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Federal Aid Application Blanks Mailed Monday

Word was received here today by the local committee of the Federal Drouth Aid Loan, that application blanks had been mailed on Monday of this week and would probably be received here the latter part of this week.

The Federal Drouth Aid Loan fund of \$45,000,000 had been appropriated to aid farmers who made a crop failure the past year to make a crop this year. The loans are to be made on 5 per cent interest charge and the crop to be made is to be accepted as collateral.

Messrs. Geo. S. Link, W. B. Lee, and S. R. Bowman compose the local committee to handle the applications for loans. They state that the application blanks have already been received in several drouth stricken communities and are expected to arrive here any day. Applications will be filed immediately upon their arrival.

Ginning Report Shows 13,592,104 Bales of Cotton Ginned

Washington, Jan. 23.—Cotton of the 1930 crop ginned prior to Jan. 16 was announced Friday by the Census Bureau to have totaled 13,592,104 running bales, including 513,364 round bales, counted as half bales and excluding linters. To that date last year 14,176,936 running bales, including 558,984 round bales, and in the previous year 13,889,972 running bales were ginned.

Ginnings by States to Jan. 16 this year were:

Alabama, 1,436,610; Arkansas, 858,976; Arizona, 138,423; California, 230,619; Florida, 50,732; Mississippi, 1,450,182; Missouri, 151,955; New Mexico, 94,065; North Carolina, 780,119; Oklahoma, 851,521; South Carolina, 998,507; Tennessee, 367,561; Texas, 3,853,293; Virginia, 41,635, and all other States, 6.0 1.

PEACEFUL HILL CLUB MEETING HELD FRIDAY

The peaceful Hill Home Demonstration club met at the home of Mrs. Lynn Rankin, Friday, Jan. 23, with nine members and three visitors present. The lesson was discussed by all the members, after which all adjourned to meet the second Friday in February at the home of Mrs. W. O. Slack. The next lesson will be on 'The Children's Reading Hour in the Home.'—Reporter.

NEWS FROM DRY LAKE FOUR-H CLUB GIRLS

The 4-H Club girls of Dry Lake met with Miss Osborne January 22nd.

There were eight present, two of which were new members. Miss Zelma Aston and Miss Prichett. Three of the girls had their pillow cases almost completed.

We are in hopes we will all have our pillow cases completed next club day which will be Feb. 12. We meet every second and fourth Thursdays. We urge every girl or woman needs.

So come on girls and let's make our club the best.

Mr. Glenn, of the Roaring Springs country, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of the week.

Joe Long, of Sanders Pharmacy, spent the past week in Albany and other points on business.

Mrs. Pleas Curd is spending the week in Stamford the guest of her sister, Mes. J. D. Curd.

Mrs. Jim McArthur and children are spending the week with relatives at Big Spring.

Delinquent Tax Penalties Delayed To October 15th.

Austin, Jan. 28.—Three days before the final date for paying taxes under the present law, the legislature today passed a bill which would keep taxes from becoming delinquent until October 15.

The only thing which stood between the proposal and its enactment into law was the signature of Gov. Ross E. Sterling, and proponents of the bill expressed confidence he would approve it, probably tomorrow.

In order to encourage tax payments as soon as possible the legislature included in its bill a provision that the taxes would start drawing 10 per cent interest February 1. Another provision, for persons who can pay only half but not all of their taxes at this time, sets out that the taxes may be paid in two installments.

Most of the large corporations are expected to pay their taxes before February 1, in order to avoid the interest charges. Several of them already had promised prompt payment.

Welfare Ass'n. Is Organized At Dickens Sat. 24

A number of business men and citizens of Dickens met Saturday evening and organized a Welfare Association to help care for the ones that are in need of clothing, medicine, and any other articles. There were a great number of pledges made to help carry out each month with a contribution. Clothing has been coming in and those that are in need of them call at the Dickens Lumber company's office. If cannot come in, notify the Welfare Association and they will be glad to bring relief at once.

