

Some Day The Spur Country Will be  
the Greatest Diversified Agri-  
cultural Section of Texas.

# 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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Bring Your Cream to Swift & Co's. Station, Operated by D. W. Taylor, at Scott Bros. Market—Best Prices Paid.

### Prices Jump Full Lim- it in New Orleans on The Sale of Cotton

New Orleans, Aug. 8.—Prices on the New Orleans Cotton Exchange jumped upward 200 points or \$10 a bale on the publication of the Government cotton forecast Monday.

The rise, the most sensational the market has known in several years swept all months to the full trading limit for the day.

The forecast of 13,492,000 bales, was 1,500,000 bales fewer than the trade had expected and when trading was resumed after the 16-minute recess following publication of the figures, an immediate reversal of sentiment was shown and all months forged upward.

Traders had estimated that the forecast would reach 15,000,000 bales, basing their belief largely upon the fact that ginnings to Aug. 1, had been large, totaling 162,678 bales.

The rise carried October from 16.84 to 18.84 cents and December from 17.10 to 19.10 cents.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—All grain prices went soaring Monday, largely on account of reports of serious crop damage by frost in Canada.

### Negro Held For Slay- ing Dickens Co. Man

Corsicana, Aug. 7.—Earnest Butler, alias Dennis Butler, negro, is held in the Navarro County jail in connection with the death of J. C. Nance, farmer of Dickens County, whose body, badly decomposed, with bullet wounds in the head, was found on the banks of Cummings Creek, a few miles north of Corsicana, in September, 1926. Nance was seen to leave an interurban car at Carl Switch, a stop near the scene of the finding of the body, a few days previously in company with a negro who is alleged to have promised to take him where he could secure cotton pickers. The negro was arrested in Dallas Thursday and brought here.

### Revival Meeting Will Close Sunday Night at Church of Christ

The revival meeting which has been in progress at the Church of Christ this and the past week, will close Sunday night. Jesse P. Sewell, of San Antonio, and formerly President of Abilene Christian College, has been conducting the services, while W. R. Lewis of Spur has been leader of the song service at each meeting.

The services have been largely attended. The preacher is a forceful speaker, the song leader the best in the country, and all who have attended enjoyed the services and were spiritually and socially benefitted.

### Williamson Brothers Ginned Two or Three Bales Cotton Last Week Testing Gin

Monday of last week Williamson Brothers, ginned two or three bales of cotton of last year's crop in testing out their gin machinery after overhauling and adding new cleaners, bolters and other equipment of the very latest manufacture.

The Williamson Brothers gin was formerly the Williamson Bros. and Cranston, the Williamson Brothers having purchased the interest of Cranston. B. W. Williamson, as in the past year, will continue to be manager of the business.

### Fine Showers of Rain Fall Monday Over the Spur Country

Monday afternoon and night of this week the several communities of the Spur country were favored with fine showers of rain, amounting to from one-half to an inch or more in the different sections. It is reported that in Wichita and Croton communities and the northeast part of the county an inch or more of rain fell, while at Afton, Elton and the north part of the county the rain fall was less but sufficient to meet the needs and requirements of growing crops. At McAdoo a half to three fourths of an inch fell, giving crops abundant moisture and making the breaking of wheat lands possible at this time. At Highway and other communities west of Spur good cotton showers fell, while to the south and east more rain would have been appreciated. Again Thursday morning considerable rain fell north of Afton and Roaring Springs, possibly extending over the Duncan Flat section and up on the Plains. Fine rains in the Girard country are also reported.

As a whole this entire country has never had better crop prospects than at this time, and the greatest fear now entertained by farmers in general is the possibility of too much rain hereafter to invite worm depredations.

Feed crops of the country are made already, and the cotton everywhere is lapping in the rows and loaded to the guards with fruit, many farmers from every part of the country telling us that more than a bale to the acre is now in evidence if it can hold what it now has.

Another encouraging feature is in the fact that the price of cotton has jumped up to around twenty cents as the result of unfavorable crop reports from the entire cotton belt. The possibility is that cotton will sell for twenty five or even thirty cents before the end of the season.

The fact is that it now appears that the Spur country is "setting on top of the world", and prosperity and plenty is smiling and beckoning our way.

### Real Diversified Farm- er is Getting Rich in the Spur Country

W. F. Markus, of north of Dickens, was here Thursday marketing melons and buying seeds for further planting on his farm. He has just sown turnips and will sow rape soon. He has been here only a year, but is already demonstrating that he is a diversified farmer of the "old school." Upon arriving in Spur he only had a thin dime, but notwithstanding this handicap he has not gone into debt in making his crop and has money in his pocket to carry him through the summer months and until fall crops come in. Up to this time he has sold forty or fifty dollars worth of melons from his place, has peas, turnips, sweet potatoes and other vegetables, sorghum, rape, maize and other feeds, and continues to sow and plant following each rain. W. F. Markus will get rich within a few years in the Spur country.

T. E. Gregory, of Duck Creek, was in town Saturday with the large crowds of shoppers and traders. Mr. Gregory informed us that his immediate section had had but little rain up to this time, and we understand that Monday's rain was very light in that section.

### Spur Country Has Fin- est Crops and Prospects in the History of Farm- ing in West Texas

The Spur country now has the very finest crop prospects ever before known, and this fact in connection with the rapidly rising market prices, encourages the hope and prediction that the country will also enjoy a season of the greatest prosperity ever before experienced, not excepting that of 1920 when every body had more money than they knew how to spend legitimately.

Maize of the country will make from one to two tons to the acre. Cotton is now up two and three feet high on an average, lapping the rows and fruited to the limit of the size of the stalk. In the absence of worms and hail in the future, we predict that the crop of the entire country will average a bale to the acre, and many fields will make much more than a bale. We are also predicting that the crop will bring an average price of twenty five cents, and that the late sellers may get thirty cents a pound for the staple.

### Cat Fish Territory is Scheduled for Oil Test

H. C. Peterson, of the Cat Fish section of country, was among the business visitors here the past week. Mr. Peterson is located in the middle of the territory scheduled for oil developments, and here is hoping he may have the golden fluid flowing to him within the year. Practically all of the territory along Cat Fish has been gone over with the machines brought in by oil companies for the purpose of locating structures. Immediately following the operation of these machines, other parties commenced leasing up lands at from one to five dollars an acre until now the leases practically cover the area worked by the machines. These machines were brought to America from one of the European countries where it is said they had been tested thoroughly and would locate oil structures unmistakably without the expense of test drillings.

### Short Course Lectures Given at Red Hill

Miss Dessie Maye Cross, who recently attended the Short Course at A. & M. College is delivering a series of lectures on notes taken during her attendance. Miss Cross is an entertaining speaker and her lectures are on subjects such as will be beneficial to all ladies who can attend.

The next lecture will be delivered at the Christian Church House in the Red Top Community, and will cover ten different subjects of importance. All club members of that community are urged to be present Monday, August 15, at 2 o'clock.

**DICKENS BAPTIST LADIES  
WANT TO DO QUILTING**  
The Ladies of the W. M. S. of the Dickens Baptist Church would like to do quilting for the benefit of their church, at \$1.00 per spool --2t

T. S. Lambert of the old Draper community to the east of Dickens, was transacting business in Spur Tuesday.

T. C. Willis was here from Antelope Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Bilberry were in Spur Saturday from Gilpin.

### Work is Progressing on The Country Club Lake Dam on Edmonds Place

Work in building the dam for the proposed country club lake on the E. C. Edmonds place nine miles to the southwest of Spur, is progressing very substantially at this time, and it is hoped to have the dam completed and the lake ready to hold water within the month.

The lake, we understand, will be a mile or more in length, holding water thirty feet deep for a considerable distance from the dam. The club grounds will include approximately two hundred acres, which will be cut into lots facing along the banks of the lake, for individual members who desire to build camp houses and other conveniences.

The formation of a country club, the establishment of a lake and the improvement of the grounds is something the people of Spur and surrounding country has long wanted and needed. Such a place will be a source of great pleasure and enjoyment to the members and their friends in affording an excellent fishing place and camping grounds for an outing.

Everybody ought to read the Spur

### Jennings Residence Be- ing Improved in North Part of the City

The F. W. Jennings residence in the north part of the city, and now occupied by Sam McGaughey and family, is being reroofed and other additions and improvements made, converting the place into a more desirable, comfortable and modern residence.

That Spur is growing, building and making substantial improvements is now in evidence on every hand, including both residence and business sections of the city.

Spur, with her fully affiliated high school, and modern schools and church structures, latest improved gin plants and cotton compress and manufacturing plants, modern homes, varied commercial interests, department stores and large stocks of goods in every line, is not only a leader in the encouragement of home building and ownership and business activity but "the biggest little city on the American Continent" today as it has been since the creation and establishment of the town in 1909.

Dr. Hale last week made a trip to Dallas, going through the country in his car.

