

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them.

The Texas Spur

THE DICKENS ITEMS

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

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Burglars Enter Five or Six Homes Monday Night in Spur getting valuables

Two or more "soft footed" burglars operated in Spur Monday night entering five or six homes, rifling pockets, securing money, watches, and other valuables.

The homes of W. D. Wilson, C. Hogan, J. C. Keller, Jack Rector, Miss Kittie Powell and Dr. Blackwell were among those entered. At the Wilson home a watch and five dollars and ninety cents were taken. At the home of Mr. Keller, Rev. LeMay had ten dollars fifty cents removed from his pockets. Jack Rector lost a hat which was left in the home of C. Hogan, and a five dollar bill and another hat taken in its stead. Dr. Blackwell also lost some pocket change, but interrupted the burglary and stopped further operations.

Four watches and a string of white pearls was included in the haul. Sheriff Jones came over Tuesday morning, and with the assistance of local officers and citizens, clues were obtained which may lead to an arrest within a short time.

Grand Jury Attempts to find a bill against W. L. Thannisch

It is said that W. L. Thannisch, leading citizen of the Draper country and now candidate for County Commissioner from his precinct, narrowly escaped toils of the law through a vigorous investigation on the part of the grand jury in session the past week. It is said that he appeared before the honorable body with a "Ferguson Forum" in his possession and which encouraged the investigation.

Making 25 to 40 bushels of wheat to the acre in Dry Lake Crops

Notwithstanding the uninviting conditions prevailing earlier for winter wheat, the crops of Dickens county are turning out well, and the harvest will probably average from twenty five to forty bushels to the acre.

H. C. Allen, of Dry Lake, informed us that he had as fine prospects as could have been hoped for, and estimates a yield of from 25 to 40 bushels. The heads, he says, are about six inches long, have from 10 to 14 meshes of well matured grains to each head, the crop being some what thin of stand.

Pat Denson Case is Transferred to Seymour for trial Aug. 2

The Pat Denson case, scheduled for trial at this term of district court now in session at Dickens, has been transferred to Seymour and set for trial on August 2nd. Attorney W. D. Wilson is representing the defendant and requests all witnesses to take notice of the transfer of the case.

Saturday Special!
Ladies Stylish Hats
Regular price \$6.50 on special \$3.95
SALEMS
BY THE POST OFFICE

Several Surgical Operations This Week at the Nichols Sanitarium

During the past week Dr. Nichols has performed a number of successful surgical operations at the Nichols Sanitarium.

Among those undergoing operations were Mrs. C. M. Jackson, of Afton, who was operated Thursday of last week for appendicitis.

B. M. Dickson, of Aspermont, was operated the latter part of the week.

Frank Murphy, of Roaring Springs was operated Friday for appendicitis, and Spurgeon Hutto, of Crosbyton, was also operated for appendicitis.

Alden Randleman, twenty one years of age, and son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Randleman of near Spur, was operated Saturday for appendicitis.

Each of the appendicitis cases were serious, in that they had developed into what is termed as "puss cases." However, each patient is doing nicely and all complications following operations have been avoided by careful and expert nursing and surgical attention.

Singing School Now in Session in Spur With Large Enrollment

A normal singing school, under the direction of Prof. R. H. Cornelius, was commenced Monday at the Methodist church in Spur. At the opening session sixty odd pupils were enrolled, and a number have since entered the school.

Prof. Cornelius will render a singing program Sunday afternoon at the Duck Creek church on the occasion of children's day, and will also render another program the following Sunday at the school auditorium in Dickens.

The singing school is being conducted without tuition charges, and everybody is freely and cordially invited to attend.

Spur Fire Boys Attending Firemens Convention at Harlingen

Edd Potts, Roy Stovall, John King and L. R. Barrett, of the Spur Fire department, left Saturday for Harlingen where they will attend the State Firemens Convention which will convene Monday and remain in session several days. At the convention demonstrations and instructions in fire-fighting will be given, and the Spur boys are expected to impart all information gained to the Spur boys upon their return.

Mrs. Wilson Died in Dallas and Remains Interred in Spur

Mrs. Leland Wilson died Friday of last week in Dallas following a surgical operation. Her remains were brought to Spur and interred Sunday in Spur cemetery.

Mrs. Wilson was an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collier, and was reared in Dickens county, having resided in Spur a number of years with Mr. and Mrs. Collier, and was loved by her associates and recognized as a beautiful character by the entire community.

Mrs. Collier and son, Faust, were in Dallas and accompanied the remains to Spur.

Corn Juice Captured and two Parties are Under Arrest

Thursday afternoon Marshall Ed McArthur and Constable Nichols captured about thirty quarts of corn juice "caught" somewhere near the city, and arrested two young men from Motley county charged with the sale or transportation of the intoxicating beverage.

Emmett Gladdish Makes Escape from Jail at Dickens by Sawing thru bars

Emmett Gladdish made his escape from the Dickens jail Sunday night by sawing out iron bars of the window. He had been convicted of mail order frauds by the federal court at Amarillo the past week and sentenced to the penitentiary. He had just been returned to Dickens for trial at this term of court on a charge of burglarizing the Otho L. Hale store some time ago.

H. C. Allen Offers Compromise in the Wheat Harvest Agreement

In referring to an earlier agreement entered into with Newt Kidd, and a more recent accusation on his part that the frogs had remained so long in the Allen wheat crop that they had learned to cackle, H. C. Allen now comes forward and offers to release Mr. Kidd from his agreement provided he will hereafter "tie his bull and let him remain on the outside." In the earlier part of the season it was agreed that Newt Kidd would use a cradle in cutting the wheat, and other parties would hand bind and haul to market in a wheelbarrow.

However, later seasons brought the crop to the front, and it is now estimated to harvest around forty bushels to the acre.

Come to the Spur country.

Grand Jury Returns 16 Bills of Indictment—Adjourns

The grand jury for this term of District Court, with E. C. Edmonds as foreman, adjourned Monday, after returning sixteen bills of indictment, thirteen of which were felonies, and three misdemeanors.

The court has disposed of the following cases during the week:

State vs D. D. Busby, burglary of shack at the Pitchfork oil test well, verdict of not guilty.

State vs Leroy Mackey, assault to murder Arizona Mackey, verdict of not guilty.

State vs Tom Hale, perjury, continued for term.

The petit jurors have been discharged for the week.

The Hobbs case, assault to murder, has been set for trial next Monday.

J. L. Elmore case, theft by bailee, is set for trial next Tuesday.

State Republicans on Tour of West Texas. Meet in Lubbock

State Republican leaders are now on a tour of West Texas, and will hold a "get-together" convention at Lubbock Wednesday, June 16th. A big reception is planned for the Republican County Chairmen of this district. Following the reception of County Chairmen, an open meeting will be held to which the general public will be admitted to meet the leaders of the Republicans in Texas.

Dr. Blackwell Performs 9 Throat Operations the Past Week

Dr. Blackwell, who is now making a specialty of eye, ear, nose and throat operations and treatment, has been favored with a liberal and extensive business in this special profession. During the past week Dr. Blackwell has performed successfully nine throat operations.

Swift Gin Company Now Building New and More Modern Gin Plant in Spur

J. I. Hayes, manager of the Swift Gin Company of Spur, commenced the construction of a new and more modern gin plant in Spur, to take the place of the old gin recently destroyed by fire.

The new gin is being built on the same lots occupied by the former gin in the southwest part of the city.

The new plant will consist of six 70 saw stands, with all of the latest additions in machinery, including cleaners, burr machines, etc. The new plant will be completed and in readiness for operation before the first bale of cotton of the season makes its appearance.

While the present prospects and indications are that the cotton crop of 1926 will be the biggest ever before produced in Dickens county, the several gins of Spur will be amply able to take care of the ginning without delays and in the very best possible manner.

Thurman Moore and Miss Thelma McArthur Married Sunday last

Miss Thelma McArthur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed McArthur, and Thurman Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. White Moore of near Spur, were united in marriage Sunday, the young couple driving over to Dickens where the ceremony was performed.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore were reared in Dickens county, and their marriage unites two of the oldest and most highly respected families of the country. They have many friends who will join the Texas Spur in extending congratulations and very best wishes.

Baptist Revival Meeting is Now in Progress at Baptist Church

A revival meeting was commenced Sunday at the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. Atwood of Abilene, assisted by Mr. Ivy of Spur as choir leader. A large attendance is being had, and the services will continue over Sunday and probably thru out next week.

Joe Christal Buys an Interest in Woody Drug Store

Joe Christal recently purchased an interest in the Edwin Woody drug store. Messrs. Woody and Christal are now arranging to move the stock of drugs to Berger, in the Panhandle oil field, where they will establish a business.

Mrs. Morrison is Now Conducting Business School in the City

Mrs. Jose Morrison is now conducting a business school, teaching in the Spur High School building, there being a number of pupils taking business courses.

Mrs. Morrison has had years of experience as a teacher, and is giving Spur pupils business school advantages not surpassed in larger cities.

Burglar Enters Sunshine Filling Station Sunday Night last

Burglaries are becoming a common occurrence in Spur. It is reported that the Sunshine Service Station was entered Sunday night, and among other things taken was about \$75.00 from the pockets of one of the boys who was sleeping there.

Spur Defeats Jayton Ball Team Sunday on the Jayton Diamond

The Spur baseball team went to Jayton Sunday and played the Jayton team a match game, with the result of scoring eleven to four in favor of the Spur team.

Crawfish Pool Lease Now Being Made for Oil Test Drilling

H. A. Cook and others are now completing the details of the Crawfish pool lease to the southwest of Spur, with the view of soon having one or more test wells for oil going down.

The geologists have completed the survey of this proposed blocked acreage, stating that one of the most promising structures is in evidence. The acreage consists of approximately sixty thousand acres, covering territory both on and off the plains. The developments will be handled by a Kansas City Company.

H. E. Grabener Buys the H. T. Garner Residence in the City

Last week H. T. Garner sold his residence property in Spur to H. E. Grabener, of east of Spur, the consideration being \$3,500.00. Mr. Grabener and family will move the latter part of the week to their new home.

Mr. Garner, we are informed, will build a new residence on his twenty acre block north of Spur where he and Mrs. Garner will reside in the future.

Mail Frauds Charged to Dickens County Boys

Two convictions have been made in federal court on charges of mail order frauds, and it is alleged that several other Dickens county boys are implicated in the frauds.

It is said that for some time parties in the north end of the county have been ordering goods from mail order concerns on bogus checks and assumed names. A dummy package was prepared and mailed out with the result of uncovering the frauds.

Cemetery Working and Dinner on the Ground at Red Top School

A large crowd attended the cemetery working Monday at the Red Top school house. Most of the candidates were there and made their announcements and solicitations for votes. Dinner was spread on the ground, and an enjoyable occasion was had, as well as working the cemetery and paying respect and tribute to the dead.

Sanitary Cafe Moving to Wilson Building on Burlington Avenue

Mrs. Lula White, proprietor of the Sanitary Cafe, will this week move the business from its present location to the Wilson building on the west side of Burlington Avenue and across the street from Maples Garage, and formerly occupied by Powells restaurant. Mrs. White extends thanks to all patrons for the liberal business extended her at the present location, and invites not only all former patrons but all the new patrons possible to visit her at the new location of the Sanitary Cafe where the same good service will be given all.

Al Sullivan, of Garza county, was in Spur last week. He reports that Mrs. Sullivan, who has been ill for some time, is not improving. He is arranging now to take her to another section of country, and possibly to a sanitarium for treatment.

C. C. Gramling Kills Self and Little Son at Afton Thursday of the Past Week

A gruesome tragedy occurred Thursday morning of last week at Afton when C. C. Gramling murdered his little eleven years old son and then killed himself.

Gramling, it is said, left home accompanied by the little boy, going to the gin at Afton where he was doing some repair work. Arriving at the gin he gave the boy a dose of carbolic acid and then cut his throat with a razor. He then took a dose of the acid himself and slashed his own throat. The boy died immediately while Gramling lived several hours. The remains of both father and son were carried through in a truck to their former home at Altus, Oklahoma, for interment.

