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THE DICKENS ITEMS

May happiness and prosperity attend every Texas Spur reader in 1926.

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Railway Predictions Persist For A Line Thru Dickens

Since the Santa Fe Railway surveying crew has established a headquarters camp at Dickens, and is making a survey through the county, much interest as well as speculation is manifest in Dickens as well as elsewhere. A survey has been made from Crosbyton and Floydada, both towns being the terminus of Santa Fe railways, and while the company has made no statement, it has come from those in a position to speculate with some authority that the lines of railway from both Floydada and Crosbyton will be built out and make a junction at Dickens with the through line to be built from Fort Worth to the Plains.

This is not only a plausible but practical speculation, and as a result Dickens is putting on new life town lots and real estate values are advancing rapidly and preparations being made for substantial developments upon the realization of such speculations. As an instance of rapidly advancing prices and demand for Dickens property, some time recently a party who had been offered a number of town lots owned by a non resident at his own price, decided to take them at the price of \$60. However, upon making this price offer, the non resident owner raised the price to \$2000, stating that he had held them for years and now desired to derive some benefit from his investment on the possibilities now evident for a through line of railway.

Should the Santa Fe decide to build these roads in and through Dickens, it will benefit not only Dickens but the entire county, in that it will give us direct and accessible railroads facilities either to the east or west coasts and assure rapid and complete development of the country and its vast resources.

Let's all pull for the Santa Fe through line of railway.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mrs. Dozier Injured In Truck Wreck

Mrs. J. E. Dozier, of north of Spur, was painfully injured last week when the Ford truck in which she was riding was wrecked. Mrs. Dozier sustained a broken rib and other bruises and painful injuries.

The accident occurred after dark on the Dickens Spur highway near Soldier Mound, when in meeting another car the lights blinded the driver, causing him to drive off the road into the ditch, turning the truck over.

Adv. No. 735



PICTORIAL REVIEW PRINTED PATTERNS
In some of the loveliest Paris models the waist returns to normal, though skirts grow wider and shorter.

SALEM QUALITY DRY GOODS

Shallow Core Tests Being Drilled on Billberry Place

A shallow core test well is now being drilled on the E. J. Billberry farm just north of Soldier Mound.

This is only one of six or eight shallow test wells to be drilled by W. D. Clancy and associates for the purpose of determining the trend of strata in locating possible pools of oil. These shallow tests will be drilled over a wide territory, thus determining more accurately the depth and trend of formations leading to the location of points where deep tests for oil will be drilled.

Mr. Clancy is substantially backed financially with his personal resources as well as that of his associates, and is an oil developer of practical experience. He has opened up and developed more than one oil field in wild cat territory, and is beginning the work here in a business like, practical and as sure and safe manner as is possible to determine if oil exists in this territory.

We have confidence not only in the oil possibilities of this territory, but also in Mr. Clancy as a developer of wildcat fields.

—Prosperous 1926—

Oil Test Spudded In On the 24 Ranch

The oil test well on the 24 Ranch was spudded in the first of the year and the drill is now going down. This test is located near the old ranch headquarters and some four or five miles from the test made several years ago by McFann. The test is being made by the Texas Company, who have contracted to go 3,500 feet or get oil. The test is sure to be completed because the Texas Co. is one of the strongest oil developing concerns doing business in the state.

The test to be drilled in the West Pasture of the Swenson Ranch by the Deep Rock Drilling Company, has been delayed in spudding. The derrick had been constructed, but upon the arrival of drillers they refused to accept the derrick, having it torn down and reconstructed, thus causing the delay in beginning the drilling operations. This test will be located near the ranch headquarters also, and there is no doubt but that this test will also be completed since it is a strong drilling company with abundant capital to complete as many tests as desired without selling any leases.

Both these tests are approximately twenty five miles southwest of Spur, and in a territory considered most promising of oil.

—Prosperous 1926—

Work on Brick Business House Started

Contractors commenced the construction work January 1st, on the J. D. Powell brick business house on the lot formerly occupied by White Swan Cafe and between the Midway Hotel and the Layne Yates Company. The foundation for the building has been laid, brick are on the ground and soon the walls will be going up. The building will be 25 by 80 or 100 feet, and while no authoritative announcement has been made by Mr. Powell it is understood that it will be occupied by either a drug store or dry goods business.

—Prosperous 1926—

R. J. Hargrove, of the Dry Lake country, was in the city one day this week greeting friends with his usual smile of contentment.

"Mother" Pool of Oil to be Sought Here

CORE TESTS NOW BEING DRILLED TO MAKE LOCATIONS

J. P. Goen was in Spur Monday from his ranch home to the north west of Dickens, spending some time here on business and meeting with his friends. The Goen ranch, together with the J. C. Jones ranch, has been leased for oil development, and we are informed that there will be a number of core tests made in this territory within the year. The core tests are for the purpose of determining the depth and trend of certain formations from which the geologists can determine more accurately where the pools of oil exist. Since the beginning of oil development in West Texas, geologists and experienced oil men have been of the opinion that some where at the foot of the Cap Rock and within this territory the "mother" oil pool should be found, and the indications now are that the country will be given a thorough test.

—Prosperous 1926—

Cotton Ginned in Dickens and Other Counties to Dec. 13

Up to Dec. 13 there had been ginned in Dickens county a total of 15,478 bales of cotton, whereas to the same date in 1924 a total of 23,348 bales had been ginned. Kent county this past year ginned 7,040 bales and 8,207 bales to the same date the previous year.

Following is the report of cotton dated the previous year:

Dickens	15,478
Kent	7,040
Garza	10,093
Crosby	16,547
Cottle	22,586
Stonewall	11,935
Scurry	23,230
Fisher	29,984

Earlier in the season, and before the freeze, it was estimated that approximately 20,000 bales would be ginned in Spur alone, and more than 30,000 in the county thus making it evident that on account of the freeze a loss of one half of the crop was sustained.

However, good feed crops were produced, and with other diversified interests, the county is in better shape now than in the beginning of the past year. All farmers have plenty feed to run them and a surplus, as well as something to live on and for home consumption. Prospects are now promising for the beginning of another crop year, and with good harvests in the fall we will all enjoy plenty and experience again a bountiful prosperity.

—Prosperous 1926—

Swenson No. 1 Test For Oil Spudded in Tuesday, Jan. 5

The Swenson No. 1 oil test well was spudded in Tuesday in the West Pasture near the ranch headquarters in Garza county. The test is being drilled by the Deep Rock Oil Co., and a thorough and complete test for oil will be made in that territory.

About Band Taxes, Boosters and Big Bull Business Heads

(By Hicky Hix of Hickville)

Once upon a time there was a "Hick Town" (all towns are more or less hick towns, and cities are just hick towns grown up) in which lived a lot of Hick people, but not all the people were hicks; some of them were business men, some boosters, and some just plain d—n fools. The boosters wanted a band and organized one, and the band grew to where it was a credit to the town. But there is nothing more expensive in time and money to those who belong to the organization than a hick town band. So the boosters in this hick town went to the business men and asked for financial aid in the way of donations. Being business men and recognizing the fact that there was some pretty good advertising in donating to the band thru the boosters, they at first donated liberally. But still being business men and seeing that the expenses of the band were growing, and not wishing to loose the good will of either the boosters or the band; but wishing to stop the donations and at the same time keep the band as an advertiser, a council of war was called and the Big Bull of the Business Men's Club made a talk like this:

"Gentlemen we have met tonight to decide two important questions. Shall we or shall we not continue to make donations toward the support of "Our Band"?"

"Shall we or shall we not allow "Our Band" to disband and die of non support?"

To both these questions I answer emphatically, no."

But how? say you can we keep our money and our band at the same time?"

"I answer your question, Gentle men, in two little words, "the Hicks" You realize Gentlemen (just among ourselves of course) that we are living in a town of hicks. In fact except for the few of us here present the entire balance of the population is made up of hicks and d—n fools, and to my mind it is nothing but right for us to keep our money and let the hicks spend theirs. How? Simply force them by asking the city Dads to call an election to vote a tax or something of the kind, making "Our Band" "our" Municipal Band and the hicks, since we, the business men of the town favor it, will fall for it like the fools they are and we can both "eat our cake and have it."

"So Gentlemen, I move that we recommend to the City Council that they call an election for the purpose of voting a tax on all property in the city limits for the support of "our band."—So ordered."

"And now gentlemen, continued the big bull, don't let us get caught napping. Of course a goodly part of this tax will inadvertently fall on us as tax payers, but that will not hurt if you all follow my example. Go to your businesses in the morning and instruct your managers to add an additional 10 percent profit on all things you sell, purposely to take care of this extra tax we are going to have the hicks vote upon themselves."

—Prosperous 1926—

There is now substantial evidence that this entire section of country will be given a thorough test for oil, and we doubt not that 1926 will witness the bringing in of oil from the number of tests sure to be made.

Spur Schools Resume After Holiday Intermission

After an intermission of two weeks for the Christmas holidays, the Spur Schools resumed work Monday and pupils have settled down to their studies and courses for the new term.

