure.

She held the manuscript of her first piece to the legislature, in her right hand with a glove, the bare hand showing a diamond ring. Before she took her seat, the band played "Put on Your Old Gray Bonnet."

Help Spur Grow—
AGRICULTURAL CENSUS WILL BE COMPLETE BY FEBRUARY

The agricultural census being taken throughout the nation is scheduled to be completed by February first. In Dickens county W. J. Clark is making the enumeration for the entire north part, while J. L. Karr is taking the enumeration in the Spur precinct. In this commissioners precinct there will be approximately five hundred listed at the head of farming operations.

Help Spur Grow—
TOURNAMENT IN GIRLS BASKET BALL AT DICKENS IN FEB.

There will be a tournament in girls basket ball, to be held in Dickens on the second Saturday in February to determine the County Championships. Contestants will meet at one o'clock to draw for places. All are invited to participate.—Frank Speer, Director of County Athletics.

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No matter how long you have had a persistent, weakening cough—no matter how many remedies you have tried without success—you can usually get relief instantly, and often relieve the entire cough condition in 24 hours, by a very simple method. The method is in the 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 it, without following with water. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and heals soreness and irritation, but it quickly loosens and removes the phlegm and congestion which are the direct cause of the coughing. The prompt relief seems almost magical, and the quickness with which the whole cough condition disappears is often simply amazing. There is nothing better for coughs, chest colds, bronchitis, bronchial asthma, hoarseness, and almost every throat irritation. Economical, too, as the dose is only one teaspoonful. On sale at all good druggists. Ask for



McADOO NEWS

Afts after a silence of a few weeks, caused by having been frozen up, we will come back with a few news items.

We had a nice little snow Saturday night which will at least lay the dust for a while.

School is progressing nicely, altho there are a goodly number of the smaller pupils absent on account of colds, or it seems more like a mild form of "flu."

Miss Woody, our music teacher was called to her home in Girard over two weeks ago on account of the illness of her mother, and later her father was also sick. We are glad to note that they are both sufficiently improved that she will return today, Tuesday. We missed her so much and are glad for her to be with us again.

McAdoo is certainly on a boom. There has been a vast amount of improvement of late. A man from Wake, who was formerly in business here, has moved his store building here and is enlarging it and will go into business here again.

Mr. Eldredge, west of town has moved his residence into town.

Mr. Ollie Bailey moved his dwelling into town. The drug store was moved in line. The restaurant is to be moved, and our congenial merchants the Edwards Mercantile Co., are talking of putting up a new store. The Methodist church which is situated one mile west of town is to be moved down this week. The Church of Christ have the funds raised to erect a church home, and will begin work on it in the near future. Mr. Meeks, who runs a thriving business here, also moved a residence in from the farm which he bought last fall, and will move his family here from Roaring Springs.

Mr. J. C. Carmack has moved out to the farm which he recently purchased.

Mr. Wallace, our druggist and postmaster, has moved into the residence vacated by Mr. Carmack. Cotton picking is a thing of the past the gins having both closed down. The two gins have ginned about 4000 bales of cotton. We hear that Mr. Guthrie, manager of one of the gins is going to move away, possibly to Quanah. We are sorry to lose them from our little town.

J. J. Brandley will leave today for Amarillo, where he will enter the Dinky Barber school.

Early B. McAnalley, who has been visiting in our community, is returning to his home at Hamilton, Texas. Mr. McAnalley is a very congenial lad and we shall miss him.

The play "Old Oaken Bucket" put on by the school Saturday evening was a howling success regardless of the snow which was falling at the time.

Our boys played a game of basket ball with Afton Friday afternoon, with a score of fourteen to thirteen in McAdoo's favor, but in this case the refereeing counted more than the playing so three minutes before the close of the last right minutes quarter time was called and the score announced right to thirteen favor Afton, by the home referee.—Reporter.

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. Hollingsworth, our County Demonstrating Agent, is attending the edistrict meeting in Fort Worth. Her sons, John Jr., and Sam are visiting their grandfather in Stephenville, during their mother's absence.

