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the Greatest Diversified Agri-
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The Texas Spur

THE DICKENS ITEMS

Cut Cotton Acreage, Raise a Cow, a
Sow and a Hen is the Farmers
Slogan for 1927.

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Carl Benson and Will Chandler Escape from Jail Thursday Eve

Carl Benson and Will Chandler knocked the jailer down Thursday evening between seven and eight o'clock, making their escape from the Dickens jail. After leaving the jail they were seen heading for the Croton Breaks.

Carl Benson was charged with driving a car while intoxicated, and Will Chandler was charged with rape, his case being transferred to Dickens from Motley county. The trials of both had been set for the special term of court to be held in Dickens beginning August 1st.

At the time the prisoners made their escape by knocking the jailer down, Sheriff Jones and his deputies were out of town on official business, but were called in and immediately set in motion plans for their recapture.

Soldier's Body to Be Removed to Honored Place in Cemetery

Permission has been granted by the Commissioners Court of Dickens County for the removal of the body of W. H. Kilpatrick from its present resting place on the banks of Dockum Creek in the Highway community to an honored place in the Spur Cemetery.

W. H. Kilpatrick was a soldier under Colonel McKenzie, and was killed in a battle with Indians, and buried by his comrades in 1877, his grave being marked with a sand stone, and which is now threatened with complete obliteration by the washing away of the creek banks.

The American Legion of Spur, with Rev. A. G. Abbott, Jim Edd Hall and Webber Williams as designated committeemen, will not only have the body of Kilpatrick moved but will see that a suitable monument is erected in his honor and memory, he being the first man to sacrifice his life in Dickens County in defense of orderly and constitutional government, in promoting civilization and in protection of the people against savage invasions. Such men as Kilpatrick paved the way for the early day settlement of this Western country and who made possible the present day advantages of civilization. The erection of a monument and caring for the remains is the least we could do in memory of those who sacrificed their lives to savages for civilization.

Kilpatrick was the second man to be buried in Dickens county, the first being a man by the name of Smith and known as "Smitty," who was buried in 1876 under a hackberry tree near Rock House Springs.

The Texas Spur Adver- tising Brings More Re- sults Than Desired

J. J. Albin called up the Texas Spur last week, requesting that his advertising be stopped—stating that he not only sold the one cow advertised for sale, but that on its account had to sell another cow. He knows it pays to advertise. If you have anything to sell or want to buy—advertise it in the Texas Spur—a newspaper that reaches the people and is read by every one.

Chalk Brown and Bert Jamison Injured in Car Wreck Tuesday

Chalk Brown and Bert Jamison were both painfully injured in a car wreck which occurred Tuesday evening as they were driving down Burlington Avenue, the car striking one of the lamp posts in the center of the street, with the result that the car was overturned, cutting Chalk on the chin and Bert on the arm.

When other lights are glaring the driver of a car can hardly determine the location of the lamp posts, therefore they are dangerous and swinging lights should take their place on the main streets. A number of wrecks have already occurred.

New Gins Building and Late Improved Machin- ery Placed in Others

The several gins of Spur are being remodeled, rebuilt and equipped to handle the ginning business this fall in the latest, most satisfactory and improved manner possible.

M. Hargrove is building a complete and new gin plant throughout, consisting of all the latest improved machinery and additions, at a cost of approximately thirty thousand dollars.

J. W. Baker is installing an electric plant complete, together with all late improved machinery for caring for the ginning business, the total cost running up into the thousands of dollars.

Williamson Bros. & Cranston are making additions and machinery improvements to the total extent of some six to ten thousand dollars, including the latest cleaning systems together with additional stands and other equipments.

J. I. Hayes already has a new plant to which he is making additions and toning up in general.

Joe Gaines and J. E. Johnson are also adding to and equipping their plants to care for a big run this fall, and in a satisfactory manner to customers.

Gins are the most important industries of the town and country, and there is no town in all of Western Texas which can boast of finer and better equipped gins than Spur. In fact, the gins of Spur will be equipped to care for the ginning of this territory in the very best possible manner, without delays, and regardless of the condition of the cotton with the assurance of the very best showing of samples.

Big Farmer of Kent County Running in "High" at this time

John Goodall, a noted citizen and one among the biggest farmers of Kent county, was among the business visitors in Spur Friday of last week. He stated that he had been running in "low" the past weeks on account of having to plant all his crops, but that since the rains and promising prospects now prevailing, he might be able now to run at least for a time in "high." John Goodall is not a "one crop" farmer, and aside from his cotton and feed crops attention and acreage is also given to garden truck—and we can attest the fact that he can grow as big sweet potatoes on his farm as can be grown any where in the state.

Oil Leasing and Roy- alty Buying Active in Cat Fish Country

This week H. C. Peterson, of the Cat Fish country, was among those who called in at the Texas Spur office and renewed their subscriptions.

Mr. Peterson informed us that he had leased his place for oil development, and had also sold a part of his oil royalty, from which he realized seven or eight hundred dollars. He added further that oil leasing and royalty buying had been active in that section, many other land owners accepting the offers and making oil leases and royalty sales at from one to three dollars per acre.

The indications point that the Cat Fish section of country is scheduled for oil development. The so-called "doodle-bug" oil finding machines have covered that entire territory, and oil companies are securing extensive leases.

Love Dry Goods Com- pany Arranging to Return to Spur

C. L. Love, of the Love Dry Goods Company now of Berger and Panhandle, spent Friday and Saturday of last week in Spur looking after business matters here. Mr. Love is considering moving back to Spur, and we understand contemplates building a brick business house on his lots just north of the Wendell building. Mr. Love was among the first to do business in Spur after the opening of the town in 1909. He is a good business man, a booster, builder and has contributed liberally of his time and money in the up-building of the town and betterment of conditions. His return will be an asset to the town and country as well as the commercial interests.

Predicts Less Product- ion and Better Prices For Cotton

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bateman, of Afton came down Tuesday, shopping. Mr. Bateman predicted that the cotton crop of the country would this year mature and market less than one-half of the general production last year, with the result that better prices would be obtained for the bumper crop expected within the Spur territory. We, too, are betting on twenty cent cotton this fall. The floods have destroyed millions of bales; the boll weevils are expected to destroy hundreds of thousands of bales; and then the acreage reduction will cut down more bales; and withal it is expected that the country will be short a million or two bales of its real requirements, thus making a legitimate price possible.

Finest Crop Prospects Now Prevail in The Spur Country

Howard Campbell, who is this year farming in the Dickens section of the country, was among the business visitors in Spur the past week. He also stated that he had fine crop prospects at this time. Regardless of the drouth, it now looks like we are going to make the biggest crops in our history—with continued favorable conditions.

Spur Boys Going to Summer Military Training Camp

Pat Rogers and J. I. Mecom, Jr., are two of the boys in Spur who have met the requirements and contemplate attending the military training at one of the summer camps.

A number of other boys have made applications, but the camps are now reported full.

Miller-Russell Plumb- ing Company to Estab- lish Business in Spur

G. R. Miller, of Hamlin, was in Spur Wednesday, prospecting with a view of establishing here an up-to-date plumbing business under the firm name of Miller-Russell Plumbing Company. At the present time these gentlemen are employed in the plumbing work on the new court house at Aspermont, and are recognized as competent and expert workmen. An up-to-date plumbing business establishment, such as Messrs. Miller and Russell propose to locate here, is a needed business in Spur and will meet with liberal patronage and hearty cooperation on the part of the public.

New Buildings Being Completed and Im- provements Made in Spur at This Time

That Spur is building, improving and progressing in every line is evidenced substantially to those who take the trouble to look around and size up the situation.

In the residence section of the city, there are a number of residences under construction and just completed, among the number being a neat cottage home by Mr. and Mrs. Faust Collier in the western part of the city; a duplex apartment house in the northeastern part of the residence section by Jimmy Smith and which is almost ready for occupancy by himself and another family; several homes are being remodeled and additions made by John Luce and J. P. Wilkes and others in different sections of the residence part of the town.

In the business section Spur Hardware & Furniture Company are constructing two large business houses on Fifth Street in connection with the present modern building, the two new buildings to be handsomely finished in face brick and comparing favorably with the present handsome and modern hardware building.

B. Schwarz & Son have just completed an addition to their already large dry goods store, as has Campbell & Campbell to their large furniture store.

M. Hargrove is building a fine \$30,000 gin building and installing the new machinery.

Altogether, the building progress of Spur is most substantial, and unprecedented for the time of year and considering the conditions which have prevailed up to this time thru-out Western Texas.

Dry Lake Votes Off Independent School District Saturday

At an election held Saturday in the Dry Lake Independent School District, the independent district created by a special act of the legislature, was voted off by a good majority of the school patrons voting in the election.

Another election has been ordered for the purpose of voting a one dollar school maintenance tax.

A majority of the Dry Lake school patrons and tax payers became dissatisfied with the operations of an independent district, preferring to have a common school district with a one dollar maintenance tax.

Sanitary Cafe Reopen- ed After Two Weeks Summer Vacation

After a vacation of two or three weeks, Mrs. Hopkins again opened up the Sanitary Cafe Monday for business. Hereafter, Mr. Wand will be associated with Mrs. Hopkins in the business which will continue at the former stand on the west side of Burlington Avenue.

Albin Begins Graveling The Spur and Watson Road Thursday

County Commissioner Albin commenced the graveling of the Spur-Watson road Thursday. Approximately five hundred dollars was contributed by Spur business men and the same amount will be drawn from the county treasury, thus ample funds will be provided to build a first class road and which will be in readiness for the fall traffic.

Makes Trip Through Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri

Charley Ensey and family returned Tuesday from Missouri where they have been spending the summer vacation visiting with relatives of that state. The trip was made thru the country in their car, Mr. Ensey stating that conditions in the corn belt was unfavorable at this time, while through Oklahoma and parts of Kansas conditions were more favorable for both corn and smaller grain. Muddy, heavy roads were encountered going, but in returning more favorable roads had for travel, stated Mr. Ensey.

Another Spur Citizen Establishing Business in Oil Field Town

Jesse Fletcher, we are informed, is now at Pyote, the new booming oil field town, building and establishing a gasoline filling station and business. Jesse recently traded for property along the line of Mexico, but evidently that section was too "slow" for him since his activities were immediately transferred to an oil field section.

Entertained With Ice Cream at the Baptist Church Friday Eve

Friday evening of last week the men of the Baptist church entertained the ladies with an ice cream supper. During the evening an entertaining program of vocal and instrumental music was given, the Spur Orchestra rendering several selections. It was an enjoyable occasion to the several hundred present.