Gramling, it is said, had been in ill health and suffered a nervous breakdown resulting from overwork the past year. He with other associates had recently purchased the Farmers Union Gin plant at Afton, and he and family had just recently moved to Afton from Oklahoma to take charge of the business.

Mr. Gramling was forty eight years of age, the wife and little son being the only members of the family at home, they having two married daughters living in Oklahoma. The family was highly respected in their former home, and the wife has the sympathy of all Afton people in this tragedy.

Just before leaving home for the gin plant, it is said that Gramling suggested to his wife that they all go into the other room or to the gin and "end their troubles."

King & Sample Filling Station to be Complete by the first of July

Work on the new drive-in filling station being constructed by King & Sample in the south part of the business section, is progressing rapidly, and the building will probably be ready for business by the first of the month.

The building, when complete, will be one of the handsomest and most conveniently arranged stations of the town and country.

We understand that the building of two other filling stations in the city is being contemplated, and it is possible that both may be built and in operation before the fall months roll round.

Chas. Horton acquitted of Embezzlement in Federal Court

Chas. Horton, of Dickens, was acquitted of a charge of embezzlement Friday of last week in Federal Court at Amarillo.

Mr. Horton was formerly postmaster at Dickens, and the charges grew out of an alleged shortage of funds in the postoffice business, it being proven that it was merely a discrepancy in the records and bookkeeping.

Leland Campbell Build in 4-Room Residence in Spur Addition

Leland Campbell is having a four room, English type bungalow residence constructed in the Highway Addition to the west of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Boothe and Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Elkins have just completed fine residences in the city and moved recently into their new homes.

The building progress of Spur continues in a most substantial manner.

L. G. Crabtree, of the Croton section of country, was in Spur Saturday, trading and on other business. Mr. Crabtree reports everything in fine shape, but states that he is apprehensive of damage from grass hoppers, since he noticed thousands of young hoppers making their appearance on his place. It would be wise for all farmers to keep a sharp look-out for grass hoppers and not permit them to do unnecessary crop damage. In another column we are again giving the "poison mash" recipe as issued by the state agricultural department, in order that all may again familiarize themselves upon the best method of fighting the pests.

—Ads Save You Money—
"Charley's Aunt" will be shown at the Lyric Theatre Wednesday and Thursday nights, June 16 and 17th. This is a comedy drama by Charley Chaplain whom everybody knows and appreciates, and the house both nights is expected to be crowded, and every individual will be made to laugh. Special music both before and throughout the show hours will be provided. An admission of 25c and 50c will be charged. Come!

—Advertising Pays—
Get a ticket to the show Saturday afternoon from the "M" Grocery.

—Advertising Pays—
F. L. Lowery, of two miles northwest of Spur, was a business visitor in town Tuesday. Mr. Lowery is contemplating establishing a chicken ranch, dairy and diversified farming in combination. There is no doubt but that such a combination would prove profitable and successful from the beginning.

—Advertising Pays—
Miss Adelaide Senning returned this week from Dallas where she has been visiting her brother, Mr. and Mrs. C. Earyl Senning. Earyl is now district manager for the sales of Star and Durant cars, with headquarters in Dallas.

—Advertising Pays—
W. P. Foster and family are leaving the latter part of this week for an extended trip through Eastern Texas and Oklahoma where they will visit with relatives. Mr. Foster is now recuperating from a recent critical illness, and their departure has been delayed on account of the illness of one of their children who has been suffering of typhoid fever the past two weeks.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. W. W. Flournoy is in Dallas this week to be with her sister thru an operation performed upon her husband, H. G. Johnson, who was carried there for a diagnosis at the hands of specialists who advised an operation.

—Advertising Pays—
Wilbur Perry made a business trip Tuesday to Lubbock and other Plains towns.

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Prof. C. Evans, of the Watson school, and wife, are leaving this week for a trip to Oklahoma where they will spend the summer vacation period visiting with relatives and friends.

Run-Down gave out easily

"My health wasn't any account at all," says Mrs. H. L. Cayton, of Washington, N. C. "I would start to do my housework and I would give out before I had done anything at all. I did not have any strength, and if I did the least thing it seemed to tax me so I could not finish. I was run-down sure enough. Several of my friends had taken Cardui and they said to me, 'Why don't you try it?' I knew I needed something to build up my general health and to increase my strength. Finally one day when I was recovering from a spell of sickness, I decided to try Cardui. I got a bottle and began to take it. I could notice that I was improving as my appetite got better and I did not give out nearly so quick. I took several bottles and I felt lots better. Two years ago I decided to take it again. It built me up and made me feel like a different person. It is the grandest medicine for women that I know anything about."

CARDUI
For Female Troubles

R. S. Harkey, who is engaged in the road work on the highway east of Spur, reports good progress being made in the improvement and maintenance of that section of the roadway. Much consideration is being given this part of the main highways in that it is subject to washing and overflows. A change in the routing is being contemplated, and it is probable that a change will later be made if suitable arrangements can not be made in perfecting the plans of reconstruction and building.

—Advertising Pays—
S. M. Moore, who the first of the year moved up on the Plains where he is now farming, came down the past week and spent a day or two here on business and meeting his friends. The fine crop prospects now prevailing throughout the Spur country, we think, made him sick of his earlier move, notwithstanding the possibility that fine prospects may also prevail on the Plains.

—Advertising Pays—
Scott Johnson, who is attending Baylor Medical College at Dallas, is in Spur spending the summer vacation with his mother, Mrs. Effie Johnson. Scott has made a schedule of college courses which will require some six or eight years to complete. He is another one of the Spur boys who is sure to make his mark in the world.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. Smith, an old time rancher of the country, and who has been visiting his son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap of the north part of Dickens county, was in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday.

Bill McArthur, of west of Spur, was in the city the first of the week meeting with his friends and talking over the political situation. Politics, the country over, is now beginning to be more freely and enthusiastically discussed, and the possibility is that from now until the primary election candidates from governor on down the line, and including both county and precinct candidates, may come in for warm discussions.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marshall and children spent Saturday and Sunday with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of near Snyder. They report having had a very pleasant trip and visit.

—Advertising Pays—
E. C. Edmonds, Jr., returned Saturday from Waco where he has been attending Baylor University. E. C. contemplates taking a trip to Europe for his vacation, and upon his return intends to enter the State University of Oklahoma where he will take a course in the "arts" and science of petroleum. Petroleum has become a very live factor in the development of Texas, and such a college course is timely and might prove most valuable within the course of a few years in actual experiences.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bennett, of the Duncan Flat community, were in Spur with the crowds here Saturday. Mrs. Bennett was shopping and visiting among friends while Mr. Bennett engaged in meeting voters in furthering his campaign for county judge. The race for county judge, as well as that for weigher of this precinct, can not even be forecast at this time, there being six good men offering for the place.

—Ads Save You Money—
W. L. Lusk, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday. He informed us he had purchased the W. J. Clark filling station on the Dickens road, having moved the building and business to his place at the corner of the Spur-Dickens-McAdoo highway intersections. Mr. Lusk reports a very good business in the filling station business—and the world's finest prospects in the farming business.

—Advertising Pays—
Bill Rucker, of the West Pasture, was in Spur Monday of this week, trading and meeting with his many friends of the country.

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Judge H. A. C. Brummett was in the city Saturday. He had just returned from Amarillo where he had been in attendance upon federal court, representing a Dickens county defendant in trouble, and was either fortunate or forceful enough to obtain his freedom and discharge from the toils of the law.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Elkins are in Fort Worth this week to attend the commencement program of T. C. U., and to return home with their son, Henry Elkins who has completed his courses and received his degrees with highest honors ever extended a student of the college. Henry will begin a class in music in Spur about the 15th of the month.

—Advertising Pays—
Misses Ella Mae Hogan and Clarice Lane, who have been attending McMurray College at Abilene, will return home the end of the week to spend the summer vacation period in Spur with their parents.

—Advertising Pays—
Leon English, geologist for the Clancey & English oil interests, returned Tuesday from Abilene and other points where he has been in the interest of promoting greater drilling activities in the Davis blocked acreage near Spur. The plan is to drill three or more holes within the blocked acreage, one test already having been spudded at this time.

—Advertising Pays—
Ernest J. Fletcher, of Waco, is in Spur this week visiting at the home of Mrs. D. G. Hisey.

—Advertising Pays—
W. S. Leach, of the Dry Lake community, was among the crowds on the streets Saturday.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick was mingling with the crowds in Spur last Saturday, and notwithstanding that he has no opponent in his campaign for reelection, he was doing campaigning on the side. Judge Worswick is now rounding out his thirtieth year of public official service to Dickens County. The feat is that B. G. Worswick is one official that the county would be at a loss to do without.

—Ads Save You Money—
Miss Faye Post, of Waco, is in Spur to spend the summer with her grandmother, Mrs. D. G. Hisey. Her brother, Troy Post, is also here for a few days visit. Troy is attending one of the schools in printing and journalism at Dallas, with the intention of becoming an expert printer and linotype operator. He was desirous of obtaining a situation in a print shop and get some actual experience through the summer vacation months.

—Advertising Pays—
Jess Fletcher has gone out to the El Paso country on a visit and may possibly help for a time in drilling for oil in the surrounding fields. However, we do not expect his stay to be protracted since he is also campaigning for public weigher of this precinct. Yet it may be possible that Jess, like J. Boyd, Jr., may do a little "long distance" campaigning merely as an experiment.

—Advertising Pays—
Bob Goodall was in Spur again this week, pushing his campaign for sheriff of Kent county.

—Advertising Pays—
T. H. Tallent, of Gilpin, was here the past week, trading.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Russell and children left this week for Mississippi, where they will spend a vacation of a month or more visiting at their old home and among relatives and friends.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings left this week for an extended visit with relatives in Missouri and other states of the South and East.

—Advertising Pays—
Ned Hogan, wife and children left last week for Galveston where they will spend a month vacationing and bathing in the Gulf.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. Bassel and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, of California, who have been the guests of Mrs. L. H. Perry, left this week for Dallas and Stephenville where they will visit before returning to California.

—Advertising Pays—
Miss Virginia Forbis, who has been attending C. I. A. at Denton, returned this week and will spend the summer with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis at their ranch home north of Afton. Miss Virginia has completed her courses in the college, having been awarded her degrees at the commencement exercises the past week.

—Advertising Pays—
Sam McGaughey, who has been engaged in the carpenter business at Borger in the Panhandle oil field, has returned to his home in Spur. The Panhandle oil field is said to be the largest in the world and is now surpassing all oil field records in development and building progress. Towns are built almost over night, and thousands of people are constantly on the move within the oil belt confines.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slayden, of near Dickens, were among the shoppers and visitors to Spur Saturday of the past week.

—Advertising Pays—
Claud Gentry, of Elton, was in Spur Monday of this week transacting business. Mr. Gentry is this year operating a filling station at Elton, having rented out his farm to other parties.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. Alfred Keisling and little child, of Stanton, returned home the past week after spending some time visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cornelius.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of Lubbock, spent the week end in Spur with her father, J. H. Boothe and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Russell and children left this week for their old home in Mississippi where they will spend the summer with relatives and former friends.

—Ads Save You Money—
Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jopling left the latter part of last week for San Angelo where they will fish and visit with relatives. Mr. Jopling will have the pleasure of meeting at San Angelo one relative whom he has not met the past twenty years. Mr. and Mrs. Jopling will probably be gone two or three weeks.

—Ads Save You Money—
Willard Chapman left this week for Quannah where he has accepted a position at the head of a large gents furnishing establishment. Mrs. Chapman will join him there later.

—Advertising Pays—
George Harris was in Spur recently from McAdoo. He and family had just moved back to their farm home from Lubbock where they had been through the school term.