The Spur Schools, under the superintendency of J. E. Watson has been revolutionized and is recognized as one of the leading schools of the entire West. Mr. Watson is thorough in his school work and requires the same of pupils, is a superintendent and school builder surpassed by none and with his able corps of assistant teachers, the Spur School is now second to no other high school in West Texas. This is Mr. Watson's second year as superintendent, and during the time we have not heard a single legitimate complaint made, and with continued cooperation on the part of patrons Spur Schools will continue to advance and maintain its place at the head of the list of high school educational institutions in West Texas.

—Prosperous 1926—

Band Tax Election to be Held in Spur Tuesday, Jan. 12

An election will be held Tuesday, January 12th, to determine whether or not the City of Spur shall assess a tax to establish and maintain a municipal band.

Those favoring the City Government going into the band business will vote for it.

Those opposed to the City Government assessing taxes upon the people for amusement and advertising purposes, and favoring the assessment of taxes for governmental revenue purposes only, will have the privilege of voting against the proposition.

The Denson Case is Continued For Term

The Denson case, charged with murder of Edgar Brawley recently in Spur, and transferred to Seymour and set for trial at this term of court has been continued for the term. Sheriff Jones talked over the telephone Wednesday with Judge Milam who informed him that the case would not be tried at this term, therefore the number of witnesses summoned in the case will not be required to appear at this term.

—Prosperous 1926—

Farm Bureau Re-elects Officers At Meeting Sat.

At a meeting of the Dickens Co. Farm Bureau held Saturday in Spur, all the officers holding office the past year were reelected to serve the ensuing year. Secretary J. E. Cherry recently reported that substantial progress had been made the past year in the work and aims of the Farm Bureau, especially with reference to the marketing department.

—Prosperous 1926—

Spur Hunters Kill Biggest Black Tail Deer in Mountains

W. W. Sample, the popular Spot Cash Groceryman of Spur, and E. F. Aldredge, of Gilmer, returned last week from a hunting expedition into the Davis Mountains. On this hunt these gentlemen were fortunate in killing the biggest Black Tail Deer in the mountains, Mr. Aldredge distinguished himself as an expert marksman, having hit this big buck on the run two shots out of three at a distance of 150 yards.

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Khedive's Ex-Chef Gives Cooking Tip

Great chefs are born, not made. Rarely if ever do they rise to the heights in their profession by dint of perseverance. In Europe and the East a chef with the true gastronomic instinct is treasured and jealously guarded. He expects and obtains the treatment of an ambassador. His dishes are the pride of his master, to be boasted of to friends in the cafes and bazaars.



H. Gedejlan.

Such a chef is Haroutoun Gedejlan, sometime chef to the family royal of the khedive of Egypt, now the owner of a bizarre gold coast restaurant in Chicago. In his forty-three years as a chef extraordinaire, Haroutoun's word has been law in the cuisines of three Egyptian princes and one princess, the mother of the khedive. When Lord Kitchener was sirdar of Egypt, before the trouble in the Sudan, Haroutoun cooked for him.

One of Kitchener's favorite dishes, according to Haroutoun, was schisch-kahb, a dish made from milk-fed baby lamb. Prince Jamel, another of his masters, was particularly fond of dried cream and honey, a preparation which is one of Haroutoun's zealously guarded secrets. Prince Saad Pasha was a keen admirer of a confection Haroutoun makes entirely out of flour, butter and nuts.

In many of his admirable dishes, Haroutoun uses evaporated milk, which is simply fresh cow's milk sterilized in cans and with sixty per cent of the water removed. Because of a homogenizing process through which evaporated milk is put, the fat globules in the milk are broken up into microscopic particles and distributed throughout the milk, where they remain in homogeneous suspension.

This breaking of the fat globules gives a distinct buttery flavor to every drop of the evaporated product, a flavor which ordinary market milk does not have. Haroutoun says he uses evaporated milk in preference to market milk in the preparation of all sorts of baked dishes, as well as in

—Prosperous 1926—

Robt. Nickels, of McAdoo, was in Spur on business Monday of this week. He informed us that the insurance inspector had been out to view his burned gin and make adjustment and settlement of the insurance, stating that it was a complete loss. The loss of gin equipments, buildings, etc. amounted to approximately \$22,000.00 to Mr. Nickels.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ed. Hall returned the past week from Dallas where they accompanied Mrs. Tom Morrison home after spending the holidays in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Love, and her sister, Mrs. Hall.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Chapman, of Roaring Springs, were the guests of relatives and friends here during the holidays.

—Prosperous 1926—

H. C. Parsons, a good citizen and one among the old timers of the Red Mud Country, was in the city Monday meeting with friends.

—Prosperous 1926—

A LIVING FIRST FROM THE FARM

The farm will yield a good living to everyone who will give it a chance. I often have suggested to farm folks that one of the first things they should do is to lay plans so that the land they work will yield the family a living, irrespective of the outcome of the major farm enterprises. Those who took this course during the depression came out best. In times of prosperity this plan is equally worth while, because it will help increase the surplus of a good year and permit the laying away of large savings or the buying of more merchandise needed or desired.

I was much interested the other day in reading a bulletin of the United States Department of Agriculture devoted to an investigation of the family living on the farm. It contained data from 30 farming localities in 21 states for the year 1918 to 1922. The information indicated how important a factor the family living from the farm really is and how vital a relationship it has to prosperity.

This inquiry showed that the family living from the farm at farm prices was approximately one third of the cost of living of farm families and two thirds of the cost of food, fuel and house rent. It was one ninth as much as the farm receipts and one third as much as the farm income.

In 1921 and 22, years of agricultural depression, the value of the family living from the farm was one third of the farm income. If this living had been bought over the counter in retail stores, the survey shows, the cost would have been twice the value given which is based on farm prices so that it really represents a larger part of the farm income than is indicated.

The more nearly the farm is made to supply the family, the safer and more stable is the business of agriculture. Earning a living is the first aim of every man. He feels safe when that is accomplished and surplus earnings he is willing to save or expend as conditions warrant. But the living is the big thing. In that respect the farmer has an advantage over every city man—an advantage he can make greater the harder he tries. And by his endeavor he will increase his chances of making the other farming operations pay a profit, at least when averaged over a term of years.

Getting a living for the family from the farm through gardens, cows, sows, and hens and from an orchard well may be considered as a form of insurance. Certainly it is a part of wisdom to grow all the food supplies for the family that can be produced. Those things which cannot be grown such as sugar, coffee and similar products, can be paid for by producing a surplus of eggs, butter and poultry. It was revealed that the family living from the farm is more stable than the farm receipts, the farm

income or the farm labor income.

Another interesting fact this sur more prosperity than they have had. Now that farmers are enjoying for several years, I feel it is important that they hold firm to the agricultural practices that helped bring them through the depression. One of these was producing as much of their living as possible from the soil and feed lots. Another was the diversification of their cropping programs, so they would not be entirely dependent on the success or failure of one crop such as wheat. A third practice was the growing and feeding of live stock for meat or the development of a herd of dairy animals.

These practices are all sound. They saved many a farmer during the depression. They will help him in the days of prosperity. They are worth trying up to in a permanent relationship. By so doing the farmer certainly can help himself toward a realization of his hope for a stabilized, paying agriculture.

—Prosperous 1926—

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—Prosperous 1926—

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—Prosperous 1926—

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FOR RENT—My farm 12 miles S. W. of Spur. Must sell four horses, implements and milk cow to parties wanting pack.—W. O. Garrison, 7-2tp

—Prosperous 1926—

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Godfrey returned last week from Polytechnic where they have been to accompany Mrs. Godfrey's mother who had been visiting with them in Spur.

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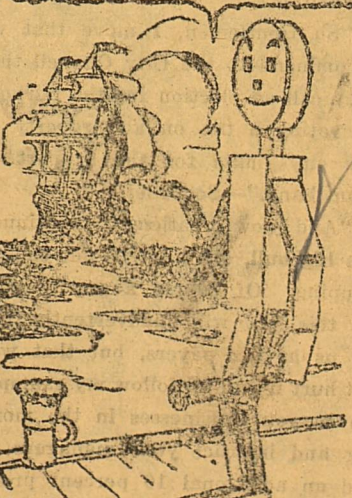
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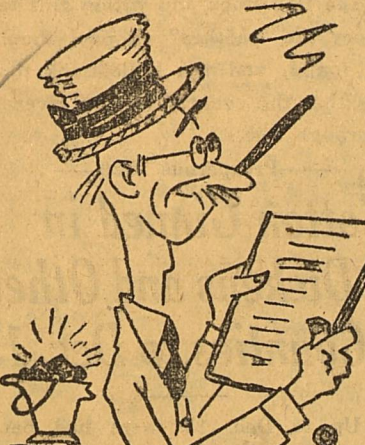
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Roy Arrington, of east of Spur, was here Monday trading and transacting other business affairs. —Prosperous 1926—

A. W. Jordan came in one day this week from his farm home on Duck Creek. —Prosperous 1926—

Mr. and Mrs. Boykin, of Polytexnic, are in Spur visiting his sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Godfrey.

J. J. Rogers, of Draper, was among the business visitors in Spur the past week. —Prosperous 1926—

J. W. Davis was in Spur Monday from his farm home in the Soldier Mound community. —Prosperous 1926—

J. A. Legg, of the Croton country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Monday of this week.

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How Butter Fat in Milk is Broken Up

Do you know what the word homogenization means?