Spur Summer Term of School Closed Friday of the Past Week

The summer term of the Spur Schools closed Friday of last week.

The summer term was held for the purpose of permitting a number of pupils to make up the grades which they failed to pass at the regular term, thus passing them on in the regular prescribed courses in the next term.

Supt. Watson and family have moved to Post City where he will be superintendent of the Post High School. Supt. Watson is recognized as one of the best school men of West Texas and Post Schools are to be congratulated in securing him at the head of their schools.

Alfalfa and other Crops Coming to Front in Girard Country

C. W. Fincher and G. W. Mayfield, of Girard, were in Spur last week, and while here both called in at the Texas Spur office, to rejoice with us concerning the big rains and the fine crop prospects now prevailing in every part of the West. With continued favorable conditions, this section of the country will make as fine crops as could be produced any where in the state. Here some time ago Mr. Mayfield was very much concerned about his alfalfa crops, stating that he feared it would all die. However, since the rains the alfalfa has brightened up and is now coming to the front.

Spur Merchants Con- duct Successful Sales Regardless of the Dull Season

The sales now in progress by B. Schwarz & Son and C. R. Edwards & Company, and those recently had by C. Hogan & Company and Salem Guaranty, enjoyed good trade. In fact these special sales with special price reductions encouraged and stimulated trading regardless of the dull season and the uninviting conditions which prevailed up to the recent good rains.

With the large stocks of goods carried by Spur merchants and the competitive prices being made, is assurance to the trade territory that their needs can be supplied and at prices which other trade centers can not discount. We urge Texas Spur readers to watch the advertising pages with the assurance of substantially profiting thereby.

T. C. Cooner Establish- es the Third Prouce House in the City

Two weeks ago T. C. Cooner established the third produce house in Spur, and is now conducting his business in the Wendell building.

The fact that three produce houses can be maintained in Spur is substantial evidence that the produce business is growing in the Spur country. There was a time when but few farmers had other products than cotton to market, but today there are but few farmers who do not have chickens, eggs, butter and cream for the markets in all seasons of the year.

Mr. Cooner is experienced in the produce business and no doubt will enjoy a good business.

Earliest Cotton Blooms in Farming Experi- ence of Farming Here

T. S. Lambert was in town Tuesday. Aside from his filling station, cold drink stand and grocery business, Mr. Lambert is also farming, stating that he now has cotton blooms in his field, this being the earliest blooms he has ever had throughout his years of farming experiences in the Spur country.

County Agent Ad- vocates Building Lakes For Water Conservation

We note that at least one county agent in West Texas is beginning to advocate plans advanced years ago through the columns of the Texas Spur—to conserve the water resources of the country, even to the extent of irrigating purposes. However, this county agent suggests the building of upland tanks and using pumps to fill them—while the Texas Spur suggested damming every stream. The water problems will, in the course of time, be solved.

Don't fail to see—

Milton Sills and Doris Kenyon
in
"Men of Steel"
Lyric Theatre, Monday and Tuesday

Saturday
SPECIALS

House Dresses
55c each

SALEMS
GUARANTEE



They Are Prepared For a Rainy Day

SOMEBODY hundreds of years ago asked the generation of that date to save for a rainy day. That advice has been imparted through the centuries, but strange as it may seem, it has gone unheeded by the thousands.

On the other hand there are countless thousands who have profited by the sound warning: 'Save for a rainy day!' If you will start an account at this bank and then make regular deposits, it will be possible to have an amount sufficient to care for the "rainy days." This bank solicits your patronage and stands ready to assist in the promotion of any legitimate project.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

MONEY TO LOAN

on Farms and Ranches
all over West Texas

G. B. HARNESS, Colorado, Texas

BAISDEN & PARTRIDGE BROS.

THE BEST EQUIPPED SHOP IN THE WEST

Auto Repair Work, Acetylene Welding
One Day Battery Service—Radiator
Repairing

DAY PHONE 192

NIGHT PHONE 292

BRAZELTON LUMBER CO.

A Good Yard
In a Good Town

EAST-SIDE MARKET

We handle the Best meat we can get
Also Packing House Products
GIVE THE NEW MARKET A TRIAL!

Try Our Sunday Dinners

The Highway Cafe

High Quality Food Properly Cooked
BELL & FOX, Proprietors

Ouida Fern Dobbins is visiting in Lubbock this week.

W. C. Messer was a business visitor in town the past week.

Mrs. A. Lohar, of east of Spur, was shopping in the city Tuesday of this week.

J. A. Stone, of west of Spur, was among the business visitors here during the past week.

T. E. Gregory was here the latter part of the past week, trading and on other business.

Mrs. Will Marshall was shopping in Spur Monday from their home on Duck Creek.

R. P. Rhea, Jr., this week made a business trip to Crosbyton, Ralls and Lubbock.

Tom Cherry, of Dry Lake, was in town Saturday, trading and shaking hands with friends.

E. J. Lassetter, of west of town a few miles, was here Monday meeting with friends.

Will Tallent was among the number trading in the city Saturday of the past week.

W. C. Cartwright, a good citizen and farmer of north of Spur several miles, was on the streets greeting his friends the past week.

Mrs. F. B. Crockett returned recently from a tour of the Western part of the state, accompanied by her father.

J. H. Bolch, of southwest of Spur, was among the many business visitors here the past week.

T. L. Dozier, of near Spur, was on the streets the past week, meeting with his friends and acquaintances.

H. C. Allen came in Monday of this week from the Dry Lake community, reporting everything now in tip top shape.

Geo. B. Erath, of south of Spur, was among the recent business visitors here.

Luther Powell, wife and Billie Gene, returned this week from a vacation spent in Cool Colorado. During the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Powell, Charlie Powell looked after the rural mail routes out of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Elkins and son, Henry Elkins who is here for the summer vacation, made a trip Thursday of last week to Lubbock, where they spent the day going thru Tech College, and also visiting with friends of that city.

L. A. Grantham, a leading citizen and substantial farmer of east of Spur, was here one day the past week, trading and greeting his friends.

W. C. Messer, of near Spur, was a business visitor here the latter part of the past week, dropping by the Texas Spur sanctum and paying us a short visit, reporting everything now in ideal shape.

F. E. Walker, of the Highway section of country, was on the streets one day the past week, meeting with friends and incidentally buying a few items from the Spur merchants, as well as selling some to the produce houses.

J. E. Sparks, of west of Spur, was here during the past week. He was bearing that air of "I told you so" and apparently very contented and satisfied at the same time. He has been here a long time and is not easily discouraged.

Mesdames T. J. Earnest and McClanahan, of Eastland county, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Aikin, of near Dickens, and also of friends in Spur. Mrs. McClanahan formerly lived in Spur and has a number of friends and acquaintances here.

T. H. Tallent, of near Gilpin, was in town Saturday.

Carl Patton and Riley Huie, of Lubbock, were in Spur Monday for a short time on business and again meeting with their friends of this section.

M. B. Wilson, of south of Spur, was in the city Saturday, selling produce and at the same time taking advantage of the big sales offerings on the part of Spur merchants.

H. C. Parsons, an old timer and one among the best citizens of the country, was meeting with his many friends in Spur recently.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hutto, of the Dry Lake Community, recently made a trip to Roby, in Fisher county, to visit with Mr. Hutto's mother who has been ill.

W. L. Thanisch, of the Draper country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week, transacting business affairs and meeting with his friends.

Mesdames D. H. Zachry and Cooper returned home Thursday after spending several weeks visiting with relatives and friends in Huntsville, Houston, and Jefferson.

W. F. Foreman, of Foreman's Chapel, was among the number of business visitors to town Saturday of last week.

Albert Jordan, of Duck Creek, was on the streets Tuesday. He reports his crops in fine shape with the exception of weeds which are trying to get ahead of the crop.

Mesdames W. W. Flournoy and A. C. Berguson spent Sunday visiting with relatives and friends at Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Potts, of the McAdoo, country, were visiting and shopping in Spur Monday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rape, of the Steel Hill community, were among the many shoppers in Spur last Saturday.

Mrs. A. J. Richey, of Croton, was among the shoppers in Spur Saturday.

F. I. Hale, of Dickens, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of the week.

Mrs. R. C. Littlefield, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday of this week.

W. O. Garrison, of the Watson community, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

J. M. Grubach was here trading recently, and meeting with his many friends.

S. L. Porter, of the Croton section of country, was in the city Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. W. P. T. Smith, of Dry Lake, was shopping in the city Monday of this week.

W. W. Waldrup was here from Dickens Saturday, greeting friends with a smile and a hearty hand-shake.

D. G. Simmons, of Gilpin, was here this week marketing cream and other surplus home products.

L. L. Arnold, of the Duck Creek country, was among the many here trading and marketing produce the past week.

W. H. Deuvall, of south of Spur, was here Monday meeting with his friends and acquaintances.

R. M. Duboise, of near the city, was here during the past week on business.

W. L. Gragson, of Duck Creek, was here Saturday among the crowds of business visitors.

Charley Austin, of east of Spur, was on the streets Tuesday.

The Mission

CAR WASHING MACHINE AND VACUUM CLEANER

We now have installed a High-Pressure, Force Pump Car Washing Machine & Vacuum Cleaner designed to clean bodies, upholstery and motor blocks. This makes us equipped to clean your car Better at a reasonable charge.

KING & SAMPLE

J. T. BILBERRY, DRAYMAN

HAULING OF ALL KINDS.—"QUICK SERVICE" Our Motto.
PHONE 279, SPUR, TEXAS

ETHICAL IDEALS FOR PROFESSIONAL MEN

The following points are some of ethics adopted by the Association of Professional Men's Clubs, September, 12 1925.

The professional man should maintain a standard of competency in his own field entirely apart from all considerations of public opinion or private gain. He may fall far short of his own standard, but he must never blur the distinction between good work and poor work.

The professional man should consider his compensation, in whatever form it may be given to him, as a secondary end; and should not be content with a modest income, but he should regard it as a part of his professional duty to make it clear to all concerned that a professional man is not interested in amassing wealth.

The professional man should deliberately cultivate honest criticism of his own and all other professional work, training himself to hate sentimental praise and ignorant fault-finding, and developing to the extent of his ability the difficult art of

clear sighted, constructive, critical judgment.

The professional man should champion complete liberty of thought and expression, whether popular or unpopular, without yielding in the slightest degree his own convictions as to what is true or false, wise or foolish, right or wrong.

The professional man should use every opportunity to promote better mutual understanding among men of different classes, creeds, nations and races, recognizing that his education and experience should enable him to rise above all fears and hatreds, and serve as an interpreter and peace maker among men.