—Advertising Pays—
Albert Power, of Afton, was in Spur the first of the week.

—Ads Save You Money—
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wester, of Sulpher Springs, were here the past week to attend the funeral of Mack Rash, and spending a few days here with relatives. From Spur they went to Plainview to visit a brother, Sam Wester.

—Advertising Pays—
Howard Jones, of the Plains country, was in Spur the past week visiting A. W. Jordan and family of the Duck Creek community.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. White Moore was shopping in the city Saturday afternoon from their ranch home to the west of the city.

—Advertising Pays—
Mack Gilbert and Weldon McClure "motored" over to Wilson tank and then on to the Double Mountain River where they spent Saturday night and Sunday fishing. They report having caught four big ones, but they failed to bring any home.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Gourassas returned the first of the week from the Concho River where they spent several days fishing and camping. They report having had good luck and an enjoyable outing.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. Denton and little child are both reported quite ill of typhoid fever, having been suffering for more than a week. A little help at this time might be appreciated as well as needed by them.

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CO-OPERATIVE SHIPMENT OF LIVESTOCK

Fred S. Reynolds, County Agent, requests all who want to ship either hogs or cattle cooperatively, to notify him not later than Saturday, June 12. If there are enough livestock for a carload, a car will be ordered and the interested people will be notified when to bring their animals. Please do not say you have animals unless you are prepared to deliver them when notified.

RED HILL

If we could be what we want the other fellow to be, this would be a happy place to live in. The most pleasant people we ever met, were those we told of how mean their children were and thanked us for it and spanked the child and loved us forever afterward.

Miss Margie Kerly is at home again; so is Olen Horn.
Little Miss Pauline Jones came home from Breckenridge, where she attended school at that place.

A bunch of boys went up near Post City, fishing, Saturday night. They reported a good time, but not many fish. They were awfully hungry when they got home.

Mr. Frazier was out Sunday.
We had a warm discussion at Sunday school ever what the Lord's Prayer is. We all agreed with ourselves on the subject.

Some other Sundays we will have other subjects up for discussion. They are interesting. Everybody is invited to come and have your say.
Grandma Henze's grandson came by Saturday to take her to the city. He is a great little boss.

We have just about decided that Wesley Frazier and Russle Edinburg think the Plains a great country, or it may be the good roads.

Ma Horn yawned out loud Sunday. She has three gardens to look after, two wells to irrigate them, has about 350 baby chicks and cows and cream and everything. She's going to have ice cream Saturday night, but we won't tell everybody.—Farmerette.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S AID

Unusually interesting was the meeting of the Christian Women's Aid Society with Mrs. B. F. Hale as hostess on Monday afternoon.

At the business period the secretary reported nine dollars made from the Bakery Sale. An offering was taken in which five dollars was given.

Instead of the usual lesson Mrs. William LeMay, of Commerce, Okla. whose husband was the former pastor in Spur, told of their work among the miners of that district in which work they have been for the last eight years.

At the close of the meeting, delicious refreshments were served to Mesdames William LeMay, Commerce, Oklahoma, W. R. Stafford, W.H. Putman, R. E. Dickson, Pontis McLathery, Tom Teague, F. B. Crockett, C. A. Love, Bill Putman, E. L. Caraway, Riley Wooten, Fred Reynolds, Little Miss Constance and Peggy Jane Teague, Lillian Grace Dickson, Jane Reynolds, Annie Laurie Lewis, Helen Hale, Bill Putman, Bill Caraway, John Reynolds, and the hostess, Mrs. B. F. Hale.

—Advertising Pays—
Joe T. Salem will leave the last of the week for Austin where he will take a commercial course at the State University. He will probably be gone the greater part of the summer in thus better equipping himself to conduct his business.

—Advertising Pays—
Sim Moss, of the Dickens country, was in Spur the past week. He reports the world looking level at this time.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Street, of the city of Dickens, were in Spur Saturday, Mrs. Street shopping while Mr. Street was meeting voters in furthering his campaign for the sheriff's office.

—Advertising Pays—
W. W. Waldrup was over Wednesday from Dickens.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. Martin Gay, of Dickens, was shopping in the city Wednesday afternoon of this week.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. Kate Senning and Miss Hickman, last week made a trip to Lubbock, going up Thursday and being water-bound until Saturday.

—Advertising Pays—
Miss Leah Smith and other young ladies of Spur were delegates who attended the Epworth League convention this week in Abilene.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Gorham and Miss Ruby Love left last week for Panhandle where they are establishing a new dry goods business.

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Visit us at our new place of business.

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"Spur's Progressive Feed Store"

ENDLESS CHAIN SCHEME IS USED TO SELL HOSE

Here is an endless chain scheme which is reported to have relieved working girls of a portion of their savings. The loss ran into many thousands of dollars.

The scheme is to sell hose to working girls by getting them to act as selling agents. A hosiery company rents offices in the downtown shopping district. Soon an attractive offer in silk hosiery is made. Through the advertisements it would appear that any young lady can secure five pairs of hose worth \$2 a pair for only \$1. In other words, \$10 worth of silk for only \$1. Without stopping to analyze the proposition, or to consider how impossible it is for any concern to stay in business and sell \$10 worth of silk hose for \$1, thousands of young women instantly fall for the scheme.

Here is how it catches its victims. Each victim pays \$4 and receives three coupons which they must sell to their friends, and then their friends must come in and pay down \$4 each, get three coupons each which they must sell to their friends and these friends must perpetuate the scheme by selling coupons to their friends and so on indefinitely.

Here is where the promoters make a clean-up. One of the conditions must be met before the young woman who purchased the coupons receives her \$10 worth of hose for \$1 is that the three to whom she sold her three coupons must come in, pay down \$4 each for three coupons and then go out and sell them. Before the three have done one are perhaps all three get cold feet on the proposition and rather than go out and "soak" three of their friends \$1 each they simply give up the job and charge their loss to experience. But in doing so they also block the girl who purchased the first coupon from completing her contract and of course she, too not being able to complete her contract loses the money she invested in the scheme.

At a glance, the loss appears to be small, but the truth is, the scheme is capable of such great expansion that it soon takes in hundreds and thousands of victims. For example, it would be impossible to expand the scheme twenty-two times for that would be more than are people in the world. Think of an endless scheme which expanded twenty two times, or on the 22nd transaction

would sell millions of dollars worth of hose. This is but one of many endless chain schemes today in use in the United States.—American Bankers Association Journal.

RATTLESNAKE BITE CURE

A cure for Rattlesnake bite and centipede sting: Take pulverized salt peter and put on the place and drop a few drops of water on the salt peter. One of our boys was stung by a centipede last week in 3 places and I cured the sting with one application of the salt peter. For Rattlesnake bite, however, I would apply the salt peter several times. This is a cheap and simple remedy that everyone can keep.

It surely did the work for the centipede sting and the person who told me of it said that it would cure a Rattlesnake bite, so I think it is worth trying. It would be a good thing for people who work in the field to carry a little salt peter in their pockets for immediate use. In case no water was handy could spit on the salt peter. I just thought I would pass this on to others. I had a niece that was bitten by a Rattlesnake 3 years ago and it nearly killed her so I want everybody to know this.—Mrs. A. P. Stokes, Afton, Texas.

—Advertising Pays—
G. C. Pass came down Tuesday of this week from Ralls, spending some time here winding up his unfinished cotton buying business. He informed us that he had sold all his cotton and now awaits to coming in of the new crop to again become active in buying.

—Advertising Pays—
Frank Goodson, of southwest of Spur several miles, was here trading the first of the week.

—Advertising Pays—
E. J. Cowan, wife and children left Tuesday for the Llano River where they will fish and camp several days, and possibly go on down to the Coast before returning home.

—Advertising Pays—
Attorneys W. D. Wilson and Sullivan, of Spur, have been in attendance upon district court this and the past week.

—Advertising Pays—
D. D. Butler, of southwest of Spur was in the city the past week. He and family are now arranging to make a trip over the Eastern part of the state before the primary election, returning in time to help elect "Ma" for the second term.

Before the Hail Storm

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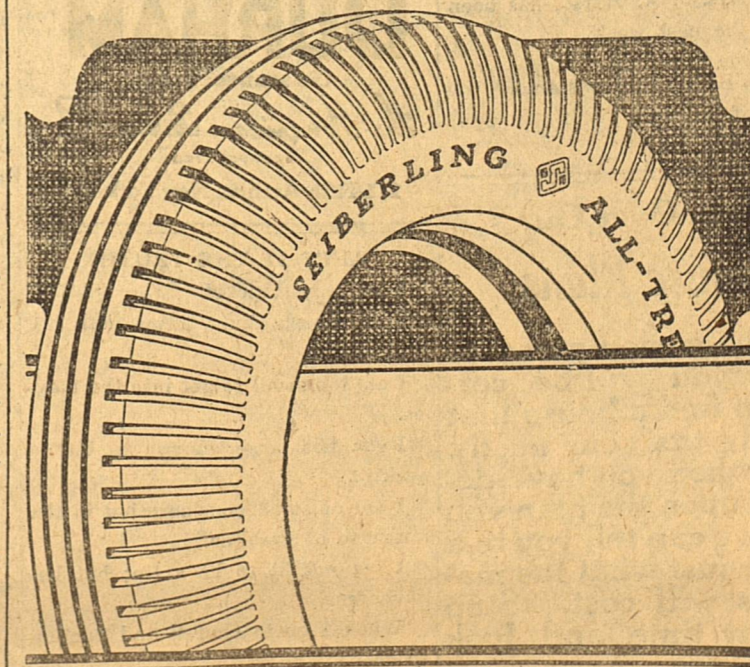
"Twenty-Four to Forty-Eight Hours" Adjuster Service."

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DICKENS COUNTY
ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for public offices, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary election to be held July 24th, 1926:

For District Attorney, 50th Dist.:
WM. B. COMBEST, of Paducah
(Re-election, 2nd term)

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
M. L. JONES (2nd term)
W. D. STREET
WALTER MALONE

For County Judge & School Sup't.:
H. A. C. BRUMMITT (Re-election)
F. C. GIPSON
R. R. WOOTEN
JAS. F. WILLIAMS
G. W. BENNETT
W. A. CRADDOCK

For County and District Clerk:
O. C. ARTHUR (Re-election)
ROBT. REYNOLDS

For County Treasurer:
MRS. OLLIE M. COLE (2nd term)

For Tax Assessor:
W. F. MCCARTY (2nd term)

For County Attorney:
B. G. WORSWICK (Re-election)

For Public Weigher, Precinct 1:
W. W. WALDRUP
R. H. ESKRIDGE
J. A. AKINS
J. L. (Jeff) ELMORE

For Public Weigher, Precinct 2:
GEO. P. SIMMS
W. H. NICHOLS

For Public Weigher, Precinct 3:
A. M. SHEPHERD
FRED HISEY
E. M. HINSON
J. J. RANDALL
TOM RUSSELL
JESS FLETCHER
A. W. PHILLIPS
W. H. YOUNG
J. BOYD, JR.

For County Commissioner, Pre. 1:
W. J. (Joe) CLARK
AUSTIN C. ROSE

For County Commissioner, Pre. 2:
O. C. NEWBERRY (Re-election)

For County Commissioner, Pre. 3:
H. O. ALBIN
W. J. ELLIOTT

For County Commissioner, Pre. 4:
CHAS. PERRIN (Re-election)
W. L. THANISCH
F. L. TERRY

For Justice of The Peace, Pre. 3:
D. A. YOUNG (2nd term)
F. N. OLIVER

For Constable, Precinct 3:
M. L. NICHOLS
W. S. HUNTER
J. W. FRANKLIN

KENT COUNTY
ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Commissioner, Precinct 2:
M. P. SMITH
M. F. HAGAR
W. H. SMITH

Mrs. W. G. Potts left recently for the plains country where she will spend a month or more with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gray.

—Advertising Pays—
Guy Goen was among the business visitors in Spur during the week.

