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The Texas Spur

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Convention Delegations Return Thursday Morning From Mineral Wells

The big annual West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention of three days ended Wednesday and the large delegations came home through mud and water, the Spur delegation taking the day and entire night to get in.

In the grand parade Spur was again not the least representative, being awarded first prize on decorated automobile, and having the only agricultural exhibit in the parade. Mrs. Pierce as Madam Spur and Miss Kittie Powell as Miss Spur led the Spur contingent in the parade, followed by a decorated float of Dickens county products, the Spur Municipal Band making music. Will Walker had prepared chuck truck which accompanied the band and Spur delegation, striking camp in the convention city and enjoying a real outing in connection with the convention.

The next Convention in 1926 will go to Amarillo, that city being given almost the unanimous convention vote on the first ballot. Amarillo promised to be prepared to entertain fifty thousand, and build a convention hall seven thousand feet high.

The annual conventions of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce contribute materially in enlivening the West Texas spirit and in bringing the people closer together in promoting the united commercial interests throughout the year. While there may not be more than seven or eight thousand paying members of the organization, yet there are thousands of others who co-operate and contribute much in carrying out the work of better commercial interests.

Among the number attending the big convention this week at Mineral Wells are Mr. and Mrs. Rob Davis, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love, C. R. Miller, Lonnie Harris, Miss Willie Richbourg, as band sponsor, Mrs. Pierce, as Madam Spur, Miss Kittie Powell, as Miss Spur, Faust Collier and Floyd Barnett as escorts to Miss and Madam Spur, W. B. Lee, C. B. Jones, C. B. Cook, J. H. Busby, Will Walker, Jess Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, and many others.

Help Spur Grow
**MRS. ROBERT THANISCH DIED
AFTER A PROTRACTED ILLNESS**

Mrs. Robert Thanisch, who has been suffering of typhoid fever for nearly two months at their home in the Draper country, died Wednesday evening, he remains being interred Thursday in the Dickens cemetery.

For more than 50 days she was confined to her bed, and all that medical skill could do failed to give her relief. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lovell, and had been married only a short period of time. The Texas Spur extends the young husband and parents our sincere sympathy in this bereavement.

Help Spur Grow
CARD OF THANKS

I want to thank the many who gave me subscriptions to the Texas Spur in the contest just closed, making it possible in being awarded one of the handsome prizes. I appreciate the assistance given me by each and every one.—Thelma Harkey Gourassas.

ROSS BILBERRY DIED THURSDAY AT HIS HOME

Ross Bilberry, who has been suffering of typhoid fever the past twenty eight or thirty days, died Thursday afternoon at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bilberry, in Spur. After suffering of the fever for many days he contracted pneumonia, which caused his death within a short time.

Ross Bilberry leaves a wife and children. He had been making his home on the Plains where he was engaged in farming. The remains will be interred Friday in the Spur cemetery.

Clarence Bilberry, brother of Ross, has also been quite ill of typhoid fever in the same home, but it is reported doing well at this time.

The Texas Spur extends sympathy to the family in this bereavement and the misfortunes of illness now experienced in the home.

Help Spur Grow
**SCHOOL PLAY FRIDAY NIGHT
AT HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

The Senior Class of the Spur High School are giving a play, entitled "Rosetime," at the high school auditorium Friday night. The characters of the play will be represented by members of the class. The proceeds derived from the play will be used in paying graduating expenses of the class, and all those who attend will be highly entertained as well as extend courtesy and benefits due the class membership.

MARTIN KOONSMAN RESIGNES PLACE AS BRAND INSPECTOR

Martin Koonsman made a record signed his place on the Texas Ranger force and accepted a place with the Cattlemens Association as brand inspector for this district with headquarters at Dickens, left this week for Lockhart where he has accepted a place with the Katy Railway Company.

Martin Koonsman made a record on the Ranger force which gained state-wide recognition for him as an officer. In his new position with the Katy there is no question but that he will meet the requirements and fill the place with satisfaction to the railway officials and credit to himself.

It is not yet known who will take Mr. Koonsman's place here as brand inspector for the Cattlemens Association.

Help Spur Grow
**EXPERIMENT STATIONS
TO ASK MORE FUNDS**

Mineral Wells, Texas, May 5.—R. E. Dickson of Spur, superintendent of the State Experimental Station there, came in with the Spur delegation and reported that the farm has made progress in the last year and that he is especially grateful for the appropriation allowed by the last Legislature for the station. It receives \$15,000 annually. Most of the stations receive considerably less than this, some only \$4,400.

Help Spur Grow
20 bars of White Naptha laundry soap, \$1.00, at Spot Cash Grocery.

GEOLOGICAL MAP COMPLETED OF THE DAVIS WELL

Mr. Doub, who has been here some time making a geological survey and map of the Davis oil lease block to the northeast of Spur, left this week, having completed his work.

Practically all of the details of the lease acreage block of the Davis section have been completed in meeting the requirements of the proposed drilling contract, and we understand that Mr. Hodges will be here within a few

days to close the contract and start immediate drilling activities.

Since an oil bearing sand was encountered in the Davis territory in a former drilling which was incomplete, there are many of us anxious to see a thorough test made of the block, and which we are assured will be done if the acreage is completely blocked for the contractors.

PLANTING WAS INTERRUPTED TUESDAY BY MORE RAINS

Following the fine rains throughout the country the past week, many farmers were engaged Monday and Tuesday in putting seed of both cotton and feed in the ground, when this work was again interrupted by rains amounting to approximately one-half inch.

Since the first of May approximately five inches of rain has fallen over the country, some sections having even more than this amount while other sections have had less. However, the whole country is now in the very finest shape with respect to good seasons and prospects are now the very brightest for abundant harvests of varied crops this fall.

The long continued dry weather up to may first had become serious to many, even including many of the old timers who had in years past seen it remain dry here to June and July and then rains made it possible to harvest bumper crops.

West Texas is the most wonderful country in the world. We have lived here all our life and have never seen but one drouth, and this extended over East as well as West Texas, along in the eighties when provisions were shipped in to the various county seats. At that time Brown, Eastland and Taylor counties were considered the "frontier" of Texas and only a few men had attempted to farm. However, at this time of drouth many men refused to take the paupers oath and accept the provisions shipped in—and we believe the country would have "gotten by" in some way without assistance. That day is past. The crops, interests, resources and sources of income are now so varied that a total failure is not to be again considered.

Help Spur Grow
**TOM COONER BUYS THE
BURL HIGHT RESIDENCE**

Wednesday Tom Cooner, of the Spur Hardware & Furniture Company, purchased the Burl Hight residence in the west part of the city, the consideration in the sale not being made public.

Help Spur Grow
Special good quality 32 inch Gingham 19 cents.—Layne-Yates.

Texas Spur Subscription Contest Ends Saturday And The Prizes Awarded

The thirty days contest for subscriptions to the Texas Spur ended Saturday at six o'clock, and the prizes of an Essex coach for the first prize, one hundred dollars in gold for the second prize, and fifty dollars in gold for the third prize was later awarded to the three obtaining the largest number of votes on subscriptions.

The Essex coach was awarded to Mrs. Thelma Gourassas and Miss Beth Harkey upon an agreed compromise, both the first and second prizes being equally divided between them.

Miss Bessie Betts was awarded 3rd. prize of fifty dollars.

Other contestants remaining in the campaign will be given ten percent of the amounts turned in on subscriptions.

As a result of this campaign many hundreds of new names will be added to the Texas Spur subscription list, giving this paper one of the largest circulations of any country weekly newspaper in all of Western Texas. We appreciate this fact, and we appreciate the assistance rendered by each contestant to this end.

As a business proposition the Texas Spur is admittedly recognized as the best newspaper advertising medium within this entire territory. It reaches the people, is read and appreciated by subscribers and advertising in its columns will bring results. We respectfully solicit all legitimate advertising, will appreciate it and will give more than value received for the business with which we may be favored.

SMITH & CLAYTON PLUMBING FIRM HAS BEEN DISSOLVED

The plumbing firm of Smith & Clayton was this week mutually dissolved, M. I. Clayton and son purchasing the interest of Dan Smith in the business which will continue to be conducted at the same stand in the west business section of the city, under the firm name of Clayton & Son.

This plumbing firm has established a substantial business by good work business methods and have earned the confidence of the public in this line of work, and under the new management this reputation will be maintained in every respect.

Help Spur Grow
**RED CROSS CHAPTER WILL
DO WORK AGAIN THIS YEAR**

The Executive Committee of Dickens County Red Cross has announced that the local chapter will continue its interest in the health of Dickens county. It has voted to finance a return visit of the Nutrition Worker for a short time this year. During Roll Call, the community will have an opportunity to show its appreciation of the very splendid program that the Chapter carried last year under Miss Morrow.

Our readers will be glad to learn that starting next issue, Mrs. M. H. Brannen, who was Miss Morrow before her marriage, will run a series of short talks of interest to mothers. These articles will appear weekly.

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Special good quality 32 inch Gingham 19 cents.—Layne-Yates.

COURTHOUSE BEING MOVED AT BROWNFIELD FOR NEW BLDG.

Brownfield, April 24.—Workmen are moving the old courthouse off the square preparatory to beginning construction of the \$120,000 new building in its place. The present building, the first courthouse is a frame structure, and was built in 1904 when the county was organized.

Help Spur Grow
Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds were among the large number to attend the big West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention at Mineral Wells Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

From Mineral Wells Mrs. Edmonds will go on to Fort Worth to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Connell.

Help Spur Grow
George Harris came in Wednesday and sold nine or ten bales of surplus cotton which he had stored in the yard here and forgotten. He secured a price of 23.50.

Help Spur Grow
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hindman spent several days of last week in Wichita Falls. Mrs. Hindman and the children returned the last of the week, while Mr. Hindman remained in the city for business reasons.

Help Spur Grow
County Clerk O. C. Arthur, Judge H. A. C. Brummett and F. C. Gipson were among those of Dickens to attend the big convention at Mineral Wells this week.

Attorney A. J. Folley, who has been associated with E. J. Cowan, left this week for Floydada where he will establish a law office and engage in the practice of that profession.

Help Spur Grow
Sim Moss, of north of Dickens, dropped in to see us Tuesday and incidentally left a check with us to keep the Texas Spur coming his way. Sim Moss is all wool and a yard wide any where you meet him.

Help Spur Grow
S. B. Scott, Jr., was one among the number who laid aside business cares and every-day worries, departing for the three big days of celebration at Mineral Wells with the convention crowds.

Help Spur Grow
Mike M. Young, of Abernathy, is here this week selling cottonseed and again meeting with his friends throughout the country. He reports good rains and everything now in fine shape at Abernathy. However, the rains came too late for wheat, therefore a big acreage will again be given to row crops on the Plains.

Help Spur Grow
J. T. Carlisle, who the first of the year bought a farm on the Plains near Abernathy, was here this week looking after his business interests and again meeting with his friends. Notwithstanding that he may be well pleased in his new home, Mr. Carlisle can't forget his old home and his many good friends here.

THE SPUR SCHOOLS CLOSES FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 15TH

The 1924-5 session of Spur Schools will close Friday, May 15th. This session, under the superintendency of J. E. Watson, has been one of the most successful school terms since the beginning of Spur. All pupils have advanced more rapidly and taken a greater interest in their courses of study than at any previous session. J. E. Watson is a school man and builder in every respect, and patrons in general appreciate the progress made this year.

Help Spur Grow
**CO-OPERATIVE SHIPMENT OF
HOGS AND CATTLE MAY 12TH**

Another co-operative shipment of hogs and cattle will be made by Co. Agent Johnston on Tuesday, May 12th.

All farmers of the country having either hogs or cattle to include in this shipment are requested to list them at once at either of the banks or with Mr. Johnston.

Spot Cash Grocery has a large board placed in their show window each day, giving a daily weather report as forecasted and reported by the U. S. Weather Department and received over the radio at their place of business. The report gives not only a forecast of weather and temperature twenty four hours ahead of time, but also reports the amount of rainfall in the different sections of Texas during the past twenty four hours. The reports are valuable not only in that we may be apprised of weather condition and temperatures ahead of us, but in being informed of what has transpired the past twenty four hours in this connection.

Help Spur Grow
Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilbert went down to Rotan Sunday, being called there because of the death of two of their relatives who died within a few hours of each other.

Get In The State Contest For The Best Five Acres Of Cotton

The long looked for rains have come and entries to the "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest conducted by The Dallas Morning News and The Semi-Weekly Farm News in cooperation with the Extension Service of Texas A. & M. College are coming in at a rapid rate.

Total entries this week in the State cotton contest are more than 2,800 as against 125 last year at this time. This fine showing has been made in the face of a big drouth, but now that the drouth is broken this number probably will soon be doubled.