Chas. Gunn, of near Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday of this week on business and meeting with his many friends.

Prof. Frank Speer, of Dickens, was meeting with his friends in the city of Spur Monday of this week.

Home Nursery—Will take good care of small children. Across the street south of the New Church of Christ—Mrs. Carl Franklin.

CALL ON

**HAMBERGER KING
ICE COLD BEER ON TAP
AND REAL HAMBERGERS**

SPUR FARM LANDS

IN DICKENS, KENT, GARZA AND CROSBY COUNTIES

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

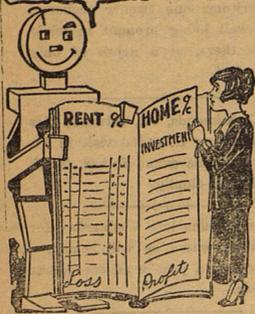
RANCH TRACTS—On Easy Terms at Low Prices, Splendidly Suited to Ranching.

WARNING!—No privileges are granted to cut, saw, break down or otherwise take from our properties, anywhere, any green or dead wood. Prosecution will follow any known violation.

S. M. SWENSON & SONS

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager — Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

BUILDING A HOME—IS ONE WAY OF SPENDING YOUR MONEY AND STILL HAVE IT.



When you go to the bank you don't deposit your money to the credit of some one else. Then why pay rent to some one else? Pay rent to your self. Put your money in your own home, not into rent receipts that are of no value. When you are ready to build call on us. We shall be glad to help you get started.

Tri-County Lumber Co.
Spur, Texas

If the farmers could have held their cotton to this time, they would have realized almost double what it was sold for in the fall. Marketing is the biggest problem on the farm today.

Ben Holly has our thanks for a dollar and fifty cents for another years run of the Texas Spur news, and for which he has our thanks and appreciation.

Mrs. T. J. Thomas, of Spur, this week leased the Mrs. Dunn business property on the southeast corner of the square in Dickens, and where she is now opening up a rooming and boarding house.

S. H. Nally, of near Spur, was one of the number of business visitors in the city the past week, spending some time here trading and greeting friends.

Henry McDaniel is one of the busiest men and livestock of the entire country. Aside from his extensive farming operations and his poultry raising, he is regularly employed in keeping the streets of Spur in excellent graded condition and he states that his crops are in excellent condition and growing very satisfactorily, while he has fine chickens coming on all the time.

R. N. Thomas has given up any idea or intention of "trekking" it out, since the bountiful rains. However, in making such arrangements in the beginning, it was only temporary—stating that he had just as well be out making a dollar while waiting for the rains here. Now he may be employed in making a fish pond out his way.

LET THE QUALITY CLEANERS

Do Your CLEANING, PRESSING OR ALTERING

OTTO MOTT, Prop.
Rear Simpson's Barber Shop

Frequent Bilious Attacks

"I suffered with severe bilious attacks which came on me two or three times every month," says Mr. Ollie Miller, of Murray, Ky. "I would become dizzy. My head would ache terribly, feeling as if it would almost burst. It felt exactly like a tight band was being drawn closer and closer around my temples. "My stomach would be so upset I could not retain any kind of nourishment for hours. I would have to quit work and go to bed. "My color was awful. I was yellow and my skin was drawn and dry. I did not have any energy—no ambition to work. I was just about half sick most of the time because of these spells. "One day one of my neighbors, who has used Theford's Black-Draught for years, said he had noticed how bad my color was and thought it would help me. "I got some Black-Draught immediately and began to take it regularly until I got my system clear of the poison I had been absorbing. I soon began to feel better and developed a fine appetite. I had no more bad headaches or bilious spells." C-125



Mr. and Mrs. White Moore were in the city the past week from their farm and ranch home six miles west of Spur. Since the beginning of the season we have endeavored to get White Moore off on a fishing expedition, but very evidently we can't get our home-brew made together.

W. H. Smith, of Red Mud, was in Spur Monday of this week, meeting with friends and incidentally taking advantage of the trade offerings on the part of live-wire merchants of the city. W. H. Smith is another one of the old time settlers here and knows how to take things as they come.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lindsey, of Loraine, Mitchell county, were the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Blanton at their home in the city of Spur.

W. L. Thanisch, of Croton, was in the city Tuesday, meeting with his friends and settling up the affairs of his son, Jack Thanisch, who died Friday of last week.

L. C. Arrington, of west of the city of Dickens, was in Spur during the week, meeting with friends and acquaintances. For several years past Mr. Arrington has been superintending extensive farming operations, having a section or two farm further west as well as his farm to the west of Dickens. However, this year he is taking things somewhat easier, only superintending his farm here, while his more western farm holdings are being looked after by others.

John Aston, who is this year farming on the Plains, came down recently to Spur, spending a day here trading and again meeting with his numerous friends. We had missed John, but presumed he was busy cropping, having no idea he had moved out of the country. However, we expect him back another year.

Marion Hutton, who is this year farming to the southwest of Spur about twelve or fifteen miles, was transacting business affairs here last Monday. He informed us that he has had good rains and everything now indicated bumper crops this fall.



When you visit the Silverware Show See this Silver Sensation

"The 'Ahs!' have it! "More than half the 'Ohs!' and 'Ahs!' that you hear at the Silverware Show at our store go to 'Pieces of 8'... The newest idea in silverware service... Light of each instead of the usual 'sixes.' "Here is an assortment of silverware that thousands of women have long wished for... eight knives with stainless steel blades, eight forks, eight dessert spoons, eight tea spoons, with a butter knife and sugar shell.

"May be had in your choice of the classic 1927 ROGERS BROS. patterns... in handsome presentation chests, utility trays or gorgeous treasure chests.



There are Dinner and Tea Sets and Tableware to match knives, forks and spoons.

Gruben Bros.
Spur, Texas

RULLING WITHOUT RULES

A great benefactor has been described as a man who makes two blades of grass grow where one grew before.

A great administration might, I think, be described as a man who makes one rule where two grew before.

Most institutions are rule-ridden. Most individuals are rule-ridden. A life or an organization that is ridden and run by rules is likely to be and is either in reckless rebellion or in mechanical morality.

This afternoon I came upon this happy little story.

The 4-year old son of a distinguished scholar went with his mother to the local market; his agile and active spirit keep him nosing restlessly about the place while his mother was discussing menus and merchandise with the grocer.

The mother chanced to glance his way just as he spat exultingly into a large crate of wine red cranberries.

"Why, Bobby," the mother cried, "what on earth possessed you to do such a thing?"

The mother exhausted her vocabulary trying to impress upon the youngster the enormity of violation of the canons of good taste.

The lad walked beside his mother for several blocks, saying nothing as if in reverie. Finally he turned a very troubled little face upward and said, "well, mother, I can't remember you ever telling me not to spit in a box of cranberries."

Many adults would do well to examine themselves before smiling to condescendingly at Bobby.

The insistent temptation to recognize no obligations save obligations garbed in the garment of a rule is very great.

And yet neither great intelligence

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nor great character goes through the world with a rule book in hand. Pedantically measuring each thought and each act by some rule, but moves with a happy disregarding of details because straight thinking and sound acting have become a second nature.

We cannot live without our eyes on a rule book without falling a victim to a self consciousness that will in the end, rob us of that serenity and sincerity without which life becomes a petty and pointless thing.

The dominating spirit, the habitual direction, the confident momentum of life—these are the things that are more to be pondered and prized than the rules of life.

We are not grown up until we can afford to burn our rule book.
—Glenn Frank.

Backaches and Spinal Adjustments

Friday Health Talk

LAVINA B. CONKLIN, Chiropractor

The seat of a backache is the foundation of the back—the spinal column. This does not refer to the one-day backache that follows unusual exertion, such as spading up the garden, but to the persistent, nagging, painful backache that hangs on, seemingly without reason.

To be rid of such a backache, get rid of the cause, by having the spinal column restored to normal alignment by Chiropractic spinal adjustments. You'll be surprised how quickly the old ache will be a thing of the past.

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Chiropractic releases the Power Within

Uncle Ben Says:

"One aviator's recipe for saving him self from death is to resign."



YOUR APPOINTMENT

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Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Snider and son, Crate, returned last week from Gunter, Sherman and other points where they spent some time visiting with friends and relatives of that part of the state.

T. E. Love, a substantial citizen and one among the old timers here, was in the city the past week from his farm home to the west of Spur.

G. H. Slaton, of north of Spur, was among the business visitors on the streets the past week.

Seals Earnest was greeting his friends and acquaintances on the streets one day during the past week.

J. B. Morrison was greeting his friends on the streets one day the first of the week.

L. R. Barrett and Frank Laverty made a business trip Monday to Ralls.

SPUR LODGE No. 1023
Meets every Thursday on or after full moon.
Visitors Welcome

H. P. GIBSON, W.M.
JACK RECTOR, Sec.

W. A. Drennan, of near Dickens, was a Spur business visitor Tuesday of this week, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Drennan stated that the weeds were about to take his crops, but that he was go-deviling them to death, coming to town after more implements of destruction.

Mr. and Mrs. Buel McDaniel, of southwest of Spur, were shopping and visiting in the city Tuesday. Buel informed us that he had plenty blooms in his cotton which he had just finished plowing over. Weeds, he stated were coming rapidly and working early and late was necessary to keep them down.

Jim Crump, of the Watson community, was a business visitor here the past week. He informed us that crops were looking good now in that section, and with continued favorable conditions big harvests will be the result this fall.

Ned Bowers was on the streets Saturday meeting his friends of the town and country.

Roy Arrington, of east of Spur several miles, was here Saturday on business.

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Austin, June 23.—Warrants totaling about \$1,350,000, representing the payment of \$1 on the per capita apportionment from the State available school fund, have been mailed out this week to all the counties and independent school districts qualified to receive them, State Superintendent S. M. N. Marrs announced Thursday. This cleans up all except 50 cents of the total \$14 per capita apportionment, bringing the total paid out to \$13.50.

The remaining half-dollar probably will be paid in July, Superintendent Marrs said.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Keith, daughter Mary and Charley spent Sunday in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Garner and family. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Heffern, of Weatherford, Tex. were also visiting in the Garner home. Mr. Keith said that it had been 45 years since he saw Mr. and Mrs. Heffern and that the reunion was an enjoyable one.—Motley Co News.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding and children spent Sunday in Stamford

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Mrs. O'Neal, of Lubbock, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Wooten Wednesday.