Ninety-eight out of 100 housewives to whom the question recently was put admitted they couldn't answer that question.

But here it is explained by Mrs. M. K. Olson, food authority being a research work at the University of Chicago.



Fat Globules in Raw Milk

"Homogenization," says Mrs. Olson, "is the name of the process which breaks up butter fat in evaporated milk into tiny particles so they blend evenly with the solids. Homogenization causes the butter fat globules to adhere to the albumin and the casein of the milk. In the process milk is forced through countless numbers of openings at a pressure of about 9,000

psi of air contributes to smoothness and perfect blending of foods such as cream soups, soups, ice cream and baked products.

"It also has a digestive advantage for those who have difficulty in assimilating milk. Many pediatricians recommend evaporated milk as a baby food, although the other substitutes for the natural supply. It should not be considered as a food complete in itself. Addition of orange or tomato juice, barley water or lime water are important in providing adequate diet for the infant.

"All authorities recognize that normal mother's milk is the best food for infants, but this natural milk is frequently inadequate in quality and quantity.



Globules After Homogenization

Scientists say cow's milk is the best substitute. But cow's milk must be modified and supplemented with other foods. The fat in mother's milk is in homogeneous suspension and being flocculent forms small curds in the stomach, but the fat in cow's milk is in relatively large globules, forms large tough curds in the stomach and is much harder to digest. In evaporated milk the fat is broken up by homogenization and the curds softened until in size and digestibility they resemble natural infant food."

—Prosperous 1926—

Judge J. A. Hagins, of near Jayton was in Spur the first of the week visiting her son, P. E. Hagins and family, and also greeting old time friends and acquaintances of the Spur country. Judge Hagins is one among the very earliest settlers of this country, and was one among the first county officials of Dickens county, having served as county judge soon after the organization of the county.

—Prosperous 1926—

S. W. Vernon, of the Highway community, was greeting friends on the streets the first of the week.

—Prosperous 1926—

Misses Nell and Rena Higgins returned the past week from Wichita Falls where the holidays were spent with their mother and Baxter Seegins and family. Mrs. Higgins has been ill and unable to return home.

—Prosperous 1926—

D. D. Hagins, of Duck Creek, came in Monday and spent an hour our two here trading and greeting friends.

—Prosperous 1926—

J. M. Haha came in Tuesday, marketing some of last year's staple crop, evidencing emphatically that all his substance was not dispensed during the holidays.

—Prosperous 1926—

County Commissioner G. A. Sloan, of Dry Lake, was here Tuesday on business.

—Prosperous 1926—

A. C. George, a good citizen of the Highway Community, was here one day the first of the week.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mrs. Otta Lee Cornelius, who is attending school in Brownwood

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T. S. Lambert, of Draper, came in Tuesday after a few items for his gro filing station, spending here meeting and conversing with friends. In the event that the town decides not to run on as county commissioner of friends are soliciting to offer for the place. Lambert was defeated for a small margin in the election. Mr. Lambert is somewhat of a politician and hesitates to make a definite answer to the solicitations.

—Prosperous 1926—
Mr. and Mrs. Mathews, of New Mexico, spent the Christmas holidays here with her mother, Mrs. C. Fite. From Spur Mr. Mathews went on to Dallas to purchase goods for his mercantile business in New Mexico.

—Prosperous 1926—
H. E. Grabener, of east of Spur, was among the business visitors in the city Saturday. His daughters, of Amarillo, who spent the holidays here, have returned to their duties in the city.

—Prosperous 1926—
Geo. S. Link, Jr., after spending the holidays in Spur with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Link, returned this week to S. M. U. at Dallas.

—Prosperous 1926—
F. W. West, of Abilene, was a business visitor in Spur recently, again meeting with his friends of this section.

—Prosperous 1926—
Henry Elkins returned this week to T. C. U. after spending the holidays in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Elkins.

—Prosperous 1926—
E. W. Basham, of the Afton country, was a recent Spur business visitor.

—Prosperous 1926—
W. D. Blair, of east of Spur, was among the crowds on the streets Saturday of the past week.

—Prosperous 1926—
Will Watson of the Red Top community to the east of Spur, was here Tuesday.

—Prosperous 1926—
J. J. Randall, of south of Spur, was among the number here Monday.

UNEARNED CRITICISM

By FRANCIS H. DICKSON
Chairman, Public Relations Committee
American Bankers Association

There has been some disposition to criticize the administration of the country's banking system for the sudden collapse of credit in 1920 and 1921, and the subsequent financial difficulties of the farmers. As a member of that, what- ever blame may be laid to business must be for the too generous financing, in many cases, of speculative investment in farm property during the period of inflation. If any just criticism could be directed at the manner in which the Federal Reserve System functioned in this situation in the opinion of many it would be that the Reserve banks delayed too long in raising the rediscount rates. An earlier effort might have stayed the process of inflation.



Francis H. Dickson

The collapse of 1920 was by no means confined to agriculture, and was the inevitable result of the inflation period. All branches of business suffered in this period of reaction and perhaps some more than banking. The financial situation of the farmers was greatly aggravated by the fact that the high land values and high prices of agricultural products had led many farmers to incur obligations based on the inflated values. If the farmer was victimized at all, indeed, he was the victim of two rather than the little consideration. The real progress which has been achieved in agricultural finance in recent years lies more in the intelligent distribution of farm credit than in volume.

With agencies now functioning for the provision of ample credits for the American farmer, his entering success depends upon the wisdom and foresight with which he meets the problems of production and marketing. More than ever before, his activities must be regulated with reference to world conditions and his profits like those of the manufacturer or merchant will reflect the measure of his success in adjusting his activities to these conditions.

—Prosperous 1926—
J. J. Noland, of north of Dickens, was here Monday transacting business and making necessary preparations for another year. Mr. Noland lives over in that section of the county unknown to the hard drouths, sand storms or freezes, and consequently worries little about such incidents.

—Prosperous 1926—
H. C. Parsons of west of Spur, was among the business visitors here the first of the week.

Judge F. C. Gipson was over from Dickens, stating that "things are picking up" around Dickens since the railroad talk has become general not only there but throughout the country. The Judge, as well as others is very confident that the Santa Fe will build its main, through line of railway through Dickens to the plains.

—Prosperous 1926—
J. H. Hooper, of the Twin Wells community, greeted us on the street one day the past week, stating that he had had a joyous Christmas, and was now ready to settle down to the business of making another big crop. Here is hoping that there will be a big crop and that the staple crop may command a bigger price than the predicted fifteen cents.

—Prosperous 1926—
W. L. McAteer was here the first of the week from his Egyptian farm between Spur and Dickens. Like the Egypt of old, his farms this year made plenty of feed meat and bread though it may have been cut somewhat short on cotton production which should always be recognized as a surplus crop on any farm.

—Prosperous 1926—
Ben Reddell, of McAdoo, came down Saturday and spent a short time on business and trading in Spur. He reports that cotton is now practically all gathered on the Plains and that much land is being turned under for another crop season.

—Prosperous 1926—
Mrs. N. N. Morris and children have moved to their farm home on the plains near Ralls where Mr. Morris will join them later, he having decided to return to the farm and enjoy life as well as prosperity.

—Prosperous 1926—
W. E. Lessing made a professional trip the first of the week to points east.

—Prosperous 1926—
W. F. Suggart, of east of here, was in the city Monday of this week on business and rounding up things for another year.

—Prosperous 1926—
Uncle Jimmie Jones was on the streets Tuesday of this week greeting his many acquaintances and friends.

—Prosperous 1926—
D. L. Mimms was here Tuesday from the Draper country.

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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.

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NEW YEAR'S GREETING TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS OF THE SPUR COUNTRY & TRADE TERRITORY!

With the close of 1925 we close our 16th year's business. We have served you all these years, and we are justly proud, in so short a number of years to have achieved so much. Inspired by the great idea of Service, we have been rewarded, and we are Happy! But in our pride of achievement we are not unmindful of the part played by you (our customers and friends) who have made our success possible. To you we owe a debt of deepest gratitude for your support. Your good will is our greatest asset, and it should lead us on to greater things in years to come.

SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY

LYRIC THEATRE
WEEKLY PROGRAM

Saturday, January 9th:
RICHARD TALMADGE

in
"Tearing Through"

Monday and Tuesday, 11, 12:
BETTY BRONSON

in
"The Golden Princess"

Wednesday, Jan. 13th:
MILTON SELLS

in
"The Making of O'Malley"

Thursday, Jan. 14th:
"Adventure"

Friday, Jan. 15th:
BEEBE DANIELS

in
"Miss Bluebeard"

Lands and Buildings In Dickens Co.

At this the ending of the old year and the beginning of a new year, it may be of interest to Texas Spur readers to review the past and see how far we have progressed and what has been accomplished, at least in material things.

The 1925 farm census made by the Department of Commerce, gives lands and buildings in Dickens at \$9,713,151. The land alone is valued at \$8,672,870, whereas in 1920 the valuation was \$8,189,974, showing an increase of \$482,896. The buildings are valued at \$1,040,281, showing an increase of \$150,581 since 1920.