It is not generally known that by entering the "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" Contest a farmer on his five acres of land can win a total of \$1,700 in prizes if he fulfills all the requirements. He can win the \$1,000 Grand Prize by raising the most pounds of lint on five acres without irrigation; Also, he can win the \$500 district prize offered by The Texas Cotton Association and the Dallas

Cotton Exchange if his cotton measures Government inch staple, and he may win the \$200 Crop Record prize if his record contains the most useful information about cotton raising on his five acres. On top of that the successful farmer may win his local prize, which often amounts to another \$250 and in some cases he might win another \$1,000 county prize if he also wins The News Grand Prize and brings it to his county which would make a total of \$3,000 for entering the State Cotton Contest. Can any progressive farmer stay out of the cotton contest?

The Texas Spur would like to see farmers from every section of the county enter this contest. Dickens county has been advertised and is recognized as a great cotton producing section, and we are confident that by using "intensive methods" some Dickens county farmer can win the capital prize in this contest.

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GOVERNOR FERGUSON BANS PARDON NEWS

Austin, Texas, April 25.—A ban, effective instantly, has been placed against the Secretary of State's office furnishing information to newspaper correspondents concerning acts of the Governor. Under instructions issued from the Governor's office, newspaper correspondents Saturday were refused information on pardons and they were also informed that they would no longer have access to the pardon records. These instructions come after the issuance by Texas' first woman Governor of pardons, paroles, furloughs and proclamations restoring citizenship and remitting fines, reaching an aggregate number estimated at 400 all done during a period of less than 100 days. It is said that this is a record not equalled during any other previous administration. Many of the convicts pardoned were serving terms assessed on their conviction of murder, two of them for life, and there have been numerous pardons granted persons convicted of robbery with firearms. Two convicted persons receiving pardons who had never been delivered to the State prison. One of these had forfeited his appeal bonds, the mandate of the Court of Criminal Appeals affirming the judgment of the trial court never having been carried out. At Waco Friday the Women's Missionary Society of the Texas Methodist conference adopted a resolution condemning the "wholesale pardoning" by the Governor, declaring it to be a menace to society. On the following day orders were sent to the Secretary of State's office to withhold all news concerning pardons. The Methodists' resolution, however, was not given as the reason for stopping the pardons news. Ghent Sandeford, secretary to Governor Ferguson, said that some newspapers in reporting pardons had made errors on the dates of issuance of the proclamations and also had reported duplicates, thereby creating the impression that a greater number of pardons had been issued than had been really granted. Secretary Sandeford further said that all pardon news would be withheld pending the arranging of another method of making public the clemency orders of the Governor. He did not indicate just when the new arrangement would become effective.

—Help Spur Grow—
WAYLAND COLLEGE TO BE OPERATED AS JUNIOR SCHOOL
Plainview, April 25.—Wayland college at Plainview will continue to be operated as Junior College despite the fact that practically all of the Junior colleges of Texas are being converted into senior institutions. This announcement was made by the Board of Trustees of the College at their regular meeting Thursday evening. A modern dormitory for boys is the aim of the present directors of the school, and every effort will be made to make this a reality before the year is over. —Help Spur Grow—
Pork and Beans, 10c per can at Spot Cash Grocery.

A SERMON FOR TEXAS

There's a whole sermon for every community in Texas in the statement in Fort Worth Friday of Mr. E. W. Fairchild of New York, head of the Fairchild publications, and prominent factor in the American textile industry. The great textile industry of New England is on the move. Hundreds of mills are being closed and the owners are seeking new locations in the South. Many factors enter into this situation. The fundamental advantages of nearness to the source of supply of raw materials makes the South the logical center of American cloth manufacture. The steady pressure of this factor long has been felt by the New England mills. Lately they have come under the force of poor labor conditions and unfavorable legislation. These formed the straw that broke the camel's back, and the mills are moving daily to new locations in the South. Mr. Fairchild believes that Texas among all the cotton growing states offers the best inducements to these mills. But Texas is not getting as many of the mills as its advantages justify. "There is no question but that Texas offers the best field for textile plants," Mr. Fairchild said. The East is not familiar with the great resources of this state. Textile men do not realize what Texas offers in the way of cotton, wool, mohair, labor and facilities. It is up to Texas to let the East, especially New England, know what it has. In other words, it is up to Texas to sell itself. There are too few textile mills in Texas and there is not enough garment making here. I believe we will witness a great change in the next few years, but much of it is up to Texas, for it must make itself known. It is a situation which demands the united efforts of every public agency in the State. Chambers of Commerce might well devote a great deal of their energy and a large amount of their funds toward spreading among cotton and wool manufacturing men of the East information on the advantages which Texas has to offer. Texas' great cotton crop, the mainstay of the better-class spinners of the world, goes each year to spinners far away, some of them across the seas. Texas' great wool and mohair crop goes each year to Eastern manufacturers. This is a situation that challenges the intelligence and foresight of the organized business interests of the State.—Star Telegram.

—Help Spur Grow—
John Southworth was in Spur Wednesday. He had just returned from a business trip to Iowa Park and other oil centers. John is now interested in oil developments propositions as well as the sale of agricultural lands for the Matadors. —Help Spur Grow—
April 26th. The Texas Spur extends sympathy to Mr. Blenden in this sorrow and bereavement. —Help Spur Grow—
The best Broom in town for \$1.00 at Spot Cash Grocery. —Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. W. M. McLaurry, of Jayton, was among the shoppers in Spur Monday of this week.

Spur Independent School District vs. Fred Holomon, et al. In the District Court of Dickens County, Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Dickens County—GREETING: You are hereby commanded that you summon Fred Holomon, H. Tyree, and wife, Mrs. H. Tyree, T. J. Herron, L. B. Herron, Thomas McGee, Mrs. Thomas McGee, N. P. Shaw Harry Ramsey, S. W. Lane, C. H. Dean, J. H. Reagan, C. D. Potter, A. T. Young, J. R. Hutton, A. L. Jobe, Ira Owen, Oliver Pike, Thomas J. Owens, Mrs. Thomas J. Owen, Mrs. S. J. Owen, J. M. Anderson, I. D. Gamble, J. O. Clark and L. B. Schulte, by making publication of this citation for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to be and appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof in the town of Dickens, Texas, on the first Monday in June, A. D. 1925, the same being the 1st day of June A. D. 1925, then and there to answer the petition of plaintiff filed herein on the 27th day of April A. D. 1925, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 858 where in the Spur Independent School District, a municipal corporation, is plaintiff and Fred Holomon, Thomas McGee, and Mrs. Thomas McGee, H. Tyree and Mrs. H. Tyree, N. P. Shaw, Harry Ramsey, J. L. Jones, S. W. Lane, C. H. Dean, J. W. Carter, T. J. Herron, L. B. Herron, J. H. Reagan, C. D. Potter, I. D. Gamble, A. T. Young, J. R. Hutton, W. K. Jeffus, H. D. Snodgrass, A. L. Jobe, Ira Owens, C. Snodgrass, H. C. Cheeley, Oliver Pike, Thomas J. Owen, Mrs. Thomas J. Owen, Mrs. S. J. Owen, a feme sole, L. M. Anderson, J. O. Clark and L. B. Schulte, are defendants.

Said petition alleging that the plaintiff is a municipal corporation duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of this state and that by virtue of the said laws of this state in such instances made and provided and by virtue of the powers granted to plaintiff thereby, the plaintiff, said Spur Independent School District, did for the years hereinafter set out levy and assess certain taxes against the lands, lots and real estate situated within said District and within the County of Dickens, State of Texas, being certain lots in the town of Spur, Dickens County, Texas, and shown by the plat thereof of record in the office of the County Clerk thereof as follows: Lots 7, 8 & 9, in Block No. 49, for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, assessed against the said Fred Holomon, the amount of \$47.58, The West one-half of Lots 1 and 2, in block No. 62, for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$27.19 and assessed against the said Thomas McGee, Mrs. Thomas McGee, H. Tyree, and Mrs. H. Tyree, N. P. Shaw and Harry Ramsey. The East two-thirds of Lots 26 and 27, in Block 38, for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, assessed against the said J. H. Jones and S. W. Lane, the sum of \$30.86, Lot No. 6 in Block No. 62, for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1922 and 1923 assessed against C. H. Dean, the sum of \$22.50. Lots Nos. 15 and 16 in Block No. 43, for the years 1918, 1920 and 1921, assessed against the said J. W. Carter, T. J. Herron, and L. B. Herron, the sum of \$20.26. Lot No. 10 in Block No. 38, assessed against J. H. Reagan and C. D. Potter, for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$19.02. Lot No. 9 in Block No. 33, assessed against A. T. Young, J. R. Hutton and W. K. Jeffus, for the years, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$16.76. Lot No. 8 in Block No. 33, assessed A. T. Young, J. R. Hutton and W. K. Jeffus for the years 1917, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$14.66. Lot No. 5 in Block No. 24, assessed against H. D. Snodgrass for the years, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$22.92. Lot No. 4 in Block No. 24, assessed against the said H. D. Snodgrass for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$22.16. Lot No. 2 in Block No. 24 for C. Snodgrass for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$22.10. Lot No. 24 in Block No. 22, assessed against A. L. Jobe, Ira Owens, for the years 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 the sum of \$25.59. Lots Nos. 4 and 5 in Block No. 21, assessed against H. C. Cheeley for the year 1923, the sum of \$13.76. Lot No. 2 in Block No. 20, assessed against J. W. Carter for the years, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$16.65. Lot No. 7 in Block No. 14, assessed against Oliver Pike for the years, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$17.02. Lot No. 6 in Block No. 14, assessed against Oliver Pike for the years, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 the sum of \$15.81. Lot No. 1 in Block No. 13, assessed against Thomas J. Owen, Mrs. Thomas J. Owen, and Mrs. S. J. Owen, for the years, 1917, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 the sum of \$10.56. Lot No. 24 in Block No. 12, assessed against J. W. Carter for the years 1918, 1920 and 1921 the sum of \$11.17. Lot No. 26 in Block No. 12, assessed against L. M. Anderson for the year 1923, the sum of \$6.31. Lot No. 9 in Block No. 7, assessed against J. O. Clark for the year 1923, the sum of \$2.51. Lot No. 24 in Block No. 11, assessed against J. O. Clark for the year

1923 the sum of \$3.78. Lot No. 13 in Block No. 9, assessed against L. B. Schulte for the years, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923, the sum of \$14.16.

That said amounts constitute the total taxes, penalties and interest due on each respective tract of land for the years alleged; that each of the defendants herein respectively is liable to plaintiff for the amount of the said taxes, interest and penalties against him so levied and assessed, and in addition thereto is liable to plaintiff for the amount of attorney's fees and court costs allowed by law. That each of the respective amounts is delinquent for the years herein alleged and is now unpaid and due; that such delinquency was for each year the same was so delinquent returned delinquent by the tax collector of said District and published as required by law and approved by the President of the said Board of Trustees of said Spur Independent School District. That the amounts so assessed, together with all interest, costs and attorney's fees is a lien against the respective tracts against which the same is so assessed in favor of Plaintiff.

Herein Fail Not, but have before this court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same. Witness the hand of the District Clerk under the seal of said Court this 27th day of April, A. D. 1925. O. C. ARTHUR Clerk of the District Court Dickens County, Texas.

JOSEPHINE GREEN, Deputy. Issued this 27th day of April A. D. 1925. O. C. ARTHUR Clerk of the District Court Dickens County, Texas. JOSEPHINE GREEN, Deputy. 26-4t.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

For State Road and Bridge Construction. Sealed proposals addressed to The Commissioners Court for the improvement of certain highways in Dickens County, will be received at the office of the County Judge, at Dickens, Texas, until 2:00 o'clock, p. m., May 23rd, 1925, and then publicly opened and read.

Description of Work to be Done
Grading, Surfacing and Drainage Structures on 12.44 miles, State Highway No. 18, F. A. P. 446-A. Approximate principal quantities as follows: earth roadway excavation, 100,400 cu. yds.; earth borrow excavation 56400 cu. yds.; solid rock excavation 1350 cu. yds.; sand borrow for surfacing, 13350 cu. yds.; gravel and clay facing, 1st 1.4 mi., 16500 cu. yd. 2nd 1.4 mi., 5460 cu. yds.; additional 1.4 mi., 38650 cu. yd.; Guard fence, 5800 lineal ft.; reinforcing steel, 100776 lbs.; concrete, Class A, 946 cu. yds.; concrete bridge rail, 503 lineal ft.; constructing sand-clay surface, 447 stations.