J. V. Hellums and family, of Rotan, spent the week end in Spur with Dr. J. H. Grace and family and R. E. Dickson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferris, of Stamford, spent Thursday with Mr. and Mrs. Otto Mott.

The B. F. Hales will have as their guests for the week end, the Fred Childress' of Lubbock.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Ancona Roosters, \$1.50 each.—Henry McDaniel. 35tf

STRAYED—Black and white spotted Holstein cow, left my place about two months ago. Notify me at Dickens.

Luther Hindman returned Thursday from a business trip to Dallas and other points.

A boy baby was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Brown.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

GETTING THINGS SETTLED

DOOLAN just called me up over the telephone. We have had the settlement of a difficult proposition under consideration for a number of months. The matter has seemed near conclusion a good many times. There are a number of solutions, and any one of two or three of them seems to me satisfactory. When it comes to a decision Doolan always balks; he wants to think the thing over a little longer.

Today we decided the matter and I thought it was ended. It was concerning our decision that he wanted to talk to me over the telephone. "I've been thinking over that Thorpe case," he said. "I'm not sure we have found the best solution. I think we'd better talk it over again."

"All right," I reply, but I realize that the thing has been hanging fire for months. It should have been settled and forgotten long ago, and a half dozen other situations fixed up; but Doolan still hesitates, and while he is hesitating time is passing and other business matters are waiting.

"I won't make any great difference a hundred years from now," father used to say when we were wrangling over whether we should go or stay, whether we should buy high or low shoes, or single or double-breasted coats. "It is sometimes better to decide a matter wrongly than it is to waste time and nervous energy and temper in sitting just how it should be decided."

We were trying to decide upon the choice of a man to fill the position of head of an important department, and I had recommended a certain candidate.

"Is he the best man in the United States for the position?" the president queried.

"Well, I don't know all the good men in the United States who are engaged in this particular sort of work, and if I did we still would not be able to get the best one very likely, because we couldn't afford to pay what he would demand; but the man I am recommending is a good man and the best one I have any acquaintance with whom we can get for the money we have to offer."

We took him, and he has been quite satisfactory. I knew a man once who admitted that his business judgment was 10 per cent perfect, but there are no many of these, and not so many a will themselves admit it.

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THE SANITARY CAFE

After a short summer vacation we are again open and prepared to serve our patrons and friends.

CALL ON US AT ANY OLD TIME

Making Eggs and Poultry Standard

By F. W. Kazmeier, Bryan, Texas.

The price of eggs in our Southwestern country is comparatively low, and the outlook is, that we may expect low prices for several months. Of course, we expect, the price to soon start on an upward grade, however this climb will appear slow to many of us.

The law of supply and demand will always be a determining factor in price of eggs and poultry.

Floods, no doubt have caused the marketing of thousands of chickens that would otherwise have been kept off the market. This factor no doubt contributed to our below average price on broilers and fryers this spring. We may not have this factor to deal with another year.

The more eggs people eat, the greater the consumption, the greater the demand and the higher the price of eggs. It stands to reason that the better the eggs the more they will eat, and the poorer in quality the eggs, the less people will eat hence a decreased demand and lower price. For this reason if for no other, a determined fight must be made by all concerned to improve the quality of our market eggs.

To show you that the above assertion is true, we can state the fact, that in Canada, although the youngest nation, more has been done to improve and standardize eggs and poultry than in any other country. This fact cannot be denied. The Canadian egg and poultry producers long ago appreciated the importance of quality. Quality in Canada does not only mean external appearance of egg, but interior condition as well. That is why in Canada the per capita consumption is 28.1 dozens of eggs. This in spite of the fact that in Canada eggs the year around range all the way from 25 cents to \$1.00 per dozen. This also proves that price of eggs is only a small factor influencing consumption. Take on the other hand our Texas condition. The average farmer here, is little interested in producing quality eggs, especially with reference to interior condition. Even those that make an effort to produce graded eggs, do not place sufficient importance on interior quality. Take our U. S. standard on eggs, which is a great improvement over our old system of marketing eggs, gives actually too much value on appearance of shell and size of egg. A small egg of good quality it seems to me will do more to increase consumption than a large egg, with a good shell of a poor interior quality. In other words not enough stress has been placed upon producing eggs of high grade interior quality.

Eggs because of the fact that they come in sealed packages permit unscrupulous people to take advantage of the consuming public. For this reason, everybody that has the welfare of the poultry industry of our great Southwest at heart, must join hands with those that are making a sincere effort to preserve and improve the interior quality of market eggs.

The egg as laid is a wonderful food, next to milk probably the most valuable food for the human race. It is true that the feed fed to laying hens does affect the quality of the egg. This is an important fact in some future article we will discuss it more in detail. In this article we will confine ourselves, to helping get people interested in preserving the good qualities of the egg as it is laid.

In Canada in 1926 the average egg consumption per capita was 337 eggs per year. In the U. S., during the same period, the average per capita consumption was only 204 eggs. This in spite of the fact that eggs in United States averaged about 33 1-3 per cent lower in price, than in Canada.

There is no doubt, that the greatest factor to help increase the consumption of eggs is a high grade interior quality. When you increase consumption, you also increase the price. If Texas Poultry raisers and farmers are interested in getting

more for their eggs, the first thing to do is to produce a better egg. The first few days after an egg is produced are very important, in order to maintain its interior quality.

The cause of poor quality eggs must be placed at the doors of the farmers and poultry raisers, especially farmers. More than 90% of the nation's egg supply is produced by the farmers, and only a very small per cent by commercial poultrymen. For this reason, those of you, that are disappointed in the price of eggs, please remember, you have no cause to complain. The worth any more.

A few things to remember in producing high interior quality eggs—

1. Remove all male birds from the flock.
2. Gather eggs at least 3 times a day.
3. Provide special coops for brood y hens, and confine in the same promptly.
4. Market eggs once a day and at least every other day.
5. Keep in a cool temperature, as close to 50 degrees as possible.
6. Grade all eggs sold on the market.
7. Never offer for sale any eggs you are not certain as to quality or feel in the least doubtful about.
8. Market only clean eggs, produce in clean hen houses and laid in clean nests.

Miss Weldon Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Bell, is reported ill of typhoid fever.

J. T. Hadaway, wife and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Black, of Cove, Arkansas, arrived in Spur Wednesday evening to visit with Mr. Black's mother and brothers. Mr. Hadaway was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office Thursday, informing us that from Wichita Falls on into Arkansas, farming conditions were spotted and unfavorable.

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Lea and Mr. and Mrs. Murry Lea returned this week to Abilene after several days visit in Spur.

Lowell Putman is at home from a trip to Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Maples, Miss Redah and Loren, returned Thursday from San Angelo where they had been visiting their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Keith. While there Mr. Maples made a trip around over the oil fields of that part of the state, stating that it is sure an oil producing territory, one twenty thousand barrel well being brought in while he was there, at a depth of only 12,000 feet.

E. C. Edmonds, Jr., returned this week from an extended visit in Ft. Worth with his grand father, G. H. Connell and family.

Henry Elkins left Wednesday for New York where he will remain a year taking a post graduate course in music.

T. H. Alvord, director of extension work of the state agricultural department, was here two days this week from College Station.

W. L. Strangel, of the Tech College at Lubbock, was in Spur this week. Mr. Stangel has charge of the animal husbandry department of the college.

W. T. Andrews returned this week from Waco and San Antonio where he visited with his mother and father. Mrs. Andrews, who accompanied him, remained over in Iredell to visit with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Harkey returned Thursday to their home in San Antonio. Clem came up to attend court at Crosbyton, while Mrs. Harkey was the guest of friends in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hale and children, of Greenville, have returned to their home after a visit with Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hale.

M. C. Golding and family moved into the J. H. Busby home Wednesday, for the remainder of the summer.

C. H. Alvord, director of extension service at College Station, was a guest of R. E. Dickson this week.

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On the Wrong Side of the Street.

Social and Club News.

MISS BETH HARKEY HOSTESS

Miss Beth Harkey gave a number of children a very enjoyable time when on Monday afternoon she entertained with a picnic. Outdoor games were enjoyed and a delicious lunch spread to delight the children. Those present were little Misses Helen Hale, Marion and Ernestine Hale, Vivian Cooksey, June Lisenby, Mary Louis Lisenby, Constance and Peggy Jane Teague, Opal McGlathery, Harriet Sue Davis and the McKay children, Margret Abbott. Masters Sol Davis, Don Cooksey, Bill Putman Spencer Lisenby, Grady and Earnest Wann, Mr. and Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Ed Lisenby, Lenora Lisenby, and Mrs. Cooksey.

PICNIC FOR CHILDREN

Mrs. Ned Hogan entertained Wednesday afternoon with a picnic in honor of her little daughter Nedra who was nine years old. A lovely lunch was spread for the youngsters and many games enjoyed. Those present for the enjoyable affair were little Misses Helen Hale, Francis Springer, Francis Morris, Annie Laurie Lewis, Polly Clemmons, Wynell McClure, Lillian Grace Dickson Peggy Jane and Nedra Hogan.

P. M. W. CLUB

Mrs. Eric Ously was hostess when on Thursday she entertained members of the P. M. W. Club and a number of invited guests in her home with progressive "42". At the end of a number of highly interesting games a delicious refreshment plate was served. The guest included Mesdames Cecil Wolf, Lloyd Wolf, G. H. Stack, Aubrey McCombs, Homer Hindman, Ira Sullivan, Serman Lee, Egbert Chapman, Bill Brown, Foy Vernon, F. B. Crockett, Jud Boyd, Wilbur Perry, Tom Teague, Wilkes Otto Mott, Fontis McGlathery.

MISS JANE WILSON HOSTESS

Monday evening Miss Jane Douglas Wilson entertained honoring her cousin Miss Lillian Blance Tompson of Amarillo, with a theatre party. Those enjoying her hospitality were Mr. and Mrs. Chalk Brown, Misses Lillian Blance Tompson the honoree, Bertie Belle Brown, Lenora Lisenby, Maud Clemmons, Jane Douglas Wilson. Messrs Roy Edmonds, Jack Hogan, Sam Clemmons.

MR. AND MRS. DICKSON ENTERTAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson were most gracious hosts Thursday evening when they entertained a number of friends in their pretty suburban home. Games and contests were enjoyed. A lovely refreshment plate was served. The guests included Messrs. George Lisenby, Hub Hyatt, Jim Sample, Bullock Tillotson, Curtis Harkey, Enoch Pendleton, Spencer Browning, Jamison, Misses Thelma Caraway, Lucile Lucas, Billie Best Mattox, Floy Rogers of Greenville, Nellie Goff, Virginia Elliot, Pauline Ramsey, Flora Denson, Bertie Bell Brown, Lenora Lisenby, Todd, Newton, Dallas, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Abbott.