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ECONOMY JUST NORTH OF SPUR NATIONAL BANK

MRS. W. D. WILSON ENTAINED THE JOI DE VOI CLUB

Mrs. W. D. Wilson complimented the Joi de Voi club Wednesday afternoon with a Bridge party. There were four tables of Bridge. Mrs. Roy Harkey making high score. Mrs. C. L. Love and Mrs. Oran McClure tied for high guest score and Mrs. Cecil Fox won consolations.

At the close of the games Mrs. Jennings in serving lovely refreshments to the following club members and other guests. Mesdames Ray Dickson, Bill Putman, Edgar McGee, C. L. Love, Oran McClure, J. E. Brown, Mac Brown, Cecil Fox, L. H. Perry, Roy Harkey, Algiers, Whitely, Rosemond, F. W. Jennings, Sol Davis, Laverty, and Roy Moses.

Help Spur Grow—
DIED

The little three years old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Belcher, of the north part of Dickens county, died Thursday morning in Spur. The little child was brought to the Nichols Sanitarium Wednesday night where an unsuccessful operation was performed for relief of locked bowels. Friends of the family were in Spur Thursday to accompany the remains to Dickens where interment will be made.

Help Spur Grow—
DIED

The one month old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Wright Hinson, of the Catfish country, died at their home Sunday, January 18th, the remains being brought to Spur for interment. The Texas Spur joins friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hinson in extending sympathy to them in this bereavement.

Help Spur Grow—
DIED

The eight months old child of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murray died the first of the week at their tent home in the suburbs of Spur. The family had just recently arrived in Spur from Ranger where they lost everything they possessed in a fire. They have our sympathy now in this great loss and bereavement.

Help Spur Grow—
WANTED—Farm to share crop

on halves, and provisioned for self, wife, girl and three sons.—W. M. Phillips on Mr. J. Dmovan's place one mile from Afton. Also want to rent 50 acres for another son. 12-1p

**WHO SAYS THAT IT
CAN'T BE DONE**

The fast Croton High School team played the Dickens High School team off their feet and won the game by the score of 23 to 14.

The Dickens team went into the game over confident while the Croton team went in the game to beat a hard team. Before the Dickens team knew it the Croton team had piled up a good score and played a rather defensive than offensive game. The Croton team was never in danger of being defeated as the Dickens team was never closer than seven points to their opponents during the game.

The game was not without thrills even though it was a one sided game. Richard Thacker jumped and slapped two in the basket while Grover Meadors made two field goals that would have brought college fans to their feet. They were made with one hand as he was running in the opposite direction of the goal. The Croton team showed good team work throughout the game and played a cool and steady game until the last three minutes of play. Grover Meador was struck on the head by the knee of Jack Gipson which was purely an accident, but which knocked him "coo koo" during the next three minutes of play and during which time Dickens made six points.

The score of the game by periods: End of first quarter, Croton 9, Dickens 2; End of half, Croton 13; Dickens 6; End of third quarter, Croton 19, Dickens 8; Three minutes to play, Croton 23, Dickens 8; End of game, Croton 23, Dickens 14.

The Croton team had a good, live bunch of rooters, that kept the team strung to their highest pitch of efficiency, with their yells and songs. This game makes two wins out of three over the Dickens team and should be sufficient proof that Croton has the stronger team.

The Dickens team are good sports. They took defeat with a smile and did not offer a dozen albies, as most teams do.

This is the Croton and Dickens game from a Croton view point.—Reporter.

Help Spur Grow—
Miss Iva Burlison, who is teaching in the Peacock school was the weekend guest of Mrs. Roy Moses.

LINES WE ARE GOING TO CLOSE!

This Week We Place for Final Closeout Sale!!

50 pieces 32 inch Gingham at 21c fast color and a first class cloth.

Several lines of Ginghams at 10c and 17c.
Mens Leather Jackets \$8.95 and \$9.95.

Outings in 36 inch cloth, dark and light shades, including pink, light blue and white at 22c.

Big reduction in many lines of Ladies Footwear sizes well assorted.

All mens shop made Boots at 10 per cent reduction. Also in Mens Bootees.

25 doz. Work Shirts to close at 69c.
10 doz. Boys Work Shirts at 50c.