### Bud Morrison Child is Bitten by Cat and Hy- drophobia is Feared

Last week the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud Morrison was bitten by a cat, and since the cat did not appear just right and later a mad dog was killed nearby, steps were immediately taken by Mr. Morrison to determine if the cat had hydrophobia and to prevent its development in the child.

The head of the cat was severed and forwarded to the pasteur institute at Austin for diagnosis. However, the diagnosis failed to develop signs of hydrophobia, and the fear and suspense on the part of Bud Morrison and his friends were relieved.

Hydrophobia is developing over the country and warnings are being issued to the public to be on guard against it.

W. A. McAlpine made a trip Monday to Abilene. Mrs. McAlpine, his mother, returned with him to Spur and will spend some time here visiting in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sam T. Climmons.

Any man who works only for pay seldom does his best.

Clifford B. Jones, Vice-President

W. B. Lee, Active Vice-Pres.  
W. T. Andrews, Jr., Cashier  
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Kittie Powell, Ass't Cashier  
W. K. Williamson, Ass't Cashier  
E. S. Lee, Assistant Cashier

## THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS \$125,000.00.

SPUR, TEXAS

Dear Friends:

Opportunity seeks expression in each of us. It seeks to bring to us happiness and comforts that are accorded to the successful. Yet how often opportunity knocks and failing to gain admission turns away. Opportunity knocks more often than once, but after it has turned away its raps become less distinct.

To every man comes the time when he can no longer work as he once did. The stories are old and true that out of every 100 men reaching 65 years of age only six are wealthy, nine are self-supporting but compelled to work and eighty-five are dependent, out of every 100 persons eighty-two die penniless.

There are morbid statistics of the last generation; the ratio, however, is being altered by the present generation. Men realize that it is their heritage, their inborn right, to acquire a financial competence that will provide against an unhappy old age.

Generally speaking, wealth is acquired by one of three ways, (1) inheritance, (2) speculation, (3) systematic saving, inheritance is uncontrollable and applies to the few; speculation is too risky to be considered; systematic saving is the one sane, definite way that works wherever it is adopted and followed.

In looking ahead you can definitely lay your plans as you wish them to be, if you will decide upon your goal, establish your plan and follow it as a part of your every day life. Financial fortitude is the reward of every man who plans and saves during his productive days.

We are prepared to present to you a simple plan whereby you may lay aside each week or month a set amount to provide for a rainy day and the years to come.

We now have nearly 600 men, women, boys and girls in our savings family who are well on the road to prosperity—having increased their savings deposits with us from \$41,000.00 to \$100,000.00 from January 1, 1927 to July 10, 1927.

If you are not a member of this happy, prosperous family of savers, we extend you a hearty invitation to join them, by opening an account in our savings department where you will receive two kinds of interest—personal and 4%.

Cordially yours,

The Spur National Bank

# A FACT

## YOU CANNOT DODGE

Scott Bros. Market—Best Prices Paid

Part of the Morrison Child is improved by Cat and Hydr...



Money in the Bank is one of the most satisfying thoughts you can have, whether it be a time of prosperity or a time of trouble. You know that you are assured whatever comforts or pleasure money will bring. Starting an Account is a simple matter. Do it today.

### THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

Joe Salem, who has been conducting a branch dry goods business at Borger throughout the "boom" days, has closed out the business at that point and returned this week to Spur and will hereafter again be personally identified with the Salems Guaranty dry goods business in Spur. While Spur has never experienced a "boom" of any character, the town is recognized as one of the best business points on the map—and they all generally come back, or cherish fond memories of the place and its possibilities. However, in this instance, we might add that Mr. Salem had no intention in the beginning of remaining permanently away from Spur—he going to Borger in their town home in September for the beginning of the school term. It is expected in each of the following weeks that the frenzied masses of...

C. L. Love, who spent several days of last week in Spur, looking after the beginning of construction work on his new brick business building, and also visiting with his family, returned the latter part of the week to Pannhandle. Mr. Love's compliments having his building completed by the first of September and opening up his stock of goods for the trade. R. C. Forbis was on the streets Monday and Tuesday of this week, coming down from his farm and ranch home north of Aston where he and family are spending the summer months and school vacation period. They will probably move back to their town home in September for the beginning of the school term. Mr. and Mrs. Rob Davis, of Quitaque, were in Spur the first of the week visiting with his mother, Mrs. Nellie Davis, and other relatives and friends of the city.

### BRAZELTON LUMBER CO

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### Housing Farm Poultry Flock

(By F. W. Kazmeier)

They must be so fixed that they can be opened readily hinged at the top to swing out and with the aid of wire and hooks may be fastened in such a way, that in case of rain will help in keeping it from beating into the house, getting the inside of the house wet.

The open front of a house, this size should be three or four feet in width and run the entire length of the house with the exception of a space in the immediate center of the house, which is used for a door for the attendant to get in and out. The size of the door for the attendant to get in and out should be at least 36 inches wide and better still 40 inches wide and as high as the walls or 7 feet. Narrow doors for the attendant to get in and out are very undesirable. The open front should be covered with one inch mesh poultry netting or mosquito netting and should be located as close to the bottom of the open front as possible. If it is located too high up on the wall, it will cause rain to beat too far into the interior of the house in a driving rain storm.

There is no question in my mind that a concrete foundation is the only foundation to put under a permanent house. It is a sad mistake to place a good poultry house on a poor foundation or on no foundation at all. Lumber of the kind that we can get at the present time in most lumber yards rots very easily and unless houses are placed on a concrete foundation, they will not last very long. The concrete foundation for a poultry house, should not be more than 6 inches wide and in most cases at least 3 or 4 feet deep and possibly should be carried down to the clay sub-layer in the soil. A concrete foundation should be reinforced with the aid of steel rods or wire, most any kind of scrap iron or wire may be used for this purpose. It is especially important to reinforce the corners. For a floor, we have found nothing better than a concrete or cement floor. This should be about 3 or 4 inches thick. The floor should be sloping to the front of the house, so that any water that may beat in through the open front will not run further into the interior of the house, but will have a tendency to run backwards towards the front of the house. We recommend a slope of one inch to fifteen feet. The floor should be built on a sub-surface of 6 inches of cinders, crushed rock or gravel, to prevent floor sweating.

It is of course a profitable investment to keep the house properly painted. Especially the wooden part of the house. The interior of the house should be painted for soaked with pure carbolenium. This will not only help keep such as blue bugs and mites down, but carbolenium is excellent wood preservative, and it will help preserve and lengthen the life of the house.

In planning the fixtures for the interior of the house, it is well to remember two things. They should be few in number and simple in construction. It is a mistake to invest too much for the interior fixtures. It is much better to put more money in the exterior construction of the house. Always bear in mind that in constructing the poultry house and providing the interior fixtures, that they should permit a disinfection and ease in cleaning.

In planning the nest for the house we recommend one nest for each five or six birds. The nest should be simple in construction as possible. The nest should be located in a part of the house, so that the hen will be comfortable and will not get too hot. If possible locate them in a secluded or dark place in the house, because the hens prefer to lay in more or less secluded places. The nests, of course, should be removable so that they can be moved out of the house and cleaned thoroughly and disinfected.

### Perches are necessary and should be provided to the extent of allowing 7 inches of roosting place for birds in the case of small breeds like Leghorns and 9 inches of roosting space for birds in the case of larger breeds like the Rocks and R. I. Reds. As a rule it is better to place the perches not too high up from the floor, but sufficiently high from the floor to prevent the use of a dropping board and then enough space beneath the dropping board, so that there will be plenty of room and sufficient compartment, and also to permit cleaning out.

Dropping boards should be provided where possible. They should always be screened and movable. The object of having them screened is to prevent the birds from getting into the droppings and eating intestinal worms that may be voided in the droppings. Thus preventing the spread of intestinal worms and parasites. One inch mesh galvanized poultry netting may be used to screen the roost platform to keep the fowls from getting into the droppings. The dropping boards should be built in sections, small enough so that they can be handled conveniently and taken out of the house for cleaning and disinfecting. They should be built tight, with as few cracks as possible.

Receptacles for water, grit, shell and green food, must be provided. The more simple these are the better. As a general rule, these receptacles may be placed 18 inches above the floor with the possible exception of the water receptacle. The water receptacle should be placed in convenient places in the house so that the flock can, at all times, have plenty of fresh water to drink. Recently we have found the use of a 14 quart bucket the most desirable for this purpose. These are placed directly on the floor.

To complete the equipment, good mash hoppers are necessary. Mash hoppers should be provided to the extent of two running feet to each 10 hens in the house, this is very important. The mash hoppers should be so constructed as to be non-clogging and non-wasting. If it will clog it is not desirable. We will be glad to send blue prints of the house and mash hopper described free of charge.