ENTERTAINS WITH PICNIC

Another hospitality for Miss Blanche Thompson was he picnic at Silver Falls Tuesday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Ed-

monds, Chalk Brown, Misses Lillian Blanche Thompson, Bertie Belle Brown, Lenora Lisenby, Jane Douglas Wilson, Mary Margaret Bradshaw, Messrs. Roy Edmonds, Bill McAlpine, and Sam Tarver Clemmons.

LITTLE MISS INEZ SHORT ENTERTAINED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY SATURDAY EVE

Little Miss Inez Short, entertained a number of little guests Saturday evening, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Short, the occasion being her eighth birthday anniversary. A birthday cake bearing eight lighted candles, occupied the center of the dining table, the older people being excluded from the dining room while the little guests enjoyed the birthday dinner together with the varied games which followed.

ESPEULA ITEMS

The recent rains have been very beneficial to crops in this vicinity.

Much interest is being shown in the S. S. at Espeula and the second Sunday is our regular Preaching day. The Pastor Brother Crabtree Preaches very able and timely Sermons. His Messages are always edifying and some satisfying. Everyone is invited to come and be with us. We need you.

The oil well which was being drilled four miles southwest of Dickens has been temporarily abandoned.

Gray Drapper and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Mitchel and little son of Spur were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cross Sunday.

Ennis Armstrong and family of Amarillo were week end guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Armstrong.

Mrs. Wess Allen visited Mrs. E. Duggins Saturday afternoon.

Misses Allene Murphay and Faye McMahan were pleasant callers in the Duggins home Sunday afternoon.

Misses Iris and Leacil Howell visited Misses Pauline Karr and Carmon Shockley Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Duggins called on Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Howell Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. R. L. Armstrong and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harris Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Karr and Miss Jewel Duggins were dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Riley McMahan Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Howell entertained with a singing Sunday evening.

A number of our young folk attended the Fathers Day program at Soldiers Mound after S. S. Sunday.

Mrs. Chandler of Palestine is visiting in the home of her daughter Mrs. B. J. Howell.

Mrs. E. Duggins will present the young folk of Espeula S. S. in a program at Foremans Chapple Friday Evening July the 8th.

Program starts with music rendered by the following: Dan, Coy and Charlie McMahan and Luther Henderson. Next on program Drill of the Flowers by sixteen young ladies, all dressed to represent certain flowers, each carrying a flower trimmed with roses, predominating: Jewel Duggins and Ava Howell, roses; Inez

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ITEMS FROM RED MUD.

Mrs. Joe Thornton was hostess at the club social given Wednesday night for the purpose of selecting a lady to attend the short course. Miss Dessie Mae Cross was selected to attend. Refreshments consisting of cake and ice cream was served to all present.

A large crowd attended the ball game at Red Top Sunday afternoon, West End and Red Top playing, the scores being 30 to 9 in favor of West End.

The club girls of this community report a splendid time on their encampment, and the ladies are planning to go on one Thursday and Friday of this week, Silver Falls being selected for this outing.

The singing at the Christian church each Sunday night is being well attended.

The farmers of this section are very busy fighting weeds at present. Mr. Barson was seen carrying out two new cultivators Saturday.

Mr. Bill McArthur has been running five teams in his cotton patch the past week.

M. P. Smith, W. U. McKay and families went plum hunting one day of the past week. They found a nice lot of plums, in fact almost every family has been gathering and canning wild plums.

The people of this community are very proud of the work that is being done on the road and wish to thank the Spur people for their liberal donations.

Floyd McArthur has a team and is pulling the cars up the hill while the road is being graded and in an impassable condition.

Miss Jackie Pope of Levland who has been visiting her uncle and aunt J. M. and Willie Davis left Sunday for Mayview where she will visit other relatives before returning home.

Every one still interested in poultry, gardens, and cows, in fact it would be hard to find a one crop farmer in the community.

Mrs. L. S. Scott has quilted two quilts recently.

Mrs. Bailey has been quite sick the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Henderson visited relatives and attended the ball game here Sunday afternoon.—Red Mud Reporter.

W. A. CARLISLE ATTENDS 60th WEDDING ANNI VERSARY OF PARENTS

W. A. Carlisle and son, Cecil, returned Sunday from Dickens, Texas, where they attended the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. Carlisle's father and mother of near Spur. Mr. Carlisle stated that 105 people were present for the dinner which was spread for the guests. He reports a most enjoyable trip. It is rather unusual for a couple to be able to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, and Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle are to be congratulated.—Haskell Free Press.

Miss Velma Denson underwent an operation Monday of this week for appendicitis at the Nichols Sanitarium. The operation was successful and Miss Denson is now reported doing nicely and recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hull are vacationing and visiting with relatives in San Angelo and Sonora.

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EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE.

Words can never express our gratitude for the many manifestations of love on the part of our many friends during the short illness and death of our loved one. To the patient nurses and doctors, we wish to express our thanks for their faithful work. The many beautiful floral offerings fully reveal the love and true friendship of those who gave them. May the Lord bless and prosper you is our prayer. Gratefully, J. R. Laine and family, W. L. Thanisch and family.

CARD OF THANKS.

Thank you, Doctors, nurses and visitors while at the sanitarium; and our neighbors and friends at home, during our sickness and operation; we wish to thank each of you and sincerely we pray God's blessing and love may go with you always.—Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Nichols, Afton, Texas.

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Mr. Malone informed us this week that he is holding down the constables position until one is appointed. He intends to force the parking rules which are to park at an angle of 45 degrees and to be within a foot of the curb.

Mrs. E. A. Russell and children recently returned from a visit to relatives in Jones county.

G. W. Pope was among the business visitors in the city the past week from the surrounding country.

J. P. Koonsman, of Croton, was a business visitor the past week in Spur.

OBITUARY

Death came again and took another old timer and esteemed friend in the person of Uncle John Frank Speer. He was born in Collins Co., January 10, 1854. He was married to Miss Carrie Noland in 1873, and came to this country in 1890. He was here in the early days of Dickens county, a pioneer of its settlement to fight back the difficulties and making possible the settlement of today. While a young man he united with the Baptist church, then later united with the Church of Christ. He died June 22, 1927. He leaves four boys and one girl, a wife and a host of friends here to mourn his going. We laid his body to rest in Dickens Cemetery June 23, with a large crowd present who came to bid good bye.—A Friend, L. S. Bilberry.

Do you know that if you buy your kerosene and gasoline and auto oils from Pierce Petroleum Corporation, you will get the best 70 years experience in making high grade products makes perfect.—J. P. Simmons Agent.

L. G. Crabtree, of Croton, was in the city recently trading and on other business.

Mrs. P. H. Miller who spent several days in Spur looking after their business interests here, returned to Abilene the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harkey and L. H. Perry returned Wednesday from a trip to California, being accompanied home by Mrs. Perry and son, James Hill, who have been in that state throughout the school year, James Hill graduating at the close of the term. They report the California trip worth the time and expense. While in California other Spur parties met were the families of W. C. Gruben and T. C. Ensey, J. M. Rowland, and in returning they passed Freeman Edmonds, Guy Karr and Wallace Bingham as they crossed the "Arizona Desert," stating that all they were wearing was a hat and B.V.D's.

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CENTRAL MARKET

MORE DISASTERS ARE YET TO COME; FROST FOR LAST—OF JUNE

Washington.—Some time next fall Mr. Herbert Janvrin Browne expects to be taking an advisable vacation in Tierra del Fuego.

Mr. Browne the world champion long distant weather forecaster learns from history that the the people have always turned on prophets of disaster, and he has been saying for the last year that 1927 was going to be a humdinger of a disastrous year.

Nineteen twenty seven and its sun spots have begun to do justice by Mr. Brown. There have been torna does floods and crop killing cold waves, all predicted by this Washington scientist.

But the worst is yet to come!
NO SUMMER!

For 1927, according to Browne's careful calculations, will be like 1816 historically known as a "year with out a summer." Browne admits there will be some hot spells but insists there will be killing frosts as late as July and then there will be some early frosts, the combination of which may almost produce a famine.

Said Browne, on April 26, last year: "There are numerous indications which tend to sustain the forecasts which for the past three years have been identified with my work of a return in 1927 in Northern Hemisphere of a "year without a summer." There will be floods and droughts in spring and even in mid-summer and a return of frosts unseasonably early in late summer, to the destruction, or at least to the serious reduction of the great food crops of the world.

Browne's prediction seems to be running gruesomely true to forecast. Most importantly, the Mississippi floods, which he had also predicted when appearing before the House Committee of Agriculture on Feb. 6, 1923. He then advised the congressmen that the government should store grain and other crops against a famine.

A COSTLY FROST

A cold wave from April 16 to 24, 25 especially predicted by Browne on March 15, brought a frost which destroyed \$20,000,000 worth of fruit and vegetables over the country an almost historic frost. It reduced the prospective strawberry crop 35,000,000 quarts according to the Department of Agriculture and Virginia apple crop from 40 to 50 per cent.

In Browne's Jan. 1st forecast part of his long-range weather forecast service for which hundreds of concerns pay real money, Browne said "violent tornadoes will be one notable feature of the year."

Three major tornadoes have already come, taking hundreds of lives and great damage and the "tornado season" is still far off. The Rock Springs tornado of early April took a death toll of about 60 and some 300 lost their lives in the recent southwestern tornado.

How Browne knows all this is too long a story to be told here. His elaborate system of forecasting is the sun's heat and its effect in producing changes of the oceans.

SUN SPOTS CAUSE IT

"Every maximum sun spot period," he says, "means violent fluctuation of solar heat. Radiation reaches the earth unevenly, increasing tendencies toward earth disturbance. The ancient Chinese knew that large sun spot years were notable for earthquakes. With millions of tons of atmosphere pressure to the square foot of earth's surface, an alteration of high and low pressure or weak spots in the earth's crust pulls the trigger and sets off quakes.

"This is only an example of my entire theory of causations. Causations are neglected in orthodox meteorological thought."

Browne and the U. S. Weather Bureau have long been at sword's points. The Weather Bureau beyond four days at the very most, it admits that sun spots seem to cause slight weather changes, but takes every opportunity to discredit Browne and all but officially calls

him a faker.