Detailed plans and specifications of the work may be seen for examination, and information may be obtained at the office of J. W. Alger, County Engineer at Dickens, Texas, and at the office of the State Highway Department, State Office Building, Austin, Texas.

A certified, or cashier's check for 5 per cent of the amount bid made payable without recourse to the order of H. A. C. Brummett, County Judge of Dickens County, must accompany each proposal, as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into contract and make bond in accordance with requirements of the specifications. The right is reserved by the party of the first part to reject any and all proposals or to waive all technicalities.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked, "Bids for the Construction of Section A, Fed. Aid Project 446 in Dickens County." All bids received will be returned by the Department and will not be returned to the bidders.

MOTLEY COUNTY RAILROAD BOUGHT BY Q. A. & P.

A. B. Echols, president of the Motley County Railroad, last week officially announced the sale of this nine-mile line, which has served Matador for several years, to the Quanaq Acme & Pacific Railway Company, of which Sam Lazarus is president. The Q. A. & P. is a subsidiary of the Frisco. The new owners assume all indebtedness of the Matador road. Mr. Echols and his associates built the Matador Northern several years ago from a junction with the Q. A. & P., east of Roaring Springs to Matador and have kept it in operation continuously during this time, at times under considerable difficulty.—The Hesperian.

R. P. Bell, superintendent of the Dry Lake schools, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday afternoon. The Dry Lake schools will close the session next week, and both teachers and pupils are now arranging a program for the commencement exercises. There will be quite a number of graduates for the term in both grammar and higher grades. The school has been a success under the superintendency of Mr. Bell and pupils have advanced in their courses of study.

—Help Spur Grow—
No. 2 Hominy, per can 10c at Spot Cash Grocery.

—Help Spur Grow—
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WHAT MAKES A TOWN?

What makes a town anyway? Is it the wealth evidenced by the homes and splendid stone buildings? These many test and stability and thrift of certain people, but they offer no great inducements to commercial and moral progress. Is it the spirit of good order and law observance? That is the factor only. The sleepest old hamlets that dot the map have that spirit in rank abundance. Is it the schools and churches? May their number ever increase, but they don't make a town—they only cultivate it. Is it the geographical location, the character of the country surrounding, the shipping facilities, the natural advantages? Well, what it it makes a town anyway? Just one thing—the unity of the people, the existence of a common bond which cause business and social antagonists to put aside all differences when it comes to boosting the town. No town ever made real progress in the way to substantial success without the get-together spirit unanimously adopted. It has rejuvenated old folks of towns that were yawning their way into endless sleep. It has infused new life blood into the heart of commercial life and made thriving cities out of paralytic villages.

Natural advantages count for much and prosperity cannot be built upon shifting sand, but any town with half a chance can be made to grow and expand and thrive when its citizens join with one accord in the boosting program.—Quanaq Times.

ATTEMPTED BANK ROBBERY LAST WEEK AT PEACOCK

Peacock, just about 50 miles north west of here, was treated to a real sensation yesterday morning about 3 a. m., when a party of robbers went to the Bank of Peacock, broke into the same, rolled out the safe and were in the act of putting the safe on a truck when one of their guns seems to have discharged accidentally, and it is almost certain that one of the party was shot, as there was blood all around on the ground. The firing of the gun caused the people to awake, and then the robbers were scared off before they were able to secure one cent in money. Officers at once began scouring the country but at last accounts we had no news of any capture of even a suspect. Naturally the affair caused a great deal of excitement all over the country, and it is also natural that everybody was glad that no money was taken.

The news reached the Stamford Leader office through the Stamford State Bank, which seemed to get some direct information from Peacock. The Leader at once got busy to get the news. To Frigate Agent J. P. Booth, of the Wichita Valley, we are indebted for the above facts in the case, for which we thank Mr. Booth.—Stamford Leader.

LAST ROUND-UP ON YELLOW HOUSE RANCH

This week the last roundup of cattle on the Yellow House ranch is being held, 3,500 head of these cattle being turned over to Jot Smith to be shipped to Kansas pastures, and several hundred more going to the brother of J. P. White, and to be shipped to New Mexico. Thus the cowboy is giving way to the farmer, and the wild cattle of the range are being supplanted by the milk cows of the pasture. This body of land received this week by the Yellow House Land Co., contains about 400 choice farms that will at once be put on the market for the home-hungry people who continue coming this way.—Littlefield Leader.

HELP SPUR GROW

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews spent Saturday and Sunday in Stamford with his father who has been ill for some time. Mr. Andrews suffered a nervous break-down several months ago, and from which he is now slowly recovering, and which his many friends and acquaintances throughout the country will be glad to note.

HELP SPUR GROW

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Perrin, of the Croton country, were visitors and shoppers in Spur Wednesday of this week, spending several hours here trading with the merchants and transacting other business affairs. Mr. Perrin reports everything now in fine shape in his territory since the rains, and everybody now most optimistic of good harvests this fall.

HELP SPUR GROW

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks, of west of Spur, brought their daughter, Miss Lotella, to the Nichols sanitarium Wednesday morning for treatment and a possible operation to relieve her condition. Miss Lotella is suffering of appendicitis, and it is very probable that an operation will be necessary.

REMARKABLE BIBLE FACTS

The learned Prince of Granada, heir to the Spanish throne, imprisoned by order of the Crown for fear he would aspire to the throne, was kept in solitary confinement in the old prison at the Place of Skulls, Madrid. After 33 years in this living tomb, death came to his release, and the following remarkable researches, taken from the Bible and marked with an old nail in the rough walls of his cell, told how the brain sought employment through the weary years:

In the Bible the word "Lord" is found 1,853 times. The word "Jehovah" 6,855 times. The word "revere" but once, and that in the ninth verse Psalms CXI. The eighth verse of the ninety-seventh Psalm is the middle verse of the Bible. The ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther is the longest. The thirty-fifth verse of the eleventh chapter of St. John is the shortest. In the one hundred and seventh Psalm four verses alike—the eighth, fifteenth, twenty-first and thirty-first. Each verse of the one hundred and thirty-sixth Psalm ends alike. No names or words with more than six syllables are found in the Bible. The twenty-sixth chapter of the Second Kings are alike. The word "girl" occurs but once in the third chapter of Joel. There are found in both books of the Bible 3,583,483 letters, 773,693 words, 31,375 verses, 1,189 chapters and 66 books. The twenty-sixth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles is the finest chapter to read. The most beautiful chapter is the 23rd Psalm.

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MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday, May 10, is Mothers' Day. It is her day—when the nation bows in humility, showing reverence for the composite Mother, who is typical of all that is good and wholesome and sympathetic.

Public recognition of the debt due mothers, that has been growing annually, is a splendid testimonial to human character, and a reputation of the common charge that people are mercenary.

A deep and abiding sentiment inspired the idea of Mothers' Day and has fostered it and caused it to become more generally recognized each year.

Mother is a word expressive of tenderness and kindly sympathy. She exemplifies the spirit of service and self-sacrificing love—a practical sort of love that shows itself by giving all that it has.

It is the spirit of sympathy, appreciation and practicability that makes mother unspcakably precious and has won for her the expression of gratitude from a thankful people once each year.

The same measuring stick can not be applied to all mothers. They differ just as all human beings differ, but they fulfill their obligations of motherhood according to their knowledge and understanding.

There are some who are concerned about the future motherhood—whether the present tendencies that detract from the home will lower the standards of motherhood. They need not be alarmed.

Mother will ever be mother, for her instincts are as old as the first mother, were she living, and as deeply imbedded as a part of her character. Mothers of today have as great concern for the welfare of their children as mothers ever did, but mothers change with the changing times, and their conduct as mothers can't be judged by the same standards as a few decades ago.

Help Spur Grow—
No. 2 Hominy, per can 10c at Spot Cash Grocery.

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. H. O. Albin and daughter, Miss Lera, are leaving the latter part of this week for Austin and Georgetown where they will spend their summer vacation visiting among friends and relatives.

Help Spur Grow—
20 bars of White Naptha laundry soap, \$1.00, at Spot Cash Grocery.

PUBLICITY FOR PEACE

Adroit advertising, it is said can sell snowballs to Eskimos. All that is necessary is to get a lot of Eskimos to agree that they want snowballs; then raise the price of snowballs and watch them sell.

The skillful advertising man would work to get the approval of the Eskimo leaders. If half a dozen Eskimo mayors, governors, capitalists and other influential men will back the snowball project, the masses will follow like sheep.

From that parable a group of the world's foremost advertising experts are planning to "put over" a project that will be of incalculable value to mankind. They hope, through advertising, to bring about universal, permanent peace.

"Publicity for peace" is to be an avowed aim of the delegates to the twenty-first annual convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. At the last convention of these clubs, held in London, England, a resolution was passed which concluded thus:

"We call upon the Advertising Clubs of the World to make this message of international good will part of their permanent program until war shall have a place only in history and world service, comradeship and international co-operation shall become universal.

The convention to be held this year in Houston, Texas, is to take further steps toward promoting universal peace. Inasmuch as the delegates will include many of the mainstays of the world's business machinery, many of the most influential persons from forty nations, their united endorsements of a peace program will have some weight. Perhaps they will form the nucleus of an international school of thinkers who will tolerate war no more. It is a crumb of hope.—Exchange.

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. Robert Thanisch, of the Draper country, has been very sick of typhoid fever for the past fifty days during which time she has been confined to her bed and in a critical condition. At this time she is reported improving but very little. Mrs. Thanisch is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lovell of Draper. The Texas Spur joins the many friends of the families in the hope that Mrs. Thanisch will soon recover.

BULL DOG GROWLS

(By W. C. A.)

Friday, May 1st the fast Spur Hi School base ball nine went to Lubbock to play the 1000 per cent Slaton Tigers. Spur started the game by making a score in the first inning and holding Slaton to one score up until the last of the 6th inning. In the 5th Huling Robinson came to bat and knocked a four sacker without a man on base. This made the scores, Spur 2, Slaton 1.

Left Fielder, Mecom
Our short stop, Travis Burnam has been very sick, he is now back in school, but was unable to make the trip to Lubbock and play with us. So one of our best pitchers Huling Robinson had to play short with two men on base for Slaton a fast ball was hit to Robinson and he tried to block it every way it bounced through his legs and both men scored for Slaton. Scores last 7th, Slaton 3, Spur 2.

Jordan, Our "Catcher"
Horace Hyatt pitched a wonderful game for Spur, allowing only 11 scattered hits. Hyatt got 11 strike outs. But for 2 errors made in the game he would have won his game. Scores last of 8th, Slaton 7, Spur 4.

Goob Ensey "S-Base"
Slaton did not score the last inning Kyle Rogers got a homer in the ninth and with one out and three men on. Alexander rode one out to the center field fence, but it seemed as tho the fielders had wings on their feet and surely fate was against Spur the fielder staggered around and caught the ball.

Alexander 1st Baseman
The final score was Slaton 7, Spur 5.

Rogers 3rd Base
Slaton played Plainview and the final score was Slaton 11, Plainview 10. Floydada and Slaton played Saturday afternoon for the championship final scores Slaton 9, Floydada 7.

Andrew Bair C. Field
The Spur team got more hits than any other team up there and Hyatt got more strike outs than any pitcher.

Summary of Games
Base on balls off of McAtee, 2; Hyatt, 4; Two base hits Preston, 2; McAtee Stone, Alexander, Ensey and Jordan home runs. Robinson and Rogers, double plays; McGintis unassisted to Wicker, hit by pitched balls Wicker by Hyatt, Rogers by McAtee, Karr by McAtee. Struck out by McAtee, 10 Hyatt 11.

Help Spur Grow—
SPUR HI WINS TWO GAMES
The game between Spur High school and Roaring Springs played here yesterday was an easy victory for the home boys. The visitors were good sports and were game to the last but soon realized they were over matched. The score stood Spur 13; Roaring Springs 0.
The game between McAdoo and Spur Hi's team resulted in a 2 to 1

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victory for Spur. Special feature of the game was a three base hit by Jordan for Spur in the first game. Alexander landed a home run for Spur in the second game. Rogers, who played third base for Spur did some excellent fielding in the second game.

Spur plays Jayton here Tuesday, May 5th.

Spur High has won 11 of the fifteen games she has played.—Enuf Sed.