R. E. Thomas returned last week from down in Stonewall county, where he had been employed as one of the high line crew for the West Texas Utilities Company in the construction of a high line from Spur to Asperment. He injured his hand while at work, blood poisoning developing later, and which gave him much pain and very serious concern. However, the place was lanced and doctored with the result that it is now healing. During the early dry weather here, Mr. Thomas with others, accepted "paying jobs" of the farm, leaving the boys at home to look after the farming. However, the rains came later, crops were planted and now the country never had more promising crop prospects than prevails generally.

L. E. Bass, of McAdoo, was among the crowds of business visitors in Spur the past week. He states that crops are good around McAdoo and that farmers are about ready to lay by for the harvesting.

M. C. Reynolds and daughters, who have been making their home in Dayton the past several months, removed this week to Spur where they will again take up their residence. Miss Florence commences reopening her "Coffee Shop" on the west side of Burlington Avenue, and will probably have the place ready for business within the next few days.

W. H. Smith, of the Red Mud section of country, was in town Monday. He recently purchased a truck and is now doing considerable hauling to and from his section and the city of Spur.

# The Mission

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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.

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### Why Regulate the Farmer

They had dealings with the Government stepped in and started regulating every regulatory move to the fact that banks, railroads and other semipublic Government created institutions and corporations are more or less subject to Government regulation, continues to be used as an argument favoring the regulation of cultivated acres on the farms of this country. No one has yet suggested that the producers of automobiles, farm machinery, clothing or any other manufactured articles be placed under Government supervision and their output controlled. We may in due time expect such suggestion for the trend of some people's minds is toward absolute Government ownership of all property and all industry. It is about time for those who pretend to be interested in the welfare of our producers of food and fiber to get back to earth. Farming is a different kind of a proposition than banking and railroading. The latter are creatures of Government and are granted rights and privileges not enjoyed by farmers and other individuals. They were let entirely alone at one time in our history. There was no government interference of any kind. Banks charged as much interest as could be squeezed out of the borrower. Depositors were without protection. Railroads charged the limit for service; gave rebates and put men and institutions out of business if they so desired; built up one town at the expense of another and committed other acts of criminal nature. In protection of the people with whom

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

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

Dollars do not Grow on Trees

The manner in which taxes are mounting and the staggering burdens they are putting upon all people should give concern to every individual who has any interest in the future of our country.

While federal taxes have been reduced by hundreds of millions since 1921, state and local taxes have risen twice as fast as federal taxes have been reduced.

Every tax dollar comes from the pockets of the people. It does not grow on trees. Every dollar wasted or spent unnecessarily is a dollar of capital destroyed.

T. H. Talbot of near Gilpin was in Spur Tuesday morning, reporting that fully a quarter inch rain fell on his place, putting all his crops in ideal shape.

J. P. Goen was in Spur the past week from his ranch home to the northwest of Dickens.

Gossip

In the old days, a peasant confessed to a priest that he had slandered an innocent man. The priest said to him: "For your penance do this now: Take a bag of chicken down to every yard in town and drop one bit of down into each garden. Do not miss one yard. When you have finished, return to me."

The sinner believed his punishment was light. With his bag of down he made the circuit of the village and carefully dropped one soft feather into each garden. Then he reported to the priest, saying: "I have done my penance."

"No, my son," replied the old abbe. "You will not have done your penance until you take the bag, go again on your rounds, collect every feather you have dropped, and bring it here to me."

The gossip protested that it would be impossible; he could not find the bits of down in a lifetime; many of them had blown far away.

"So it is with gossip," replied the old priest. "It is easily dropped, but never again, no matter how hard you try, can you gather back the words you have so thoughtlessly scattered. The Southwestern Ambassador.

E. M. Hinson, who is this year farming on the J. A. Davis farm to the northeast of Spur, came in Tuesday morning reporting a good rain on up further north of him. However, he stated that he had cotton more than waist high in his place and appreciated the fact that the rain passed him by in that he feared worms would eat it up if it commenced to rain. Opinions differ as to whether or not a rain at this time would be beneficial. Some think rain would bring worms which would do more damage than continued dry weather. At any rate crops are not apparently suffering and continue to grow most promisingly.

L. S. Scott was meeting with his many friends on the streets of Spur Saturday. L. S. Scott is another of the old timers and one of the country's most substantial citizens.

Rev. W. C. Bennett, of Paris will begin a revival meeting at the Duck Creek Baptist Church, August 12th. W. C. Bennett, grew up from a small boy to manhood in Dickens County and is well known here. Cecil Bennett, as his friends call him, is now a rising young minister of no mean ability. Of course it is only natural for Dickens County to boast of her boys and girls who are now achieving success elsewhere, but here is what the editor of the Paris Echo thinks about him. "An account of the revival meeting he conducted in Paris in full, clipped from the Echo follows: ..."

Long Troubled by Constipation

"Black-Draught, has been a family medicine with us for fifteen years," says Mr. F. M. Huntley, of Neesho, Mo. "I read about it first in the Ladies' Birth-day Almanac and what I read there sounded so convincing I made up my mind to try Black-Draught, as I had been troubled with constipation for a long time. I found Black-Draught to be the ideal medicine for this trouble. It gave me quick relief. Frequently I had had headaches and pains, due to toxic poison. By taking a course of Black-Draught I gave my system a thorough cleansing, and I have had little or no trouble since then. Now, if I am becoming constipated, I take several small doses of Black-Draught, and am very soon feeling fine." Costs only 1 cent a dose.

BLACK-DRAUGHT For Constipation Indigestion Biliousness

Rev. W. C. Bennett To Hold Revival Meeting At Old Home Church

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Must We Borrow Brains

A very able printer of our acquaintance was complaining the other day of the unsolicited assistance that he was offered in the conduct of his business. It is almost a daily occurrence, he said, to have offered by mail or salesman, plans or systems to tell me how to sell my product, how to prepare advertising for myself or my customers, how to select safe credit risks, how to collect my bills, how to inspire my employees, how to invest my earnings, write my letters and, generally, how to double my profits, and how to become an intelligent business man instead of a poor, ignorant dabbler which is the obvious, though doubtless unintended inference, which these many offers carry. We would not refuse all assistance nor assume the attitude of complete wisdom even in our own business; but the clamorous insistence of these self-styled experts who, from a thousand miles away, would rent us their superior brains gives us violent interior disturbances.

Have really fallen to the state of marionettes so that our every movement must be controlled by strings reaching in all directions to distant cities where real brains are alleged to reside? There is no greater danger in business than that which comes from suspending our own thinking and leaning upon the brains of others. While we can all profit by considering the opinions of our associates, by receiving and weighing the advice of those with whom we work, to become dependent upon absentee brains of unknown "experts" is to court disaster when the time for real thinking and prompt decision comes.

Our brains may not be the best, but if we retire them from active service in favor of rented or borrowed brains we will certainly come to grief. Exercise, careful feeding and strenuous training will do as much for the brain as it will for the body; so even if we can boast nothing fancy in the way of mental processes, let us keep our old brain on the job, and quite possibly, as the years go by, we ourselves may develop a surplus which—if we have also developed a swollen ego—we may offer for rent. Southwestern Ambassador.

Tom Simmons, who has been driving a tractor in breaking wheat land on the Watson place on the Plains, was in the city Saturday and Sunday, having finished the work. A considerable acreage of wheat will again be sown this fall in the McAdoo territory. There is no finer small grain soil in the world than that on the Plains within Dickens county.

Mr. Reynolds and his wife made the music and led the choir and congregation in singing. These two endeared themselves to the members of the church and from reports pleased those in attendance. As a personal worker, Mr. Reynolds left behind him a monumental work. His talks on soul-winning were inspirational and scriptural, contributing in a large degree to the success of the campaign. Mrs. Reynolds led the Sunshine Corps which reached a total of one hundred children's voices. His talks to them will be remembered throughout Eternity by those who were fortunate enough to be numbered in this choir. As a token of the esteem by which these workers are held by the church, a unanimous invitation was extended to them to return next year for a revival. They have tentatively accepted. The pastor and church extend thanks to everybody for their cooperation. The expenses incidental to the meeting were raised by plate offerings, which was a source of delight not only to the members of the church, but to those in attendance. A worthy offering was made to Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds.