In the county at this time there are 45,198 head of livestock, including horses, mules, cattle and hogs, whereas in 1920 there were 49,686, there being no valuation placed on livestock.

There are 967 farms in the county, while in 1920 there were only 705. The total farm acreage now is 513,239 acres, while in 1920 there were 423,546 acres in farms, showing an increase in farm acreage of 89,693 acres.

In the county at this time there are 465 farm owners, and 502 tenants and managers of farms.

In 1924 there were 91,554 acres planted to cotton, making 31,937 bales. The same year 7,387 acres were planted to sorghum and hay for silage; 1,127 acres to corn; 18,912 acres to grain sorghams; and 885 acres to hay.

Another ten years will see practically every available acre in Dickens county under cultivation, with diversified farm interests and resources as fully developed and practiced as in the older states where farming has been done a hundred years. In fact the diversified ideas and methods of older countries will not only be adopted but improved upon in this country.

Prosperous 1926—
E. H. Blakely, of the Afton country, was in the city Monday with farm products for the market. The farm and farmer who has marketable produce in winter and summer as well as the fall can but prosper in this country, and every year the diversification idea is becoming recognized more and more.

AIMS OF KITCHEN IMPROVEMENT CONTEST

The kitchen improvement contest to be conducted in the county, by Mrs. Lura Hallingsworth, County Home Demonstration Agent, working under the direction of A. & M. College Extension Service, co-operating with the Dallas Semi Weekly Farm News, aims to influence Texas farm women in regard to four particular matters:

1. To give the original kitchen, that is the kitchen at present the greatest amount of time and thought looking to its improvement.
2. To make the kitchen as sanitary as possible and to finish or re-finish the floors and walls so that they will be easily kept and yet attractive.
3. To procure the smallest outlay of money possible and have the best furnishings and labor saving equipment for the kitchen.
4. To so group and arrange the kitchen furnishings that the woman's work may be done with the greatest saving of time and energy; in other words, so that her head may save her body.

Any woman interested in help in any of the above points should get in touch with Mrs. Hollingsworth, County Home Demonstration Agent at Spur, and enroll in the contest before January 15, 1926. All kitchens will be scoured at the beginning and end of the contest by county judging committee and prizes will be awarded to the kitchen making the greatest improvement in proportion to cost expenditure on the following basis:

Class 1. The kitchen making the greatest improvement for the least amount of money (cost not to exceed \$25.)

Class 2. Kitchen making the greatest amount of improvement in proportion to the expenditure (cost not exceeding \$25.)

Information as to points allowed on the Kitchen Score Card may be obtained at the office of the Demonstrator.

Tip! Have you enrolled in the Improved Kitchen Contest? If not, do so now and get your Home Demonstration Agents help on improving conditions in your kitchen. She will tell you how to:

- 1 Get running water into your house at small expense. This will save you lifting a ton of water a day.
- 2 Rearrange your Kitchen furniture to save steps.
- 3 Correct heights of your working surfaces to save energy.
- 4 Get your kitchen properly lighted, this save eye strain, nervous and physical energy.
- 5 Refinish walls and floors. This saves energy in cleaning.
- 6 Group your utensils according to the work to be done.
- 7 Utilize things that you consider waste materials around the place in construction of labor saving equipment.
- 8 Make a number of labor saving devices.
- 9 Secure a number of inexpensive pieces of kitchen equipment.

What About Your Kitchen Arrangements

Is your kitchen equipment arranged so that:

In preparing food you go in the most direct route and shortest distance possible from the storage center (pantry etc.) to the preparation center (table or cabinet) to the Cook center (stove), to the service center (wheel tray or dining table)? In cleaning away food: The dining table stacking

center at the right of the sink, and his close to the drain board to the left, and that as close as possible to the china closet or shelves, to the left if possible.

If not you are cross tracking your self, taking useless steps, and wasting energy in your kitchen. Storage, table, stove and water should be in six feet of each other. No two pieces should be more than twelve feet from each other.

WILL BUILD GAS STATION IN 'Y' NEAR DICKENS

W. L. Lusk, who has been operating a filling station at the junction of the Spur, Dickens and McAdoo highways, in combination with his farming operations, dropped in at the Texas Spur sanctum one day this week and favored us with the renewal of subscriptions to himself and E. Underwood at Gorman.

Incidentally he informed us that he intended to discontinue his present filling station business and would build a new drive in station and grocery business in the "Y" nearer Dickens where the location would be more accessible and convenient to the traveling public.

Mr. Lusk stated that he had been enjoying a good trade at his present stand, and that upon the completion of the new buildings he would have a man to remain with it both day and night in order to give constant as well as efficient and satisfactory service.

In speaking of the results of his farming operations Mr. Lusk said that the freeze caused him 75 per cent loss, he having picked out only about one fourth of the crop promised and expected from earlier indications.

DRILLER FROM SPUR DRILLS DRY HOLES

J. H. Fulcher, who is now a full fledged and initiated oil driller and developer, came in from the oil fields and spent the holidays in Spur with his family. Of several wells heretofore drilled they have all been dry. However, Mr. Fulcher stated that his drilling outfit had been removed to another field and was now drilling on a well which he was sure would develop a producer. The leases heretofore drilled, while in the middle of the oil territory had been condemned by the oil fraternity for shallow production therefore the drillings were considered only a gamble. Here is hoping that the present drilling will bring in a big gusher and reimburse any losses heretofore sustained by Mr. Fulcher.

ATTENDS COURT IN STOLEN COTTON CASE

M. Hargrove attended court at Aspermont this week, being a witness in the stolen cotton case. Some time ago three young men ginned a bale of cotton with M. Hargrove which was alleged to have been stolen from two different parties out of fields in Stonewall county. The smaller quantity stolen from Jack Meyer; being under \$50.00, the case tried this week in county court resulted in conviction and a fine of \$30 and 12 hours in jail was imposed. There will be another case against all three in district court.

ATTENDS COURT IN STOLEN COTTON CASE

L. A. Grantham, of east of Spur, was here trading and meeting friends Tuesday.

ATTENDS COURT IN STOLEN COTTON CASE

Mrs. D. H. Dunn, of the Afton country, was a recent visitor and shopper in the city.

WHEAT CROPS SUFFERING FOR RAIN ON THE PLAINS

E. N. McCracken, of the Plains country, called in to see us while in Spur one day the past week. Mr. McCracken stated that his section of the country suffered about eighty per cent loss on the cotton crop, and that now for lack of moisture the wheat crop of that section is not very promising at this time. A considerable acreage, though somewhat short of former years, has been sown on the plains this winter, and it is hoped that rains may come in time to mature the crop.

BUYS FARM AT MCADOO FOR \$40 ACRE

Ward Harris of McAdoo, was in Spur Tuesday. He informed us that he had purchased the Pence farm in the McAdoo country for a consideration of forty dollars an acre. Forty dollar improved land is now a rarity, and the day is not far distant when a farm for less than a hundred dollars an acre will be only from fore-ed sale.

ATTENDS COURT IN STOLEN COTTON CASE

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lee have gone to Wichita Falls, Mrs. Lee having been called to the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Collier, who is critically ill.

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And will continue to give the best possible service. Mrs. Hopkins will remain with us as cook, and being second to none, you are assured of the best cooking.
WHEN HUNGRY, COME TO SEE US
MRS. LULA WHITE

We Pull You In Free UP TO 10 MILES

ALL MODELS OF CARS REPAIRED AND WE MAKE OUR WORK STAND UP
Call us when you break down or let us overhaul your car and prevent a break down
SCHRADER & ANZ, SPUR, TEXAS
A GOOD PLACE TO BRING A GOOD CAR

IT PAYS TO PICK RATHER THAN "PULL" COTTON

R. L. English, of the Dry Lake community, was in the city Monday afternoon, after supplies. He informed he had only two or three bales of bollies yet to pull, he having picked all the balance of his cotton of the past year. The price of bollies now range around eight cents while good staple picked cotton runs up considerably higher. There is no question as to whether it is a paying proposition to pick rather than pull cotton, even though the staple may be somewhat damaged or stained. As a result of the early freeze the country will be overloaded on the low grades, therefore depressing prices cannot be avoided.

Prosperous 1926—
S. L. Cherry came in Monday and spent the day here trading and on other business.

Prosperous New Year—
Dr. Lyons, of Afton, was among the business and professional visitors in the city this week.

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Our New Year's Special

In taking stock and cleaning up for the New Year we find numbers of choice, desirable

SILK WASH DRESSES

Which we offer at
\$5.98 EACH

These dresses are of latest style and choicest fabrics.

RARE BARGAINS AT THE PRICE QUOTED!

Numbers of other Bargains in Dry Goods!

LAYNE-YATES COMPANY

We recently received a letter from C. S. Lamar, of Arkansas, stating that he was removing to Slaton where he would hereafter desire the Texas Spur mailed to him. Arkansas is no doubt a fine country, but there are few people going there or elsewhere east who long remain. There is something in the free and easy manner of life in West Texas which is irresistible to those who once experience it.

Prosperous New Year
C. D. Copeland this week made a business trip to Abilene and other points.

Prosperous New Year
Tom Simmons, of the Dry Lake community, was among the crowds here Saturday of the past week. He says everything looks good, and regardless of the depression of the past year is optimistic of good crops and higher prices another year.