Help Spur Grow—
CITATION BY PUBLICATION
State of Texas:
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting:

You are hereby to summon Fred Holloman, Delphina N. Pollock, and James T. Pollock, by making publication of this citation once a week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county of general circulation, published in said county continuously and regularly for a period not less than one year, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, to be holden at the court house thereof on the First Monday in June, A. D., 1925, the same being the 1st day of June, A. D., 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 30th day of March A. D. 1925, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 856, wherein the City of Spur is Plaintiff, and Fred Holloman, Delphina N. Pollock, and James T. Pollock are defendants. The nature of plaintiff's demand being a suit to enforce the payment of a certain assignable certificate of special assessment, issued by the City of Spur, for the sum of \$39.75 with interest and attorney's fees, for street improvements as assessed against Fred Holloman personally and Lots Nos. 7, 8, and 9, in Block No. 49, of the town of Spur, Texas, as shown by the original plat of said town, and for the foreclosure of lien against said lots as in such cases provided by law.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court in Dickens County, Texas, this 5th day of May A. D. 1925.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk
District Court, Dickens County, Texas.

JOSEPHINE GREEN, Deputy. 27-4t.

Help Spur Grow—
J. I. Greer just returned the latter part of last week from a visit over in Garza and other counties, and was preparing to leave again for Mineral Wells to take in the big convention and also visit with relatives and friends there several days.

Help Spur Grow—
FOR SALE—One bedstead and springs, also one Perfection oil cook stove. Call 228 or 185. 1tc.

Help Spur Grow—
Miss Lorene Ledford left Saturday for Fort Worth where she will spend some time the guest of friends.

Help Spur Grow—
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Dickens.

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1925, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of CITY OF SPUR Versus I. D. Gamble, C. D. Potter and J. H. Reagan, No. 817, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's sales, on the 2nd day of June A. D. 1925, being the first Tuesday in said month, at the court house door of said county, in the town of Dickens, said county and State the following described real estate, situated in the County of Dickens and State of Texas, to-wit:

Lot No. 10 in Block No. 38, in and of the City of Spur, said county and state levied on as the property of the said I. D. Gamble, C. D. Potter and J. H. Reagan, to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$30.62, in favor of the City of Spur, Texas, and costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this 5th day of May, A. D. 1925.

M. L. JONES, Sheriff
of Dickens County, Texas.

By Olive Meadors, Deputy. 27-3t
Help Spur Grow—

J. C. Weir and family spent several days here last week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Walker and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodson and other relatives and friends. Mr. Weir formerly lived here but the past year or two has been meeting the conditions in the "far west." Last year he happened to be in a dry belt and failed to make crops. However, he bought a crop in another section and "got by". This year he has moved to another point where he has several hundred acres to farm, and we are hoping that the seasons will favor him and he may realize enough from his efforts to return back home and buy one of the fine farms of this section.

Help Spur Grow—
J. R. McArthur is somewhat disabled this week, having stepped on a nail which penetrated his foot with the result that he can not wear a shoe but is able to get about without the aid of crutches.

Help Spur Grow—
A. C. George came in Monday talking good times while waiting for the fields to dry out enough to plow and plant.

**MOTLEY COUNTY RAILROAD
BOUGHT BY Q. A. & P.**

A. B. Echols, president of the Motley County Railroad, last week officially announced the sale of this nine-mile line, which has served Matador for several years, to the Quanah, Acme & Pacific Railway Company, of which Sam Lazarus is president. The Q. A. P. is a subsidiary of the Frisco.

The new owners assume all indebtedness of the Matador road.

Mr. Echols and his associates built the Matador Northern several years ago from a junction with the Q. A. & P. east of Roaring Springs to Matador, and have kept it in operation continuously during this time, at times under considerable difficulty.

Help Spur Grow—
E. H. Blakley, of north of Dickens, paid us his regular weekly visit Tuesday to get his paper as well as market produce. Mr. Blakley is one of the first subscribers and readers of the Texas Spur, his name having been placed on the list some fifteen years ago. A month or two ago his name became transferred on our mailing list, and since that time his paper has been going to various points other than his proper address, and as a result he has been demanding his paper from headquarters. A new postoffice to be known as Elton is now established at Midway where he will hereafter get his mail without delays.

Help Spur Grow—
J. A. Legg, of Croton, was in the city Wednesday. Since the rains he says weeds and cockle burs are coming rapidly, and in some instances cattle are dying from eating the cockle burs. However, grass will soon be up to counteract the effects of bur poison, and a few days dry weather will put the plows in the fields to kill out the weeds.

Help Spur Grow—
Tom McArthur came in Monday from his farm and ranch home. He reports having had good rains and everything now looking good. The whole face of the earth, as well as that of men, has changed since the rains. The Spur country is now putting on her "Sunday clothes."

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. Frank Moy, of Fort Clark, is now a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Niles N. Morris, and will probably remain with them through the summer.

Help Spur Grow—
See Layne-Yates shirt specials.

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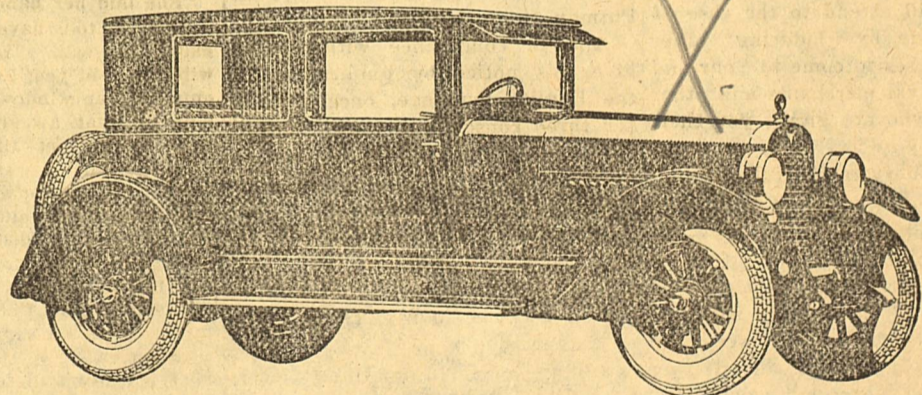
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A savings account at this Bank makes it easy to save.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Editor Texas Spur:

Dear Sir:

Permit me to address you upon some questions which should be of vital interest to your many readers.

We note with interest your position with regard to a county agent for Dickens County, which is as usual broad and democratic to the last degree. You assume that since the majority are to be served as well as taxed that they should say whether they want this work or not. What could be more reasonable than to say the voter and the tax payer should be consulted? Any other position is untenable. For if we say the people of a county should have this or that whether it is their desire or not, we say by our assumption that the voters are ignored of their needs or that our motives are sinister. In either case our position is wrong and subversive of democratic principles.

The writer has been the friend of the extension work from its inception and until we can be shown to the contrary we shall continue to believe it educative and helpful to an agricultural community, but do not assume by our position that the people should have it if they do not desire it.

No doubt you will be condemned for your position on this matter as you have been in the matter of Ku Kluxism and Fergusonism. But you have the assurance that you are right and that truth, honor and justice have ever been unpopular with a certain element of society.

Since our article is miscellaneous we cannot desist from mentioning the fact that by scanning your advertising columns that the shameful "boycott" is still on in an effort to starve you into submission. Somewhere we have learned that "the hair of the canine is good for its bite" and we know of a number of your readers who are applying the remedy and we believe that ranks will grow as the matter is brought to their attention.

It is now generally known why your paper is being boycotted and why several hundred subscriptions were paid to your contemporary in order to drive you out and give your enemies a clear field. But they are like the ostrich, which hides its head in the sand and thinks it is hidden, are only deceiving themselves.

In this age of enlightenment, when the hidden things are being brought to light by all of the wonderful inventions permitted by a just and wise God, we have no rural population of the ignorant, and when one thinks now that he can deceive the masses for long he is only indulging in a hallucination of the rankest type.

Be assured my dear sir that the people know what they want and that they will attend to the case of the boycotters by inducing other large businesses to come to Spur and join those loyal merchants and other advertisers who are giving you their support.

Very respectfully,

A Reader.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. Coffman and family, formerly of the Spur country but now of Bailey county, have been spending several days of the past week here visiting among friends and former acquaintances. In coming down Mr. Coffman was loaded with beans produced on his place, but sold out his load before reaching Spur. Beans is the principal crop of his section, and Mr. Coffman reports having made a good crop and selling it for good prices.

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

County of Dickens.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, of the 19th day of December 1924, by O. C. Arthur, District Clerk of said Dickens County for the sum of Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-six & 82-100 Dollars and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of Eric P. Swenson et al, in a certain cause in said Court No. 660 and styled Eric P. Swenson et al vs. Arthur Kelsey et al, placed in my hands for service, I, M. L. Jones, as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did, on the 28th day of April 1925, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, Texas, described as follows, to wit:

Part of the N. E. Quarter & North Half of the H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Sur. 327 and 328, respectively, Cert. No. 10-2059. Block No. 1, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at an iron at the N. E. Corner of said Sec. 328, whence a mesquite 3" bears N. 73 1-4 W. 40.5 varas a mesq. 3" bears N. 32 W. 39.9 vrs.

Thence S. 89 deg. 37' W. with N. line of Section 328 at 1862.7 vrs. and crosses north line of Fort Worth & Roswell Highway. 1900 vrs. to iron pipe at N. W. Corner of said Sec. 328 whence a mesq. 5" bears S. 48 3-4 W. Vrs, a mesq. 3" bears S. 38. 44.8 varas;

Then S. 1 deg. 6' E. with W. line Sec. 32.8 at 10.8 vrs. the south line of said Highway at 720.1 vrs. N. line of the S. & N. W. R. R. right of way reservation 854.65 vrs. to south line of said reservation;

Thence S. 40 deg. 52' W. with south line of said reservation 353 3-4 varas to the south line of the N. E. quarter of Sec. 327;

Thence N. 89 deg. 37' E. at 84.9 at quarter section on corner, at middle of the west line of Sec. 328;

Thence N. 89 deg. 37' E. with quarter section line. 1900.8 vrs. to a stone at quarter section corner at middle of the East line of Sec. 328, whence a mesq. 5" bears S. 31 1-2 W. 3.6 vrs. a mesq. 5" bears N. 76 1-4 E. 61.2 vrs;

Thence N. 1 deg. 6' W. with E. line of section 328 at 413.4 vrs. the south line of the S. & W. W. R. R. Reservation, at 468.7 vrs. N. line of said reservation, at 491.1 vrs. North line of said Fort Worth & Roswell Highway 950.4 vrs. to the place of beginning.

The above metes and bounds embrace 320.71 acres. The Railroad reservation 25.12 acres, and the Fort Worth & Roswell Highway 7.48 acres, making 326 acres not included in conveyance leaving Two Hundred Eighty-eight and 11-100 acres hereby described and levied upon as the property of Arthur Kelsey, H. W. McGee, C. F. Cates and W. H. Putman and that on the first Tuesday in June 1925, the same being the 2nd day of said month, at the Court House door, of Dickens County, in the town of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Arthur Kelsey, H. W. McGee, C. F. Cates and W. H. Putman.

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

Witness my hand, this 4th day of May 1925.

M. L. JONES.

Sheriff Dickens County, Texas. 27-37

—Help Spur Grow—

10 lb. can Solid Packed Peaches,

75c at Spot Cash Grocery.

—Help Spur Grow—

J. A. Aiken was here Tuesday from his home in the McAdoo country. The McAdoo country is now in good shape following the rains, and all farmers of that section are putting seed in the ground.

Eddie Pops the Question

By JULIUS B. SMITH

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"VIOLET is sweet! Violet is tempting!

Violet would be my bride. . . . There he stuck for a rhyme and finished it in prose:

"If I just had nerve enough to ask her."

Then, as doubt came upon him, he added: "Maybe she wouldn't have me."

He eyed what he had written, mused upon it for a while, then pulled the sheet from his baby typewriter and inserted it in its proper place in a loose-leaf book across the cover of which was lettered in gilt the word "Diary."

Turning back the record leaves of his most intimate thoughts, he read page after page of ravings about his Violet, then closed the book with a sigh. Also he closed his eyes and leaned back in his easy chair, to day-dream. If he just had the courage.

A cool breeze blew through the open window against his brow. Something struck him in the face. He dragged himself from the land of Morpheus and discovered it was just a prank of the wind—a paper, a sheet of common, ordinary newspaper.

He commenced folding up the paper, then his eye caught a heading:

MAN PROPOSES TO WOMAN IN HIS SLEEP

Somnambulist Sued for Breach of Promise—Denies He Knows Anything About It—Jilted Female Wants \$50,000 Heart Balm.

His eyes widened as he read. An idea slowly evolved in his brain. He would do it; yes sir, he would do it. He said as much aloud. With feverish activity, he went across the room to a bookcase and took down from its shelves a prominent book on autogestition. He'd try it out on Violet. He'd propose to her in his sleep.

He read and read and read . . . "You must go to sleep; you must go to sleep; you must then go to Violet's home and propose to her; you must give her the ring you've been carrying around in your vest pocket for weeks."