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Sedan, Truck or Tractor FREE! Which do You Want? In the past we have given hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and valuable prizes to advertise our business. Now we have determined to make a bigger free offer than ever before to our friends and advertise our business in all parts of the country. We are going to give a choice of either a Studebaker Sedan, a Red Speed Wagon Truck, or a Farmall Tractor absolutely free of cost, because we believe that this system of advertising will not only make friends for us but will also be a great boon to the party receiving such a prize. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CHOICE OF THESE THREE FINE MACHINES, READ EVERY WORD OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT AND THEN ACT. Can You Solve the PICTURE PUZZLE? FIND SIXTEEN OBJECTS THE NAMES OF WHICH BEGIN WITH THE LETTER "C." In the picture there are many objects such as cultivator, crib, corn, etc., etc. the names of which begin with the letter "C." CAN YOU FIND AS MANY AS SIXTEEN SUCH OBJECTS? If you can, do not delay, but write the names of these objects in the coupon below and send them in with your name and address. THIS OFFER IS FREE TO YOU, SO DO NOT DELAY! This is not like a lot of offers you may have read about where there is a great deal of work to be done without any reward. THIS IS A FREE OFFER MADE FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. It is also a QUICK ACTION OFFER without long delays or waiting. Answer today—you will hear from us almost BY RETURN MAIL giving full particulars of this wonderful free offer. Read in the puzzle answer now, because quick action is important. Send Your Answer to the Puzzle Now—You May be Next! This is a fair and square free offer. Read in the puzzle answer now, because quick action is important. THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN CASH AND PRIZES GIVEN FOR ADVERTISING PURPOSES. Besides a choice of the sedan, truck or tractor pictured above, we are going to give hundreds of other valuable prizes in this advertising campaign to make friends and gain our customers. The prize list includes valuable commodities, fully equipped, \$200.00 Chart Radio complete, diamond ring, gold watches, cameras, household goods, labor saving devices of many kinds, in fact, countless presents of all types, besides liberal cash rewards. ANSWER QUICK AND YOU MAY SOON HAVE YOUR CHOICE OF THESE FINE MACHINES. Perhaps you think this offer sounds too generous to be true, but it is a fact and we assure our readers of a big responsible organization, AND FULLY GUARANTEED IN EVERY RESPECT. A choice of the machines pictured as well as the many other valuable prizes as mentioned above will certainly be given ABSOLUTELY FREE, just as stated in the announcement. YOU MAY HAVE HEARD OF FREE OFFERS BEFORE, BUT THIS IS THE ONE YOU HAVE BEEN WAITING FOR. Open to Everyone—Costs Nothing to Try. This offer is open to every rural resident in the United States—men, women and girls will all be given a fair and equal opportunity to have their choice of the fine machines pictured as well as a share in the many cash rewards and other prizes to be distributed. ALL IT NEEDS TO COPE ANYONE TO SHARE IN AWARDS IS THE POSTAGE STAMP USED TO SEND IN THE PUZZLE SOLUTION. PRIZES OF 175 CENTS active member positively receive a reward. Answering this advertisement places you under no obligation, and there is POSITIVELY NO CHANCE FOR YOU TO LOSE if you solve the puzzle and join the club. THE MODERN FARM EQUIPMENT CLUB, 339-341 Pennsylvania Ave., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Must We Borrow Brains

A very able printer of our acquaintance was complaining the other day of the unsolicited assistance that he was offered in the conduct of his business. It is almost a daily occurrence, he said, to have offered by mail or salesman, plans or systems to tell me how to sell my product, how to prepare advertising for myself or my customers, how to select safe credit risks, how to collect my bills, how to inspire my employees, how to invest my earnings, write my letters and, generally, how to double my profits, and how to become an intelligent business man instead of a poor, ignorant dabbler which is the obvious, though doubtless unintended inference, which these many offers carry. We would not refuse all assistance nor assume the attitude of complete wisdom even in our own business; but the clamorous insistence of these self-styled experts who, from a thousand miles away, would rent us their superior brains gives us violent interior disturbances.

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Have really fallen to the state of marionettes so that our every movement must be controlled by strings reaching in all directions to distant cities where real brains are alleged to reside? There is no greater danger in business than that which comes from suspending our own thinking and leaning upon the brains of others. While we can all profit by considering the opinions of our associates, by receiving and weighing the advice of those with whom we work, to become dependent upon absentee brains of unknown "experts" is to court disaster when the time for real thinking and prompt decision comes.

Our brains may not be the best, but if we retire them from active service in favor of rented or borrowed brains we will certainly come to grief. Exercise, careful feeding and strenuous training will do as much for the brain as it will for the body; so even if we can boast nothing fancy in the way of mental processes, let us keep our old brain on the job, and quite possibly, as the years go by, we ourselves may develop a surplus which—if we have also developed a swollen ego—we may offer for rent. Southwestern Ambassador.

Tom Simmons, who has been driving a tractor in breaking wheat land on the Watson place on the Plains, was in the city Saturday and Sunday, having finished the work. A considerable acreage of wheat will again be sown this fall in the McAdoo territory. There is no finer small grain soil in the world than that on the Plains within Dickens county.

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SPUR CHAPTER No. 340 Meets Monday night on after each full moon. Visitors Welcome M. E. Tree, H. P. J. Rector, Sec.

SPUR LODGE No. 1023 Meets every Thursday On or after full moon. Visitors Welcome W. R. KING, W. M. JACK RECTOR, Sec.

M. W. Edwards, of Girard, was in Spur Wednesday, passing through from the Plains where he had been the past two months. He reports fine crops of maize already made in the Ralls and Crosbyton sections, with the very finest prospects for cotton.

W. J. Young and family of Red Hill, were shopping in Spur the past week end. Mr. Young reports everything all right in the Red Hill community at this time with fine crop prospects in evidence.

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We are informed that the little child of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ericson, who are now making their home on the Swenson Ranch near Throckmorton, underwent a surgical operation Thursday of last week. Their many friends in the Spur country join the Texas Spur in hoping the operation is successful and that the child will soon be completely recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. Finis Bilberry, of the Gilpin country, were among the shopping visitors in Spur Saturday of the past week.

CLASSIFIED ADDS

For Sale—A crop, plow tools, cows and teams; near Midway.—G. W. Bennett, Elton, Texas. 2p.

TEACHERS EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given that the next teachers examination will be held on the 12th and 13th of August, 1927. No examination will be held on the 5th and 6th as heretofore announced.

H. A. C. Brummett  
County Judge

FOR SALE—House and two lots on West Harris Street.—H. E. Blenden, Spur, Texas. 40-4tc

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I should be killed!  
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Social and Club News.

Mrs. William Manning Entertained Wednesday With Bridge

One of the enjoyable parties of the week was that of Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. William Manning entertained with bridge in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Love. The reception rooms were made most attractive by bowls and vases of lovely cut flowers placed at vantage places. Six tables were arranged for the games and at the conclusion of the fourth game high score prize was awarded to Mrs. Gibbs, a lovely tea set. Mrs. Flint received as consolation a set of beautiful salad plates. Mrs. Edmonds received cut prize, and Mrs. Ralph Seals of California was presented a beautiful vanity set as guest prize. A delicious ice course was served to Mesdames F. W. Jennings, Ralph Seals, Thurman Harris, Speer, S. B. Scott, Cal Martin, Nellie Davis, Oran McClure, C. L. Love, Jack Rector, A. C. Hull, W. E. Flint, Jim Edd Hall, C. A. Love, Hill Perry, Roy Harkey, E. C. Edmonds, W. L. Gibbs, Floyd Barnett, Dan Zachry, Murray Lea, and Misses Lera and Elenor Harris.

Mrs. Davis Hostess to the Christian Ladies Missionary Society

Mrs. Nellie Davis was hostess to the Christian Ladies Missionary Society Monday afternoon. Mrs. Abbott was leader for the lesson, after which a delicious refreshment plate was served to Mesdames Abbott, F. S. Reynolds, W. H. Putman, O. L. Hale, Lee Davis, Tom Teague, R. E. Dickson, Vesta Patterson, W. R. Stafford, D. H. Sullivan, McGlothery, and B. F. Hale.

Mesdames Stovall, Collier and Everts Joint Hostesses in Shower

Tuesday afternoon Mesdames F. G. Collier, Roy Stovall and Herman Everts were joint hostesses with a shower in honoring Mrs. E. A. Russell. The first number on program was a contest in which Mrs. Russell scored high and was presented with a shower of very beautiful and useful gifts. A delicious refreshment was passed to Mesdames I. A. Smith, Lura Glasgow, Frank Goff, L. R. Barrett, C. L. Love, Geo. S. Link, Jas. B. Reed, M. E. Manning, Chas. White, Webber Williams, A. C. Hull, and Miss Leah Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Harkey Entertain the Par Te Club Last Friday

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harkey were host and hostess to the Par Te Club and guests on Friday evening. Lovely prizes for high scores were given Mr. Wm. Manning and Mrs. W. L. Gibbs. Booby prizes were given Mr. W. E. Flint and Mrs. T. B. Harris. A delicious ice course was served Messrs. and Mesdames Wm. Manning, W. E. Flint, W. L. Gibbs, T. B. Harris, J. E. Hall, Mrs. A. C. Hull and Mr. Ben Friend. The club will meet August 19th with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harkey Entertained the Par Te Club Members

Mr. and Mrs. Roy L. Harkey were hosts to the members of the Par Te Bridge Club Friday evening. Three tables of players enjoyed the games in which Mrs. W. L. Gibbs was high, Mrs. Thurman Harris low, Mr. Wm. Manning high and W. E. Flint low. A lovely refreshment plate was served to the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames Jim Edd Hall, Thurman Harris, W. E. Flint, W. L. Gibbs, William Manning, Mrs. A. C. Hull and Ben Friend.