—Advertising Pays—
Miss Thelma Marsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh, has been quite ill the past week.

—Ads Save You Money—
Rev. L. S. Bilberry was among the number of business visitors in Spur the first of the week.

Look Over Our
House Plans

In the varied array of plans you will be certain to find a house that exactly fits your needs. And when you have decided upon the plan you like, we can tell you to a dollar just what the materials will cost. Stop in any time and look them over.

Musser Lumber Co.
Spur, Texas

The
BULL'S EYE



Another "Bull" Durham advertisement by Will Rogers, Ziegfeld Fellow and screen star, and leading American humorist. More coming. Watch for them.

The Farmer Can't
Stand Much More
Help Like He Has
Been Getting

Congress say they are helping the Farmer. They are in Washington ON salary. He is home trying to pay it. Farmers have had more advice and less relief than a wayward son. If advice sold for 10c a column, Farmers would be richer than Bootleggers. And when they get all through advising, there is just one thing will help the Farmers. That is eliminate some of the middlemen and let the two ends meet. The Consumer and the Producer are two men in America that have never even seen each other. Cut out the middle and tie the two ends together.

When a steer starts from the feed pen to the table, there is about 10 to take a bite out of him, before he reaches the family that pay for him.

Who wears the best clothes or drives the best car, the fellow who raises a bushel of wheat, or the working fellow who goes up to buy a sack of flour? Why neither one of them. The ones in between these two have their private Tailor and "Straight Eights."

The Government just told Agriculture, "You are in a hole." They didn't offer to pull them out, but they did say, "We will get down in there with you."

I want to tell you right here, I don't know what would have happened to the poor farmer if it had not been for his old friend, "Bull" Durham. It's the only thing he has been absolutely able to rely on. And I want him to know that myself and "Bull" Durham are with him right to the poor house door.

Will Rogers
P.S. There will be another piece here a few weeks from now. Look for it.



"BULL" DURHAM
Guaranteed by
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AIN'T IT THE TRUTH!
I am only a nickel.
I am on speaking terms with the candy man.
I am too small to get into the movies.
I am not large enough to buy a necktie.
I am of small consideration in the purchase of gasoline.
I am not fit to be a tip; but believe me,
When I go to church and Sunday school
I am some money.—Church Review.
Messrs. Gullett and Thomason, of Roaring Springs, were here today.

FAIR TAXATION DEPENDS
UPON FAIR VALUATIONS
C. W. Mullen

Taxation begins with valuation. There can be no taxation of your property and my property until its taxable value has been determined. You and I have something to say about the valuation of our property. We have a right to say more than most of us have said.

A lot of us are paying too much in taxes because our property is valued too high in proportion to the value that other folks and businesses are putting on their property. The foundation for equality or inequal in taxation are laid when you and I give in our property to the county assessor.

The source of much evil in our taxation system lies in the fact that we elect our assessors. The assessor is made a part of a political machine. He is a local man. He gets his job because someone votes for him. If he likes his job he will try to hold it. If he holds it, he has to please. The easiest way for an assessor to please is to assess the property of his friend as low as possible.

If there is a strong business or political machine in his county and if that business or political influence can swing a considerable number of votes, it would not be surprising if the county assessor were inclined to favor that particular business or group of political friends in listing their property for taxation. The question is whether it is right and advisable to expose a good man to such temptation. Can or should the assessor's office be removed from local influence?

Last year's tax lists are public property. You have a right to look that list over and ask your assessor to show you the valuation of your neighbor's property before you list your own property. If other property of equal value is listed lower than yours, then and there is a good time to ask why.

After property has been listed, nothing more is done with reference to its valuation until the county equalization board meets. The county commissioners make up the equalization board.

This board meets at the county seat on the first Monday in June. I like the word "equalization" and the purpose for which the board meets. It has the authority to raise, lower and adjust individual assessments, fixing the same at a fair cash value. I wish I could feel that they always do a good job of equalizing. The difficulty is that here is another board of political office holders and the chances are mighty slim that assessments of influential groups will be "equalized" to any great extent.

If you consider your assessment out of line, you may appear before the equalization board in person for the purpose of having your assessment adjusted. If property owners do not appear, it is assumed that the assessor's valuation is satisfactory.

We now come to a provision of a law passed in 1910 which I am sure is violated and perhaps forgotten in a good many counties. The legislature has not been unmindful of the right of a citizen to appear in defense of an increase in appraisal of his property. It is made a part of the county assessor to notify by mail each person whose property assessment has been changed by the board. You have 10 days from the date the notice was mailed to appeal from such valuation. I doubt if these notices are often mailed out by assessors.

An appeal takes the matter into the district court. However, the procedure on the part of a citizen is made very easy, indeed. Here is the law on that point:

"Any taxpayer feeling aggrieved at the assessment as made by the county board of equalization may during the session of said board or within 10 days after the first Monday in June, file with said assessor written complaint, specifying his grievances and the pertinent facts in relation thereto in ordinary language, in such manner as to enable a person of common understanding to know what is intended."

It is no more trouble for you or

your neighbor to take an appeal from the equalization board than it is to write a letter to the Farmer-Stockman office complaining that taxes are too high. After your complaint is filed, the board does the rest. It first takes evidence concerning the complaint. After all evidence is in, a record of the hearing is filed in the district court by the board and the appeal is complete. The evidence is reviewed by the court and "affirmed, modified or annulled as justice shall demand."

After the county board of equalization has completed its work the county assessments to the state board of equalization, "before the third Monday in June." The state board is composed of the governor, state auditor, state treasurer, secretary of state, attorney general, state examiner and president of the board of agriculture. It is the duty of the state board to "equalize, correct and adjust appraisements as between counties." If any change is made in the assessment list of any change county, "10 days' notice of such change shall be given the board of county commissioners."

Notice that the state board cannot raise or lower your individual assessments. This board is authorized to equalize property values only as between counties. For example, if horses are valued at \$35 each in one county and \$75 in an adjoining county, the state equalization board is presumed to iron out such differences. My next article will present figures suggesting that these differences are not always ironed out.

When the state board has completed its job of "equalizing," the assessment rolls are returned to each county and thereafter neither the board of county commissioners nor any individual has authority to change or appeal from valuations or assessments as fixed by the state board of equalization. The county attorney can appeal to the court from a class increase which may have been made by the state board but such appeals must be in the interest of and for the entire taxpaying public of his county.

Valuation of Service Corporations at the same time the state equalization board returns the revised assessment rolls to the counties, there is also attracted the public service corporation valuations that are credited to each county. The total county property valuation is then obtained by adding the local assessed valuations. Let's make a point clear here. County assessors have nothing to do with the assessment of public service corporations. The state board of equalization has the entire responsibility of assessing public service corporation property.

After the total county valuations of local property and public service property have been reported to the exercise board, it is then the job of the board to fix the amount of the levy. The exercise board does not and cannot change assessments. It is a simple problem in arithmetic to figure the rate of taxation. It is a complicated problem in financing for you and me to figure how to raise the money to pay those taxes.

Of course, if one desires to protest his taxes he may do so at the time he pays the county treasurer. But a protest does not involve valuations. A protest raises the question as to the legal authority of the exercise board to include certain items for which a tax has been levied. Oklahoma Farmer-Stockman

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Solid Color Voiles, 40 inch Wide, 50c Quality,

Saturday and Monday

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12 Momme, All Silk Jap Pongee

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This is the Natural Color Pongee and is Very Servicable.

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Pre Shrunken from 42 to 36 inch, Non-Crushable,

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Womens Spring Slippers

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Just Received a New Shipment of

Georgette and Sport Dresses

Received to Sell at \$22.50,

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Childrens Slippers, 20 per ct. Reduction.

Boys Cross Bar Check

Summer Union Suits

A Good, Servicable Garment, Sells Regularly for 50c,

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25 cents

Not more than three to each customer. All sizes.

ANOTHER CASE OF MENS

Summer Athletic Union Suits

65c Values for

25 cents a garment

Not more than three to a customer. These are cut full and roomy. All sizes up to 46. Boys get yours early.

On Sale Saturday Only

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.—Good Grass and Timber land, \$2.00 and acre, fine steer pasture. Must sell by July 15th.—G. W. Jackson, Concho, Ariz. 29 4c

FOR SALE—Two gilts, 8 months old, 150 pounds, \$20 each.—J. T. Walden, Rt. 1, Box 54, Spur, Texas. 2

LOST OR STRAYED—One horse mule, bay or sorrel, branded T A on hip. Also one brown mare mule brand unknown. Both 5 years old. Notify Spur Grain & Coal Co. 2f

PORTRICO POTATO PLANTS 5000, \$12.50, postpaid; 1000, \$2.90, 500, \$1.60. Tomatoes, 1000, \$1.90, 500, \$1.25. Prompt shipment. Count and delivery guaranteed.—C. B. Sewell, Texas Pioneer Plant Shipper, Pearsall, Texas. 30-4t.

—Advertising Pays—
I will begin a class in music in Spur about June 15th. If interested please phone 2 or 23.—Henry Elkins. 31-2t

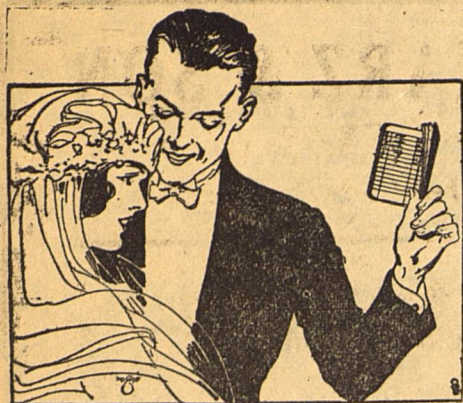
—Advertising Pays—
FOR SALE—Two sows and pigs. W. W. Garner, two miles northeast of Spur. 31-2t

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Our Regular Meals and Short Orders are prepared to a queen's taste.

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THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK
"At the Sign of Four Per Cent."

MEN—

Men are what women marry. They have two feet, two hands and sometimes two wives but never more than one collar and one idea at one time. Like Turkish cigarettes, men are all made of the same material; the only difference is that some are a little better disguised than others. Generally speaking, they make be divided into three classes; husbands, bachelors and widowers. An eligible bachelor is a mass of obstinacy entirely surrounded by suspicion. Husbands are of three varieties: prizes, surprises and consolation prizes. Making a husband out of a man is one of the highest plastic arts known to civilization. It requires science, sculptors, common sense, faith, hope and charity—especially charity. It is a physiological marvel that a soft, fluffy, tender, violet scented, sweet little thing like a woman should enjoy kissing a big awkward, stubby chinned, tobacco and bay rum scented thing like a man.

If you flatter a man it frightens him to death, and if you don't you bore him to death. If you permit him to make love to you he gets tired of you in the end, and if you don't he gets tired of you in the beginning. If you believe him in everything you soon cease to interest him, and if you argue with him in everything you soon cease to charm him, of you believe all he tells you he thinks you are a fool; and if you don't, he thinks you are a cynic. If you wear gay colors and rough and a startling hat, he hesitates to take you out; if you wear a little brown toque and a tailor made, he takes you out and stares all evening at a woman in gay colors, rough and a-startling hat. If you join him in his gayeties and approve him in smoking, he swears that you are driving him to the devil and if you don't approve of his smoking and urge him to give up his gayeties, he vows you are driving him to the devil. If you are the clinging vine type, he doubts whether you have a brain, and if you are a mod-

ern woman, he doubts whether you have a heart. If you are silly, he longs for a bright mate; and if you are brilliant and intellectual, he longs for a playmate. If you are popular with other men, he is jealous; and if you are not, he hesitates to marry a wallflower. GOSH DING ALL MEN ANYHOW.—Selected. TO THE VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY The report has been generally circulated that I am a member of the Ku Klux Klan. This is absolutely false, and is done for political reasons. I will state here that I am not a member of the above named organization and never have been. My record is clear and open for any one who cares to investigate. I will appreciate your support and influence, in the coming primary, for the office of sheriff and tax collector of Dickens County.—Walter Malone. 2tp.