Prosperous New Year
Jeff D. Harkey was over from Dickens Monday.

Have Your Clothes Cleaned for Christmas

We Clean, Press and Repair on Short Notice!
Phone 18, and we will get and deliver them promptly
Spur Tailor Shop
IRA SULLIVAN, Prop.

NEW BOLLIE MACHINES INSTALLED

We have installed the very latest and best improved bollie machines to our gin, thus being equipped to gin bollies to the best advantage for you.

BRING US YOUR BOLLIES AS WELL AS COTTON!

We will continue to operate our gin until the last lock of cotton is picked or pulled!
YOURS TO SERVE

SWIFT GIN COMPANY

J. I. HAYES, Manager

CITY NATIONAL BANK STATEMENT SHOWS STRONG FINANCIAL CONDITION

The statement of the City National Bank which will be noted elsewhere in this issue of the Texas Spur, shows conclusively that the bank as well as the people of the town and country are in a substantial financial condition.

The statement shows that the individual, certified and county, state and municipal deposits amount to the total sum of \$357,178.03. The statement shows a capital stock of \$40,000 with a surplus fund and undivided profits amounting to \$32,001.11.

Considering the deposits shown, together with the fact that Spur has two strong banking institutions which are conservatively liberal, is evidence that the country is in good financial shape at this the beginning of a new year, with the assurance of financial backing throughout the year in every legitimate enterprise.

PROSPEROUS 1926
CITATION ON APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

The State of Texas, County of Dickens.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Texas, Greetings: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks, exclusive of the day of publication, before the return day hereof in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county which has been continually and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year, the following notice:

To all persons interested in the estate of D. G. Hisey, Deceased:

Mariah M. Hisey has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said D. G. Hisey, Deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the third Monday in January A. D. 1926, the same being the 18th day of January, A. D. 1926, at the courthouse thereof, in Dickens, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at my office in Dickens, Texas, this 28th day of December, A. D. 1925.

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

By Josephine Green, Deputy,
Prosperous New Year

FOR SALE—225 feet of Howars laid 1 1/2 inch drill cable at a bargain. See Riter Hardware Co. 7 3/4

Well drilling outfit, complete with tractor and stationary engine. See Lee Harrison. Spur. 51c

Prosperous New Year
FOR SALE—98 acres all fenced, house, barn, 70 acres in cultivation, wood, water, grass. \$45 per acre; or I will sell 50 acres best part for \$50 per acre.—J. T. Walden, Spur, Texas, Rt. 1 Box 54. 61c

FOR SALE—Everbright heating stove, cheap at Callie Ramsey's Garage. 2-3c

Prosperous New Year

CARD OF THANKS

Through the columns of the Texas Spur we wish to express our thanks and appreciation to our many friends and the people of Spur for the many favors, considerations and kindnesses shown in taking us in and caring for us in the time of our misfortune and loss in the recent fire. The fact that the people of this town and country are the most generous and best people of the world has been demonstrated to us not only in this instance but other times of misfortune which we have suffered. We can never forget and will always love these people.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Bills.

Prosperous 1926
FOR SALE OR TRADE

At a bargain; cafe at Afton, and Ford truck with house bed; inquire at Maples Garage, Spur, Texas. 2tp

Prosperous 1926

J. B. Morrow, of north of Dickens, was trading in the city Monday of this week. This past year Mr. Morrow made twenty or thirty tons of feed and around twenty bales of cotton. He is setting pretty for a another year regardless of hard times.

ENTRE NOUS CLUB

One of the loveliest courtesies of the season and one that was beautifully carried out in detail was that of December 31st, when the ladies of the Entre Nous Club entertained in the lovely John L. King home, honoring their husbands and the retiring officers of the year.

A decorative theme symbolic of the New Year dawning was used blending with the soft shades of pink and green, the Club's colors. The table appointments were unusually charming with their pretty hand painted score pads and tallies.

Miss Nell Higgins and Henry Elkins rendered a lovely musical program from 8:15 to 9:00 o'clock.

The guests then found their places at the tables for the games.

Mesdames J. L. King and C. B. Jones received the guests, and Mesdames F. W. Jennings, Roy L. Harkey, Pauline Clemmons assisted in extending a welcome.

A lovely two course refreshment was served by mesdames Jack Rector B. F. Hale, Hill Perry, W. D. Wilson, and Kate Senning, at eleven thirty. The first plate held a lovely fruit salad, chicken sandwich, hot chocolate and the last plate held a cream moulded into the shape of a well in the club colors. Miniature wells were used as plate favors. Fruit and angel food cake were served with the cream.

Those enjoying the pretty affair were: Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hale, Dr. and Mrs. M. L. Brannen, Messrs and Mesdames Hill Perry, J. L. King, R. L. Harkey, O. A. White, of Satin, Jack Rector, Bill Putman, Webber Williams, M. A. Lee, C. B. Jones F. W. Jennings, W. D. Wilson, Frank Laverty, Robt. Davis, Riley Wooten, Mesdames J. M. Foster W. H. Putman Pauline Clemmons, Kate Senning, T. H. Blackwell, Miss Nell Higgins, and Messrs E. C. Edmonds, Dr. Zachry and Henry Elkins

As the old Year passed out the guests departed, Mr. Henry Elkins and Miss Nell Higgins very beautifully playing "The End of A Perfect Day."

Mrs. Hollingsworth, County Demonstrator, is spending the holidays with relatives in the Eastern part of the state.

PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
MISSIONARY SOC. FAREWELL PARTY TO MRS. PIERCE

Monday evening of this week the Womens Missionary Society entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Link with a farewell party in honoring Mrs. Ruby Pierce who is leaving Spur Wednesday for Dallas where she has accepted a position with a leading firm of that city.

Mrs. Pierce has made her home in Spur since its earliest days, having been with Bryant-Link Company in an official capacity for the past several years, and in business as well as social circles has formed many lasting friendships throughout the town and country. Mrs. Pierce is a lady of charming modesty, beautiful lovable character and endeared herself to all with whom she was associated. It is with sincere regret that the Texas Spur notes her departure to make her home elsewhere.

Prosperous 1926

"42" PARTY

One of the prettiest social events of the New Year was a "42" party given by Mrs. W. G. Crogo at her home in the west part of Dickens. Seven tables were arranged, and all were present at seven thirty o'clock. After several games of 42 was played, a delicious dish of chicken sandwiches, fruit salad, cake and hot chocolate was served to the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames E. L. Harkey, J. H. Meadors, Raleigh Harkey, B. G. Worswick, D. H. Stockton, Dennis Harkey, Roy Harkey, Misses Beryl Harkey, Mildred Gipsos, Elnor Gay, Olive Meadors, Ermal Payne, Josephine Green, Kate Blair, and Messrs. W. W. Waldrup, Jack Gipsos, Earl Bailey, Doc Griffin, Will Perrin, and Fred Arrington.

Prosperous 1926

D. F. Capshaw, of Afton, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

ONE CAR LOAD PLANTING COTTON SEED NOW HERE!

Mebane and Rowden Last Year Seed

ROWDEN, \$2.50 Per Bu. MEBANE, \$3.00 Per Bu.

These seed are selected and guaranteed to be pure. See them at the Sunshine Service Station or enquire of the grade and quality at either of the Spur Banks.

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Prayer and Missions
Leader—Mrs. R. E. Dickson.
Time—3:00 p. m.
Business period.
Devotional Theme—How to pray.
Sweet hour prayer.
Prayer—Mrs. Tom Teague.
Song—"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
Talk—Prayer and Missions—Mrs. W. H. Putman.
Talk—Answered Prayer—Mrs. Lonnie Harris.
Discussion—Leader, Mrs. W. R. Stafford.
What is prayer?
How much do we believe in prayer?
Do Christians pray enough.
Hidden Answers
Benediction
Offering.

Prosperous New Year
HOLIDAY ENTERTAINMENT'S
Mrs. Lee Davis was hostess to the P. M. W. Club during the holidays at her home in the city.
Mrs. J. Boyd Jr., entertained during the holidays with a farewell party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Brady who were returning to Fort Worth.

TIME LIMIT ON CAR REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO JAN 15TH.

For the accomodation of car owners the time limit within which to make proper registration will be extended to January 15th, 1926. All automobile owners and operators are urged to make registrations on or before that date.—M. I. Jones, Sheriff and tax collector, Dickens county, Texas.

Prosperous 1926

Grandpa Douglas, who is here with his son, Cicero Douglas, was in Spur Wednesday for a short time.

Prosperous 1926

Choice milk cow for sale. See Mace Hunter, east of Spur.

"Here To Stay"
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DURING 1926

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Wishing you A Prosperous New Year

WOODY DRUG STORE
E. W. Woody, Owner

Pains Very Severe

"I suffered from womanly troubles which grew worse and worse as the months went by," says Mrs. E. H. Cantrell, of R. F. D. 3, Dallasville, Georgia.

"I frequently had very severe pains. Those were so bad that I was forced to go to bed and stay there. It seemed to me my back would come in two."

CARDUI

For Female Troubles

"I taught school for a while, but my health was so bad I would have to stay out sometimes. This went on till I got so bad I didn't know what to do.