Mrs. Schrimsher Entertains With Shower for Mrs. Chas. Powell

Mrs. Homer Schrimsher entertained Thursday afternoon with a miscellaneous sower for Mrs. Chas. Powell. Many novel features were carried out in the entertainment, and the presentation of the many beautiful gifts received by the honoree. A lovely refreshment plate was served to the honoree, Mrs. Chas. Powell, and Mesdames Dan Zachry, Leslie Cooper, Floyd Barnett, Murray Lea, Thurman Harris, Jim Edd Hall, Cecil Hicks, A. C. Hull, W. L. Gibbs, W. E. Flint, E. L. Smith, J. D. Powell, Jack Rector, Tom Teague Cecil Fox and Miss Etta Fite.

Mrs. Gruben Entertained Friday Afternoon Club Members

Mrs. W. C. Gruben most charmingly entertained members of the Friday Afternoon Club and a number of invited guests in her home, Friday afternoon. The pretty home was unusually attractive with flowers placed in vantage places thruout the entertaining rooms. Progressive 42 was the diversion for guests. A lovely refreshment plate was passed. The guests were Mesdames W. T. Andrews, Sr., of Stamford, W. T. Andrews, Jr., Payne, Chas. Ensey, Cleve Ensey, Redell, Cecil Hicks, C. L. Love, Geo. S. Link, Roy Stovall, William Manning, Maurice Manning, Burl Hight, Berry, Nellie Davis, Oran McClure, Lawis Lee, and Horace Gippson.

Joi de Voi Club Entertained With Bridge Friday Morning

Mrs. Homer Schrimsher entertained a number of her friends with bridge Friday morning. Five tables were in pretty arrangement for the games, after which a delicious refreshment plate was served. The guests included Mesdames W. D. Wilson, James B. Reed, Dan Zachry, Leslie Cooper, Jack Rector, Floyd Barnett, Murray Lea, Thurman Harris, Jim Edd Hall, W. E. Flint, Cecil Hicks, Chas. Powell, A. C. Hull, W. L. Gibbs, E. C. Edmonds, R. E. Dickson, Cecil Fox, Williamson, and Misses Willie Richbourg and Katie Ellis.

LASTER - McCARTY.

Mr. Eddie B. Laster and Miss Willie Lorene McCarty, of Afton, were united in marriage Saturday morning, August 6, at 10:30 at the home of the brides sister, Mrs. Lee. McKnight. Rev. Z. T. McKnight performed the ceremony.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Laster, of Afton. He is of a highly respected family and worthy of the beautiful daughter of Mrs. Willis McCarty, also of Afton. Only a few relatives and friends were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Laster left immediately on their honeymoon trip. They will be at home at Afton about August 15th.

Walter Darlington and son, Bud Darlington, and Jim Rawlings, of Kansas City, have been spending several days of this week in Spur and surrounding country. Walter Darlington is financially interested in this section, in that he has favored numbers of farmers and cattlemen with loans on lands. He was very favorably impressed with the prevailing crop and other conditions here at this time.

W. H. Cartwright, of the Soldier Mound community, was on the streets Wednesday, meeting with friends.

Revenge is sweet only to the very small individuals.

Blackmon Will Raise Swiss Milk Goats on His Farm and Ranch

B. M. Blackmon, of twelve or fifteen miles west of Spur, is going into the milk goat business in connection with his other stock raising interests on his farm and ranch. He informed us the other day while in Spur that he now had three ewes of the Swiss Milk Goat breed, and from these and others he may be able to secure elsewhere, will engage in the goat raising business for the markets. The Swiss goats are said to be the best milkers, their milk being used and recommended for medicinal and health purposes.

Should the sales warrant, Mr. Blackmon will engage extensively in the goat raising business.

Haskell Co. Defeats Road Bond Issue

Haskell, Aug. 7.—Lacking 267 votes of having two-thirds majority Haskell County voters Saturday defeated the proposition of voting bonds to the amount of \$1,500,000 for construction of 115 miles of highway in the county.

Complete returns from the election held Saturday, as tabulated Sunday, showed 1,711 votes for the bond issue and 939 against.

Had the election carried, four highways were to have been improved, 88 miles of which would have received Federal aid.

It is expected that the proposition will again be placed before the people.

Spanish-American War Veterans, Attention

Mr. W. M. Malone, of Spur, received a call the past week from Wichita Falls, asking for the names and addresses of Spanish-American War Veterans living in Dickens County. Mr. Malone urges that if any veterans live in this county, they give him their names and address or mail them to him at box 686, Spur, Texas.

Combination Grocery, Filling Station and Residence Building

J. J. Ensey last week commenced the construction of a combination grocery, drive-in-filling station and residence structure in the west part of Spur along the west highway out of Spur. The building will be modern in appearance and conveniently arranged for the conduct of business and in accommodating the trade. Mr. Ensey is an experienced business man and in establishing a "Wayside Grocery and Gas Station" will no doubt prosper and enjoy a liberal trade from suburbanites as well as the traveling public.

Afton Farmer Has the Best Crops Growing Since the Year 1914

R. J. Bateman, of Afton, accompanied by his oldest brother who is here visiting with him from Eastern Texas, were in Spur Monday. Mr. Bateman informed us that he had the best crops on his place he had ever made, not excepting the crop of 1914 which year he made more than a bale of cotton to the acre on the greater part of the crop. The price of cotton is now around twenty cents with the possibility if not probability that it will be twenty five or even thirty cents before the end of the season.

W. A. Valentine, of Garza county, with his family passed through Spur Saturday on their way to Mergal and other points to visit with relatives and old friends during the vacation period of farm work, he having laid by his crops for the year.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hufstelder were in the city Saturday from their farm home on Dockum, spending several hours here shopping and visiting among friends.

A Good Safe Place to Trade

B Schwarz & Son

"The Store of Little Profits"  
SPUR, TEXAS

Our store is receiving daily big shipments of all the newest styles in fall merchandise. These goods were carefully selected by our buyers who are still in New York, and were shipped direct from headquarters which guarantees us the latest in designs.

As we mentioned last week "Values" were going to be the object of every purchase; that we are going to get values and to give values, we now have early big values for your inspection.

JUST ARRIVED!

The Newest in  
LADIES FOOTWEAR

High heel steel patent pumps at \$7.95  
We have full fashioned Chiffon Hose to match this new advanced style in Ladies Footwear

Also a Big Shipment of  
LADIES SPORT & DRESS SHOES  
Ranging in price from  
\$2.95 to \$6.45

HATS—FELTS, FELT HATS

It's felts that are taking the day. It takes a felt hat for a lady to be smartly dressed. —Black, Monkey Skin, Valencia, Rose, Pink, White, Tan and different combinations of these, at \$2.95 to \$4.95

DRESSES! DRESSES

Black Satin, Crepe-back-Satin, Crepe-Trimmed, and Color Combinations, Featuring the latest styles from \$16.45 to \$27.50

It will pay you to visit our store and see our selections before making your purchases as we are receiving merchandise every day that has been carefully selected personally by our buyers—

B. SCHWARZ & SON are starting a great campaign on values and this is our Beginning.

Mr. Burrows, of the West Texas Utilities Company, and wife returned Tuesday from a business trip and visit with relatives in the Eastern part of the state.

Joe Ericson came in Tuesday from the West Pasture.

Mrs. Max Maples, of McCamey, is visiting with Mrs. T. M. Maples and family of Spur, and also her mother at Jayton.

Miss Frankie Barclay, of Jayton, was a guest Monday in the home of Mrs. T. M. Maples.

HORSESHOEING \$2 AND UP

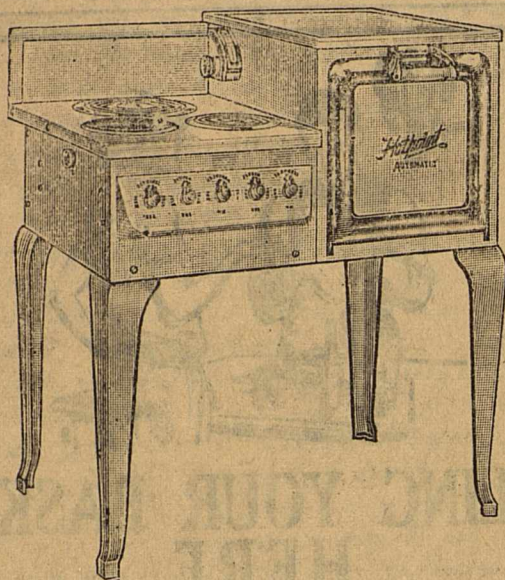
We have been asked to do horseshoeing at a reasonable price in connection with blacksmithing and car body and fender work, therefore will hereafter do Horseshoeing for \$2 and up.