Hours later he awoke. He tried to recall just what it was all about . . . then he remembered—he had intended proposing to Violet in his sleep. He wondered if he had done so—if the experiment had worked. He felt in his pocket for the ring—it was gone. His eye espied a typewritten sheet in his portable machine; it was the very page of the diary he had last written. Then he saw added the postscript:

"I've just been over to see Violet; proposed; gave her the ring; we're to be married immediately—she will tell me when."

That was all; businesslike and to the point. He'd done it; he had proposed in his sleep; had come back and written an account of it.

With a whoop of joy, he landed on his feet and rushed for the telephone, and told Violet he'd be right over.

He drove to the home of his sweetheart, found her awaiting him. She proudly held out her hand, his ring upon it scintillating in the bright sunlight. He gathered her into his arms. "When shall we be married?" he asked. "This very afternoon," she told him. And they were.

The mountain breezes were fanning their cheeks as they sped along. "Do you know," he told her, "I have a confession to make. When I proposed to you, I was not awake." And he went on to tell her all about it. "She laid her hand upon his arm.

"And I, too, have a confession to make," she said. "You won't be cross with me, will you, Eddie dear? I was outside your window when the paper blew in that awoke you—in fact, I held it and let the wind blow it against you. I was just playing a prank. You were sleeping so peacefully it seemed almost a shame to disturb you. I dodged to one side when I had done it, and then you began talking, talking to yourself, and you said things that sounded so—so rapturous to my ears—and when you read something in that paper about a man proposing in his sleep and you decided to do likewise—I kept on listening, heard you tell where you kept the ring—you dear, I didn't know you had it—and when you quit talking, I peeped in to see if you were asleep, and you were. And then I climbed through the window and—and I took the ring, Eddie, and I saw your diary, and—it wasn't very wrong for me to read parts of it, was it, Eddie? And what I read made me certain you wanted to marry me; and I took out the last written sheet and wrote out what you thought you had written in your sleep. I was horribly afraid the click of the typebars would wake you. And then I hurried home and waited for you to call me up. And that's all—only here we are—and married—and I'm so happy."

Abruptly he stopped the car. "Change seats with me," he directed. "You are a better pilot than I. And besides, I want both hands to love you."

Mad as March Hare

There is no such animal as a "March" hare. The common expression should be "mad as a March hare." Hares that live in marshes are usually very wild and ungovernable, hence when one is unduly excited, he is as mad (or as wild) as a marsh hare. However, the March hare has become an established figure of speech.

Real Estate Opportunities!

We Have a Number of Places Listed With Us For Sale, And At Prices To Command The Consideration of Conservative Buyers And Investors.

ONE GOOD BUY

100 acres in 20-acre blocks, well improved, 7-room house piped with water and other conveniences. Price \$125.00 per acre, half cash, and will take some trade. This place will be on the market only for a limited time.

OTHER GOOD BUYS

We have other improved 20-acre blocks, farms and ranches listed at prices worthy consideration.

If you want to either buy or sell real estate, see us about it. We are arranging to get in touch with Eastern buyers and thereby get results.

ORAN McCLURE, SPUR, TEXAS

At Texas Spur Office.

THE *Manhattan* SHIRT CO. PRODUCTS

LAYNE-YATES CO. THE QUALITY STORE

BIG SALE

Big Green Tag Sale is still on. Big crowds every day. Come right on and get yours.

J. P. WILKES & SON

Pork and Beans, 10c per can at Spot Cash Grocery.

Help Spur Grow—Mrs. Rilly Bryant and son, Billy, Jr., are in Silvester this week visiting her mother, Mrs. Jay, during the absence of Mr. Bryant who is with a party fishing in Oklahoma.

Help Spur Grow—G. W. Rash and family returned this week from a visit and fishing trip down in the Eastern part of the state. Mr. Rash stated before leaving that would probably rain here if he should leave—and it did.

Help Spur Grow—Roy Stovall, Robert Lea, Billy Bryant and Riley Huie are spending this week at Medicine Park, Oklahoma, fishing.

MOTHERS WEEK

AT LYRIC THEATRE
In response to a request from the founder of "Mothers Day" the motion picture theatres of the world are making Mothers Day "Mothers Week," and in commemoration of the sacred and cherished memories of the occasion The Lyric Theatre will present the following program for the week, and in your program of honoring "mother" invites you to escort her to the Lyric Theatre.

MOTHERS WEEK PROGRAM

MONDAY AND TUESDAY
May 11-12:

"Lost Lady"

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY
MAY 13-14

"Husbands and Lovers"

FRIDAY, 15TH, and SATURDAY
2:00 P. M.:

"King Of Wild Horses"

SATURDAY, MAY 16TH:

"Breed Of The Border"

It is a pleasure to entertain the public, and we endeavor at all times to show the very best pictures on the film circuit.
COME TO THE SHOW!

SOCIALISM VS. INDIVIDUALISM

(George Robinson, in Waco Times-Herald.)

Socialism in Europe is not what it is here.—Arthur Brisbane.

It might be well if had the distinction drawn for us.

We can not think of a Socialist, either there or here, puts the individual ahead of society.

From that point of view, William Jennings Bryan is a socialist.

Many of those European socialists are merely democrats of the Bryan type.

Some who call themselves socialists are more than that; they are communists.

It is an open question if all socialism eventuate in communism.

Dr. Sprague, writing in defense of socialism, says this:

"Socialism should be sharply distinguished from communism, which is an older term and denotes a common life with property held in common rather than by individuals. Communism agrees with socialism as to nationalization of industry, but socialism does not agree with communism as to a common life."

We accept the distinction as drawn by Dr. Sprague, but how shall we be able to maintain a sharp line between the two when we have submerged the individual.

When Dr. Sprague tells us that "anarchism is individualism gone mad," we would counter by saying that we come into this world one by one; that we do not enter the kingdom of grace in the mass, but one by one, and that we pass hence one by one.

Where is there a democracy that gives evidence of performance save as it is built on inalienable rights? This past Sunday we had up for consideration in the most of our church schools the case of Ananias, and from that day to this every experiment in socialism has fallen by the wayside.

The philosophy of individualism, for which Thomas Jefferson stands as the leading practical exponent, was not a creation, but an evolution—a growth of centuries.

Living at a time when the discussion of political philosophy was general and animated, Jefferson saw that, in spite of the manifold diversities of individual belief, there are really possible only two schools of political science between which choice must be made.

One considers that the single man—the individual—has such rights as

"society" or government has conferred upon him and allows him to retain.

The other, that the one man—the individual—retains all natural rights when he enters into the social compact, the true function of government being to guard individual liberties, not to continue them, not to restrict them not to direct them.

Mr. Jefferson chose the latter unhesitatingly as being the basic axiom of the logic of human liberty.

The American people came into existence with a bold repudiation of the theory on which every other existing government was based—that governments derive their just powers from "the will of God."

When a government based on the will of God is advocated in opposition to individualism, the question immediately arise: "Who is authorized to act as the Divine exponent?"

The answer in aristocratic Colonial Virginia was "the church," and dissenters were persecuted in ways that bring a blush of shame to us of this day.

In pious New England the answer was "the revealed Word interpreted by the will of the majority," and Quakers' tongues were bored with hot irons, and Baptists were driven forth to take their chances with savage men and wild beasts—get the history of Roger Williams and refresh your minds good people, with what took place when intolerance held sway.

Thomas Jefferson aimed at religion that the Divine will should and does govern the universe, but in making each individual conscience its interpreter, he took it out of civil polity, and that "the things of Caesar might be rendered under Caesar," he struck at the church establishment in Virginia and overthrew it—the church to which he nominally and perhaps actually belonged.

Thomas Jefferson aimed at religious liberty as a great good in itself and a step to that which he made his life's work, to-wit: The political liberty and political sovereignty of the One man, the Unit of society, who, in the world's past, had been the victim of oppression from theocracies, monarchies, oligarchies, aristocracies, and the ruder classic democracies, ruled by unrestricted majorities, illustrated in the fate which befell Socrates.

The crowning sin of our day is the constant attempt to overthrow the political system which Thomas Jefferson founded—the only system ever devised by the wit of man that gave—and gives—a guarantee of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness to each as he may elect, the only proper restraint on the individual being respect for the rights of others.

Help Spur Grow—Rush McLaughlin, of McAdoo, was transacting business affairs here the first of the week. Since changing the route of the highway, Mr. McLaughlin has moved his filling station to the new route. The highway has been changed to cut across fields in making it straighter and avoiding so many corners.

Help Spur Grow—C. J. Smith, of Highway, was among those here Tuesday, rejoicing over the crop prospects prevailing since the recent rains. Conditions here can look darker and brighter up quicker than anywhere in the world.

Help Spur Grow—Dr. Lyons, of Afton, came down last week on business, driving back home in a Buick roadster purchased for his professional use from the Hudson-Essex Agency in Spur.

Help Spur Grow—G. T. McCracken, a leading citizen and extensive farmer of the Plains country, was buying supplies in Spur Monday of this week.

Help Spur Grow—W. L. Thanisch, of Draper, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week. He reported to us that fine rains had fallen over his territory, the total rain fall amounting to five or six inches. As a result of these rains a good bottom season is had in that territory and everything most promising of bumper crops.

WEST TEXANS URGED TO HALT BIG COTTON WASTE

Mineral Wells, Texas, May 5.—The great white staple at the basis of Southern wealth is the most wastefully handled product of any package entering the channels of trade in any country of the world. Harvie Jordan, managing director of the Southern Cotton Association, told the West Texas Chamber of Commerce as its seventh annual convention here Tuesday.

The plantation bale of today is as out of date as the horse power gins of a half a century ago, he said, explaining the wastage in handling from the time the cotton leaves the grower until it reaches the warehouse of the spinner.

Though cotton in America's "gold mine", American cotton growers, through antiquated methods are losing \$150,000,000 a year, Jordan said.

"The plantation bale of today," he said, "is the same type of package as that turned out from the old-fashioned horse power gins of half a century ago. It typifies the days of the tallow candle and stage coach. The bale is only partially covered, thrown about in trash and dirt, and is delivered to the spinners in a disgracefully uneconomic condition."

"There is a fixed charge of 5 1/2 per cent of the gross weight of the Texas bale deducted for bagging and ties. No cotton grower ever sold a pound of bagging and ties and never will, under existing conditions. The various fixed charges against cotton tare by mill centers in this country and Europe result in placing the maximum penalty if deduction for tare against the grower."

"There never has been granted a car load rate on cotton bales transported by the railroads. The same tariff rate per hundred pounds applies to the haulage of one bale or a thousand. The only concession granted by the railroads to shippers is the cost of recompression to induce a greater tonnage of cotton bales loaded into cars at large compress points. At the ports the bales are again recompressed to secure higher density to meet the requirements at shipside which entails additional cost."

The solution for this advocated by Jordan is a higher density gin compression.

"There is but one solution of the problem," he said. "It lies in the adoption of high density gin compression by which the gin bales will carry a density of 34 pounds to the cubic foot in place of the 12 pounds now applying. The total cost of installing 15,000 high density gin presses would be many millions of dollars less than the losses from one cotton crop under existing wasteful methods."

"Our freight rates on cotton are from 100 to 200 per cent higher than carload rates on meat, corn, flour and other staples where the rates are based on tonnage loaded in the car. The charges for freight insurance, storage, tare and losses in waste are higher against American cotton than any other staple farm commodity produced in any country in the world."

Of the amount lost by present methods of handling, Texas suffers \$50,000,000 a year, Jordan said.

The speaker told of the work of his organization in fighting the boll weevil. Finding the ravages of these insects covered 97 per cent of the cotton area of the country, his association started farm demonstration plots throughout the South. The work was started in 1923 with 933 demonstration farms of eight acres each. They were placed in the midst of the boll weevil menace. The average yield on the farms at the end of the first year was 37 per cent higher than on the surrounding farms. In 1924, 1,500 demonstration farms were started and 150,000 growers were reached with instructions on combating the weevil. As a result weevil control methods have increased 350 per cent in two years, he said.

Jordan urged growing of feed crops along with cotton, pointing out that 63 per cent of Texas farmers fail to produce sufficient feed to meet their needs. He said that while Georgia produced a million bales of cotton in 1924, it required the proceeds of 850,000 bales to pay for the imports of food and dairy products largely consumed in rural districts.