"One day I read about the merits of Cardui, and as I had some friends who had been helped by it, I thought I would try it. I began to get better after I had taken half a bottle. I decided to keep on and give it a thorough trial and I did. I took it all about 12 bottles and now I am perfectly well. I do not suffer any pain and can do all my housework."

At All Drug Stores

W. A. Kimmell, of west of Spur, two miles on the highway, was in the city Monday transacting business and meeting with friends. He has already started his farming operations for the year in the hope and expectation of making big harvests and enjoying good prices in the fall.

Prosperous 1926

E. A. Bailey was in the city Monday stating that he had some twenty five or thirty bales of cotton yet to pull on their places near Steel Hill. While pulling cotton at present prices may seem like swapping dollars, yet it puts just that much more cash in circulation at any rate.

Prosperous 1926

Misses Ella Mae Hogan, Clarice Laine, Lucile Lucas, and Erial Lisbey, returned this week to Abilene where they are attending colleges, after having spent the holidays here with parents and relatives.

Prosperous 1926

R. I. Wallace, postmaster and drug store of McAdoo, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Prosperous 1926

M. Bailey, of near McAdoo, was among those who had business in Spur during the week.

Prosperous 1926

J. Carlisle was in the city Tuesday from his Duck Creek farm home.

Carl Patton and wife, of Lubbock, spent several days of this week in Spur, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan and other friends of the city. Carl Patton is now managing the Hegan & Patton business in Lubbock, having closed out their business in Cisco some time ago.

Prosperous 1926

Jim Cloud, Billie Elliott, Dick and Sterling Davis, Randolph McNeill and Miss Dick Stafford returned the first of the week to Lubbock to reenter Tech College for the term.

Prosperous 1926

Mrs. E. C. Edmonds and sons, Roy and Freeman, returned this week from Fort Worth where they spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Connell.

Prosperous 1926

Miss Virginia Forbia left Sunday for Denton to reenter C. I. A. after spending the holidays at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbia and family.

Prosperous 1926

C. C. Pass and son, Glenn, of Ralls spent several days of this week in Spur buying cotton, having purchased several hundred bales here from other buyers.

Prosperous 1926

D. D. Smith, who recently moved from Spur to Floydada, writes us with the request that the Texas Spur be mailed him at his new address.

Prosperous 1926

P. F. Lee and family recently moved from Spur to Abernathy where they will make their home the coming year.

Prosperous 1926

J. W. Smith, of the Soldier Mound community, came in Monday for a short time. He reports everything lovely.

Prosperous 1926

J. E. Sparks was here Tuesday from his farm home to the west of Spur, meeting and conversing with his friends.

Prosperous 1926

A. Fry was here from Cat Fish, Tuesday, stating that all his Christmas was now gone and he was setting down to business.

Prosperous 1926

Dick Sampson, of the Paddle ranch in Kent county, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

Prosperous 1926

Eric Ousley made a business trip the past week to Abilene where he spent a day or two.

Prosperous 1926

Wayne Van Leer was in the city Saturday. He reports that Mrs. Van Leer, who has been in ill health for some time is improving and regaining strength and health.

New Way to Stop Night Coughing

Simple Method Brings Quick Relief

For almost instant relief from hacking, irritating, sleep-robbing night coughing there is a very simple treatment which, often with a single dose, stops all irritation and permits sound sleep the whole night through.

This treatment is based on the prescription known as Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You simply take one teaspoonful at bed-time and hold it in the throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it. The prescription has a double action. It not only soothes and heals soreness and irritation, but it quickly removes the phlegm and congestion which are the real cause of night coughing. People who have not slept well for nights are often surprised how quickly this simple method checks coughing and banishes the entire cough condition completely.

Dr. King's New Discovery is for coughs, chest colds, sore throat, hoarseness, bronchitis, spasmodic croup, etc. Fine for children as well as grown-ups—no harmful drugs. Economical, too, as the dose is only one teaspoonful. At all good druggists. Ask for

DR. KING'S DISCOVERY FOR COUGHS

O. Morrison, of Clarendon, father of Mrs. E. D. Chambers, is here this week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Chambers at their farm and ranch home in the Afton country. Mr. Morrison is eighty nine years of age and the greater part of his life has been spent on the frontier of Texas, he being among the oldest and earliest settlers of the west.

Prosperous 1926

Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Chambers, accompanied by her father, O. Morrison of Clarendon, were in Spur Monday meeting and visiting among friends of Mr. Morrison, among whom were Uncle Bill Hyatt, H. T. Garner and others who were here in the very early days of settlement development.

Prosperous 1926

A letter was received from Mrs. J. M. Holcomb of Wichita Falls, complaining of not receiving the Texas Spur regularly. We want all subscribers to receive the paper regularly, and do our best to that end and hope Mrs. Holcomb will hereafter have no further complaint.

Prosperous 1926

M. E. Tree came in Tuesday and sold a bale of cotton for around nine cents, catching the market on the up grade, having been offered only eight and a quarter for the same bale before Christmas.

Prosperous 1926

J. C. Jones, of Jayton, was in Spur Monday, transacting business affairs and looking after his ranching interests to the north of Dickens.

John Hudson's Dream

By Katherine Eckhouse

JOHN HUDSON was the richest man in Canton, Tex. He owned the big water at the edge of town, and had gone down a hundred miles. And among them all there was not a one but feared John Hudson, for he was a hard fast man. Many of the workers whispered among themselves and called him a slave driver—a modern Simon Legree.

Now, as he sat before the fire in his spacious library he pondered how he could increase his earnings from the works still more. There were several things that would help—cutting down the force somewhat and other economies. The New Year was a good time to begin, and he would start tomorrow.

He was tired from the long day, and in spite of himself he grew drowsy. Evidently his eyelids closed and he lay back peacefully in his big chair. John Hudson could never tell afterwards whether it was a dream or not. He felt that he was conscious and awake all the time, but reason forced him to believe that he had been sleeping.

The little son that he had lost in an early childhood came into the room and took hold of his hand. Then, in some mysterious manner they were both taken to the works and went among the workers. Here John Hudson learned many things for the first time—here he learned of the wants and needs of his employees, of the loyalty and service he had gotten from so many of them all through the years. He saw how much a little added income would mean to so many of them, and also what his plans of retrenchment would mean to those upon whose heads it would fall. Guided by his son's vision, he really and truly saw for the first time that the works was not all his, as he had always thought, but that its success or failure was really due to the help and co-operation of his employees. He marveled now how in the face of his treatment they had given him as much of service and loyalty as they had done. Things were going to be different from now on, he told his little son as he looked down into his eyes.

The New Year was the beginning of a new regime at the Hudson works. From a man who was considered a slave driver John Hudson came to be known as one of the most humane and considerate employers in the whole country. His works was a model of all that made for the betterment and welfare of his employees; and in addition he put into effect a co-operative plan which gave each worker a share of the profits that came out of the business. And the New Year was a very happy one for him and for all of his workers.

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Prosperous New Year—
FOR ALE OR TRADE for Mules—20 acre block, No. 5, south of Spur. See or write Andy Weston, McAdoo, Texas. 41f.

A Merry Christmas—
Troy Morris, who has been here helping the Texas Spur force through the holiday rush, left last week for Lubbock where he has a position with a printing concern. Troy was "raised up" in a print shop. At the death of his father which occurred several years ago at Ralls, Troy assumed the publication of the Ralls Banner, being one of the youngest and ablest publishers of a country weekly in West Texas.

Prosperous 1926

Will Garner came in Monday from his farm home, spending some time here meeting and conversing with old time friends here that day.

Prosperous 1926

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams, of the Red Top community to the west of Spur, were shopping and transacting business in the city Monday.

Prosperous 1926

We are sorry to note that Chalk Brown is reported quite ill at his home in the city, being under the care of physicians. It is hoped by his many friends that Chalk will soon be recovered.

Prosperous 1926

Max Hunter came in Saturday afternoon here with

Mattress and Feather Renovating

Cotton, Felt and Feather Mattresses Made to Order

PHONE 211

SPUR, TEXAS

"TEN YARDS TO GO"

The pigskin of the pigskin against the heavy is now in the air and the Referees can often be heard to yell, "ten to go."

This bank is out to make its touchdown. The goal we are striving for is your banking business. We may be only one yard from it, or, we may have five, ten, twenty or thirty yards to go, but we are going to keep on "bucking the line," "circling the ends" and "forwarding passes" until you say that This Bank is "My Bank."

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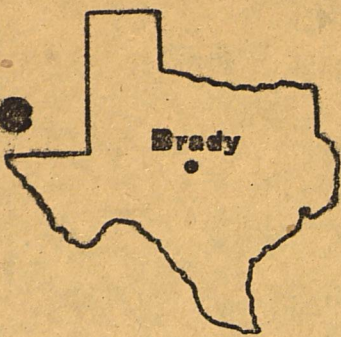
Everywhere Hudsons is known as the "World's Greatest Buy." That is not alone because of its selling price. The value is in performance, endurance and low operating cost. Such qualities are outstanding long after the price is forgotten.