25 doz. Mens Muleskin Gloves to close at 50c pair.
20 pieces Cotton Checks at 10c.

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Another War With Germany is Predicted To Occur Within the Next Two Years

(By Harry R. Flory.)
London, Eng., Jan. 3.—There will be another war with Germany within the next two years, and crown prince William will become kaiser of Germany, in the opinion of William Le Queux, novelist and former journalist, who voiced his fears in a speech before the Hastings Rotary Club.

Le Queux is understood to have intimate knowledge of the secret services of the continental powers, and is frequently consulted by various governments on subjects connected with spying.

In his book, "The Invasion," published in 1908, he predicted the outbreak of the World War.

"I expect to be ridiculed for this prediction," Le Queux said, "just as I was when I prophesied correctly the last war. But the war of revenge is on the lips of everybody in Germany today. There is now in England, as there always has been, the hidden hand at work. I hope the Baldwin government will take steps to be prepared."

Le Queux quoted French official intelligence reports to prove that Germany is preparing, manufacturing poison-gas and grem bombs in plants supposed to be manufacturing laces and dyes; constructing more "Big Berthas" and storing up guns and ammunition in all sorts of "outlandish" places.

"Outside Hanover there is an experimental laboratory established in a private house," Le Queux declared, "where well-known bacteriologists are even now working on bacteria of deadly and contagious diseases."

"One method by which the Germans hope to spread these diseases is by exporting a great quantity of chocolates which have been infected with various germs."

"In dozens of towns all over Germany there are hidden stores of rifles and machine guns. Many of these have been discovered by the allied control commission, but the majority are well hidden."

"A great store of arms in the barracks near Leipzig was revealed by a man named Dietrich, who recently in consequence was sent to a penal servitude for 14 years by the imperial court of Leipzig, the highest court in Germany."

"It is also known that stores of arms and ammunition exist in Berlin, Stendahl, Magdeberg, Halle, Hirschberg and many other places."

"In addition to the seven Big Berthas which the Germans hid successfully after the armistice and still have in readiness, it is known that she has constructed four other colossal guns which have a range of 120 miles, so that should she get to any part of the French or Belgian coast, between Nieuport and Dieppe, London could be bombarded."—El Paso Herald.

Help Spur Grow
THE NEWSPAPER GRIND
H. G. Wells is not yet an old man, but the products of his literary efforts are stupendous. He has written novels, tracts, and an outline of the world's history. He is looked upon as one of the most voluminous producers of literature alive.

But recently he gave up the work of preparing articles every week for newspapers. This writing under tension and pressure is too much of a strain, he says.

One of the most energetic writers alive has found it too big a job to prepare something to order every week. Probably few people appreciate what this means, but there is not an editor alive who does not understand it.

The job of getting up copy week after week is often hard on the nervous system. It is trying and exacting, and not always conducive to the best workmanship. The editor or reporter fighting the deadline cannot always pause to take care in the proper selection of words cannot always look well to the ring of sentences. But readers who do not understand, are often prone to criticize. They see the defects—they do not understand the difficulties.

So when you go over your paper and occasionally see a sentence that might be improved, remember that the editor is forced to write at high speed under pressure, without time and opportunity to study carefully the construction of everything he writes.

Remember that one of the greatest writers of this age, finds the job of preparing newspaper copy too much.—Exchange.

Help Spur Grow
FREEDOM OF THOUGHT
Most of us pride ourselves on the fact that we do our own thinking. But do we? In the more important relations of life we certainly do not.

The two most vital matters affecting the average man's beliefs are his religion and his politics. Does he do his own thinking about these? Hardly.

If we take the Democrats of today we will find that at least nine out of ten had Democratic fathers. The same is true of Republicans. If we look into the family histories of the Baptists of today, for instance, we will find that 99 out of 100 had Baptist fathers and mothers. The same hold good with respect to other denominations. In the case of Catholics, practically 100 per cent will be found to have had parents of that faith.

Then, do we really think for ourselves? In minor matters, perhaps but in the most vital things of life we follow blindly the beliefs and convictions of our parents.

The lesson to be drawn from these facts is simply that we should be more tolerant of the beliefs and opinions of others. Had we been born under the same circumstances as they, we should have had their views, as a rule. Few people are independent enough in thought to break away from the influences of heredity and environment.—Ex.