More than 1,000,000 farmers have left the Cotton Belt States since 1920 for industrial centers because the deflation of that year was followed by losses due to the weevil. He advocated a national law permitting colonization for the cotton States by bringing immigration from Great Britain, France, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Denmark,

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Some Splendid Values in Ladies and Children's Wear Priced To Sell

See Our Nobby Line Of Mens and Young Mens' Wear At Prices You Can Afford To Pay

OUR NOTION DEPARTMENT IS COMPLETE IN EVERY DETAIL

WOLFE'S BARGAIN STORE

YOU MAKE MONEY WHEN YOU BUY HERE

Norway and Sweden. There should be an amendment, he said, to the federal immigration laws allowing responsible land settlement companies to contract with the responsible farmers for the sale of Southern farm lands on a long time payment plan.

Help Spur Grow—ADVERTISING WORTH \$100,000,000

Probably no stronger demonstration of the value of advertising ever has been made than during the recent sale of Dodge Brothers to a New York banking syndicate. In that sale the good-will value of the company was appraised at more than \$100,000,000. This "good-will" value is the reputation of a concern. It is the money value of the buyer's faith in the ability and the integrity of the man or the company that wants to sell something. It may be said with all reverence that in business, as in religion, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

The problem in advertising ordinarily is how to bring conviction to the man who has never bought your goods, who has no first-hand evidence of its value, and who must be imbued with a faith in the value of this unknown product. Printed words must carry the message. There must be sincerity in what is said and in what is left unsaid. There must be sincerity in the very tone of the phrases. It is the task of the printed word to spread good-will, to create a reputation. For though a man or a company be possessed of a sterling character, men a thousand miles away, or even in the next block, will not know of it unless they have personal contact with it or unless tidings of it shall be brought to them. In the case of a large business person al contact with all the prospective customers is impossible. Therefore the tidings must be brought.

It is related in scripture that if a man light a candle he will not hide it under a bushel. So it is with the character of a firm in business. That character, that light, must not be hidden under a bushel. It must be brought into the open, set on a hill, where men may see. To bring character into the open, and to endow it with reputation—that is the mission of advertising.

John Dodge and Horace Dodge were men of character. They went into the factory and sweated to turn out an article of merit. All men who knew them admired them. But those who knew them were few. Their light was hidden under a bushel. Then came advertising and told the world of them. Simply effectively, it presented the character of John and Horace Dodge and created a reputation for them and their product. In every ear the name Dodge carries a message. It is a synonym for forthrightness, frankness, honesty, sturdiness, goodness. Advertising brought out the candle where all the world might see it. And now the bankers say the candle is worth a hundred million dollars.—Star Telegram.

Help Spur Grow—Miss Jennie Salem and Joe T. Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Campbell, Misses Smith and Lera and Annis Albin, and Crate Snider were among the number from Spur to attend the Epworth League convention Sunday in Stamford.

FOR OVER 200 YEARS

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



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

PHONE 46

FOR GROCERIES

Ordering your Groceries from us by Phone a time saving and a practical habit. You get the best quality Groceries at the lowest market prices and our delivery service is always highly satisfactory in every way.

CITY GROCERY STORE

OUR STORE IS NEAR AS YOUR TELEPHONE

THE DIXIE CAFE

THE BEST PLACE IN SPUR TO EAT

Clean and Sanitary

Regular Meals and Short Orders

Special Sunday Dinners

BILBERRY & BILBERRY, Draymen

Hauling of all Kinds

PHONE 279

SPUR, TEXAS

SOLID GOLD RINGS

At prices some jewelers ask for Gold Filled Rings.

All Acceptable Jewelry.

WATCH AND JEWELRY REPAIRING

Where Quality And Service Count We Win."

GRUBEN BROS.

JEWELER & OPTOMETRIST

RED PEP'S PHILOSOPHY



"Some of us are not as dumb as we think we are--we are dumber"

Weak, Ailing WOMEN should take

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Sold Everywhere

IMPERILED AGRICULTURE

It is with a sentence that should stir the Nation that ex-Governor Lowden began his address last night: "Our agriculture is decaying and we seem unable to grasp the fact." Since 1920 the farmer would have been better off as a farmhand. No longer are farmers tearing down barns to build bigger; new barns and fences and farmhouses are rare. Abandoned farms are found now in nearly every state as a quarter of a century ago, before the coming of the summer residents they were found in New England solely or chiefly. The colleges and universities are crowded, but the agricultural schools are dwindling in attendance. It is a depressing picture, and despite all the optimistic interviews of financiers, encouraging magazine articles and ingenious index numbers to the contrary, Governor Lowden insists, it is a true one. Before there can be constructive improvement there must be a recognition and brave facing of the serious situation. It is not only "serious," the ablest farm economists agree that it is almost "desperate."

This is due, in their estimate, to the great disparity between the prices of the things that the farmer has to sell and of those that he has to buy. Sheer necessity, growth of population and its greater demands, will bring about some adjustment in a long period of time; but under such a laissez-faire attitude there will be disastrous consequences, perilous to the people as a whole. The problem is stated concretely in the Governor's own experience as a farmer out in Northern Illinois:

"Now, I produce both corn and milk upon my farm. I feed the larger part of my corn in the form of silage to my cows. I sell it, therefore, in the form of milk. I receive considerably less for it than I did a year ago. And so these glowing figures of the increased value of the corn crop, over which the financial writers of the great metropolitan dailies gloat, do not comfort me much. I am indeed puzzled to know what to do. I have been taught that to produce 20 bushels of corn to the acre is a finer achievement than to produce 45. I like to see the milk pail brimming full with sweet, pure milk. But when I see 45 bushels of corn worth more than 60 bushels of corn, and when I see the milk pail but two-thirds full worth more than the brimming pail of another year, I become confused and hardly know what to do."

He cites like experiences of others with other crops and concludes that something is wrong with our methods of marketing when the aggregate money value of a larger crop of a prime necessity is smaller than the value of the smaller crop.

What can be done to lessen the disparity referred to and hasten an adjustment before the worst has come? Mr. Lowden's answer is that agriculture must conform to the practices found necessary to the success of other great industries. "Organize! Not that farmers are to adopt a corporate form of organization and operate farms through corporate management. It would be a menace to our social structure if farmers were to surrender their individualism in this way." But organize for the marketing of products "at a price which will enable them to live and go on producing." Co-operative marketing

is not an experiment either abroad or at home. Some associations have failed, but the mortality is no greater than among business organizations, and the prospect is that such associations, benefiting by their experience, will "occupy the entire field."

This conscious constructive effort is, to this experienced and distinguished farmer who knows also the ways of industry and business and the concerns of a commonwealth as well, the only way out of the present depressing state of agriculture. It is the only way of achieving not only a "balanced agriculture," but also a balanced national prosperity. For in the last resort the prosperity and happiness of the country at large rest upon the shoulders of the farmers, as the earth did, in the ancient myth, upon the shoulders of Atlas. But the relationship spoken of is no myth, as also, according to former Governor Lowden, the desperate state of the farmer is not.—New York Times.

Help Spur Grow
Mr. and Mrs. Riddle, of the Plains country to the south of Ralls, were business visitors in Spur Thursday morning of this week. Mr. Riddle, the past year or two has been engaged in road work in Crosby county.

Help Spur Grow
See Layne-Yates shirt specials.

Help Spur Grow
Livana B. Conklin returned this week from San Antonio where she attended the National Chiropractors Convention, reporting both a pleasant and profitable occasion. In speaking of prevailing conditions of the country in general she stated that the Spur country is now in much better condition and has more promising prospects in both agricultural and livestock interests than other sections of Texas.

Help Spur Grow
Claude Powell returned the first of the week from his vacation, the greater part of which was spent in Abilene with his mother. During the time Claud suffered an attack of appendicitis, but under skillful medical treatment an operation was avoided. He will resume his work behind the counters at Salems.

Help Spur Grow
H. E. Blenden and wife, manager of the Spur Produce Company, returned this week from Lyons, Kansas, where they were called because of the illness and death of his father, E. H. Blenden, whose death occurred

Help Spur Grow
W. A. Valentine, of west of Spur, came in one day the first of this week, spending a few hours here meeting with his friends and trading.

Help Spur Grow
10 lb. can Solid Packed Peaches, 75c at Spot Cash Grocery.

TEXAS TECH WILL OPEN ON OCTOBER 1ST

A business manager and the opening dates of the Texas Technological college at Lubbock were decided at Fort Worth this week at a meeting of the board of directors of the college. R. M. Chitwood of Sweetwater is to be tendered the place of business manager and October 1st was selected as the opening date. Registration will begin September 26, it was announced by Dr. P. W. Horn, president of the college.

Names of some of the faculty for the college were decided upon by the board, but these names will not be announced until the full faculty is chosen, which will be at the next meeting on May 8.

The registration fee of the college will be practically the same as those in effect at Agricultural and Mechanical college, Dr. Horn said.

Help Spur Grow
FOR SALE
High class Mebane planting seed, \$1.50 per bushel.—J. L. Jenkins, 3 Miles. 26-2t.

For All The Family

"We use Black-Draught in our family of six children and find it a good liver and bowel regulator," says Mrs. C. E. Nutt, of Mineral Springs, Ark. "I have taken it myself in the last two or three years for indigestion. I would feel dizzy, have gas and sour stomach, also feel a tightness in my chest. I'd take a good dose of

BLACK-DRAUGHT

Liver Medicine

when I felt that way, and it would relieve me, and I would feel better for days.

"My husband takes it for biliousness. He says he has never found its equal. When he has the tired, heavy feeling, he takes Black-Draught night and morning for a few days and he doesn't complain any more.

"I sure do recommend Theford's Black-Draught."

Your liver is the largest organ in your body. When out of order, it causes many complaints. Put your liver in shape by taking Black-Draught. Purely vegetable.

Sold Everywhere

Mrs. A. J. Richey and daughter, of Croton, were shoppers in Spur Tuesday afternoon, and while here pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Miss Richey informed us that all pupils and teachers of the Croton consolidated schools were now making great preparations for the closing exercises to be had next Friday. In connection with the program to be rendered and the graduating exercises, there will also be an exhibit of the school work done by pupils throughout the year in their respective courses of study.

Help Spur Grow
Frank Mayfield, of Girard, was in our city Tuesday attending to business.

IF YOU WANT QUALITY CLEANING AND PRESSING WE HAVE IT

That's our name quality cleaners.

IF WE CLEAN IT, IT'S CLEAN.

MAY WE CALL?

QUALITY CLEANERS
Spur, Texas.

DISTINCTION

— THIS MEANS YOU

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

Try Us—We'll Suit You

SPUR TAILOR SHOP

Farms & Ranches

Get A Home Now

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

COME NOW AND GET YOUR CHOICE

See our Agent for particulars

J. H. Fulcher
SPUR, TEXAS

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McKay, of the Espuela community, were pleasant callers Wednesday at the Texas Spur office, having their name enrolled on the Texas Spur subscription list and also having the paper sent to his father, G. W. McKay of Ferris, Texas. Mr. McKay last year bought a farm home two miles northeast of Espuela where he and wife are now making their home and are preparing to grow bumper crops this year. Mr. and Mrs. McKay formerly lived in Ellis county, but are well pleased with their move to Dickens county, and the Texas Spur is glad to welcome them to the citizenship of the great Spur country, and glad to include them among the thousands of readers of this paper.

Help Spur Grow
Hawley Bryant came over Saturday, making arrangements to go to Mineral Wells for the big West Texas convention.

O. C. Henry, an old timer of the Spur country, but of late years a prosperous citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur one day this week again meeting with his old friends and acquaintances here. He reports everything all o. k. at this time in the north part of the county, having had good rains and everything indicating prosperity for 1925.

Help Spur Grow
Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cherryhomes were among the large crowds of shoppers in Spur during the week. During the latter part of the past year Mr. Cherryhomes sold his place to the east of Spur, and he and family are this year living in the Cat Fish country where they are farming with prospects of bumper crops.

Help Spur Grow
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Goodson, of southwest of Spur, were among the many in Spur Monday.

Help Spur Grow
The best Broom in town for \$1.00 at Spot Cash Grocery.

MAXWELL & HARRISON

CONTRACTORS

No job too small or too big. Estimates furnished on brick, cement or on wood construction. Phone Tri-Co. Lbr. Co.

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We Can do Your Plumbing in Bath Room, Kitchen or Parlor in a Substantial and Satisfactory Manner!

WE CARRY A COMPLETE LINE OF FIXTURES AT YOUR SERVICE!

If your water connection needs adjustment, or your sewer system needs remodeling or repairing,

SEND FOR US!

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LOCATED IN DICKENS, KENT, GARZA, AND CROSBY COUNTIES

FARMS

These properties, located in Dickens, Kent, Garza and Crosby Counties, offer an extensive variety of soil types and location. A large acreage from which to make selection, some of which has but recently been placed on the market. Reasonable prices and terms.