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Harkey & McClure

Concrete Streets in TEXAS



Brady, the County Seat of McCulloch County, worried along for awhile with dusty, bumpy streets in the business district. But one day some of its business men stopped to figure what unpaved streets were costing them. They found it would be a profitable investment to pave the public square—and pave it right. They demanded a pavement that would stand present traffic, yet not require costly maintenance. The problem was solved by selecting portland cement concrete.

The concrete mixer had been running only a few days when extensions were made to the initial project. Now Brady has 26,000 square yards of concrete paving; and like other Texas cities they will not be willing to stop until all the main streets are permanently paved.

How about the Public Square or Main Street in your town? You can have a pavement that is rigid, unyielding, skidproof—one that will carry any kind of traffic indefinitely, practically without repairs. Concrete paving has these qualities which are but few of many reasons for its rapidly growing popularity.

Our booklet R-4 tells other interesting things about concrete streets. Write for your copy

PORTLAND CEMENT ASSOCIATION
Southwestern Life Building
DALLAS, TEXAS
A National Organization to Improve and Extend the Uses of Concrete
OFFICES IN 30 CITIES

Willard Dobbins, who has been with the Aspermont Bank for some time, was in Spur the past week visiting with his brother, J. H. Dobbins and family. Mr. Dobbins informed us that he contemplated going into business in Aspermont for himself, and since he is a business man of ability we are confident he will make a greater success in business for himself than as an employee for others.
—Prosperous 1926—

Mrs. W. C. Gruben, we are sorry to note is reported quite ill at their home in the city. It is hoped that Mrs. Gruben may soon be recovered.
—Prosperous 1926—

Jno. D. Hufstetler, of Docum Valley, was among the business visitors in the city the past week.
—Prosperous 1926—

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Powell, of the Dry Lake Community, were among the shoppers in the city the past week.
—Prosperous 1926—

L. F. Edwards, of Dickens, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Miss Maggie Pearl McCarty, who has been employed the past year in Abilene, returned home during the holidays and will remain here some time with her father, W. F. McCarty.
—Prosperous 1926—

Constable M. L. Nichols and Roy Harkey made a business trip the first of the week to McAadoo and other points in the country.
—Prosperous 1926—

Weak, Ailing
WOMEN
should take

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The Woman's Tonic

Sold Everywhere

SLUSH FUND PROBERS INVARE WALL STREET

UNTERMYER GOES TO GOTHAM TO LEARN WHY INDUSTRIAL GIANTS AREN'T ON LIST

HAVE A BIG INFLUENCE

'Bob's' Lawyers Seek Proof of Influence at Work in Standard, and U. S. Steel.

New York.—Frank P. Walsh and Samuel Untermyer, of counsel for the Progressives in the Borah committee probe of an alleged slush fund of \$12,000,000 being collected by the Republicans, are in New York for secret conferences and investigations which may lead to the issuance of subpoenas for J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller Jr., Elbert H. Gary, Alfred Cotton Bedford and other capitalists.

Reports reaching Walsh and Untermyer are to the effect that these men are giving support to the Republican ticket although no donations, with the exception of \$10,000 accredited to Rockefeller, have been reported by the Republican National Committee.

Untermyer gave an intimation of his intention to call them before the committee when he asked Charles D. Hilles, vice chairman of the Republican National Committee, when on the stand, if he did not think it strange that the names of Morgan, Gary and Bedford, who have been large contributors to the Republican campaign fund heretofore, are absent from the list this year. Hilles offered no explanation.

Since that time Senator La Follette, who is keeping in close touch with the Borah inquiry, has sent to Walsh and Untermyer some additional information designed to support his charge that Gary, Bedford and the others "are fighting him with large sums of money in a surreptitious manner."

Progressive leaders here have been informed that Senator La Follette, in a speech to be delivered shortly, will attempt to link Morgan and the others in the alleged slush fund. As the practical head of the United States Steel Corporation, Gary is in a position to exert tremendous pressure in the presidential campaign, Progressives assert. The same implication is made by them against Bedford, who is chairman of the board of directors of the Standard Oil Company.

While in New York Untermyer and Walsh will also run down some leads which they believe may bring into the open the reports in the hands of Untermyer "which will do great injury to the Republican ticket in the presidential campaign."

Before it recessed Friday the Borah committee took under advisement the advisability of taking evidence to bear out the Untermyer reports. While the evidence in the hands of Untermyer so far is purely circumstantial, he is strongly inclined to believe that it should be thoroughly investigated.

Two witnesses from Chicago are ready to testify concerning the mysterious charges and Untermyer has in his possession certain affidavits and telegrams on the subject. Just a few connecting links are necessary to provide a nationwide scandal, it is charged by the Progressives.

W. F. Cathy, of near Dickens, was transacting business affairs in the city Tuesday of this week.

HUDSON-ESSEX WORLD'S LARGEST SELLING "SIXES"

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And for those who desire, these cars may be purchased for a low first payment. The remaining payments conveniently arranged.

Harkey & McClure

Health and Home

CAMPING AND PROBLEM OF FOOD

There is no healthier sport than camping. During the warm and balmy spring and summer days, it is real recreation. To get out in the fresh air and sunshine, free from worry and care, enhances the health of anyone, be he office man, salesman or what not.

But due to the entirely inadequate means of food preservation and refrigeration found in the majority of camps, there is the ever-present danger of sickness from infected foods. The utmost care must be taken in order that this may be avoided. Butter and eggs should be bought only as used. The milk is a problem in itself. Perhaps the solution lies in the use of a milk other than market milk, in order that purity and sterility may be assured. For such use, evaporated milk is ideal. Many people are wont to confuse evaporated and condensed milk but there is no similarity between the two. Condensed milk is a combination of sugar and milk and can be used only when both of these substances are desired. Evaporated milk is merely pure, fresh milk with about sixty per cent of the water removed and the nutrient content left intact. It is absolutely sterile and pure, having been sterilized before leaving the factory. The water, removed by evaporation, may be replaced very easily and the milk returned to its original volume. Evaporated milk may be obtained in small cans, containing six ounces or in larger ones containing sixteen and can be taken to the camp in quantities sufficient for the needs of the entire party, thus assuring a constant supply of pure, fresh milk without the worry or the danger attached to the use of the market product.

Following are recipes for a few dishes that are best adapted for camp consumption because of ease of preparation, purity and food value.

Tomato Soup.
1 pint tomato pulp or canned tomato soup
1½ cups evaporated milk
1½ cups water
Salt and pepper to taste
½ tsp. soda

Bring tomato pulp or soup to the boil, add the seasonings and soda. Heat the milk and water and combine slowly with the tomato mixture.

Stirred Eggs.
½ cup evaporated milk
¼ tsp. paprika
¼ cup water
2 tbsp. fat
½ tsp. pepper
Grated cheese

Beat the eggs, add the milk, water and seasonings. Melt the fat in a frying pan. Add the egg mixture and stir until the mixture is creamy. When almost done, sprinkle with grated cheese. Serve on slices of bread, toast or crackers.
—Prosperous 1926—

Judge B. P. Vardiman, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Monday. He had just recovered from a critical illness, and his friends here were glad to see him able to be out again.
—Prosperous New Year—

W. E. Gates, the congenial and affable garage man of Afton, was in Spur the past week on business and meeting with his friends.
—Prosperous New Year—

Will Watson, of nine or ten miles east of Spur, was here Tuesday marketing farm products and trading some with the merchants.
—Prosperous New Year—

W. F. Foreman came in Munday from his farm home at Espuela.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross and little son, Tom Griffin, were shopping and marketing cotton in Spur Tuesday. Tom is this year making bumper crops in comparison with the general production over the country, thus demonstrating his ability as a farmer as well as rancher.
—Prosperous 1926—

A. A. Fry was here trading and on other business Tuesday of this week from his home on Cat Fish.
—Prosperous 1926—

W. H. Young, a leading citizen of the Red Hill community to the east of Spur, was here Tuesday.
—Prosperous 1926—

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hamby, of Dickens, were shopping in Spur Monday of this week.
—Prosperous 1926—

Uncle Dick Holly and wife were among many shoppers and visitors in Spur Monday.
—Prosperous 1926—

Alec Winkler was in the city Tuesday from his farm and ranch home on Croton.
—Prosperous 1926—

County Commissioner Chas. Perin, of Draper, was in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. D. Y. Twaddell, who recently underwent an operation at the Nicholas Sanitarium, was sufficiently recovered to be removed Saturday to her home.
—Prosperous 1926—

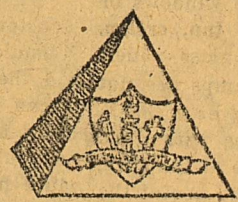
J. Z. Smith came in Tuesday from his Red Mud farm and ranch home, reporting his cattle in good shape and bountiful farm harvests considering prevailing conditions.
—Prosperous 1926—

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cornelius and family, of near San Angelo, spent the Christmas holidays with their son C. C. Cornelius and family, at their ranch home in Kent county.
—Prosperous 1926—

W. H. Gannon, of west of Spur, was here recently, stating that all the clouds had silver linings these days.
—Prosperous 1926—

Judge H. A. C. Brummett was over from Dickens, spending some time here on business and meeting with his friends.
—Prosperous 1926—

Chas. Gunn, of near Dickens, was among the number of business visitors in the city Tuesday.
—Prosperous 1926—



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Everyone Says It—Sales Prove It

Harkey & McClure

One Spur Farmer Has Solved the Market Problem

T. A. Randleman, of southwest of Spur, was in the city one day this week. He informed us that he had considerable cotton yet to pick or pull, and that all the cotton he made this year is still stored awaiting a "more demanding" market. Every year Mr. Randleman holds his cotton until up along in March, April or May, or until the market price advances, and in holding his cotton he has never lost. At one time he held over a part of his cotton to the following year, making about double what he would have made had he sold to earlier offers the previous year. If every farmer in the whole country was so situated there would be no marketing problems. The greatest marketing problem apparently is how to crowd the entire crop on the market within a few months and maintain a high price. When farmers produce their own living at home and have only surplus crops to market, then the problem will be solved.