YOU CAN'T MEASURE A MAN'S SUCCESS UNTIL YOU KNOW HIS GOAL

Bill and Tom were twin brothers, equal in stature, equal in ability. Bill set out from home with a determination to accumulate a million dollars. Tom was quite as determined to marry the girl who lived across the street and become an efficient plumber. Both succeeded. Bill got his million before he died, and Tom got the girl and supported her by wiping joints and fitting pipes. When the two men were dead, the people who had known them said to one another, "Bill was uncommonly successful; but his brother never amounted to much. Ah well, there's usually one failure in the family." Yet Tom wasn't a failure. He was a complete success. He did precisely what he set out to do, and he was content. If he had devoted himself to the business of making money he might have succeeded.

If a man's ambition is to become a justice of the peace, and he achieves it and administers the law without bias or offense to justice, he is a success. If he is a king, and his reign brings ill fortune, misery and want to his people, he is a failure. In the common definition, success consists in getting money. If this definition is correct, how shall we classify the astronomer who maps the heavens and discovers a star, the man of medicine who spends his life among germ cultures and finds a cure for some dread disease, the explorer who discovers a continent, the missionary who lifts a savage people out of men might have matched Bill's million. There isn't any hard and fast definition to success. To be sure, it consists of arriving; but unless a man elects to take you into his confidence you can't tell where his goal lies, and if you are ignorant of his goal you are not qualified to judge of his success. A banker isn't called a failure because he can't drive an engine, or is a surgeon called a failure because he can't play a violin. There is a diversity of gifts; and it is a far better thing to develop one talent and become useful to society in one small particular than it is to possess many talents and fail of the achievement they promise. Which is a greater success, the poet or the surgeon? The bridge builder or the preacher? The violinist or the financier? How do you know? And if we cannot tell whether this man's work or another's will have greater worth at the final accounting how do we qualify as judges of any man's success, when we don't even know what his ambitions are?—Robert Quillen, American.

List of Texas Spur Continues to Grow

Notwithstanding this is what is termed "the dull season of the year" and the further fact that no active subscription solicitations are being made at this time, it is gratifying and encouraging to us that the Texas Spur list of readers continues to grow each week.

In working over our subscription list, which is done every two or three weeks, we find the following new names, renewals and changes to be added to the list:

- F. L. Lowery, W. P. Foster, W. J. Johnson, R. E. Nixon, Leon E. English, C. M. Long, L. D. Steely, R. L. Edgar, F. L. Conaway, Mrs. C. A. Aldredge, Bob Hahn, W. A. Valentine, Dr. Paul Snow, W. C. Jones, Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, B. D. Dane Mrs. Myrtle Duncan, Ben A. Marshall, L. C. Tucker, D. D. Smith, N. J. Rogers, L. M. Littlefield, W. W. Smith, W. A. Smithee, M. H. Harrison, O. F. Hall, Mrs. Chas. Van Green, L. S. Bilberry, H. E. Bennett, J. B. Willmon, Emmett Lee, W. T. Wilson, J. P. Goen, John Goodall, W. C. Mitchell, W. H. Bryant, Mrs. Fannie Sullivan, W. M. Moore, G. W. Day, Lon Kizziah, E. H. Blakely, Vergil Day, W. C. Short, Mrs. R. E. Lynn, Oscar L. Davis, J. A. Zinn, J. V. Bilberry, Mrs. Katie V. Conatser, B. P. Hagood, W. G. Causey, L. N. Harrison.

During the time we have had instructions from two parties to discontinue their papers and one has been refused at the post office without any stated reason.

Altogether, we are gratified and pleased in the fact that the Texas Spur subscription list is growing substantially and continuously, and will endeavor not only to publish a newsy local paper, but one worthy the confidence of all readers even tho we may disagree in convictions and editorial expressions.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Powell, of Dry Lake, were shopping in Spur Monday.

WHILE THE BIRDS ARE BUSY NESTING - SEEMS THAT YOU SHOULD NOT BE RESTING!



How About Those Screens?

You Have Been Promising to Fix?

FLIES AND MOSQUITOS

Both Carriers of Germs, are Here in Numbers. A small screen bill may save a large doctor bill.

Screen Now and Save the Difference

SCREEN DOORS
SCREEN WIRE
TACKS
HINGES
HANGERS
MOULDING

Tri-County Lbr. Company

Mrs. Golding and children, of Hempstead, are expected to arrive in Spur this week to take up their permanent residence here with Mr. Golding, who is manager for B. Schwarz & Son.

—Advertising Pays—

Mr. Pinson, district manager for the Southwestern Telephone Company, with headquarters at Stamford, was recently in Spur looking after the local telephone interests.

READ THE TRUTH ABOUT KILLING INSECT PESTS

In the first place—
don't pay a Big Price
for an insecticide

WHY pay a big price for an insecticide or buy expensive spraying apparatus when so little as 25c buys a generous size of Bee Brand Insect Powder—sufficient to rid your home of insects, or to prevent insects invading it for a long time to come. Bee Brand Insect Powder is not only a most effective insecticide, but it is also the least expensive.

Bee Brand Won't Explode

You can use Bee Brand Insect Powder anywhere, near an open fire or flame of any sort, without danger. It will not explode nor is it easily inflammable. An insecticide that is explosive, or highly inflammable is a menace—a fire risk.

What of the Plants?

Dare you apply your present insecticide to plants? If you wish to remove insects from plants or flowers, or if you wish to use Bee Brand in a room where plants and flowers are, have no fear. It will not harm them. Bee Brand is non-poisonous. Dust it or sprinkle it on your pets and domestic animals. It will not harm them. Eat it if you wish—it will not hurt you.

How Much Apparatus

None is necessary. If you prefer to use the little puffer gun, the cost is only 10c. Blow Bee Brand Insect Powder from a piece of paper. It floats in the air and its fine particles kill Flies, Mosquitoes, and Moths. Dust it in cracks and crevices, or about the furniture, it kills Roaches, Water Bugs, Fleas, Lice and Bedbugs.

Settle It Once and for All

You know what kind of soap serves you best. Modern sanitation has made insect powder an necessary as soap. If you have never used Bee Brand you have not yet found the most effective and least expensive insecticide. Order it by name and insist on getting it.



In red, sifting-top cans at your grocer's or druggist's. Household sizes 10c and 25c. Other sizes 50c and \$1.00.

If your dealer cannot supply you, send us 25c for large household size. Give dealer's name and ask for our free booklet, "It Kills Them", a guide for killing House and Garden Insects.

McCormick & Co., Baltimore, Md.

HARMLESS TO MANKIND AND DOMESTIC ANIMALS
FOR USE AGAINST

With Kit Carson
OVER THE
GREAT DIVIDE

Featuring
ROY STEWART
HENRY B. WALTHALL
And Over 100 Others

An Epic of
Frontier Days

A picture of heart interest and thrills portraying as it does a bit of actual history of the earlier frontier days, before the advent of telegraph, telephones, railroads and other necessities of our modern days.

SATURDAY NIGHT
June 12th
LYRIC THEATRE

Crockett's Barber Shop

WE HAVE MOVED INTO OUR NEW PLACE OF BUSINESS ONE DOOR NORTH OF PENNANT SERVICE STATION ON EAST SIDE OF THE MAIN STREET. WE INVITE YOU TO CALL ON US.

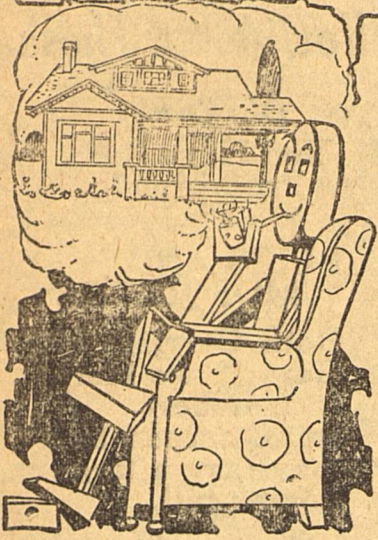
We Will be Glad to Serve You.

Clem Cornelius was in town Monday from his farm and ranch home over in Kent county. He says that things could not look better than at the present time for both cattle and bumper crops.

—Advertising Pays—
County Clerk O. C. Arthur, was in Spur Wednesday on official business and also meeting with voters in furthering his campaign for reelection.

Bill Ding Sez:

WONDER IF A HOME LIKE THIS WOULD BE A WIFE-INSURANCE POLICY



Benjamin Franklin realized that time lost can never be made up. There are many people in this community who can build homes this year.

Your frugality and pride of ownership will be justly rewarded through building right now.

Come in, inspect our plans and obtain estimates. We'll gladly cooperate with you in every way to make your investment a profitable one.

Tri-County Lumber Company
Spur, Texas

To the People of Afton

I wish to write a letter of thanks to the people of Afton for their kindness and sympathy in the saddest hour of our lives over the death of our husband and father and little son.—Clara C. Gramling, Mrs. Jewel Despain, Ruby Gramling.

—Ads Save You Money—
NOTICE

This is to notify all persons that have, or may have stock running at large and unbranded in the Spur territory, to take up and care for same so they will not deplete on the farmers of this community, or they will be dealt with as the law directs.—D. A. Young, J. P.

—Advertising Pays—

Mrs. Perry Fite and daughter, Miss Dorothy Lee, of Albany, spent Sunday and Monday in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Teague.

—Advertising Pays—

Mrs. Perry Fite and daughter, Miss Dorothy Lee, spent Sunday and Monday in Spur with her daughter, Mrs. Tom Teague and family. Miss Lillian Ruth Fite, who has been the guest of her sister, returned with Mrs. Fite Monday to their home in Albany.

Bull Circles Are Being Formed in Dickens Co.

An option has been secured on 15 Jersey Bulls, topping the herd of young bulls of Ed C. Lasater's herd at Falfurrias, Texas. Four bull circles of five bulls each are being formed. This makes a total of 20 bulls to be brought into the county.

Definite arrangements have not been made as yet, as to the time of shipping the bulls. There are three or four bulls yet to be placed. Those wanting one should see their banker or the county agent as soon as possible and have their names placed on the list. Only bulls that have been placed will be ordered. By getting a car load of bulls they will come considerably cheaper than buying one or two at a time.

These young bulls range from ten months of age to over three years and are from sires out of heavy producing dams. However, a note of caution is not amiss here, about these bulls, as Mr. P. C. Bennett, County Agent of Swisher County, stated, when here two weeks ago, "Do not get folks to believing that the bulls will have silver horns and gold filled teeth, for after all they will be only flesh and blood animals, looking not so very different from ordinary Jersey Yearlings."

The owner will need to exercise patience for it will take three years at the very least to see actual milk and butter produced from the offspring of these bulls. Profits, however, will be noticed sooner than that, for better care and feeding with more attention to care of milk and cream will show profits earlier. More interest in better cows will result; many will buy good grade cows and some will buy registered females to mate with the highpowered bulls.

The advantages of getting one of these bulls are several:

1. For the price of one bull, the owner has the use of all five as long as they live.
 2. The bull question is settled for eight or ten or more years.
 3. The bulls are to be exchanged every two years to prevent inbreeding.
 4. The owner is grading up his cattle with each generation.
 5. The bulls are being picked by the best authorities there are in the state of Texas, namely, Mr. G. P. Grout, Dairy Professor at the A. & M. College, and Mr. D. T. Simons, Secretary of the Texas Jersey Cattle Club.
 6. The price is not over 50 to 75 per cent as much as the bulls would cost an individual buying singly. The breeders consider it a great advertising medium to sell their bulls for a bull circle. Orders will surely follow, for more bulls and for females later.
- Premiums are almost sure to be placed on the female offspring from these bulls.—Fred S. Reynolds, Co. Agent.