Help Spur Grow

PRIZES ON BEST ESSAY ON LOCAL HISTORICAL SUBJECT

Austin, Texas, Jan. 20.—Every high school student in Texas will soon have the opportunity to compete for a series of cash prizes for the best essay on local historical subjects. These essays may be written about the town, the school, the church, some old fort, Indian fighter, soldier, or other interesting person in the community. Prizes range from \$40 to \$750, and each school may submit two essays. The contest was made possible by C. M. Caldwell, of Abilene, who has given \$100 for the prizes. Winning essays will be published in the leading papers of the State, and many of them will appear in the local county papers. The bulletin containing the winning essays of last year has just been issued by the University of Texas, and will be sent to any high school student, or teacher, or newspaper editor requesting it. It contains twenty essays written by high school students, together with full instructions and regulations for the new contest.

In addition to the contest for high school students, which is practically the same as the one conducted last year, there is also a contest for a sum of \$150, which will be offered in prizes of \$100 and \$50 for the best historical essays written by teachers of history in Texas high schools. Winning essays will be published in the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, and the names of the winners will be announced before the history section of the State Teachers' Association.

The purpose of these contests is to stimulate the interest of both teachers and students in the history of the community in which they live. Many valuable records and documents are yearly being destroyed, but it will be possible through this work to discover and preserve much of this material. Those who are interested may obtain the bulletin containing essays and rules by addressing W. P. Webb, director of the local history contest, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

Help Spur Grow
CALL DAY FOR WEST TEXAS MERCHANTS

There's a great time in store for a large number of West Texas merchants who attend the big Merchants' Day Celebration of the Manufacturers and Wholesales association held in Fort Worth during the Southwestern Fat Stock Show and Exposition to be staged from March 7 to 14.

B. B. Buckneridge, secretary of the Manufacturers and Wholesales association said that plans are being made to entertain at least 1,000 West Texas merchants who will be the guests of the association of that day.

Present plans call for a visit to the stock show in the morning, a free show at a local theater in the afternoon and a sumptuous banquet at the Texas Hotel in the evening.

MATADOR VOTES FOR HIGH SCHOOL BONDS

Matador, Texas, Jan. 15.—The bond election held in Matador Saturday, Dec. 20, for the purpose of deciding whether bonds to the extent of seventy thousand dollars should be issued for the purpose of erecting a new high school building in Matador carried by a large majority. There was some opposition to the issuing of this large amount of bonds. Not that any one denied that Matador greatly needed the additional school facilities, but some seemed to think that seventy thousand dollars was too much money for a small community to issue at this time. However, the great majority of the people of the community seemed to think that the need for the new school building overbalanced all other objections.

Help Spur Grow
EDGAR ALLEN APPOINTED CLERK IN CROSBY COUNTY

Edgar Allen was appointed by the Commissioners' Court on Monday to fill the office of County and District Clerk for the ensuing term.

I. R. Powell, who was elected to the office of County and District Clerk at the last election, died during the early fall and left the office vacant, and since Mrs. Powell could not accept the place, Mr. Allen was appointed.—Crosbytown Review.

Help Spur Grow
ARE LOYAL TO COMMUNITY

Tyrone Observer:—Tuesday an agent who makes this territory regularly, taking orders for shoes, clothing and various other line of merchandise, dropped into the Observer office. Upon being unsuccessful in obtaining an order remarked: "In covering my territory which comprises the Southwestern part of Kansas and three counties in the panhandle of Oklahoma, I have yet my first order to write for a newspaper man."

This causes one to wonder how many salesman taking orders for printing, can say the same thing of the business men of this section.—Exchange.

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SPUR, TEXAS

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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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Cardui, the Woman's Tonic, has helped suffering women for over forty years. Try it. At all druggists. E-100

W. R. Lewis returned this week from Comanche where he was called Sunday week on account of the death of his father. He arrived at the home just a short time after the death of his father, he being the only one of the children able to be present at the funeral. Mr. Lewis received the message apprising him of the serious condition of his father too late to catch the afternoon train so he drove in his car through the country.