Browne replies that the bureau in the hands of an "autocratic old foggy" armed with ancient instruments who has propagandized the country against him. He accuses the bureau of pussy-footing the farmers out of 100,000,000 a year and of altering official weather reports to eliminate actual occurrences previously predicted by Browne. The Weather Bureau he says, "has never forecasts a service weather condition more than 36 hours ahead

TIME WILL TELL

Whether Browne or the Weather Bureau is to be discredited may well depend on the weather actions and crop conditions for the rest of the year. Browne is especially willing to abide by this.

Meanwhile his clients are enthusiastic and he shows letters congratulating him on 85 to 100 per cent accuracy, including one from the Texas Wheat Growers Association, terming his forecasts remarkably right all along. Brown claims to serve 75 per cent of all Washington and Oregon apple growers, many big vegetable and fruit growers, sportsmen, race promoters, convention committees and a great variety of other interests concerned.

Here is the latest prediction. "The period from June 28 to July 2, through the northwest, corn belt and across the Atlantic seaboard, will see heavy frosts, while the week from July 7 to 11 will represent a second dangerous date. Though two periods in conjunction will carry severe frosts and probably killing frosts throughout the northern grain areas.

"This will be a serious tornado year and one of the greatest hail storm years ever known.

Wheat Harvest Indicates Good Yield

The Spread and Reach of Taxes

The State Tax Commissioner, Mr. Weinert, is quoted as saying in a report to the Governor that "those engaged in agriculture pursuits, under our present system of taxation, not only required to pay taxes on their equities, but on that which they owe." That is true, of course; but the inference into which that statement must lead the uninformed mind is not true. It is not only "those engaged in agricultural pursuits" who are taxed on what they own as well as on what they owe. That flagrant injustice is inflicted

indiscriminately on all owners of real property, regardless of residence or pursuit, and on corporations as well as individuals. Railroads, for example, are made to pay the ad valorem tax on the assessed value of their physical property, with no deduction made for the amount of the mortgage indebtedness outstanding against it, and this notwithstanding, in some instances, the amount of indebtedness probably approximates the value put on the property for taxation.

But in the scheme and practice of our tax-making there are some inequities which prey upon the farmers alone. The market value of town property is pretty close to its economic value, whereas the market value of farms is nearly always greatly in excess of their economic value; so that the use of that elusive factor known as market value in measuring tax claims has the effect of taking a larger percentage of the farm's earnings than it takes of the farm's earnings than it takes of

Perhaps the heaviest of the injustices farmers bear, in the matter of tax-paying, comes as an incident of their circumstances rather than as an imposition of law. Of all taxpayers, the farmers are probably the made against them. The tax is an ers at least some part of the levy only ones who can not shift to obtain it from the manufacturer's cost of production and in the overhead of the merchant, nor is it altogether absent from the laborer's wage, for that takes note of the cost of living, which is leavened with taxation. But into the price of nothing that the farmers sell can he tuck away the taxes he has been made to pay. He is the terminus of every tax assessed against him, and partly so of taxes assessed against others. If in rate and assessment taxes were levied with perfect equity, the farmer would nevertheless be the victim of injustice. For whereas all others can recoup some part of the taxes taken from them, he cannot.

In discussing the problem of fairly distributing the burden of supporting the Government, most men talk as if they imagined that a tax remained fixed where it had been placed, that it is a mulch on the individual or industry against which it is levied. A tax system which does not make large note of the variation in the means and opportunity for passing the tax along will not accomplish much in the effort to imbue its levies with justice.—Ex.

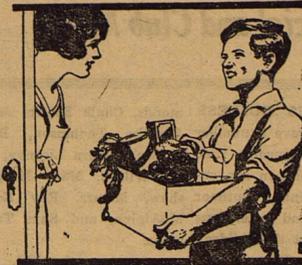
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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, on the 13 day of April 1927, by Robt. Reynolds Clerk of said Court for the sum of one thousand, two hundred sixty-seven and no one hundredths dollars and interest and costs of suit under a judgement, in favor of J. D. Harkey in a certain case in said Court, No. 939 and styled J. D. Harkey vs. E. L. Adams et al, and placed in my hands for service, I, M. L. Jones as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did on the 22nd day of April 1927, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: 206 acres of land situated in the County of Dickens and State of Texas being all of section No. 6, Block xx, survey File 5294, R. S. Holly, original Grantee, as against the defendants, E. L. Adams, R. S. Holly, L. A. Grizzle, Mrs. T. E. Howze, surviving wife of J. M. Howze, deceased, Russie Denson, F. E. Denson, Ruby Denson, Elmer Denson, Sybil Denson, Vernon Denson, and minor defendants, Gerald Howze Kenneth Howze, Lessie May Howze, Muriel Howze and Mrs. Laura C. Hastings and Wesley J. Lewis; and levied upon as property of E. L. Adams, R. S. Holly and L. A. Grizzle and that on the first Tuesday in July 1927, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of Dickens County, in the Town of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said E. L. Adams, R. S. Holly and L. A. Grizzle.

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

Witness my hand, this 3rd day of June 1927.

M. L. JONES, Sheriff,
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THE STORY

CHAPTER I.—From the comfortable financial situation to which he had been born, Peter Milman, American gentleman of the old school, and last of his family, is practically reduced to penury through the misfortune of a friend, Hazen Brewer, whom he had unwisely trusted. CHAPTER II.—Learning of Brewer's suicide, which means the destruction of his last hope, Milman engages a French butler, Achille Luty, who speaks no English, and is to replace Sneed, servant of long standing. By Luty, Milman sends letters to Prof. Fleming Bradley, Floyd Malet, and Neiland Barnes, men whom the world has classed as failures, once of high position. In response, the three call on him at his home. CHAPTER III.—After an excellent dinner Milman ushers his guests into his Japanese garden, where, after each has related the circumstances which wrecked their careers, he convinces them their misfortunes are directly traceable to the machinations of an unseen, unscrupulous enemy, a man who had risen to high financial position and political power by underhand methods, chiefly blackmail, Paul Raxon. Raxon also ruined Brewer, and incidentally Milman. CHAPTER IV.—Milman explains to his guests how, chiefly through his belief in Floyd Malet as a great sculptor and the victim of malevolent circumstances, he had subscribed to a press-clipping bureau and kept a detective on Raxon's track, learning much to Raxon's discredit, though nothing by which he could be reached legally. Himself impoverished through Raxon's financial crookedness, Milman proposes an association of the four men—an association outside the law—which shall pull down Raxon and force him to disgorge his ill-gotten financial gains. CHAPTER V.—Following Milman's disclosures, his three guests, after a consultation, practically decide to join him in the fight against Paul Raxon. Milman explains his ideas, admitting he has no real plan to bring about Raxon's downfall, except discreditable details about his personal and business life which he has gleaned from Herman Laddon, Raxon's tool on occasions when wine has loosened Laddon's tongue. CHAPTER VI.—Raxon's political ambition is the national senatorship from his state. McKimber is the admitted party nominee, and must be eliminated. At his palatial residence, Great Raxon plans elaborate entertainments in his political interests. Returning to his humble abode, Neiland Barnes, who has been living with relatives in England, having no fit home for the girl, Barnes takes her to Milman's, where she is welcomed as a guest. Overhearing the plans of the "conspirators," Anita arranges to join them, assuring them of her confidence she can be of use. CHAPTER VII.—Mrs. Raxon, aware of her shortcomings as a society hostess, falls in with her husband's idea of hiring a well-bred woman and giving her full charge of the household. She engages a "Miss Agatha Brown" (really Miss Anita Barnes) to take charge. The girl arranges for the employment of her father and Professor Bradley as footmen in the Raxon household, and the "association" awaits developments. CHAPTER VIII.—Raxon's daughters, personally unattractive, are at once jealous of Anita. Sneed, Milman's former butler, is engaged for the same position by Raxon. With their son, Robin, Mr. and Mrs. McKimber are guests of the Raxons. Robin at once falls in love with Anita and proposes marriage. The girl refuses him, aware that his father would oppose his son's marriage to a penniless, unknown girl. Neiland Barnes and Bradley arrange a hiding place from which to spy on Raxon in his den. CHAPTER IX. Very ungraciously Mrs. Raxon permitted Agatha Brown to be absent for a night. Very gladly the Raxon girls learned of it. Robin would be theirs for a few hours. After cramming continental pensions and small hotels, their present lavish life rather went to their heads. It took the form of a superiority complex which irritated Robin enormously. But he had promised his father to aid him by preserving a heartiness of manner that he did not feel. He was wholly obsessed by the thought of Agatha, that strange and lovely girl who held him at arm's length, snubbed him, harassed him, and then brought him back with a glance of those amethyst eyes. She would tell him nothing about her past life, and that worried him very much. What men had loved her, he wondered, and had there been men about whom she cared? Mrs. McKimber understood the situation and sympathized. Her husband was unusually irritable. He could talk about nothing but the infamous manner in which his press agent neglected to have him featured. It seemed to McKimber that the papers were filled with Paul Raxon. Actually some club women had started a "Better Architecture League," with Raxon as president. They were to agitate for classes in architectural appreciation in the high schools. McKimber wandered about the big rooms fidgeting. Raxon was not to be seen. At midnight, when Sneed stood respectfully at his elbow, McKimber was as nearly nervous as he had ever been. But he was too old a campaigner to show it. He followed the butler into a big sexagonal room, entrance to which was gained by a flight of eight steps. That the apartment was furnished with subdued splendor added to McKimber's irritation. Instinctively he was aware that Raxon was getting ready to use his lavish settings in publicity work.