Alfalfa Gaining In Farmers Esteem Every Year

Alfalfa is gaining each year in the esteem of farmers as a hay crop. The acreage has increased appreciably each year in the last six; the area devoted to the crop in 1925 was over a fourth greater than in 1919. Census reports show that the acreage in 1919 was practically double that of 1909.

At the present time, one acre out of 4.7 in the United States planted to tame hay is in alfalfa. Heretofore, Dickens county did not have one acre of alfalfa to every 500 acres in tame hay. This crop pumped from 9,131,000 acres in 1920 to 11,040,000 in 1925 in the United States. Other tame hay crops made much less marked gains.

Practically all the patches of alfalfa are very weedy. These should be mowed without delay. They will sap the ground of moisture that the alfalfa badly needs at this time of the year. Where mowers are not available for the small patches of an acre or less it will be well worth the while to go in and cut the weeds with a hoe or other hand tool. In all the Central part of the United States where it is customary to plant alfalfa in the spring, a regular practice is made of cutting the young alfalfa once or twice in the spring, or summer to destroy the weed growth. You should be able to get one or two cuttings, later, of good hay. But the weeds must be cut or they will get the alfalfa the same as they will take a young crop of cotton. Another year the alfalfa will be the first green thing in the field and will smother out any other plants. This is taking for granted there is a sufficient stand of alfalfa.

The alfalfa route leads to community prosperity. Accurate records kept by practical farmers in one county showed that the return per acre of alfalfa was \$46.87, as against a net return of only \$12.94 per acre from tame hay. In another state on 377 farms where alfalfa was grown, the net return was almost \$500 more per farm than on 511 farms that did not grow alfalfa. No forage crop cultivated in the United States is utilized successfully in so many ways as alfalfa.

As a hay alfalfa is unsurpassed —Advertising Pays—
Fred S. Reynolds, Co. Agent.

Tickets to the show Saturday afternoon will be given on purchases at the "M" Grocery.

—Ads Save You Money—
G. W. Dodson, of the Tennessee Valley Farm north of Dickens, was in Spur Friday. He informed us that he had to make another trip to Abilene this week with his wife who has been taking radium treatments for the cure of cancer troubles. It was thought that Mrs. Dodson had completely recovered, but other complications are now arising, and it is hoped by many friends of the family that the later disorders may soon be corrected.

—Advertising Pays—
Ben Reddell, of McAadoo, was in Spur the past week after new cultivators and other farm implements with which to handle his crops. He informs us that there is an ideal season in the ground and that prospects indicate one of the biggest crops ever produced in that part of Dickens county. Mr. Reddell will have around one hundred acres of cotton, together with a considerable acreage in feed stuff. With fair prices this fall he hopes to come out with a surplus bank account.

—Advertising Pays—
J. L. Morrison, a leading citizen of the Espuela community, was one among the number of business visitors in Spur Monday of this week.

Spur No Longer A Village

(By Hicky Hicks of Hicksville)

At last we have arrived! Yes arrived! We have come into our own! We have achieved greatness! We are no longer a village— We are not even a small town! We have become a city overnight. Yea! It happened even between the hour of midnight and dawn. We have been robbed— Yes burglarized, by a bold bad man. Our houses have been entered, our slumbers have been disturbed, our wives have had a thrill by being awakened in the wee small hours by a real, live, He burglar, with the added privileges of being allowed to scream themselves hoarse without hurt or hindrance. And all the sidewalk loafers and he gossips have had a glorious time telling each other just how it happened.

"Ah! Yes I am sure it was no amateur, No! It was a Professional Burglar; Ah Yes!"

In the early morning of Tuesday June 8th, 1926, some seven or eight of our prominent citizens, yes, in our most fashionable district were observed doing detective work at first hand, among them being our constable and city marshal. One prominent citizen had a yard stick measuring tracks, another is said to have had a lighted lantern the sun was shining brightly. Jim Keller is said to have had a rolling pin in his hand and a night shirt draped about his manly form and Judge Wilson had a broom, while it is said the constable had a spy glass and was searching in the bermuda grass for hair, which makes us wonder if burglars, like horses, shed all their hair in the Spring.

Yes, we have arrived.

—Advertising Pays—
Trade at Spur Drug Store and get tickets to the show Saturday afternoon.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Anderson, of Wichita Falls, Texas, are spending part of their summer vacation with Mrs. Anderson's sister, Mrs. Ira Sullivan. They will spend the last few days fishing at Lake Kemp.

—Advertising Pays—
Miss Ruth Maples, who has been employed the past several months on the Stamford Leader, returned this week to her home in Spur, and will be bookkeeper for her father, T. M. Maples, at the Maples Garage.

—Advertising Pays—
O. D. Thompson, chief engineer of the Citizens Gin and Power Co., and Miss Klemons Hargrove were called to San Antonio last week to attend the bedside of Willard Thompson, a brother of O. D. and cousin of Miss Klemons, who is in the Station Hospital of Fort Sam Houston for an operation.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. Thompson returned the latter part of the week, stating that his brother was doing fine, Miss Hargrove remaining in San Antonio where she will make an extended visit with her grandmother and aunt, Mrs. and Mrs. Arnold, and other relatives.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Grubbs, of Red Mud, were here recently shopping and visiting with friends.

—Ads Save You Money—
H. R. Witt, of Watson, was in Spur Monday, spending an hour or two here trading and on other business.

—Advertising Pays—
J. L. Karr, a prominent citizen of Espuela, was in the city the first of the week. Mr. Karr informed us that he had the very finest crop prospects possible, there not being one solitary thing to be asked for to promote abundant production—the only possible thing now to worry about being the possibilities of the marketing period.

For Camping Equipments

AT LOWEST PRICES

Come to

J. P. WILKES & SON

We have a full line of Cots, Comforts, Camp Stoves, Camp Stools, Cooking Utensils, Auto Trunks, Tents, Kakhi Clothes, and everything else you may need on a camping trip.

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET US!!

YOU WILL SAVE MONEY BY GETTING YOUR SUPPLIES HERE!

J. P. WILKES & SON
SPUR, TEXAS

J. H. Meadors, prominent business man of Dickens, was transacting business Wednesday in Spur.

—Advertising Pays—
Dr. Zachry, C. R. Edwards, Eric Ousley, Jack Rector, Will Pearson and Mr. Williamson spent a day and night fishing in the lake on Paddle Ranch.

—Advertising Pays—
George S. Link, Jr., who has been attending S. M. U. at Dallas, came home Monday to spend the holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Link.

—Advertising Pays—
Horace Hyatt, who has been attending school at Abilene, returned home Monday to spend the vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt.

—Advertising Pays—
W. H. Young, of the Red Hill community, was here Tuesday of this week, transacting business and incidentally pushing his campaign for public weigher.

—Advertising Pays—
Lonnie Harris and family and Miss Willie Stafford left this week for Portland, Oregon, where Mr. and Mrs. Harris will make their home in the future. Miss Stafford is going merely on a vacation and will return at the end of the summer season.

—Advertising Pays—
Lee Mimms, of the Draper country, was greeting friends and acquaintances in Spur Saturday.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. and Mrs. Lon Fuqua, of the Red Mud country, were in Spur shopping Saturday of the past week.

—Advertising Pays—
W. A. Craddock and son, Larry Craddock, of southwest of Spur, were in the city Monday.

FALL POSITIONS

Paying \$85 to \$125 a month will be waiting for those who master the Draughton Training. Scholarships insure positions and are good at any time either at College or by Mail. Begin now. Write Draughtons College, Abilene, Texas, for Offer 10, today. 1p

Your name _____
Address _____

—Advertising Pays—
J. H. Clay and family returned this week from a fishing trip and visit in the Stephenville and Desdemonia country. They were caught out in a big rain which contributed to the diversions and enjoyment of an outing. Misses McKinney of Sweetwater, and Smith, of Spur, accompanied them.

—Advertising Pays—
Jim Edd Hall and wife left last week for Colorado and the National Parks where they will spend a month vacationing and enjoying the cooling breezes of that climate.

—Advertising Pays—
J. J. Martin, of the Red Mud section of country, was here Saturday with the crowds of shoppers and traders.

—Advertising Pays—
W. M. Pool, of Littlefield, was in Spur last Saturday greeting his acquaintances here. Mr. Pool formerly lived in the Afton country, but is now engaged in diversified farming successfully in the Littlefield country. We were glad to again meet him and to know he is doing well in his new home.

—Advertising Pays—
J. E. McArthur was in town the first of the week, meeting with his friends and neighbors here that day.

THE Dixie Beauty Shoppe at Home
SOL DAVIS BUILDING
Phone 252 and 20

6 Farm and Ranch Loans 6
Per Cent 33 YEARS AMORTIZATION PLAN Through Per Cent
DALLAS JOINT STOCK LAND BANK
Liberal Prepayment Privileges Resources Over \$14,500,000
E. J. CAIRNES, Local Representative
AT RED FRONT DRUG STORE SPUR, TEXAS

BRAZELTON LUMBER CO.

A Good Yard In a Good Town

BILBERRY & BILBERRY, Draymen
Hauling of all Kinds
PHONE 279
SPUR, TEXAS

OUR BIG STORE IS WHERE PRICE ECONOMY STARTS SATURDAY

LOOK AT THESE PRICES FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 12

SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY

ONE SET ICE TEA GLASSES, 14 oz. 98c
ONE SET BARRELL TUMBLERS 50c

"Spur's Oldest Store"



Especially the Children Will Enjoy

The full Fruit Flavor of our Canned Goods. They are canned in the pure juices of the fruit itself, which lends a zestful flavor of the utmost goodness.

JOPLIN & GIBSON

Jim Walker and family recently moved from Spur to Panhandle where Jim is now engaged in the trucking business and coining the money. They sent word down for us to forward them the Texas Spur in order to keep up with local affairs in this territory.

—Ads Save You Money—
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boothe, of near Spur, were in the city Saturday. He brought their youngest daughter to prove to doubting Thomases that she is the smartest young lady to her age in the country. The little Miss is only three weeks of age, has one tooth and can almost say 'daddy.'

—Advertising Pays—
Trade at Spur Drug Store and get tickets to the show Saturday afternoon.

—Advertising Pays—
Chas. Gunn, of near Dickens, was meeting friends on the streets of Spur the first of the week.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. Mace Hunter, of east of Spur, was shopping in the city the past week.

—Advertising Pays—
R. E. Nixon, of north of Spur, was a business visitor in the city the first of the week.

—Advertising Pays—
Tol Merriman, of south of Spur, was here the past week, possibly speculating upon both politics and the price of cotton this fall. Crop production no longer worries anybody in West Texas.

Hugh Ousley, who has been attending college at Waxahatchie, returned home this week to spend the summer vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ousley. Mr. Kirby, another college pupil at Waxahatchie, accompanied him to spend the vacation in Spur.

—Ads Save You Money—
Friday night, June 18th, "White Fang" will be shown at the Lyric Theatre. In the "White Fang" will be featured "Strongheart" the smartest dog in the world. Special music will be provided and an admission of only 15c and 35c will be charged.

—Ads Save You Money—
Red Mud Lambert, of the Pitchfork Ranch, was a business visitor in Spur Monday of this week, reporting everything progressing satisfactorily on the ranch at this time.

—Advertising Pays—
John Jackson, of Amarillo, was in Spur two days this week, visiting with Roy Harkey in helping to promote the sales of Hudsons and Essex cars, for which he is district field manager.

—Advertising Pays—
W. A. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Powell are leaving this week for Lometa where they will spend several days fishing.

—Advertising Pays—
C. A. Love made a business trip this week to Oklahoma where he has farming and other property interests.

More Cotton on Fewer Acres, Dallas News Contest

A thorough investigation of the costs of producing cotton in the different sections of the Cotton Belt shows that West Texas produces cotton, pound for pound, cheaper than any other section. Low priced land, new and fertile land, absence of noxious grasses and crab and Bermuda grasses, big farms, modern farm machinery and favorable climatic conditions are some of the major factors contributing to the low cost of cotton production in West Texas.