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SPUR FARM LANDS

A REDUCTION IN LAND PRICES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER, 20 1924

For the First Time in the History of Spur, Farm Lands Sales, we Have Lowered existing Prices.

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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Spur, Dickens County, Texas

Thousands of Dollars Now Being Saved Which Formerly Was Wasted on the Farms

It was Postmaster General John Wanamaker who first officially suggested in 1891 the rural mail idea to Congress. The plan was fought in the legislative branch of the Government for five years before it was given a try-out.

The first bill authorizing the establishment of the service was introduced in the House by Representative James O'Donnell of Michigan, January 5, 1892. It carried an appropriation of \$6,000,000 but failed of passage. A year later Congress was induced to appropriate \$10,000 for experimental purposes followed in 1894 by \$20,000 more. Mr. Wanamaker, believing the amount insufficient even for experimental service, declined to use the money.

On January 9, 1896, \$10,000 was added by Congress and October 1, the same year the first experimental rural delivery service was established simultaneously on three routes in West Virginia, one from Charlestown one from Uvilla, and one from Halltown. From this small beginning, nine months later found the service operating on 82 routes emanating from 43 post offices in 29 states. Twenty-eight years later, or June 30, 1924, the Rural Mail Service had grown to 44,260 routes with a total mileage of 1,205,714.

In comparison with the insignificant appropriation of \$10,000 made by Congress more than a quarter of a century ago to inaugurate the service, it now requires an annual expenditure of \$89,250,000 to keep it functioning.

The first county to be completely covered by Rural Mail Services was Carroll County, Maryland, where county service was established December 20, 1899. There are very few counties in the country today that are not honeycombed to the uttermost corners with free mail delivery.

By 1915, 26,030 fourth class post offices had been discontinued as a result of the extension of the Rural Mail Service. It is estimated that an annual saving of \$1,613,640 was accomplished by the discontinuance of these offices while the elimination of star, or contract, routes is estimated to save \$3,482,670 per annum.

When the service was first inaugurated the salaries of rural carriers was only \$200 a year. They may now get as much as \$2,160 a year, depending on the length of the routes, while the motor routes of 50 miles or more pay salaries of \$2,450 to \$3,600.

Under the administration of H. H. Billany, present Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, a marked increase in rural delivery facilities has been made, the number of climbing from 43,649 to 44,760; the mileage from 1,159,239 to 1,205,714 and the number of individuals served from 29,113,883 to 29,921,123.

Illinois leads the nation both in the number of rural routes and in mileage, there being 2,637 routes covering a distance of 79,677 miles in that state. Ohio is second with 2,542 routes and a mileage of 63,820; Missouri third with 2,252 routes conferring 56,074 miles; Iowa fourth with 2,229 routes covering 60,734 miles; Texas fifth with 2,193 routes covering 59,998 miles; Pennsylvania sixth with 2,036 and 53,335 respectively, Kansas seventh with 1,902 and 55,464 respectively and New York eighth with 1,863 and 47,130, respectively.

J. J. Cloud was in the city the latter part of the week marketing home raised produce. Mr. Cloud is one farmer who always has something to sell. While many farmers come to town to buy, he is one who most generally comes with something to sell.

TOWN AND COUNTRY

Has it ever occurred to you that the farmers of Haskell county as well as the citizens of Haskell have a direct financial interest in the business life of our city?

If it hasn't here are some facts that you may find interesting:

A survey of farm values surrounding a town like ours was made recently. The average value of farms located within two miles of the city was \$78.00. Those located from two to four miles out were valued at \$70.20. The farms falling in the belt from four to six miles out of the city were appraised at \$60.90 and those from six to eight miles at \$58.20.

Thus the farms located near the city were worth \$20 more per acre than those located eight miles out. Why? Because it is worth money to be near good local markets, good places to trade, good schools and churches, and good entertainment. The farms eight miles out were just as good as far as soil, climate, and so forth were concerned, but the farms near the city were more desirable—people would pay a premium to be located near town.

If more location with reference to the town affects land values to such an extent, it follows that the kind of town has something to do with it. Naturally farms located near a live town are worth more than farms near a dead town, and the thing that makes a town live is the support its business and civic institutions receive from people living outside and nearby.