allowed personal antagonism to color his conversation. He adopted the confidential tone which had often won success for him. "Raxon," he began, "I'm putting my cards on the table." "Save yourself the trouble," Raxon replied. "I can see them just as well when you hold them in your hands. All you need to understand is that I have a better chance than you to go to Washington." "If we two fight each other, Westfield goes," McKimber said earnestly. "We need a senator at Washington." "That's why I intend to go, as you may as well tell your friends. I've been working much longer than you can guess for this very end." "Don't you realize you will be denounced as a traitor to your cause?" "If the cause means so much to you, throw your influence my way. If you did that, Westfield wouldn't have a chance." "You're d-d well right," McKimber shouted. "The man I endorse would get in even if you were he. I'll tell you just this, Raxon. From now on I'm going to devote myself to showing you up for the crooked ward politician you are. My God! To think you expect me to work for you!" "If you're going to be abusive," Raxon said coldly, "we may as well stop." McKimber struggled into a little less violent mood. He might yet be able to divert the Raxon ambition to some less lofty height. "I take that back," he said. "I recognize that you deserve some reward for what you've done in the past, but I'm entitled to the nomination. It is my just reward I want." McKimber's voice became almost conciliatory. "Don't you see the justice of it? I want in my old age the opportunity of serving my country." "And I," Paul Raxon sneered, "want in my early middle age the opportunity of serving myself. Why drag your country in? Do you think I'm a political idealist just because bad architecture offends me?" McKimber rose to his feet. He knew he had lost, and he wanted to go before he forgot the slender, sneering man who was his host. "They told me you were a dangerous man," he said slowly, "but I don't think they gauged your rottenness correctly." "I take good care to keep that from them." "But you're giving it away to me, a confessed rival." Raxon laughed. The spectacle of this tall, portly man, whose career had been so successful, amused him. "The trouble with you, McKimber," he said, "is that you don't understand you are a corpse. Politically, you are dead and buried. You are not a rival. Don't flatter yourself to that extent." "I tell you," McKimber thundered, "all the world shall know what has passed between us." "If you don't lower your voice, all the world will hear. You're not a broadcasting station. Sit down. I sent for you because there's a lot I have to say which you wouldn't care to miss." Reluctantly, McKimber sank back in his chair. He was unwrapped by a certain and unwelcome uneasiness. The man facing him seemed so secure, so unconcerned, so sure of ultimate triumph. "The first thing to tell you," Raxon began, "is, I am going to Washington. You will quit in my favor and lend me all your great influence. Naturally you must have an excuse which seems a true one. I have it all ready prepared. You are too heavy even for your height, and the pouches under your eyes are unhealthy signs. You had better drop out, because your specialist tells you there is heart and kidney trouble. I shall refer to the fact in my speeches with great regret." McKimber spoke with deliberation. "They told me you were dangerous, and I know you are a traitor to your party, but not until this moment did I believe you were absolutely crazy. They call your sort of madness megalomania." McKimber rose to his feet. "I've met all sorts of knaves and fools in politics, but you're the worst yet." "What a senator you would have made!" Raxon commented. "Do you suppose I should have talked like this if I had not been certain you were harmless, a rattle with his poison sacs extracted? My success has come mainly because I understand human motivation. I'm going to show you how it is that when you leave here it will be to start a Raxon boom in your own city. Sit down, McKimber." John McKimber, who prided himself upon taking orders from none, dropped again into his seat. It seemed to him he was talking to a Raxon he had not until now understood. He found himself notling what a cruel mouth the other had, and how in those brown eyes were little flecks of red. Paul Raxon gazed at him as an executioner might stare at a prisoner delivered to him for death. McKimber knew that he had been holding too cheaply one who had a dynamic and evil personality. "If I stay," he said huskily, "it will be to hear you give away more secrets about yourself. Perhaps I shall learn by what trickery you got this place, and how it was you sent Hazen Brewer to his grave." "I got this place," said Raxon with his old urbanity, "as I have got everything else in my life, by using men as tools. I studied men and found them pugnacious, noisy, and vain. It was hard to influence them by my subdued personality, even though I had the right on my side. I do not



"He Said He Never Went to Moving Pictures."

deal this. Politically, women are hypersensitive because they know they have not accomplished what the world expected of them. I admit your upstate strength exceeds mine, but what about New York city?" "A stronghold for Westfield." "Not so much as you imagine," Raxon yawned a little, as though the subject wearied him. "At all events, it will be an interesting experiment." "Experiment!" McKimber cried, shocked at his callousness. "It will be a tragedy for the party." "It will be your finish," Raxon retorted. His manner had no animus in it. He had neither raised his voice nor shown heat as McKimber had. "Like all old-time politicians, you lack mental agility and you won't reconcile yourself to new conditions. In the past you have been of great use to the organization. Today you are merely amusing." McKimber flushed red and instinctively clenched his big fists. Paul Raxon noted the gesture. "That demonstrates it perfectly," he said. "When you lose a point or hear a disagreeable truth you want to hit a man. Elemental stuff. We are here to discuss political conditions in this state. I think that is how you put it." "You want me to back down and leave the field to you. I refuse. If the party thinks I've the better chance, they'll knife you in a minute. It isn't possible, surely, that you believe gratitude has anything to do with practical politics?" McKimber did not answer immediately. He was conscious that he had

it to be? Absolute obedience, or do these things go to Westfield?" McKimber's head dropped. There was a consciousness of physical feebleness about him, a devitalization which he had never before experienced. It was curious, he reflected, that the sense of anger had left him. It was the measure of his defeat. "I can't talk now. Tomorrow my brain will be clearer." Unsteadily he rose to his feet and walked to the door. Paul Raxon watched him go out, a broken man. Oriental in his absence of pity, he enjoyed humiliating one of McKimber's domineering sort. To bring low such gave him an increased sense of power. He disliked big, arrogant men with loud voices and assured gestures. Raxon was aroused from his pleasing reflections by a noise on the door. It was Alfred, the dark footman, who entered and told him that he was wanted on the long-distance telephone. Raxon shut the precious envelope in his wall-safe and passed out, not even glancing at the man who stood respectfully at the door. When Fleming Bradley was assured that Raxon had gone, he hurried back into the room. Then he did a curious thing. He knelt down by one of the bookcases and pried back a board with a screw-driver. Then he peered into the darkness where he had recently been mistaken for a rat. Bradley reached into this space and pulled out Nita, head first. She wore riding breeches and golf stockings, and at first could hardly stand upright. The constraint of the position had become torture. In Nita's hands was a notebook, several pencils, and a flashlight. Every word which had passed was taken down. It was her task now to go to her room and transcribe it for Peter Milman's benefit. It was not until the two had passed the danger zone that they spoke. "Well," Bradley demanded, "did you get anything?" "I got everything," she answered. He wondered why there was no exultation in her voice. Bradley resumed his duties, which consisted mainly in handing refreshments to thirsty dancers. For a little while he stood by Barnes. "It's all right," Bradley whispered; "she says she has everything." "She must be tickled to death at getting it—eh?" "On the contrary, she looked depressed. I didn't understand it at the time. Of course, there was physical discomfort and constraint, and the possibility of being found out." "She'll be all right tomorrow," said Barnes gleefully. Later he had the opportunity to talk it over with Viscount de Guilain. "Well?" said the sculptor eagerly. "What happened?" He listened to what Barnes had to say. "Has Nita shown you anything yet?" "No. None of us can go to her room because she's supposed to be out for the evening, and it's locked. Bradley says she wasn't as cheerful as she might have been. I wonder why." "She might have heard something damaging to McKimber." "Why should that distress her?" "Haven't you yet seen that your girl and Robin are in love with one another? My God," Malet went on passionately, to Barnes' extreme surprise, "are you so blind?" Floyd Malet had witnessed the whole affair. He was more sensitive to it than his companions, because he had fallen hopelessly in love with her himself. It was one of those charming and romantic attachments which come to men of middle years and bring them at first an agony that time transmutes to the truest of friendships, never wholly separated from the love which brought it to flower. "Nita would do nothing to upset your plans," Barnes said. "If she has one quality above others that I admire, it is loyalty. She'll stick by us." "I didn't doubt her loyalty," Malet said quietly. "There is something which brings in its train great suffering. I leave tomorrow. I'm afraid I have not been much use." "Nita's as good as fired," said Barnes. "Gertrude Raxon fights her

all the time. I shall be glad to get out of it. I've been talking to the Swedish maids about it. They seem certain she's going and don't want her

generous wage-scale to be cut down." Barnes was presently called into Mr. Raxon's presence. "It appears," said Raxon, "that you told the other man to fetch me to the telephone for a long-distance call. Central tells me there have been no long-distance calls since luncheon. How did that happen?" He looked keenly at Enry. "Central!" said Enry with lofty scorn. "If I was you, sir, I'd complain about that young woman. I've 'ad to speak to her very severe myself, but she don't care. With your permission, I'd like to call 'er up and give 'er a piece of my mind." "It would not be a valuable present," Raxon said. "I will see that this does not occur again." "Anything else, sir?" Enry asked, a trace of insolence in his voice. To Be Continued... Next Week Mrs. A. C. Hyatt, wife of Editor Hyatt of Falls, we are glad to note, is at home from the hospital after undergoing an operation. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt in Spur and Dickens county will be glad to know that Mrs. Hyatt is now doing nicely. Editor Hyatt has "hit it hard" the past year, he also having to undergo an operation for appendicitis several months ago. An editor is hard to down. In fact, we some times conclude that advertisements result in their good in the end. W. H. Crouse, of Stephenville, spent several days of this week in Spur looking after his business property interests here. In the beginning of Spur Mr. Crouse purchased business property, built several brick buildings, and has always been most progressive in continuing to build in accord with the growth and demands of the town. Jim Cross, of Watson, came in Saturday. He reports everything now in ship shape with prospects of big crops and plenty for the year. Jim is a diversified farmer, and also has diversified business interests, being a farmer, farm owner as well as owner of valuable town property. From each of these interests he is entitled to interest on his investment if not a good profit—and we predict his farming will bring in the biggest returns. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simmons made a trip Monday to Silvertown, returning in the wee small hours of the morning. Mr. Simmons stated that the Silvertown country had had no rain since January and that crop prospects were a thing of the past for this year. W. H. Nichols, of Afton, was in the city the past week. Mrs. Nichols just recently returned home from the Nichols Sanitarium in Spur where she underwent an operation, and we are glad to note has regained former good health. C. D. Copeland was in town last Monday, stating that he had just finished planting his crops. The hail and heavy rains forced him to replant the greater part of his crop twice. However, with continued favorable conditions now prevailing, he is very apt to pick the biggest crop of years. B. M. Blackmon, of twelve miles west of Spur, was here during the week. He reports everything in ideal shape, conditions now giving substantial insurance of bumper crops and prosperity in the marketing season. W. L. Lusk, of near Dickens, was in town Tuesday. Mr. Lusk is one of the big farmers of the Dickens territory, stating that his crops are all up and doing fine with prospects of bountiful harvests. W. L. McAteer, of the Egyptian Farm along the Dickens-Spur highway, was here Monday after good devil blades preparatory to combating the weeds which everybody says are coming in great profusion. C. W. Barrett and family this week moved to the Wilson residence on Hill Street. W. F. Webb, a good citizen of the Watson community, was trading in town the past week.



"Nita's as Good as Fired," Said Barnes.

Spur Musical Talent in a Social Recital Saturday Evening

Mrs. P. A. Clemmons was hostess to a number of friends, Saturday evening, who had expressed a desire to hear her daughter Maude in Piano recital.

A delightful evening was spent in a wonderful musical. Maude plays unusually well for her age and has improved very much this year under her teacher Boris Grant of Dallas. The number that was enjoyed most was Mendelssohn's "Rondo Capriccioso", much talent and expression was shown in this number, and real technique was brought out in her Bach Study.