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*As Clean as a China Plate*  
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**West Texas Utilities  
Company**

A. W. Phillips, of the Twin Wells community, had a big wagon loaded with melons in town Tuesday, selling them out to passersby at the prevailing prices for melons at this time.

Miss Verna Davis of Sol lies Mound is this week visiting with her sister and other relatives and friends at Cisco.

**Spur Tailor Shop**

We have just installed a new Press. We do better work and keep up abreast of the times.

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35 YEARS TIME  
\$25.00 or up can be paid any time—Make your own terms.  
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**Look Over Our  
House Plans**

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

**Musser Lumber Co.**  
Spur, Texas

Ward Harris, of McAdoo, was in Spur Wednesday transacting business and meeting with his friends here. He reports about three-fourths of an inch of rain Monday on his place and throughout the McAdoo territory.

Arnold Copeland returned the past week from the Plains country and the Panhandle oil belt, and will be permanently located hereafter in Spur, doing packing and hauling for the public as well as business interests.

Uncle Jimmie Jones was here Saturday from the Afton country. He and Bob Forbis just returned last week from the McDowell ranch near Del Rio where they caught a forty three pound cat fish out of the Pecos River.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross were in the city Wednesday of this week. Tom stated that he had laid by his crops, and that he had the best crops of the entire country. Here is hoping that he picks a bale to the acre and gets twenty five cents a pound on the market.

S. R. Bowman has been ill for some time and is now confined to his room. It is hoped that he may soon be recovered.

Miss Bessie Maxwell, who has been the guest of Mr. Tom Cross the past two weeks, returned Wednesday of this week to her home in Abilene.

H. P. Edwards, of McAdoo, was in Spur Monday. He and family had just returned from a business trip and visit to a sister and other relatives up in Oklahoma. Big rains of flood proportions fell in Oklahoma while he was there. He made the trip in his new 1928 Essex Coach, stating that the only trouble he had was three punctures—and nothing passed him on the road.

**DICKENS ITEMS.**

Mrs. Bob Alley, of Snyder, has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reynolds and Mrs. Dunn, of the Croton community.

Mr. Martin Koonsman of Abilene is here on business and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Koonsman of a few miles east of town.

Miss Mildred Terry, of Lubbock, is visiting Miss Monte Bell Hawk.

Several cars of fat cattle have been shipped to the markets this week. Messrs. H. A. C. Brummett and Charlie Perrin shipped five cars to Fort Worth; F. C. Gipson and Martin Koonsman shipped four cars to Oklahoma City; and Fred Bourland shipped five cars also to Oklahoma City.

Mr. Rawlins, of Anson, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Gipson.

Miss Gladys Arrington returned from Lubbock, Hereford and Amarillo where she has been visiting for several weeks.

Mrs. Nettie Littlefield is visiting her sister, Mrs. Koon, of Fort Stockton, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cozby, of Lubbock, spent the week end with Mrs. Cozby's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Meadors.

Grandma Gay showered Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crabtree Saturday evening. Many nice presents were received and at the conclusion, cake and punch was served to the many who were present.

Miss Neal Foroson visited in Spur the week end.

Grandpa and Grand mother Bilberry are planning on going back to Arkansas. They sure like Arkansas, and we hope that they will see many happy years there.

Little Vernon Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris, of a few miles south of town, happened to a misfortune Saturday morning, getting his leg broken while playing. He was just recovering from his eyes which have given him trouble all the year. We hope he is able to be up soon.

Messrs. N. P. Cypert and J. W. Jones, of McAdoo, were transacting business in Dickens Tuesday.

Elbert Green, John Gay and Leiland Jones have gone fishing. We hope they have good success.

Miss Fannie Kelley visited in Dickens the week end. Miss Kelley has been attending the West Texas Teachers College at Canyon this summer. She will teach school again at Dickens.

Commissioners Court was in session the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Coker and children are visiting in the East this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Montgomery, of Lubbock, are visiting Messrs. Lusk and Slough.

Miss Monte Bell Hawk left Tuesday for Rising Star where she will visit relatives.

Little Miss Winnie Mae Cole is visiting in Wichita Falls.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We take this method of thanking each and every one for the kindness and consoling words and floral offerings during the sickness and death of father, son and brother, C. C. Rutledge. And especially do we thank Dr. Grace for his untiring efforts; Roscoe McCombs, Lee and Cager Wade for just coming and staying and helping us during this sad hour. May God's richest blessings be showered on all.—Jessie Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rutledge, Odell Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Rutledge and family, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Welch and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Spencer, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Siragus and family.

John A. Davis returned Tuesday with Rol Davis to Quitaque where he will spend a week or two with Mr. and Mrs. Davis.

Weldon Grimes and wife returned this week from a vacation of several days spent in Abilene, Wichita Falls and other points.

**ESPUELA NEWS.**

The series of meetings which is being conducted at Espuela by Rev. Crabtree is being well attended.

Mr. Mimms and children were the dinner guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Murphey.

Mr. and Mrs. Gragson visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McMahon Sunday.

Misses Ona Shockey, Faye McMahon, Aleene Murphey Zona Miller, Lillian Simms and Edd Slough were pleasant callers in the Duggins home Sunday afternoon.

Little Miss Edeen Ford of Vernon is visiting in the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Duggins.

Miss Lynn McGaughey, of Spur, who has been visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cross, returned home a few days ago.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Howell and children left Monday for Palestine where they will visit a few weeks with relatives.

The song, "The Old Rugged Cross" will be illustrated at the 8 o'clock service Saturday night, Miss Jewell Duggins painting the picture while being sung as a duet by Miss Ona Lee Shockey and Mr. P. B. Jones.—Correspondent.

**STATE SUPERINTENDENT WILL ADDRESS COUNTY TRUSTEES**

On Saturday, August 20th, at 10 o'clock, Mr. S. M. N. Marrs, State Superintendent of Public Instruction will address the school trustees of Dickens County, at the annual County Trustee meeting to be held in Dickens, Texas.

The law provides that the school trustees shall meet during the month of August and classify the various schools, fix the time and place for holding the teachers institute, perform many other duties pertaining to school matters, and discuss questions of general school interest. It is the official duty of each trustee in the county to attend this meeting and represent his school in all matters that may come up for consideration.

We feel very fortunate in having Mr. Marrs with us on this occasion. Being at the head of the State schools system, he will discuss school problems in general and recent legislation enacted by the 40th legislature in particular. Since quite a few new school laws were passed by the last legislature, the discussion of these will prove very interesting and helpful to all trustees and patrons.

This meeting is not for trustees alone, but all teachers, patrons and friends of education throughout the County are cordially invited to attend.—H. A. C. Brummett, Ex-Officio County Superintendent.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We take this method of thanking our relatives and friends for working out our crop and we thank Mr. and Mrs. Henson for taking care of our things while we had to be away from home. Also we thank Mr. Harris for the barbecue he sent out. Those present were Charlie Kimmel, Bailey Kimmel, Tom Rape, Elmer Hobson, Jesse Hobson, Cas Sears, Loyd Gunn, Cloud, Woodrow and Jene Price. May God's richest blessings be snowered on all.—Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rutledge.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jordan, of Hico, are here visiting their son, A. W. Jordan and family of the Duck Creek community. Mr. Jordan reports crop conditions here much more promising than in his country where weevils and lice have been doing damage.

Miss Aline Perry, of Stephenville, is in Spur the guest of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Perry.

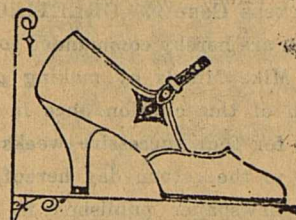
Mrs. J. E. Morris and little Miss Francis are spending the week in Haskell with her mother, Mrs. Lemmon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Richey, of the Croton country, were recently visitors in Spur.

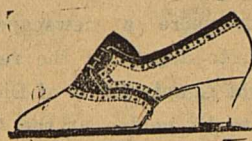
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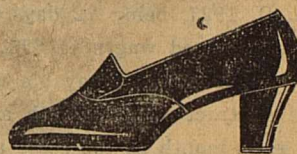
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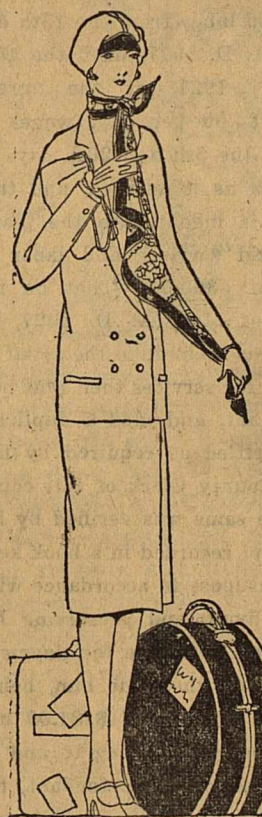
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J. H. Hoover was in town Saturday.