Farm and city are interdependent, and farmers of Haskell county will profit directly in doing their bit to help make Haskell a more prosperous and more progressive community.—Haskell Free Press.

ADVERTISING PAYS

The secret of the marvelous growth of the big city stores is persistent and judicious advertising. If they have attained wealth and marvelous expansion through advertising it is not likely that advertising will fail to help the local merchants. If the people of a town or neighborhood are failing to support the home stores as they should the trouble is likely to be with the merchants as with the people. Very likely some of them are not showing the enterprise they ought to in the matter of advertising.

Every page and column of the home newspaper is thoroughly scanned. People do not want to miss a single thing that has happened in their own neighborhood. Where a big city newspaper is hastily skimmed, and only a small part of the matter can be noted because of the enormous size of the publication, the home paper is not so big but that it may be thoroughly studied. As a consequence wherever the merchant places his ad in the home paper it is bound to be read for two reasons. First, because it is next to interesting news; second, because the people are just as much interested in the things that their home stores are doing as in the things that the local societies or people are doing. When people read the advertisement of a store it will not be long before they will call to see what you have for sale. The town where the merchants show enterprise and push in the matter of newspaper advertising is likely to be the same town where the stores have good success in holding the home trade.—Haskell Free Press.

Clifford B. Jones is in Austin this week to attend the inaugural ceremonies of Mrs. Ferguson. Some fifty thousand people from all parts of the state and nation will be in attendance, making this one of the grandest state events ever before witnessed.

OIL DEVELOPMENT FOR JAYTON IN SIGHT

A deal was closed here Tuesday by which a large body of land lying just north of Jayton was blocked for an oil lease. The land belongs to O. C. Lowrance, J. C. Jones, Mrs. Gertrude Pursley and others. Operations are to commence within a reasonable length of time.

Mr. J. C. Jones who has been assisting in getting the lease says that four big oil companies are interested in the proposition, that a geological survey has already been made and that a final survey will be made next week and the well spotted after which drilling will begin within 9 days.

This section of the country has been passed on by oil experts many times and they all agree that the indications for oil and gas are good.

Reports received from the well now being drilled near Swenson are encouraging. Dolmen here from Fort Worth who visited the Swenson well says that there is no doubt that the well will prove that field to be a very valuable addition to the oil territory of the state. Many thousands of dollars have changed hands there within the past week and leases are becoming more valuable daily.—Jayton Chronicle.

C. D. Copeland left Monday for Austin to attend the inaugural ceremonies of Mrs. Ferguson as governor of Texas. He will spend a few days in Austin and return by the way of Waco and Mart where he will visit among his old time friends and associates of former years.

Attorney W. D. Wilson returned the latter part of last week from Austin where he had been several days on legal business and also attending the opening scenes of the State Legislature. He returned Monday to Austin on legal business and also to attend the inauguration ceremonies of Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson as the first woman governor of the state.

The Farmers and Producers are Depended Upon to Feed and Clothe the World

The year 1924 has passed into history with its successes and disappointments about evenly divided. Let us hope that the year 1925 will bring greater success and fewer disappointments.

In making new resolutions, let us resolve that we will give to our generation more than was given to us, and leave the world better than we found it; that we will reduce cotton acreage, plant more feed crops, build up the soil, and produce more per acre. To do this requires unselfish labor properly directed.

As farmers and producers, we must feed and clothe the world. As consumers we must pay to the farmer the cost of production and a reasonable profit for his labor and investment, or he will finally fail to produce, and famine will encompass the land. To avoid this calamity two things are necessary: higher yields per acre and lower cost of production and distribution.

Better yields can only be accomplished by enriching the soil, proper cultivation and fighting the insects. The cost of fertilizer is too high to fertilize all the land and the cost of calcium arsenate is too high to kill all the insects. Then, it is necessary to reduce the cotton acreage to be poisoned and make a greater yield per acre.

We have many examples of splendid yields on small acreage and the conspicuous examples furnished last year in the Dallas News Contest of "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" of high yields per acre, where many farmers made more than a bale of cotton per acre and some two bales per acre. These examples should be of untold value to the farmers in arranging their crops for the present year and should enable them to produce as much cotton as was grown last year on a much smaller acreage and put the surplus land in feed crops so badly needed.