Another startling fact worthy of study is that heavy yielding land produces cotton much cheaper a pound and with many times the profit per acre of that of poor yielding land.

Thoroughly reliable figures compiled under the supervision of the Texas A. & M. College show that the average cost of producing a pound of lint cotton in Texas for 1925 was around 22 cents. Accurate records kept by 200 members of the contest conducted by the Dallas News shows a pound of lint was between 8 and 9 cents. The following table is taken from the bulletin written by Victor Schofflemayer, who conducts this contest for the Dallas News:

Av. lint acre	Cost per acre	Cost per lb.	Acres	profit loss
1241.0	82.70	4.7	127.82	
875.0	74.88	5.9	79.68	
730.6	61.66	6.8	59.91	
533.6	58.65	8.6	34.15	
476.0	51.76	9.3	28.13	
352.0	44.24	10.8	14.78	
274.2	36.86	13.3	4.66	
1b3.0	30.93	21.4	8.51	lb

There is one fact that every man must learn if he expects to accumulate very much and that is: It is not cost that concerns us so much as it is the profit we make. Take for example the highest yield of 12b1 pounds of lint cotton per acre with a cost of \$82.70, which yielded a profit on a 15 cent basis of \$127.82. The cost of producing a pound of lint was only 4.7 cents. Now, take the fifth line from the top with a yield of 476 pounds of \$51.76 cost, averaging 9.3 cost per pound lint. This is just twice the cost per pound of the highest yield. The profit here is only \$28.13 or practically one fifth of the profit of the highest yield listed above.

By raising a bale per acre at a cost of 8.6 cents a pound as shown in the fourth line from the top (533.6 lbs.) a profit of \$34.15 is made. This is just seven and one-third times as much profit as made in second line from bottom .274.2 lbs.) with cost of production 13.3 cents per pound. In other words the man who raises a bale to the acre is making around seven times as much money as the fellow raising a half a bale per acre.

The writer will be pardoned, for bringing in a personal element, but it only serves to throw light on opinions regarding this contest. A number of well meaning persons have advised him to lay off that Dallas News Contest, saying, "we raise too much now without having these contests to increase yields."

A pusher is more valuable than a knocker and a leader is worth more than a follower. If a county agent can not be a leader as well as a follower in educational movements relating to farming, then he had better resign his job and get one sniping in that section.

The cotton contest conducted by the Dallas News is open until July 1. Anybody wanting to join should see the county agent, their banker, or apply at Swenson's office for application blanks. To get an idea of the cross section of opinions regarding this contest a number of people were approached on the subject. George Link—Did not know much about it; not very strong on cotton, as the whole show. Believes in growing a little of many things as vegetables, and loss of feed. Strongest man in West Texas for terracing. His store sells worlds of syrup, canned corn, tomatoes, dry beans, all of which could be raised on nearly every farm in Dickens county. Reece McNeill is putting 15 acres of Pinto beans

this year. Link thinks every farmer ought to plan more carefully his living for family and livestock, then put in cotton the balance of the land. Referring to pinto beans, Link estimates that \$10,000 to \$15,000 worth are sold annually out of Spur. This crop is practically sure here and we might as well be exporting \$25,000 worth instead of spending that much money. All this means fewer acres of cotton and diversification.

W. T. Andrews—Thinks it a good thing; causes diversification and more thoughtful attention to farming; induces more thought on producing a profit.

S. R. Bowman—Thinks the contest a curse, because each man to himself thinks: "by the country as a whole reducing the acreage the price will be higher, therefore I will plant heavy and make a killing." He believes in the principle of "More cotton on fewer acres" but thinks that the contest actually does more harm than good by increasing the total production.

Jack Godfrey—Fine idea. Believes in fall breaking to hold all the rain that falls. The frequent cultivations before and after planting as practiced by the winners in the contest last year has converted him to real study of the cotton production.

Mr. Riter, of Riter Hardware Co.—Strong as horse radish for the contest. Has a brother farming at Forney, Texas, who made 450 bales of cotton on 600 acres in 1925. Used Mebane seed; planted a bushel to the acre, producing long strong staple and sold entire lot for 23 cents a pound.

M. S. Favers—Believes in such things; promotes more careful farming.

C. Hogan—Believes that the contest will do a great deal of good if a number will enter and get attention centered on the essentials of profitable cotton production.

E. C. Edmonds—sees an educational side of the contest finally causing cotton men to see the advantage of putting a greater percentage of their land into feed and food crops, with more attention to the reduced acreage of cotton and a higher acre profit. Believes it will result in diversification.

Mr. Snider, cotton buyer—Will do all he can to encourage the contest and the securing of a better price for the premium grade and staple. The Texas Cotton Trade, including the big cotton buying firms and the Farm Bureau are giving heavily to the prize fund of the contest and are encouraging it in every way that they can. Contest bales are to be specially marked and will receive special attention by cotton buyers everywhere. The United States Department of Agriculture and the Texas A. & M. College and the county agents, all heartily approve and endorse the contest.

Mr. C. B. Jones gives five reasons for entering the contest, he says, "The Dallas News Annual Contest for more cotton on fewer acres," has proved itself to be of incalculable value to Texas, and in my judgement should have the support of Dickens county farmers, for the following reasons:

- 1st. It costs nothing to enter.
- 2nd. Any substantial project thus advances the economic resources of this state is worthy of support.
- 3rd. Dickens county with its professions and progressiveness cannot afford to see its name omitted from the published lists of entrants, and we owe it to ourselves and to our county to help advertise it, and we can do so by entering this contest.
- 4th. Because of the educational value. The man who enters any kind of contest, win or lose, emerges a wiser man. Each Entrant is furnished free a booklet showing tabulated results of previous contests including methods used by a large number of contestants, and complete costs of every nature—a very liberal fund of highly valuable information.
- 5th. You may win one of the generous premiums.—Fred S. Reynolds, County Agent.

—Advertising Pays—
Tickets to the show will be given at Spur Drug Store each Saturday.

Rastus' Auto Cleaning Hospital

ON VACANT PLACE AT OLD McARTHUR WAGON YARD.

Equipped to Wash Cars, Grease Cars and Overhaul Motors.

We Have Had Seven Years Experience in This Work at Caraway's Garage, and Twelve Years With Buick People.

SATISFACTORY WORK IS GUARANTEED

The Holly Cafe

BEN HOLLY, Proprietor

Now Open at Old Electric Shoe Shop Stand

SHORT ORDERS, HAMBURGERS AND SANDWICHES

We Propose to Give the Service Which Will Satisfy and Insure Your Coming Back to Our Place Again.

Trade at Spur Drug Store and get tickets to the show Saturday afternoon. Call for tickets.

—Advertising Pays—
J. A. Brown, of Lubbock, spent Tuesday and Wednesday here with M. E. Tree and other friends. Mr. Brown is now engaged in the grocery business at Lubbock, and reports a fine business.

—Advertising Pays—
J. T. Rose, of the Plains country, was here Saturday meeting with his friends and acquaintances, buying implements and talking good times. The seasons on the Plains are ideal, and the prospect is that the biggest row crops ever before produced will be harvested this fall.

—Advertising Pays—
J. W. Smith, of the Soldier Mound community, was among those here during the week. He says everything is in the finest possible shape for farming.

—Advertising Pays—
Mrs. J. J. Albin and children are in Dallas visting with relatives. J. J. is becoming tired of batching and is now looking around for a cook.

—Ads Save You Money—
Mrs. A. Lollar, of east of Spur, was in the city Monday. While here she purchased a new Chevrolet car and was taking lessons in driving and management of the machine.

—Ads Save You Money—
Mrs. Will Walker, of east of the city, was here Saturday shopping and visting among friends.

—Advertising Pays—
J. T. Cozby, of twelve miles west of Spur, was here Saturday. He was in high spirits because of the ideal seasons and most promising crop prospects.

—Ads Save You Money—
M. E. Tree was here Wednesday, assisting in the organization of a "Ferguson Club."

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lambert, of old Draper, were in Spur the past week meeting with their friends of the city and country. We are very glad to note that Mr. Lambert continues to improve from most severe burns received several months ago.

—Advertising Pays—
Leonard Ingram, candidate for public weigher of the Girard and Antelope precinct, was a business visitor in Spur the first of the week.

—Advertising Pays—
The "M" Grocery is giving with purchases tickets to the Saturday afternoon matinee at the Lyric Theatre. Don't forget to call for them.

—Advertising Pays—
We noted John Callahan, of the Wake country, driving along the streets of Spur Tuesday. It may be just possible that he is becoming so rich in wheat and other crop prospects that he now fails to recognize less fortunate acquaintances.

—Ads Save You Money—
G. H. Connell, of Fort Worth, is in Spur this week visting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

—Advertising Pays—
A. W. Phillips, of south of Spur, came in Saturday to meet with the crowds here in furthering his campaign for public weigher. Spur is candidates headquarters, especially on Saturdays.

—Advertising Pays—
Clarence Sullivan, wife and baby, of Ferris, spent a few days the past week in Spur, visting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sullivan at their home in the city.

—Advertising Pays—
Mr. Reynolds, of Albany, spent a day or two of this week in Spur visting with O. D. and Harve Blanton and families. They were old acquaintances of years gone by in old Shackelford county.



WHEN BABY IS BORN START HIS ACCOUNT

In later years, both you and the baby will be glad that you had the foresight to start his account for him. Many uses for it will present themselves—a college course, a start in business or a much desired trip.

TRADE IN THE CITY NATIONAL BANK WITH US SPUR TEXAS

Simpson's Barber and Beauty Shop

THE BEST EQUIPPED SHOP IN THE WEST FOR BOTH LADIES AND GENTS

Ladies Desiring Work of Any Character in This Line Should Phone 117 for Appointments With Miss Schott. The 'Frederick System' of Permanent Wave is Used.

HOT AND COLD BATHS ANY HOUR.

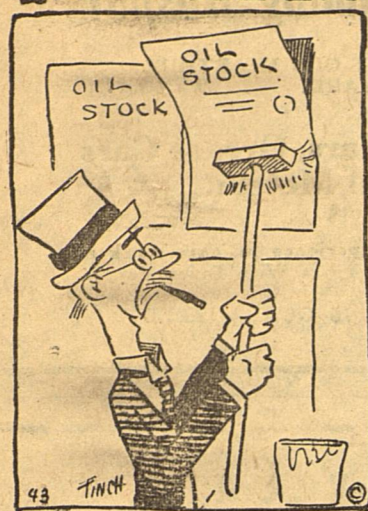
Will Appreciate Your Business

We are Ready Now to Repair Your Car and make our work stand up!

A. R. HOWE
ON BURLINGGTON AVENUE

Any Auto Repair Work Accepted is guaranteed to be done right.

YOU TELL 'EM



You don't have to get your portrait painted nowadays to get "done in oil"

MEATS YOU WILL RELISH

Ham is either very good or very poor, no halfway mark there. Try our brand and you can't go wrong. Our tender, juicy steaks are of the choicest cuts and we have Fresh Eggs of superior quality.

(Call for Gold Bond Stamps)

Central Market

Uncle Fan Montgomery Died at Cone

Uncle Fan Montgomery, 88 years died Monday at his home at Cone. Mr. Montgomery was an old settler of Crosby County and was at one time Tax Assessor of the county for four years.

Interment was made Tuesday in the Cone cemetery.—Crosbyton Review.

—Advertising Pays—

Another Oil Test to be Drilled in Kent County

The O Bar O Land Company has recently closed a deal with the Trans Continental Production Company for a deep oil test on the O Bar O Ranch lands, the well to be located north east of Clairemont and operations to begin within 90 days. This will be the fourth deep test in Kent County within the last year. A well in Cox Hollow in the south part of the county has been contracted for with the Marland Company, and the Texas Well is still drilling eight miles west of Clairemont at a depth now of about 3500 feet.—Jayton Chronicle.