J. Carlisle was here Saturday from Gilpin.

Miss Nina Grace, of Dallas, is in Spur this week visiting with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boothe, of a mile or two south of Spur were in the city the past week shopping and visiting among friends.

L. C. Ponder of east of town, was on the streets Saturday, greeting his friends. Mr. Ponder has been in poor health for some time, and we are glad to note that he apparently is now enjoying the very best of health.

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J. R. Butler, who has been spending the past ten days with his son, H. H. Butler and family of southwest of Spur, left Monday of this week for Stamford where he will visit several days with a brother before returning to Austin. Mr. Butler is an old ex-Confederate Soldier and is now making his home at the Old Soldiers' Home provided for them by the people of Texas, and states that they are well provided for and looking after by the state employees. J. L. Hutto, of Highway, was on the streets Saturday with the crowds here that day. He was most optimistic at this time, both in respect to production and market prices. Everything now indicates that we will have bumper crops with high prices. J. E. Love, of several miles west of Spur, was here recently, trading and meeting with his friends of town and country. Mr. Stephenson, of the McAdoo section of Dickens county, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

C. H. Scott came in Tuesday from his farm home to the southeast of Duck Creek stating that he had only enough rain Monday evening to settle the dust and make plowing a little draggy. However further on down toward Girard it is said that a 'bulley washer' fell. J. Carlisle, of Duck Creek, was on the streets Tuesday, reporting a nice shower in that section Monday evening. I. E. Love, of several miles west of Spur, was here recently, trading and meeting with his friends of town and country. Mr. Stephenson, of the McAdoo section of Dickens county, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

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Echo From the "All Texas Good Will Tour" Recently

Fort Worth, Texas.—That the eyes of the country are turning towards Texas as a result of the All-Texas Special Good Will Tour, that visited fourteen of the large cities of the North and East during the month of June, is being abundantly shown by recent comment by newspapers and other publications and by letters received by the All-Texas Ways and Means Committee from those sections.

New England has been given a better idea of Texas and Texans," writes George H. Clifford, native Texan who is now a citizen of Boston, and adds that he has received many inquiries from investment houses about this State since the visit of the All-Texas party.

The tour, according to the New York Sun, has served to bring the metropolis and Texas closer together, and the New York Graphic declares that such enterprises serve to "make a more united nation of the United States." The Graphic suggests that a party of New Yorkers should tour Texas.

"Such visits are productive of great good," says the Graphic. They establish friendly relationships in business as well as in a purely social way. They help one part of the country to recognize the problems and the ambitions of other parts."

"Perhaps," says the New York Sun, "the chief bond of affinity between New York and Texas is a common restlessness—a common disinclination to be content with things as they are. New York can understand a State which makes a seaport out of an inland city like Houston, causes Uncle Sam to create harbors at Point Isabel and Corpus Christi, turns the desert of the lower Rio Grande Valley into a fertile and fecund garden replaces the longhorn of the plains with fine beef cattle which can hold their own in the Kansas City and Chicago markets, pumps oceans of oil from its lands, endows its State university with one of the nation's finest libraries, fosters county farm agents and practices crop diversification while maintaining the hegemony of King Cotton."

The Boston Herald points out that Texas is on the way to become the most populous State in the Union. "Do we New Englanders realize," it asks, "that Texas—whose Governor has recently been visiting us—while universally known as the largest state in the Union, stands a good chance of becoming the most populous, too? Watch the trend. In the assignment of seats following the admission of Texas into the Union, and for the whole decade that followed, Texas had just two congressional districts, based upon population, as against thirty four in New York. Roughly speaking, Texas was one-seventeenth as populous. By the civil war census of 1869, Texas came to the front with four congressional districts, against thirty-one in New York. A little more than one-eighth as populous. The next census stood five Texans to thirty-three New Yorkers, a little better than one-sixth. The decade of the eighties gave Texas 11 to New York's 34 close to one-third; the next census stood 17 Texans to 34 New Yorkers. Then came 16 Texans to 37 New Yorkers. Now it is 18 Texas seats to 43 for New York. The disparity of area is so great as to give Texas a wonderful opportunity. It has 265,000 square miles against New York's 49,000. If Texas were one-fifth as thickly settled as New York per square mile, it would have the larger population. Is that ratio impossible of achievement? The Texans say No!"

The New York Times remarks that the object of the All-Texas Special Good Will Tour was to acquaint financial and manufacturing centers of the East with the imperial resources of Texas and to stress the interdependence which is so obvious that it is often forgotten.

Commenting it continues: "The trade balance of the Union is so favorably adjusted that New York could not be so great as it is without Texas. Nor could Texas realize its commercial importance without New York. The more that is done to emphasize and clarify this relationship, the better for the two American empires."

"Northern capital," exclaims the New York American, in an editorial which appeared in all Hearst newspapers throughout the country, "is the richest and most populous of the Union—the leader in finance and industry. The other is the biggest in territory and agricultural output. Every school boy is familiar with the primacy of Texas as a matter of size, but few of us realize her precedence in the production of the necessities of life. From the latest Official statistics at hand, for the year 1925, it is seen that Texas leads all other States in the total value of her agricultural yield and her animal products. The figure for the former was \$637,000,000, and for the latter, \$308,000,000—or within striking distance of a round billion dollars. The State Fair at Dallas, by the way, a two-week enterprise, though its duration comes far from connoting the wonderful industry it represents. If New York is the greatest workshop and financial and commercial mart, Texas can claim similar primacy as the American garden and ranch. Nay more, if Texas is the unequalled producer of food and cotton, New York is the unrivaled consumer of both. No wonder, then, "Texas," remarks the Springfield, Mass. Union, "is too big to be misunderstood, very long. Most Easterners know by this time that it is achieving one record after another. We have read claims about its primacy in mules, peanuts, cotton, petroleum, sweet potatoes, and heaven knows what else. We know that it is not only our biggest State in area, but first in value of farm products, second in export trade, and climbing up the population ladder in a way to frighten Ohio and Illinois. We know that it has one of the richest and sturdiest universities. Many of us have learned the proper pronunciation of 'Houston'."

The Evening Bulletin of Philadelphia takes occasion to call attention to the fact that Pennsylvania and Texas are directly connected by water transportation. "Galveston and the Delaware Breakwater," points out the Bulletin, "are only a short distance apart. No two states are more complementary than Pennsylvania and Texas. Vast quantities of oil products, cotton, vegetables, fruits and packing house products originating in Texas reach refineries, textile mills and the tables of Philadelphians. Philadelphia's famous locomotives, steel iron, machinery, silks, linens, hosiery, worsted and other products find a market in turn down by the Rio Grande. Pretty nearly everything the people of Texas need to buy outside their own State is to be had right here. The Texas executive is making friends in the East."

The Boston Evening Transcript, one of the oldest newspapers in New England, remarks of the fact that the visit of the Texas did much to disabuse the popular idea that the people of Texas were cowboys and frontiersmen. "President Coolidge told some people in South Dakota the other day that they were very much like Vermonters," says the Transcript. "These visitors from Texas gave evidence that the people of their State are very much like the people of New England. There is marked family resemblance in dress, manners and tastes. They come from the same kind of homes. They do business in the same sort of buildings, save that in Texas the law permits taller structures than are permissible in Boston. If the Texas of the days of covered wagons has not been as completely relegated as the Massachusetts of the era of Indian wars, it is fast approaching that condition."

Similar expressions have appeared and are appearing in many other newspapers in Eastern centers, and in addition to this special article on the tour are appearing in weekly and monthly publications. Two illustrated articles, with views of the sky lines of Dallas and Fort Worth and of the sea wall at Galveston, were printed in the Chicago Commerce, publication of the Chicago Association of Commerce, and similar articles appeared in The Kansas Citian the publication of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce. New York has issued a special edition, giving twenty-four pages to the Texas tour, and the American Banker, of New York, the Manufacturers' Record of Baltimore and many others. All of this is in addition to the daily reports carried by newspapers throughout the United States during the tour and the full reports of speeches by Governor Moody and other Texan speakers by local newspapers in the cities visited. The All-Texas Committee on Ways and Means estimates that at least two thousand columns have been printed about the tour and its object of presenting Texas to the country. The circulation of the publications in which this publicity has appeared is difficult to estimate, it is certainly more than twenty millions in the opinion of the committee.

Mrs. C. R. Miller returned recently from Berger and will remain here permanently with her mother, Mrs. Morgan. Mr. and Mrs. Miller went to the oil fields early in the boom days. However, we understand that the 'bubble has busted' at points in the oil belt and people are drifting to greener fields. The Panhandle oil boom was the biggest ever staged in the history of oil developments. We failed to visit the Panhandle, but did have occasion to visit Ranger, Eastland and Breckenridge during the height of the oil boom there and the Panhandle eclipsed Ranger and it must have been a 'hummer.'