The cost of production must be reduced if cotton is to be profitably grown in the future. The cost can be reduced by building up the soil, by fighting insects, and by better cultural methods. The cost of distribution is both an economic and political question and must be met by proper organization of farmers for marketing purposes and by proper legislation to stop speculation in farm products, and to reduce freight rates on agricultural, horticultural and livestock products, even if it becomes necessary to increase freight rates on lighter and costlier articles.

The growing of cotton does not actually take more plant food from the soil than some other crops, but it is cultivated clean, and there is nothing left in the cotton fields to be plowed under to put humus in the soil, which is so necessary to retain moisture and plant food. If the green cotton stalks could be plowed under early in the fall, this would put some humus in the soil and greatly reduce the number of boll weevil the next year, but this is seldom done, for the cotton cannot be picked in time to do this in the greater part of the State. These conditions make it impossible to build up the soil on land that is planted in cotton every year. Legumes should be planted on lands not planted in cotton and build up the soil. All nations have failed when the soil failed to produce, and history will repeat itself in this country unless we stop robbing the soil.

The Government reports show that there were 16,195,000 acres planted in cotton in Texas last season. This is 40 per cent of the total acreage of the United States. Texas has produced about 4,800,000 bales of cotton, or at the rate of 3 1-2 acres to the bale. It costs too much to cultivate 3 1-2 acres of land to produce a bale of cotton, and on many farms it requires seven or

HOW THE GOVERNMENT HELPS THE PRINTER

The government has just contracted for twelve billion stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers which it will sell at retail for a trifle more than the cost of the stamps, and then throw in the printing for another trifle, beating the printers and stationers out of millions of dollars worth of business which properly should go to them.

One of these days some clerk in the Postal service will persuade Uncle Sam that it will be a great convenience to the public to sell dry goods and groceries and other commodities at less than cost, the business being carried on in a public place visited daily by the bulk of the people, with the overhead and all other expense absorbed in the postal deficit, and then the printers will have the laugh on business men who talk "buy at home" for the benefit of their farmer trade, but who cross their fingers when it comes to buying their own supplies.—Gib City Courier.

Arnold Copeland and family are moving this week to Meadows, on the plains west of Lubbock, where he will engage in the meat market and ice business. Arnold recently sold his farm east of Spur to Will Watson for a consideration of \$40 an acre. We hope that Arnold Copeland will enjoy an extensive and prosperous business at Meadows.

Volney Cain, of near Spur, was in the city Saturday, trading with merchants and meeting with his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Birdwell were in the city Monday of this week shopping and meeting with friends.

J. R. McArthur was on the streets Saturday. He had been spending the past week on his ranch in the edge of Garza and Crosby counties, looking after his cattle interests, reporting cattle doing nicely.

R. D. Williams, of ten miles west of Spur, was among the number in Spur Saturday, trading with Spur merchants.

W. D. Blair, of two miles east of Spur, was transacting business in Spur the first of the week.

R. E. Slough, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday greeting his friends here, and also trading some with Spur merchants.

T. A. Rogers is reported quite ill at his home in the city, having been confined several days this week to his room and bed. We are hoping that Mr. Rogers will soon be recovered and able to resume his place at the blacksmith shop.

Mr. Witt, of the Watson community to the southwest part of Spur, was trading and transacting other business in Spur Monday of this week. Mr. Witt reports everything progressing nicely in his section at this time.

H. C. Allen, of Dry Lake, came in Monday and spent a short time here meeting with his friends and transacting business matters. Mr. Allen informed us that he is this year putting in some new land on his place, stating that he expected to have practically all of his farm under cultivation after this year. Good, smooth, agricultural land is already becoming too valuable to lay out, and before many years every tillable acre of land will be placed under cultivation.

Mrs. Sizemore, of Croton, was shopping in the city Saturday.

Cicero Douglas, who has been gathering a crop of cotton purchased on the plains, was among the number of business visitors in Spur the past week. Mr. Douglas will probably make a crop this year on the plains near McAadoo.

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