Prosperous 1926— HAVE YOU ENROLLED IN THE KITCHEN CONTEST

January 15 is the last day on which women may enroll in the Improved Kitchen Contest being conducted by the County Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Laura Hollingworth, working under the direction of the Extension Service of the A. and M. College, cooperating with the Dallas Semi Weekly Farm News, in an effort to make the work shops of the country women more convenient, so that the least amount of time and energy may be expended in performing kitchen duties. A number of recruits have been reported from various parts of the county and a substantial enrollment is expected.

Do not hesitate about entering on account of the expense. The contest aims to bring to the attention of the housewife, things that can be done in the way of rearranging furniture to save steps, correcting heights of working surfaces to save backs, utilizing waste material around the place, and adding small kitchen conveniences that will evolve very little outlay of funds.

Any woman who wishes the help of the County Home Demonstration Agent in suggestions that will lighten her housework, should telephone, write or otherwise get in touch with her at Spur, telephone 288, before the contest opens, January 15, 1926. All enrollment cards must be in the State office by January 15.

What about the light and ventilation in your kitchen?

Is your kitchen lighted so that the worker can see clearly in all parts of the room. If the glass is not sufficient for this (about 20 per cent of the floor area) increase the amount by adding more windows or painting the walls light tan, cream, ivory or by adding glass panels to the doors. If the lamps are not sufficient, purchase two or three inexpensive, bracket lamps with good reflectors, and place one at the stove, one at the work table and one at the kitchen sink, so that the worker can see clearly at each of the working centers. This will save the labor and danger of carrying lamps, and will save nerve and eye strain for the worker.

Does your kitchen have at least two exposures so as to prevent cross ventilation, carrying away steam and odors, and supply fresh air for the worker? Many women work in the kitchen in the summer where the temperature is far above the temperature in the fields where the men think it is too hot to work. A transistor or a window lowered from the top will let out the hot air, another window raised from the bottom will let in the cold air.

Prosperous 1926— BRINGING HIM HOME ALIVE

Pat was visiting friends in the country. Borrowing a gun he set off one day in search of game. Sometime later his host heard a distant report, and going to the window, spied in the distance Pat hot footed it for home and behind him a huge lion, gaining with every step. Nearly spent, Pat reached the door in time to cry, "Quick, quick, Mike, open the door, I'm bringing him home alive."—Exchange

Prosperous 1926—

Sam Groves of near Girard, had a fine worth where she state she was requesting the help of the county agent to her farm.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITY NATIONAL BANK A SPUR IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1925

RESOURCES	
1. a Loans and discounts	\$376,541.92
4. U. S. Government Securities Owned:	
a Deposited to secure circulation	10,000.00
5. Other Bonds, Stocks, Securities, Etc.	30,741.00
6. Banking house, \$7,750.00; Furniture & Fix.	\$3,700.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	16,459.00
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	39,247.00
10. Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	28,736.31
11. Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust Co's. in U.S.	515.60
13. Checks on other banks in same city as reporting bank	5.40
Total of items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$32,586.20
14. a Checks and drafts on banks outside of city of reporting bank	\$ 118.55
b Miscellaneous items	4,926.84
15. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer	500.00
Total	\$513,052.14
LIABILITIES	
17. Capital stock paid in	\$40,000.00
18. Surplus fund	25,000.00
19. a Undivided profits	7,001.11
20. Amount due to Fed. Reserve Bank	10,000.00
22. Amount due to national banks	39,554.84
26. Cashier's checks outstanding	14,318.16
Total of Items 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26	\$63,873.00
Demand Deposits Subject to Reserve:	
27. Individual deposits subject to check	289,325.06
28. Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	1,015.97
29. State, county or other municipal deposits secured	62,837.00
Total of demand deposits, Items 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32	\$353,178.03
33. Certificates of deposit	4,000.00
Total of time deposits subject to reserve, \$4,000.00	20,000.00
41. Bills payable	20,000.00
Total	\$513,052.14

A CORRECTION

In last week's paper it was reported that Mrs. Glasgow and a Mr. Onion were married. This was a mistake. In fact there is no such gentleman as a Mr. Onion, and the report very evidently came about as a practical joke.

The Texas Spur regrets making such a mistake or false report more than can be expressed. We would not knowingly wound the feelings of any one in such a manner, and make humble apologies in this instance.

Prosperous 1926—

L. C. Arrington, of Dickens, was trading in Spur one day during the week. Mr. Arrington is one of the most extensive as well as successful farmers of the country. He is operating his big farm near Dickens as well as a section or two further west.

Prosperous 1926—

Bill Cherry was in the city Saturday, stating that his crops were about all in and he is ready to begin another year's work.

Prosperous New Year—

TELL IT FIRST

A story is told of two fruit vendors, whose push carts were loaded on opposite corners of a busy thoroughfare. One was an Italian and the other a Scaninavian. The Italian shouted: "Oranges, sweet juicy California oranges. The Swede shouted: "Same tang over here! Same tang over here." Which do you think sold the most fruit? You would say "the Italian, of course." The Italian reaped business and the other reaped the benefit to a certain extent. If the Italian was too busy to wait on a customer he crossed the street and got quick service because the Swede had the same thing over there. If the man was on the same side of the street that the Scandinavian was on, he would stop and patronize him because he had a convenient location.

Too many merchants are following the tactics of the Scandinavian fruit vendor of the story and too few those of the Italian. After a person has sent away for an article of merchandise the home merchant is apt to say he could have furnished the same thing had he known the customer was in the market for it.

The thing to do is to cry your wares first, and thereby create business. There are a lot of things people want, but they do not know it yet. There is a demand created for many articles by national advertising that needs only to be crystallized into sales by cooperative dealer advertising in the local paper.—Beckham County (Oklahoma) Democrat.

Prosperous New Year—

County Clerk O. C. Arthur came over Wednesday from Dickens.

Prosperous 1926—

J. B. Morrison had business in the city Tuesday.

Prosperous 1926—

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Will Watson, of nine or ten miles east of Spur, was here Tuesday marketing farm products and trading with the merchants.



VALUE of health may not be reckoned in dollars and cents. Two thousand years ago there was perhaps some excuse for the gastronome, but today there is none. The way to health lies in a balanced diet. Hippocrates, the father of medicine, figured along the same lines back 450 B. C. He expressed the belief that the science of medicine had its beginning in the efforts of men and women to find better and smoother diets.

Diet in the home today is becoming a matter of premier consideration. Women are taking cognizance of those important food elements known as vitamins. They have learned, also, the benefit to the human body of such minerals as iron, calcium and phosphorus.

This knowledge has resulted in the housewife planning her menus with an eye open to dietary values, which is the big reason why milk has assumed such a large place in the menu of the American family. Milk contains every structural element for body building. It is an almost perfect food. Despite the best refrigeration facilities, milk will keep sweet only a short time. Millions of American housewives have solved this big problem by using evaporated milk, which is simply fresh cow's milk sterilized in cans to achieve keeping qualities and with sixty per cent of the water removed. Evaporated milk is not the same as condensed milk, although many persons confuse the two. The condensed product is a combination of milk and sugar cane in a two-fifth cane sugar and three-fifth milk proportion. Evaporated milk has nothing but water taken from it and nothing at all added. Sugar is the preservative used in manufacturing the condensed product, while heat only is the preservative for evaporated milk. For this reason the evaporated product may be used in any way in which market milk is used.

Too Much Water for Fish

Even the finny inhabitants of old Father Thames suffered inconvenience on account of the floods of the past season. The first rush of water drives the fish from their customary swims, and in order not to be driven into unfamiliar waters, they take refuge in eddies and quiet corners where they can hold their own against the current, and into which food is borne and collects. As the river rises so the water colors and darkens, until light fails to penetrate to the bottom, so that food becomes invisible and the fish are driven to shallow water. When the stream overflows its banks and spreads over the adjacent meadows the fish quickly follow it in search of quiet water and the feast of drowned insects and earthworms to be found there. There is, however, always the risk that they may be stranded by a rapid subsidence of the flood.

That Pleased Him

Terrible discords were issuing from the adjoining room. The caller sat up apprehensively. "Never mind," smiled Mrs. Brown, "it's only my small son practicing on the piano." The caller relaxed and sat back. "Does he enjoy it?" she asked. The foad mother smiled a bit more broadly. "Not at first," she admitted, "but then the neighbors complained."

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