J. Hickman was in Spur the week from his farm home on the plains near McAdoo. He informed us that conditions at this time are most promising for bumper crop yields. The fact is that not only crop conditions, but marketing and all other conditions are now most promising, and if something unforeseen don't arise to prevent it pay our taxes and meet the interest on our indebtedness if not the principal. Come to Dickens county. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Shyden, of near Dickens, were in Spur Tuesday morning of this week.

R. J. Woods, of north of Spur, was circulating among the crowds in the city the past week. T. M. Green, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday, meeting with his friends of this part of the county. He reports everything in good shape, even the political horizon. D. D. Hagins, of Duck Creek, was greeting friends among the crowds in Spur Saturday.

The two daughters of Mrs. W. L. Frank Smith and wife are now arranging to take a trip to a higher climate for the benefit of their little child who has been ill and in a bad condition for some time. It is hoped that the trip will result in completely restoring the health of the child.

County Commissioner Charlie Perrin, of the Wichita community, was transacting county affairs in Spur one day last week. Charlie reports everything in fine shape with bumper crops and prosperity ahead.

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Mrs. C. W. Barrett and Miss Morrison entertained their Sunday school classes Thursday afternoon with a picnic on Duck Creek, serving the class members with cake, fruits and a sumptuous picnic lunch.

Mrs. W. E. Putman has been suffering of very painful eye troubles this week.

W. E. Putman has been to Pyote this week.

Roy Stovall this week purchased the Spur Cream & Bottling Works of M. E. Manning.

C. B. Jones returned this week from Honolulu.

W. M. Byrd, of northeast of Spur, was on the streets Saturday meeting with friends in the crowds here that day.

Mrs. Thelma Gourcassat, of Texico, New Mexico, is in Spur this week, visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Harkey at their home to the west of Spur.

Clyde Reynolds, of just south of Spur, was in the city Saturday. He is selling off his chickens and other surplus crops on his place at this time, stating that he intends to move the first of the year to the Plains where he has employment.

Tobe Maben, of the 24-Ranch settlement, came in Wednesday of this week with another load of watermelons for the Spur market. The 24-Ranch settlement is evidently a melon producing section, since Mr. Maben, as well as others of that section, has been bringing in melons since the beginning of the season for such products.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harris visited in Slaton this week.

W. S. Leach was greeting his many friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Snider and last week from an extended trip through Colorado and other states on into California. They have been gone several weeks and report a most pleasant and enjoyable trip.

## Dickens County Defeats Amendments by Majority Vote of 6 to 1

The proposed Constitutional Amendments voted upon throughout the state August first were overwhelmingly defeated with a majority of three or four to one with not more than one-sixth of the people voting.

In Dickens county the propositions were defeated by a majority of six to one. There were a total of 2,044 votes polled, 1,744 being against the amendments and 300 for the amendments. Highway went solid against the propositions, 11 to nothing; Liberty 3 to 11 against; Red Hill 2 to 23 against; and Dickens 9 to 54 against—with all other boxes at the same ratio.

W. D. Wilson and family left last Saturday for the mountains of Colorado where they will spend their summer vacation.

R. M. Slack was here the past week from the Cat Fish section of country.

## Spur Experiment Station Has Best Showing of Crops in its History

Last week we had the pleasure of driving out with Superintendent R. E. Dickson and looking over the growing crops and viewing the improvement work being done on the Spur Experiment Station.

At this time the Spur Experiment Station has the very finest crops that has been grown since the establishment of the station soon after the opening of Spur and the settlement of Spur Farm Lands.

On the station this year there are approximately two thousand experiment tests in progress, including not only the variety of experiments in the different cottons and grain sorghums, but soil and water tests together with land preparation and methods of cultivation. Mr. Dickson has been developing for years a cotton best adapted to this climate, soil and prevailing weather conditions. The development work of this cotton has now reached the stage where it is being tested more thoroughly, he having a block of fifty acres planted this year with this "improved Mebane" seed, and which is as fine as any ever grown here, giving promise of a yield of more than a bale to the acre at this time with the probability of bringing a premium on staple from the markets.

During the year the Experiment farm has been terraced with the result that practically all the rain that falls is retained on the farm, there being no unnecessary loss of either moisture or soils. In the water tests being made it has developed that terraced lands not only lose the moisture but also a large percentage of the soil by washing. The tests also include the loss of water by evaporation as well as by drainage—and all of which is a revelation even to those more familiar with such matters.

The varied experiments and water and other tests being conducted at the Spur Station are of material importance to the country, and every farmer should make it a point to visit the station a number of times each year. It will be worth your while.

## County Anti-Theft Association Will be Organized in Dickens

County Agent Reynolds is cooperating with Capper's Farmer of Topeka, Kansas, which publication is sponsoring a nation-wide movement, in the organization of anti-theft associations in suppressing the theft of farm products with special reference to poultry and including feed and all other farm products and items of value. The method employed by the association will be to mark, brand or tattoo poultry and hogs for positive identification by the owner, and through rewards offered and the cooperation of all organizations together with officers, make it almost impossible to 'get by' with the theft of anything owned by association members.

Within the next few weeks Mr. Reynolds will call a meeting of farmers of the entire county for the purpose of organizing a Dickens County Anti-Theft Association. The membership fee, we understand, will be a dollar per member, which entitles the member to all the privileges, advantages and protection against theft by the cooperative associations throughout the state and nation. In view of its benefits and protection at a minimum cost, very likely every farmer in the county will become charter members of the association to be organized in Dickens county.

T. C. Willis of the Antelope section of country, was here the past week meeting with his friends and acquaintances.

Ben Eldredge, of McAdoo, was in Spur Tuesday, reporting a half inch or more of rain at McAdoo Monday of this week. This rain will make crops.

## Boy Scouts Returned Wednesday From Ten Days Camp at Post

Scout Master A. G. Abbott returned Wednesday of this week with his eighteen Boy Scouts from Post City Lake where they had been on a ten days camp.

Scout Master Abbott reported that the boys enjoyed the ten days camping and outing, but that they were prepared to return to their homes at the appointed hour. The program was to leave camps at eight o'clock Wednesday morning, Scout Master Abbott reporting that some of the boys were up at four or five o'clock, rolling their bedding and having all equipments in readiness long before the hour of departure.

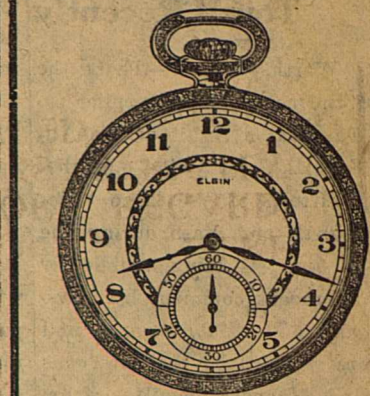
There were one hundred and four boys in camp for this first session, and probably as many have been enrolled for the second ten days which immediately follows the first ten days encampment.

Among the boys attending from Spur were John J. Payne, Luther Garner, Raymond and Lewis Denton, Adrian Rickles, Morris Laine, C.W. Barrett, William Rogers, Morris Collett, Brittain Forbis, Pike Nichols, Jack Blackwell, John King, Truman Moore, Marion Christal, Jack Senning, Jack Hargrove, Tom Verner.

The Spur Scouts won first place in tent inspection upon their arrival in camp. The boys had ten tents on the grounds, being the largest delegation in attendance from any other point.

## Afton Farmer Prospers Through Diversified Farming Interests

M. S. Faver, of east of Afton, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reported a nice shower of rain in his section Monday which benefitted feed crops and possibly contributed to the bumper cotton crops now maturing. Mr. Faver is a member of Dickens County Bull Circle. He has six fine milk cows from which he now furnishes milk and butter for the family table with a surplus of ten or eleven dollars worth of cream sold each month. Aside from his cows, Mr. Faver raises fine mules, horses and hogs, with his cotton crop as a surplus. He extended us an urgent invitation to visit his farm home, and at the first opportunity we intend to go out and eat watermelon with him while we view his fine stock and farm surroundings.



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## W. R. Lewis Plays Cowboy Again a Few Days in New Mexico

The first of the past week W. R. Lewis and family returned from New Mexico where they had gone with the intention of enjoying a summer vacation and taking a few days or weeks of complete rest, recreation, and days free from care and worry. However, upon their arrival at his brother's ranch home up in the mountains of New Mexico, the brother was found incapacitated and suffering of a broken leg and his ranch work going by default, therefore Mr. Lewis discarded his vacation apparel, donned the cowboy wardrobe, swung a lariat on the horn of his saddle and rode out on the range and with help of neighbor cowmen branded four or five hundred calves. In earlier days Mr. Lewis familiarized himself with such work, the grocery business being an adopted business upon converting West Texas ranges into farms.

We have no doubt but that this "vacation" was the most enjoyable that could have been had by an old ex-cowpuncher.

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