RANCH TRACTS

On Easy Terms, at Low Prices, Splendidly Suited to Ranching

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CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

Spur, Dickens County, Texas

30 CENT COTTON
\$20.00 LAND

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

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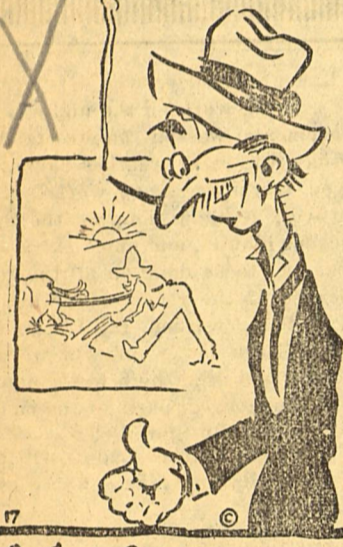
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This Label is your guarantee of Value

Strayed—Dark brown horse mule, unbranded, wice cut on left fore foot, 10 years old. Owner call for mule at my place, 7 miles north of Spur.—J. E. Willis. 27-2tc

Help Spur Grow—STRAYED—Registered female Collie, from the north part of Spur. Wednesday. Return to Tri-County Lumber Company for reward. 1t

YOU TELL 'EM



"The farmer doesn't need to save daylight—he doesn't waste any"

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A GOOD IMPRESSION AT THE BEGINNING IS THE SECRET OF MUCH SUCCESS—AND HOUSEWIVES WHO DESIRE TO SERVE DINNERS THAT ARE BEYOND CRITICISM ALWAYS BUY THEIR MEAT HERE.

WE HAVE JUST WHAT YOU WANT TO MAKE YOUR DINNER COMPLETE

Central Market

AVOID MISTAKE IN HOPPER POISONING

Mistake No. 1 has already been made in poisoning grasshoppers in 1925.

The poison bran mash as recommended by A. and M. College has proven fully effective in killing grasshoppers. Last year failures were reported, but investigation in every instance showed some detail of mixing or distributing had been neglected.

April 7th of this year the Extension Service sent out Press Letter Vol. I, No. 1 on grasshopper control, giving the formula and going into considerable detail. Where a good grade of amyl acetate could be obtained this was advised in place of lemons, being cheaper, more effective, and most easily mixed. Special care was taken to advise "high grade amyl acetate" and to "avoid bronzing liquids." In spite of this, we have already found that bronzing liquid is being sold to the farmers in large quantities for the purpose of killing grasshoppers.

Bronzing liquids contain amyl acetate, but mixed with other materials in such quantities that it often repels the hoppers instead of attracting them. Only a high grade amyl acetate should be used, such as "C. P." or "Technical No." Avoid anything sold in tin cans labeled "Bronzing Liquid." A high grade of amyl acetate suitable for use in poison bait can be purchased at less than \$5.00 per gallon, and we will be glad to put your druggist in touch with a source at this price if he cannot obtain it otherwise.

We wish to emphasize the necessity of following closely all details of mixing and distributing. "Don'ts" are obvious, but must be used here.

1. Don't substitute bronzing liquids or other low grade products for high grade amyl acetate.
2. Don't use calcium arsenate or lead arsenate. Be sure your poison is either white arsenic or Paris Green.
3. Don't use corn syrup. Cane molasses is necessary, and a low grade cane molasses is best.
4. Don't put the mash out in piles. Sow it broadcast.—By R. R. Reppert, Entomologist Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas.

Help Spur Grow—20 bars of White Naptha laundry soap, \$1.00, at Spot Cash Grocery.

Help Spur Grow—F. C. Gipson was over Saturday from Dickens, spending a short time here attending to business matters and meeting with his many friends.

DELINQUENT TAX FOR THE SPUR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, 1924

Abernathy, I. E., s. w. 1-4, Sur. 301, 165 acres, -----	78.47
Allen, A. A. Personal Property, 8.73	
Applegate C. F., Tract 70, Sur. 262, Acres 20, -----	17.53
Banks Geo., Freeman Addition Lot 1 Block 1, -----	3.78
Banks Tom, Freeman Addition, Lot 2, Block 1, -----	3.78
Bell W. A., Tract 1, Sur. 224, Acres 20 39-100, -----	13.90
Bell A. R., Tract 6, Sur. 224, Acres 20 39-100, -----	16.48
Boothe H. A., Lot 15, Block 46, -----	31.77
Boothe G. R., Personal Prop., -----	6.20
Brown E. L., Personal Prop., -----	5.37
Clay J. H., Lots 13, 14, blk. 30-23.36	
Clayton M. L., lot 11, blk. 47, -----	7.85
Colberg J. O., lot 2, blk. 59, -----	27.65
Collier R. L., s. w. 1-4, Sur. 264, Acres 163, lots 16, 17, 18 Block 46, -----	86.00
Combes Ed., Freeman Add. lot 8, block 1, -----	3.78
Davis Mrs. Nellie, Personal prop. 7.85	
Dortch C. W. Tract 173, sur. 262, acres 20, -----	16.26
Ellis C. P. Personal prop., -----	5.37
Fox W. W., personal prop., -----	3.72
Fulcher J. H., lots 13, 14, blk. 49, lot 3 blk. 40, -----	29.57
Forbis R. C., lots 14, 15, w. 1-2, 16, blk. 58, -----	67.80
Farmer J. H. E. 1-2, sur. 302, acres 326, W. 1-2 sur. 303, acres 333, -----	160.80
Fallis S. C., lots 12, 13 N. 1-2, 14, blk. 33, -----	29.68
Garfield James, Freeman add. lot 6, blk. 6, -----	3.45
George Bros., Wrecking House, personal prop., -----	7.41
Green A. W., personal prop., -----	4.00
Glasgow, Mrs. Luria tract 65, sur. 262, acres 20, -----	17.75
Harkey T. G., tract 37, sur. 261, acres 20, -----	13.90
Harkey T. G., tract 42, sur. 261, acres 20, -----	33.04
Hale E. M., personal prop., -----	4.27
Harkey W. N., lot 5, blk. 47, -----	15.55
Hart J. P., personal prop., -----	3.45
Hardin J. B. N. W. 1-4, sur. 302, acres 162, lots 8, 9, blk. 51, lots 2, 3 blk. 29, lot 13 blk. 38, -----	53.66
Harris, C. P. w. 40 ft. 11 all 12, blk. 40, -----	32.32
House M. H., personal prop., -----	3.45
Jamison B. L., lot 13, blk. 50, -----	17.31
Jamison B. L. tract 92, 93, 98, 99, sur. 263, acres 79 49-100 41.73	
Johnson W. J. personal prop., -----	5.10
Kerley J. A., S. E. 1-4, sur. 268, acres 164, -----	40.22
Lane J. R., lot 8, blk. 46, -----	19.23
Langster Pearl, Freeman add. lots 5, 6, blk. 2, -----	4.55
Lee J. H., lot 23, blk. 43, -----	4.27
Lee Emmett, lot 22 blk. 43, -----	32.87
A. V. Lester A. V., personal prop. 5.92	
u-w 33336gas, 29336a 33	
Lisenby Ed., tract 160, sur. 224, acres 20, E. 1-2, ail 3 w. 1-4 block 41, -----	63.23
Majors-Hall Motor Co., personal property -----	23.25
Majeors G. M., lot 13, blk. 39, -----	5.10
Martin J. P., lot 10 blk. 15, -----	10.60
Merriman Tol, tract 34, sur. 245, acres 20, -----	11.37
Moore S. M., personal prop., -----	5.65
Morris E. M. personal prop., -----	12.25
McArthur E. S., lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, blk. 13, -----	39.75
McClure Oran, N. 1-2 of S. E. 1-4, sor. 283, acres 82 92-100 S. E. 1-4 sor. 301, acres 166, 10, 11, 12, 13, blk. 58, W. 40 ft. lot 13, blk. 12, lot 18, blk. 27, -----	139.41
Nash W. W., Freeman add. lot 1, blk. 5, -----	4.55
Nally S. H., personal prop., -----	5.10
Nally Sterling, personal prop., -----	2.99
Nix O. N., personal prop., -----	4.66
Oliver F. N., lot 5, blk., -----	13.90
Perry C. H. lots 8, 9, blk. 25, -----	19.56
Powell C. C., lots 5, 6, blk. 1, -----	6.31
Potts W. E., personal prop., -----	4.00
Price A. D., personal prop., -----	2.35
Putman W. H. lots 10, M, blk. 48, -----	26.55
Ramsey, M. personal prop., -----	2.35
Rankin A. E. sur. 311, acres 659, sur. 342, acres 659, sur. 343, acres 659, sur. 305, acres 164 85-110, N. E. 1-4, sur. 274, acres 659, sur. 310, acres 659, sur. 306, acres 659, -----	333.83
Rush A. G., sur. 206, Froe N. E. 1-4 acres 13 5-10 -----	8.23
Rucker J. R., personal prop., -----	5.10
Sandres A. C., personal prop., -----	2.95
Sanders Cornelius, Freeman add. lot 3, blk. 5, -----	3.45
Scott L. S., sur. 262, tract 60, acres 20, -----	20.22
Snodgrass G. T., personal prop. 4.55	
South J. J., lot 7, blk. 40, -----	11.59
Stewart Joe, personal prop., -----	2.90
Sullivan Ira, lot 13, blk. 24, -----	15.55
Sullivan Mrs. F. M. sur. 305, S. E. 1-4 164 84-100 acres, lot 8 blk. 22, -----	57.38
Tallant W. H., personal prop., -----	4.66
Thomason J. M. personal prop. 11.92	
Thomason D. A. personal prop. 3.45	
Valentine A., personal prop., -----	3.72
Walker Jim, sur. 243, tract 100, 101, 102, 107, 79 31-100 acres -----	46.35
Williams Jas. F. lots 4, 5, 6, blk. 40, -----	66.75
Williams J. W., personal prop., -----	4.55
Williams Frank, lots 8, 9, blk. 17, -----	13.90
Willis J. E., sur. 337, N. W. 1-4, 166 acres, -----	35.90
Young J. E., personal prop., -----	4.77
Young M. M., personal prop., -----	5.92

Lot 26, block 12, -----	6.31
Lot 1, block 13, -----	2.51
Lot 1, block 14, -----	5.10
Lot 2, block 14, -----	4.99
Lot 6, block 14, -----	5.51
Lot 4, block 17, -----	5.06
Lot 33, block 19, -----	3.17
Lot 4, block 19, -----	3.17
Lot 2, block 20, -----	3.78
Lot 4, block 21, -----	6.31
Lot 5, block 21, -----	6.31
Lot 24, block 22, -----	5.04
Lot 2, block 24, -----	3.78
Lot 3, block 24, -----	3.78
Lot 4, block 24, -----	3.78
Lot 5, block 24, -----	3.78
Lot 6, block 24, -----	3.78
Lot 14, block 24, -----	12.55
Lot 3, block 33, -----	2.81
Lot 9, block 33, -----	2.81
Lot 6, block 37, -----	6.31
Lot 11, block 37, -----	7.87
Lot 12, block 37, -----	7.57
Lot 10, block 38, -----	5.04
Lot 12, block 41, -----	8.86
Lot 15, block 43, -----	5.06
Lot 16, block 43, -----	5.06
Lot 4, block 48, -----	3.17
Lot 7, block 48, -----	3.45
Lot 7, block 49, -----	2.51
Lot 8, block 49, -----	2.51
Lot 9, block 49, -----	2.51
W 1-2 Lot 1, block 62, -----	2.51
W 1-2 Lot 2, block 62, -----	2.51
Lot 6, block 62, -----	3.78
E 2-3 Lots 26, 27, block 38, -----	6.75
Lot 9, block 1, -----	5.65
Lot 8, block 1, -----	1.80

"TIGHTEST" LEGISLATURE IN MANY YEARS

The 39th legislature, just closed, appropriated a total of \$37,342,042, which is about \$6,000,000 less than the 38th legislature.

It was known as a "tight" session for its economical attitude and its persistence in shaving down requests for appropriations.

Summaries and statements prepared by Representative Eugene Blount, chairman of the house appropriations committee, and Senator John Davis of Dallas, chairman of the senate appropriations committee, gave the major appropriations. Mr. Blount's statement follows:

"Mileage and per diem \$125,000; contingent expenses \$40,000; foot and mouth disease \$165,000; rural aid \$3,000,000; pink boll worm, \$32,000; judiciary, \$3,349,844; departmental (net) \$5,330,153.80; eleventh court \$45,000; board of pardons \$6,333; penitentiary (emergency) \$100,000; eleemosynary \$7,808,240; deficiency bill \$198,173; deficiency bill \$223, 353.02; educational 14,410,728.38; penitentiary loan \$832,500; emergency bill \$737,326.18; district court \$24,000; educational survey \$2,000; miscellaneous claims \$382,322.07; banking law enforcement \$10,000; supplementary per diem \$10,000; university purchase \$119,000; penitentiary removal \$200,000; supplementary ranger force \$22,250; joint resolutions \$35,000; head light engineers \$6,000; contingent expense \$10,000. Total \$37,242,042.18.