Newspaper Advertising

Brings World's Best Values To Your Very Door

News paper advertising is of vital importance to every man or woman who spends money for the necessities or luxuries of life. By making a daily practice of reading the newspaper advertisements, you keep in close touch with the latest offerings and lowest prices.

Well advertised brands of merchandise are not only dependable in quality, but are also, as a rule, the most economical. Here is a very concrete case of why this is true:

Mr. Warren Wright, President of the authority for the statement that the Calumet Baking Powder Co., is the authority for the statement that they spend millions of dollars in newspaper advertising. This tremendous volume of advertising creates a gigantic demand for their goods.

Calumet advertising, like all other advertising back of a meritorious product, goes on record in black and white as to its value. This or any other company must live up to their pledge or statement made in their advertisement if they expect to stay in business.

Newspaper advertising is localized advertising. Consequently, it benefits the dealer as well as the consumer, because it reaches buyers who can transact business with him. It moves the goods from the shelves. It keeps his stock fresh and clean. It enables him to sell the highest quality merchandise at the lowest possible prices.

If you want reliable merchandise at reasonable costs—if you want the goods that are backed by the faith, the integrity and the printed pledge of the manufacturer—read the advertisements and remember that the millions of dollars spent by prominent manufacturers is a mighty factor in giving your money greater buying power.

—Advertising Pays—

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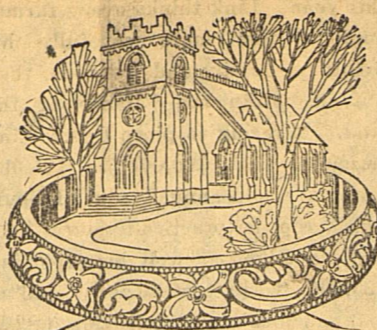
Mr. Johnnie Koonsman and Miss Parathenia Beebe, of Littlefield, were married last week in Littlefield.

Miss Beebe is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Beebe, of Littlefield. She taught music and expression in the Dickens High School last year.

Mr. Koonsman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Koonsman, of a few miles east of town. He is a man of business integrity.

We wish for them a long and happy married life.

Mesdames A. P. Stokes and P. J. Hext, of Afton, were shopping and visiting in Spur Monday, and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.



Yes Sir!

WE HAVE THE

Wedding Ring

FOR THE

June Bride

WHITE, GREEN OR YELLOW

We do Jewelry Repairing, Diamond Setting and Engraving. Every dollar spent with us gives you a chance on a 100-Piece Dinner Set. Why not get your Watch, Clock and Engagement and Wedding Rings at Gruben's, and get the Dinner Set?

GRUBEN BROS.

JOI DE VOI CLUB

On Thursday evening of last week Mrs. Rob Davis was hostess to the Joi de Voi Club and guests.

After several games of bridge an ice course was served to the following: Miss Elizabeth Bassel, of California, Mrs. Sol Davis, Dr. and Mrs. Dan H. Zachry, Messrs and Mesdames Thomas Morrison, Roy Harkey, Jim Edd Hall, E. L. Brown, Lee Davis, Murray Lea, Dr. and Mrs. Malcom H. Brannen and Messrs Rob Davis and Jimmie Sample.

ENTERTAINED

Mrs. M. L. Jones was hostess to the "42" Club Friday night at her home in Dickens.

Guests were seated at five tables and enjoyed the thrill and novelty of that popular game.

At a late hour the guests were served with a delicious refreshment of ice cream and cake, among whom were the following: Messrs and Mesdames W. B. Bennett, J. H. Meadors, Cecil Meadors, Dennis Harkey, W. G. Crego, nad Misses Elnor Gay, Beryl Harkey, Erymne Payne and Ester McKnight, of Spur, Messrs W. W. Waldrup, Fred Arrington, Bill Morris and Mr. Brown, of Dallas.

ENTERTAINED

Miss Evelyn Johnson, of Wichita Falls, was hostess last Wednesday evening to a party given by Mrs. Ira Sullivan. In the beginning of the evening interesting games were played, then each girl was given a dance program. They danced merrily for one hour, the music being played by Miss Eleanor Harris, pianist, Curtis Harkey, saxophone, and W. B. Lee the cornet. At eleven o'clock ice cream and cake were served to the following: Curtis Harkey, Bertie Bell Brown, Dogie Putman, Eleanor Harris, Luther Morrison, Dorothy Williams, B. L. Hawley, Florine Addington, Willie Davis, Mrs. I. M. Anderson, Mr. Anderson, Addie Joe Addington, Horace Hyatt, Edna Collett, Bessie Rabey, W. B. Lee, Mrs. Weldon Williams, Esther McKnight, of Wichita, Mildred Smith, A. D. Ensey, and the hostess. The party was also in honor of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Anderson of Wichita Falls.

JUNE PROGRAM C. W. M. S.

Subject—What of year? Old-new. Business period. Devotional theme—Flowers. Song, I Come to the Garden Alone. Prayer. Talk—The past year—Mrs. E. L. Caraway. Talk—What of the new year—Mrs. W. H. Putman. Song—Jesus Calls us Over the Tumult.

Hidden answers. Special music by Mrs. Dickson. Installation of officers.

Place—Mrs. Fred Reynolds. Time—3:30 p. m. Leader—Mrs. W. R. Stafford. Every member is requested to remember their Polly Anna at this meeting.

Miss Esther McKnight, of Wichita Falls, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Garner the past week.

PROPERTY HUNT BEGINS BY TEXAS WOMAN HERE FOR FATHER'S FUNERAL

After traveling more than 400 miles to bury her father, Frank F. Buzbee, 56, whom none of his five daughters had seen in 17 years, Mrs. R. L. Dyer, Brownsville, Friday began search for valuable property owned by Buzbee in Oklahoma.

Buzbee died suddenly of heart disease here Saturday. No money or his own address or that of any relative could be found on his person.

Mrs. Dyer is an attractive and cultured young woman and told a story filled with pathos of how her father was separated from his wife and children 17 years ago. Several years later the mother died and the five daughters, all married, also drifted apart. Once in 1917 the father wrote to Mrs. Dyer from Fort Worth, telling her of property he owned in New Mexico.

Later Buzbee visited a sister in Oklahoma and told her of trading his New Mexico land for property in Oklahoma. The sister died shortly afterward without telling the daughters where the property is located.

An air of mystery surrounds the whole affair due to a telephone call received by the undertaker here shortly after Buzbee's death. The person who called refused to give name, but informed the undertaker that Buzbee had relatives in Greenville, the old home of the Buzbee family.

Acquaintances of the family in Greenville when called by telephone furnished Mrs. Dyer's address.

Mrs. Dyer has asked that anyone who knew where her father lived or anything about him get in touch with her uncle W. E. Stewart, 2904 Galvez Avenue.

The four daughters who survive are: Mrs. E. G. Crausbay, Crosbyton; Mrs. M. F. Zollicoffer, Amarillo; Mrs. R. L. Slaughter, Big Spring; and Mrs. Walter Ausmus, San Angelo.

Funeral services for Buzbee were held Thursday at 4p. m. at the H. F. Spelman & Co. chapel. Rev. L. D. Anderson, pastor of First Christian Mount Olivet.

—Advertising Pays—

Marvin Gilley, formerly of the Gilley Chevrolet Company of Spur, but who is now with a strong firm of automobile dealers of Sweetwater, was in Spur last week again meeting with his friends here. We are glad to know Mr. Gilley is doing well in his new location.

—Advertising Pays—

Last week the Texas Spur reported that a little child of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hooper of Twin Wells, drank kerosene oil and was in a critical condition. It was Mrs. Hooper's child of Spur, instead of J. H. Hooper of Twin Wells. The child is reported doing well, we are glad to note.

—Advertising Pays—

Robt. Reynolds, candidate for county clerk, was in Spur Saturday. Mr. Reynolds stated that on account of farm work pushing him he has been unable to give much time to his campaigning. He hopes to get up with his farm work soon and be able to see every voter before the July primary election.

—Advertising Pays—

M. L. Jones and wife, Miss Meadors, Miss McKnight, Miss Kelly and Mrs. Cozby and Mrs. Williams went to Lubbock Sunday.

—Advertising Pays—

Alden Randleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Randleman, of southwest of Spur, underwent a successful operation last week for appendicitis at the Nichols Sanitarium. He was in a critical condition, but is now on the road to recovery, we are glad to report.

—Advertising Pays—

Wade McDaniel and family, of Cross Plains, arrived in Spur this week and will make their home here in the future.

—Advertising Pays—

Let Texas Spur advertising be your trading directory. You are sure to go right and save money.

—Advertising Pays—

Porter Whaley has resigned the management of the West Texas C. of C. to go to San Antonio.

C. R. EDWARDS & CO.
"The Home of Honest Values"

Summer Time Prices on all Dry Goods

We Always Have a Barrel of Ice Water and a Place for You to Rest.

Make our Store Headquarters

Grass Hoppers Appear In Some Localities

Since a number of farmers of the country have reported that grasshoppers are already beginning to appear in numbers, the Texas Spur is again giving below the recipe for the bran poison recommended by the State Department:

Coarse wheat bran 25lbs.
Paris green or white arsenic, 1 lb.
Good amyl acetate (avoid cheap grades of banana oil or bronzing liquids) 1 oz.
Cane or sorghum molasses (avoid corn syrup) 2 qts.
Mix the bran and poison together thoroughly. Dilute the amyl acetate and molasses in about two gallons of water. Pour this liquid over the mixture of poison bran until every particle is moist. Then make further additions of water and mix thoroughly until a mash is obtained that is quite moist, yet so it will fall apart after being lightly squeezed and so may be readily sown broadcast.

This quantity of mash should be sown broadcast so as to cover about five acres. A good practice is to mix at night and sow early in the morning before nine o'clock since the hoppers do not actively feed until the dew dries up.

BLOCKING UP LAND FOR OIL TEST IN CROSBY COUNTY

Judge B. H. Howard informs us that he and others are blocking up 10,000 acres of land at Estacado for the purpose of getting a test oil well drilled.

Judge Howard said the block was just about completed and they hoped to have a test well going before the end of the year.—Crosbyton Review.

—Advertising Pays—

Mat Howell was on the streets one day the first of the week. Mr. Howell and family just recently returned to the Spur country after an absence of several years.

—Advertising Pays—

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson returned the first of the week from the Concho River where they spent several days fishing.

SALEMS

Weekly Gossip SPECIALS

Good medium size Turkish Towels on special, 10c each.

Solid color, soft quality Voiles, light shades, on special, 35c yard.

Regular 30c Scrim for Curtains, soft quality, on special, 19c yard.

Stripe and Solid color Cheviots, regular up to 25c, on special, 15c yd.

Mens Neck-Band Dress Shirts, Pongee Cloth and Madras Shirting, regular up to \$1.50, on special only 65c each.

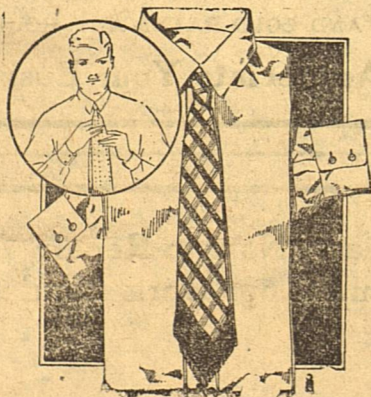
Young Man, do you want a Butterfly Bow Tie?

We have them, the Newest from Broadway, in Polka Dot and other Designs. Buy one and be in Style!

NEW NEWS

Just received, New Ladies Fancy Voile Dresses. They are beautifully trimmed and designed by artists. Come and see them. We have also received a pretty new Lizard and Patent Combination Ladies Strap Pump, the very newest from the shoe market. They only cost \$6.75. You are invited.

A Shirt You'll Be Glad You Bought!!



Just how glad you will be that you bought a supply of these Shirts for summer you will best know after you have worn them a while. It costs very little to find out.

MANHATTAN-WILSON BROS.

LAYNE-YATES CO.
"Spur's Progressive Store."