The guest Artist for the evening was Henry Elkins who has been a teacher of Violin in T. C. U. Mr. Elkins needs no introduction to the people of Spur, as this has been his summer home for years and every one looks forward to his home coming. He is so gracious and unselfish with his talent and makes it a joy to every one. Maude was delighted that she was able to accompany such an artist. Mr. Elkins leaves this week for New York University where he will study with Stoeving.

Another young artist from Spur was Ella Mae Hogan who is home from school in Abilene. She gave several voice numbers which were enjoyed by all, and it won't be long in the minds of those present until Spur will be boasting of a beautiful Lyric soprano. Spur is surely proud of her young musical talent and watches them grow with great interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho L. Hale and Miss Anna Mae Hale were in Lubbock Monday.

Mrs. Stephens, of Grapevine, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Barret.

Results of Cooperative Livestock Shipments

(By Fred S. Reynolds)

Two cooperative shipments were made in June: one June 2nd, and the last June 23rd. Here are the figures on last shipment: 15 cattle and 53 hogs, owned by R. G. Thanisch, O. C. Newberry, T. A. Harvey, R. L. Collier, J. L. Thanisch, W. M. Hazel, F. I. Hale, J. W. Morris, J. J. Hickman, M. B. Thanisch, W. L. Thanisch, Willie Clark and Will Edgar. Hogs sold for \$8.80, and cattle for 4 c to 7 1-2c. Freight on the 40-foot car was \$104.83. \$1,251.50 net is what the owners received. The largest check was to R. L. Collier for 20 hogs, \$296.72. It cost the hogs, including freight and all 85 cents per hundred pounds to ship other items of expense.

Perhaps another car can be made up for August shipment.

The livestock raisers wish to thank the newspapers for their help in getting up these shipments.

Jack Thanisch Died Friday Following a Brief Illness

Jack Thanisch, twenty two years of age, and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Thanisch of Croton, died Friday of last week, his remains being interred Saturday in the Dickens cemetery.

Jack suffered an attack of appendicitis, and although undergoing an operation, only death came to his relief. He was married about one year ago to Miss Clarice Laine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Laine and with whom they were living at the time of his death.

Jack Thanisch was held in the highest esteem, and the wife and other members of his family have the sympathy of their many good friends in this bereavement.

Mrs. Fred Henry Died Tuesday Night at their Home Near Afton

News came to Spur Wednesday morning of the death of Mrs. Fred Henry, which occurred Tuesday night at their home near Afton in the north part of Dickens county, the remains being interred Wednesday in the Afton cemetery, many of the old timers and friends of the family being present to pay their last tribute.

Mrs. Henry had been suffering of dropsy, we understand, for some time, and while her death was not unexpected it was none-the-less a shock and sorrow to the many friends and acquaintances.

Fred Henry is one of the most prominent citizens of Dickens county, and his many staunch friends will join the Texas Spur in extending sympathy and condolence to he and children in this hour of sorrow and bereavement.

Another Old Timer is Buried in Dickens Last Thursday

It is with real sorrow that the country will hear of the death of J. F. Speer, another old timer of Dickens county, which occurred last Wednesday at Floydada, his remains being interred Thursday in the Dickens cemetery. He had been a resident of Dickens county since 1890, being one of the best and most highly esteemed citizens. He was seventy odd years of age, and for a number of years past had been in poor and feeble health.

The first settlers of Dickens county are now rapidly passing on to their reward, and in their passing the country sustains a real loss.

Joe Hogan, of Midland, was in Spur Saturday.

Lawson Morgan and Miss Florine Adding-ton Married Tuesday

Lawson Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Morgan, and Miss Florine Addington, daughter of Mrs. J. B. Morrison, were united in marriage Tuesday evening at the Christian parsonage, Rev. A. G. Abbott performing the ceremony.

In this marriage two of the oldest and most highly respected families are united, and Mr. and Mrs. Morgan are popular young people with a bright and most promising future.

The Texas Spur joins their friends in extending them congratulations and very best wishes.

A. L. McClanahan and Miss Creola Jordan Married Thursday

A. L. McClanahan and Miss Creola Jordan were married Thursday of last week at Jayton.

Mr. McClanahan is associated with the City Grocery of Spur and is a young man of business ability and integrity. His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jordan, of near Spur, and is a young lady of charming personality and lovely character. The Texas Spur joins their many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. McClanahan many years of happiness and prosperity.

Bully Clay and Miss Opal Scott Married Wednesday Morning

A very quiet and attractive wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Scott, Sr. when their daughter Miss Opal, was united in marriage with Francis (Bully) Clay, Wednesday morning at seven o'clock.

Friends of the two immediate families witnessed the ceremony. Rev. H. P. Cooper spoke the words which united them husband and wife. The bride is a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of West Texas, and has spent her entire life in Dickens county, having been reared in and near Spur. She was a member of the 1927 Class of Spur High School, having received her diploma last May. She is possessed of many of those rare charms which go to make a home pleasant.

The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clay, of this city, and has been reared in this community. He has been engaged in painting and paper hanging here the past few years and has developed quite a trade in that line. He numbers his friends by the score, and is noted for his honesty and uprightness.

Mr. and Mrs. Clay left immediately after the ceremony for visit with friends at Abilene, Anson, Haskell and other points. They will return within a few weeks and make their home in Spur, having the Falls home neatly furnished and will start living at home as soon as they return from their honeymoon trip.

Their many friends join in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Clay much happiness and prosperity.

R. C. Littlefield Died Sunday Night Following Long Illness

R. C. Littlefield died Sunday after an illness of some time, his remains being interred Monday in the Dickens cemetery.

Mr. Littlefield had been sick for some time, his illness later developing into appendicitis, he being brought to the Nichols Sanitarium for an operation in the hope of relieving his condition, but without results.

Mr. Littlefield was a young man, having been married last year to Miss Nettie Winkler, who survives him and to whom heart-felt sympathy is extended by many friends.

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Sills Coming in "Steel" Special to the Lyric Theatre Next Week

Milton Sills' greatest picture of the year, and the finest offering of his screen career, is how those who have seen "Men of Steel" are speaking of this tremendously powerful photoplay of steel which was filmed from a story written by Sills and which First National filmed in the great steel mills of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company at Birmingham, Alabama. "Men of Steel" comes next week to the Lyric Theatre with Sills, the author, in the starring role, that of an immigrant mill worker, and with a supporting cast that includes Doris Kenyon in the featured feminine role, Mae Allison, George Fawcett, Frank Currier, Victor McLaglen and a host of other screen notables.

AT LOW TIDE



"How did you get stung on that Florida property you bought? You said it was on the water's edge." "Yep! That's just where it is—when the tide is out."

NOT A GENIUS



He—That fellow you speak of can fill almost any man's shoes. She—I never suspected he was a genius. He—He isn't—he's a shoe clerk.

ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

PARENTAL CONTROL

MORTON tells me that things aren't managed in families now as they once were. He says, and he has a good-sized family and should know what he is talking about, that parental authority is slipping, and that the children and not the parents are often now the head of the house. The conversation came about in his asking me what to do with his son George. The boy is in college, he is twenty years old, he doesn't study regularly, and he cuts class until his class standing is imperiled. He has a steady girl who lives out of town and whom he visits regularly, and he takes possession of the family car most of the time.

Morton has been a hard worker, and he has prospered. The boy has made no sacrifice, has done no work, has contributed nothing so far to the progress of the family.

"If I refuse him anything," Morton explained to me, "he grows furiously angry at once and abuses me. He was gone last week-end with the car; he wants to go again and when I say 'no,' he acts as if he would strike me. Now what would you do?"

I have never had a boy, but I think if I had had one, I should have worked out the control of him before he was twenty. The only thing I could do was to advise firmness.

Here was the son of intelligent parents, trained from babyhood in moral and religious principles, a church member, in fact, and yet he was lazy, insolent, disobedient, disrespectful to his parents, and utterly without regard for their wishes or their commands. Morton had come to me for advice, and I gave it to him.

"I think," I said, "that for a time I should let him go his own way, earn his own living, find his own lodging place, and let him realize what it means to be entirely independent of family ties and responsibility."

Father was always the head of the house in our family. No one ever doubted it, and when he was busy at something else, mother acted as an efficient substitute. So far as I recall

Dr. Lilburn E. Standifer Establishes New Hospital at Junction

We this week received a long letter from Dr. Lilburn E. Standifer, enclosing a check for one dollar and fifty cents for a year's subscription to the Texas Spur, and informing us that he had just completed the construction of a sixteen room hospital equipped with the most modern furnishings and instruments for surgery, adding that a remarkable business had been enjoyed since the opening of the hospital a few weeks ago.

Lilburn Standifer is the son of Dr. T. E. Standifer who operated the Standifer Hospital in the earlier days of Spur, and where Lilburn was reared from boyhood to young manhood. It is said that he, too, has developed into a noted physician and surgeon whose ability and success is second only to that of his father. His friends and acquaintances of the Spur country will join the Texas Spur in wishing him unbounded success in his location at Junction.

One Community of County Observes Fathers Day

W. F. Cathey, of near Dickens, was in Spur the first of the week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He had been making "preparations" for "Fathers Day" in his community, where a suitable program was being prepared for the occasion. "Fathers Day" evidently did not appeal to a great portion of the country, since we heard very little said concerning that important day.

VERY LIVELY OIL LEASING ACTIVITY IN CROSBY CO.

During the past two weeks there has been a considerable amount of oil activity in the south half of Crosby County. Leasing and buying of royalties have been quite brisk during the last few days, especially in the Watson Community, eighteen miles south of Crosbyton. Reports have been made to the newspapers that a test well is to go down in Sec. 42, Block 3, to be known as the J. R. Smith No. 1 Swenson. This well is in the Watson area. Quite a number of leases have been made around the Robertson Community in the southwest part of the County.

The reports made by some of the men who are very much interested in this development state that some excellent indications of oil have been encountered repeatedly. The fact that many of the largest and best known oil companies of the state have been buying up leases is a good sign that there are good possibilities of our soon having a real oil boom. Some of the companies that have already filed leases are the Amerada Petroleum Corporation, El Capitan Oil Company, the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and the Pacific Coal and Fuel Company. Some of the best business men of Crosbyton are also interested in the leases already made.

The people of Crosby County have long been wishing for a thorough test of this territory for oil, believing that we are over a great pool. News of the latest activity will be very welcome to all of our citizens. —Crosbyton Review.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hamby, of Lubbock, were guests of friends in Spur for the week end.

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