"The apparent deficit August 31, 1925, is \$1,639,380, from which we may deduct the \$750,000 prison loan which was extended two years, leaving a deficit August 31, 1925, exclusive of emergency appropriations by this legislature, \$889,389.

"Adding to this deficit the \$37,342,042 appropriated by the thirty-ninth legislature as listed above, we have at total debit of \$38,231,421.

"Apparent revenue, as I figure it, is as follows:

"Year ending August 31, 1926, \$19,695,259. Year ending August 31, 1927 \$19,752,992. Total for the two years \$39,448,251, which would leave an apparent balance in the treasury August 31, 1927, of \$1,216,830.

"It is to be noted in this statement that I have figured straight through to the end of the biennium on account of the fact that the statement I have prepared by years is long and detailed.

"I cannot refrain from calling attention to the fact that while there is included in the above appropriations \$3,000,000 for rural aid, there has been no supplemental appropriation for the public schools.

"Early in the present session I introduced a resolution which was unanimously adopted in the house com-

mitting us to a \$15 per capita appropriation for the next two years, and had printed in the journal a detailed statement showing the condition of the available school fund, and the amount of supplementary aid necessary. This bill was reported out by the house appropriations committee February 9, and passed finally in the house February 26. It was taken up in the senate March 18, where it failed of final passage."

Help Spur Grow—SITE OF CAPITOL IS PAID FOR AFTER 50 YEARS HAVE PASSED

Governor Miriam A. Ferguson on Tuesday, March 24, answered the life long plea to two other women, Mrs. Kate Chambers Sturgis and Mrs. Stella Chambers McGregor of Galveston by signing the bill which gives to them \$20,000 for the site on which the Texas capitol now stands. The items were contained in the miscellaneous claims bill carrying an appropriation of \$388,322, which the governor signed.

Payment of the money will mark the end of a 50-year fight. The land on which Austin is surrounded was taken from a grant made to Gen. T. J. Chambers by the Mexican government over 90 years ago in payment for legal services. After Texas won her independence from Mexico, the state condemned the land to use as the seat of state government. Assessments on the value of squatters' claims and Chambers' legal title was ignored. He was then living on the coast 300 miles away, and could not get back to the seat of government in time to enforce his claims. The Civil War interrupted the Chambers claim and before it could again be pressed, General Chambers was killed at his home. Bills were brought before the Texas legislature for various amounts in the settlement of the claim in 1870, 1891, 1893, 1895, 1909, 1913, 1919, 1921, and finally the 39th legislature cut it to \$20,000 after the senate had originally eliminated the amount entirely.

Help Spur Grow—Gas on Stomach Won't Let You Sleep

Gas pressing on heart and other organs sometimes causes a restless, nervous feeling and prevents sleep. Adlerika helps any case gas on the stomach, unless due to deep-seated causes. The QUICK action will surprise you. Because Adlerika is such an excellent intestinal evacuant it is wonderful for constipation—it often works in one hour and never gripes.

THE CITY DRUG STORE
Help Spur Grow—USED CAR BARGAINS
One Ford Sedan, one Ford Coupe, one Buick roadster. All in first-class condition. See Roy Harkey.
Help Spur Grow—Pork and Beans, 10c per can at Spot Cash Grocery.

Suppose You Should Become the Dependent !!!

Your life insurance will be paid, either to you upon the maturity of your policy, or to your beneficiary or estate upon your death.

BUT, what if you should become accidentally crippled for life; suffer the loss of your eyesight, or legs or arms? Think, man, to become a helpless dependent upon those who are now dependent upon you!

There's now a way to prevent this. Pioneering the way, the United Fidelity Life Insurance Company has provided for just such an emergency by adding a Preferred Risk Accident Rider to its standard life policies. This additional protection pays cash benefits for specific injuries—and costs only a nominal premium.

If you have a policy in the United Fidelity, you are doubly fortunate. If you have not, see me immediately and take advantage of this new feature of modern life insurance originated by the United Fidelity.

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MUSIC GALORE--FIDDLERS CONTEST!

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd, IS THE DAY

We will have a Fiddlers Contest. This will not be an Old Fiddler Contest, but all fiddlers can enter. We will give a prize of \$10.00 for the best fiddler over 50 years of age; \$10.00 for the best fiddler, any age; and \$5.00 for the second best fiddler, any age.

Those entering this contest must reside in the following named counties: Dickens, Kent, Crosby, Garza, Motley or King. Each fiddler entering this contest must register his name at our store before 10:00 o'clock A. M. Saturday, May 23rd.

On the day of this contest we will have on sale Our entire stock of merchandise at very low prices, and we will also make that day **OUR BIG DOLLAR DAY OF SENSATIONAL BARGAINS OF HOME NEEDS**

Articles that you will never again be able to duplicate for ONE DOLLAR. Get here early and stay late.

Dont miss it! Remember the date, May 23rd. Come and hear the Fiddlers' Contest!

Spur Hardware & Furniture Company

Spur's Oldest Store

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Perry returned Tuesday from Amarillo where they attended an annual convention of hardware dealers. Mr. Perry reports a very pleasant and profitable convention. Along the way he stated that the rains had been spotted, some sections having good rains while in other sections very little rainfall was had. However, upon leaving Amarillo Tuesday, it was raining and it is very probable that the rain Tuesday night and Wednesday morning was general from Spur to the convention city.

Help Spur Grow
The Presbyterian Ladies will have a pillow slip and cake sale Saturday, May 16th. 27-1tc

Help Spur Grow
I have three houses and lots I want to sell, or trade. Get right and own a home. See J. P. Wilkes, at store. 14-1f

Help Spur Grow
J. Carlisle, of Gilpin, was shaking hands with friends, commenting on conditions and enlivening things in general among those whom he met. H. E. Grabener, of east of Spur, came in Monday and spent some time trading and meeting with friends here that day.

Help Spur Grow
No. 2 Hominy, per can 10c at Spot Cash Grocery.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Walker, of east of Spur, were visiting with friends and shopping with merchants the first of the week. Jim has several acres of Alfalfa on his place which is now coming to the front. Years ago if one had mentioned alfalfa growing here, he would have been laughed at, but today you can see fine alfalfa growing on a number of farms.

Help Spur Grow
Joe T. Salem returned Wednesday from a business trip to Lubbock and other Plains towns.

Help Spur Grow
Jim Eldredge came down Tuesday from McAdoo to transact business affairs.

Help Spur Grow
Garland Smith was here Wednesday from McAdoo, trading with Spur merchants and meeting with friends.

Help Spur Grow
FOR RENT—Nicely furnished bedroom with bath adjoining. Call 28 or see Mrs. J. E. Hall. 1tp.

Help Spur Grow
Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ericson and Miss Thelma Maples are, spending several days visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Doc Ellis on the Swenson Ranch.

Help Spur Grow
Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hamby, of Dickens, were visitors and shoppers in Spur the first of the week.

DISTRICT COURT CONVENES

JUNE FIRST AT DICKENS
District court will convene June 1st in Dickens, there being a number of cases on docket for trial.

Following is a list of Grand Jurors for the term:

- F. W. Jennings
 - W. H. Austin
 - D. O. Blasingame
 - W. F. Foreman
 - Frank Goff
 - D. J. Harkey
 - Geo. S. Link
 - Ed Chambers
 - J. C. Christopher
 - Tol Merriman
 - W. S. Smiley
 - J. J. Barton
 - J. P. Goen
 - J. L. Poteet
 - M. K. Lawson
 - R. L. Edgar
- List of Petit Jurors for 1st Week
June 2nd., 1925.

- Joe Creamer
- R. J. Hargroves
- J. J. Cloud
- T. L. Conway
- W. A. Craddock
- J. N. Luce
- H. L. Pullen
- O. M. Mimms
- J. M. Brownlow
- R. L. Collier
- W. F. Godfrey
- Floyd Forrest
- W. R. Denson
- Harvey Holly
- G. L. Barber
- Cecil Meadors
- L. J. Fullingim
- J. W. Carlisle
- F. I. Hale
- W. J. Collier
- S. L. Porter
- W. E. Ballard
- John Bailey
- S. L. Davis
- Claud Clark
- G. L. Delisle
- A. F. Autrey
- O. C. Henry
- E. V. Arthur
- M. B. Gage
- W. C. Armstrong
- R. L. Belsler
- W. W. Garner
- W. E. Gates
- D. W. Hughes
- A. B. Morgan

List of Petit Jurors for 2nd week
June 8th., 1925.

- O. C. Henry
- E. V. Arthur
- M. B. Gage
- W. C. Armstrong
- R. L. Belsler
- W. W. Garner
- W. E. Gates
- D. W. Hughes
- A. B. Morgan
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FORD TO FILL THE SKIES WITH FLIVVERS

Henry Ford has gone into aviation. The man who popularized the motor car has assigned himself the task of popularizing the flying machine. The manufacturer who production methods created one of the worlds greatest industrial organizations expects now to use that same organization for the promotion of air transport.

Henry Ford and his son, Edsel, are undertaking the job together, believing that the time has come to realize some of the limitless possibilities of flying. They purpose to produce metal aircraft that can remain out in all kinds of weather, to reduce the cost of both planes and dirigibles so that they may be made available for public use. In a sense, they intend to "flivverize" the air.

"There is not a doubt in the world that commercial aviation can be successful," said Henry Ford at Dearborn the other day. "We are going to see that it is made a success."

"As soon as we get into quantity production the planes will be disposed of through the regular sales units of the Ford Motor Company," said Edsel Ford. He has made a special study of the technical aspects of flying and the scientific requirements of aircraft. He speaks the language of the aeronautical engineer. He is a young man, still in his 20's and keen to make his own mark.

The flying "flivver" as it is now envisioned—will carry loads of two three and four persons, or the equivalent in cargo; the cost to the purchaser will not be more than \$3000 at the start with a gradual reduction in price as the design is further simplified and Ford production methods are applied.

But the small Ford plane must await the development of the Ford air craft engine. Today experiments are being conducted in the laboratories at Dearborn. Henry Ford and his engineers are developing motors large and small, the large motors to take the place of the present military engines that were brought during the war, such as the Liberty.

Mr. Ford recognizes the fact that the military engines as they exist today, are too heavy and too expensive to run for the work they can do. He expects to bring out lighter engines to do the same work, and smaller motor giving more power for their size than existing types. This may take the form of a radical, aircooled engine, or it may be water cooled and in the form of an inverted V. It may be one year and possibly two before a Ford engine sufficiently light and economical for air flivvers will be in the production stage.

The small flying Ford depends on the perfection of such an engine.—Exchange.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Harris, of near McAdoo, were shopping in Spur Tuesday of this week. M. Harris was feeling good over the recent rains, but stated that it was lighter in his section than in other places. However, the rains continue to come, and every section of the great Spur country will get a bottom season and produce abundant harvests.

Help Spur Grow
Byron and Burnett Haney, of J. T. Haney & Sons of Afton, were among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week. These young men are two of the most capable and successful young business men of the country and their firm at Afton is doing a big and extensive business.

Raleigh Harkey, who is directing the grading work on the highway improvement, was on the streets Wednesday, the rainy weather having delayed the progress of work. Grading work is being done on the Spur-Dickens highway, and much extra work is having to be done on all the roads because of the recent big rains, the roads being washed, the bridge over Duck Creek being put out of commission and other high water damage in evidence in all parts of the county.

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Help Spur Grow
The best Broom in town for \$1.00 at Spot Cash Grocery.

CHICKENS!

YOUR LAST CHANCE!!

We Will Load a Car of Chickens in Spur TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

MAY 12-13

This is absolutely the last car we will load here, this year. So cull your flock close and sell them while price is high and save feed

- Heavy Hens per lb. 18c
- Light Hens, per lb. 15c
- Roosters, per lb. 6c
- No. 1 Turks, per lb. 12c
- 1925 Fryers 35c

The above prices are good on the above dates only.

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Gingham Special

3,000 yards Gingham 32 inches wide absolutely Fast Color and Sun Proof.

Regular 30c to Sell At Only 20c
Lasting a Short Time

Any Pattern you might have in mind in this large Gingham display. The entire counter is full of the very newest patterns which we have just received direct from the mill.

The beauty about a piece of cloth is in **How "Fast" It Is**

These Gingham are guaranteed boil proof. After they are made up, the dress will look good enough to wear on Sunday.

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