J. H. Meadors was elected president; Fred Arrington, secretary-treasurer; and Cecil Meadors, Mrs. J. D. Gipson, and Mrs. Z. W. Fowler, committeemen.

Methodist Missionary Society

The Womens Missionary Society met Monday at 3 P. M. Opening Hymn 33. Scripture by Mrs. J. P. Simmons. Missionary Voice lesson by Mesdames Foster, McCrary, Snider, Smart, Twaddell, Barrett.

The following were present: Mesdames Vaughn, Watson, Snider, McCrary, Rogers, C. Hogan, Smart, Powell, Joplin, Barber, Rawlings, Morris, Barrett, Ince, Foster, Twaddell, Campbell, Simmons, Hargrove, Laine, Mayfield, and Miss Etta Fite.

There are forty members in this Society. If you were not here we missed you very much and need you.

We are to meet next Monday for an all day quilting with Mrs. J. M. Foster. Come with covered dish as well as needle, thimble and scissors.—Reporter.

Miss Jewell Brashear is in the city the guest of her sister, Miss Alice Brashear.

Mesdames Roy Harkey and Ed Ripley returned this week from a visit with friends in Oklahoma.

Dave Taylor and family have moved back to Spur from Afton where Dave has been managing a mercantile business the past year.

G. W. McLaughlin, of the Plains country, was among the business visitors to Spur the first of this week.

W. H. Condon, of six miles to the northeast of Spur, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday. He reports everything progressing very nicely at this time—considering every thing.

Farmers And Home-Makers Short Course, Lubbock, Feb. 10, 11 and 12

Lubbock, Jan. 30.—The men's program for the third annual Texas Tech Farmers and Home Makers Short Course, which will be held at the college in Lubbock on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 10, 11 and 12th, is complete and includes the greatest variety of agricultural topics that any previous program has carried.

The first day will be devoted to market problems, the second day to soil and crop improvement problems, and the third day to livestock and feeding.

In addition to the men's program the women will have separate meetings each of the three days.

Dave Taylor Buys Grocery at Dickens

Dave Taylor of this city has purchased the F. C. Coker Grocery store of Dickens and is at this time in charge of same.

Mr. Taylor needs no introduction to the people of this county; and we would not undertake to tell you of his ability as a groceryman. For a number of years he was with the Bryant-Link company of Spur, and is numbered among the best grocerymen that we have in the county.

He tells us he wants to serve the people and to give them the best merchandise at lower prices.

COUNTY AGENT READY FOR BEEF KILLING AND CUTTING DEMONSTRATION

E. L. Tanner, county agent spent two days in Guthrie at the 6666 ranch this week where he was trained by a specialist of the A. & M. College in how to kill, cut and prepare beefs for canning or curing. This work is being put on by a man whom the college has employed to train its agents all over the state in the best way to get beef ready for the housewife.

"It is going to be hard on the Jersey steer calves from now on," said Mr. Tanner on his return Wednesday, "if the farmers of the county want to get what a calf is worth the only place to put him is in a can. Steaks, roasts, soup chili, and corned beef will be the result. Any one wanting a demonstration can have it. If you have a calf to can and have no canner, drop by the office and see me or Miss Osborne."

Seed Tested Free By State Ag. Dept.

Austin, Jan. 30.—To assure a high percentage of plants from seeds, farmers were urged today by J. C. McDonald, state commissioner of agriculture, to avail themselves of the free germination testing service of the state department of agriculture.

Seeds sent to Miss Wynona Robbins in the seed testing laboratory, or to J. F. McClung, chief of the division, will be tested for growing qualities and purity, and the planters notified of the results. This division does not test for varietal purity.

More than 4,000 persons sent samples to the department last year.

"HOOVER HAM"

A wayfarer stopped at a farm house and asked if he might have something to eat. He was told that he was welcome to share what little they had.

He was served jack-rabbit stew. It was tough and stringy and gristly, but the guest was hungry and his teeth were strong, so he cleaned his plate and leaned back to rest.

"Won't you have some more of the Hoover Ham?" asked the host.—Contributed.

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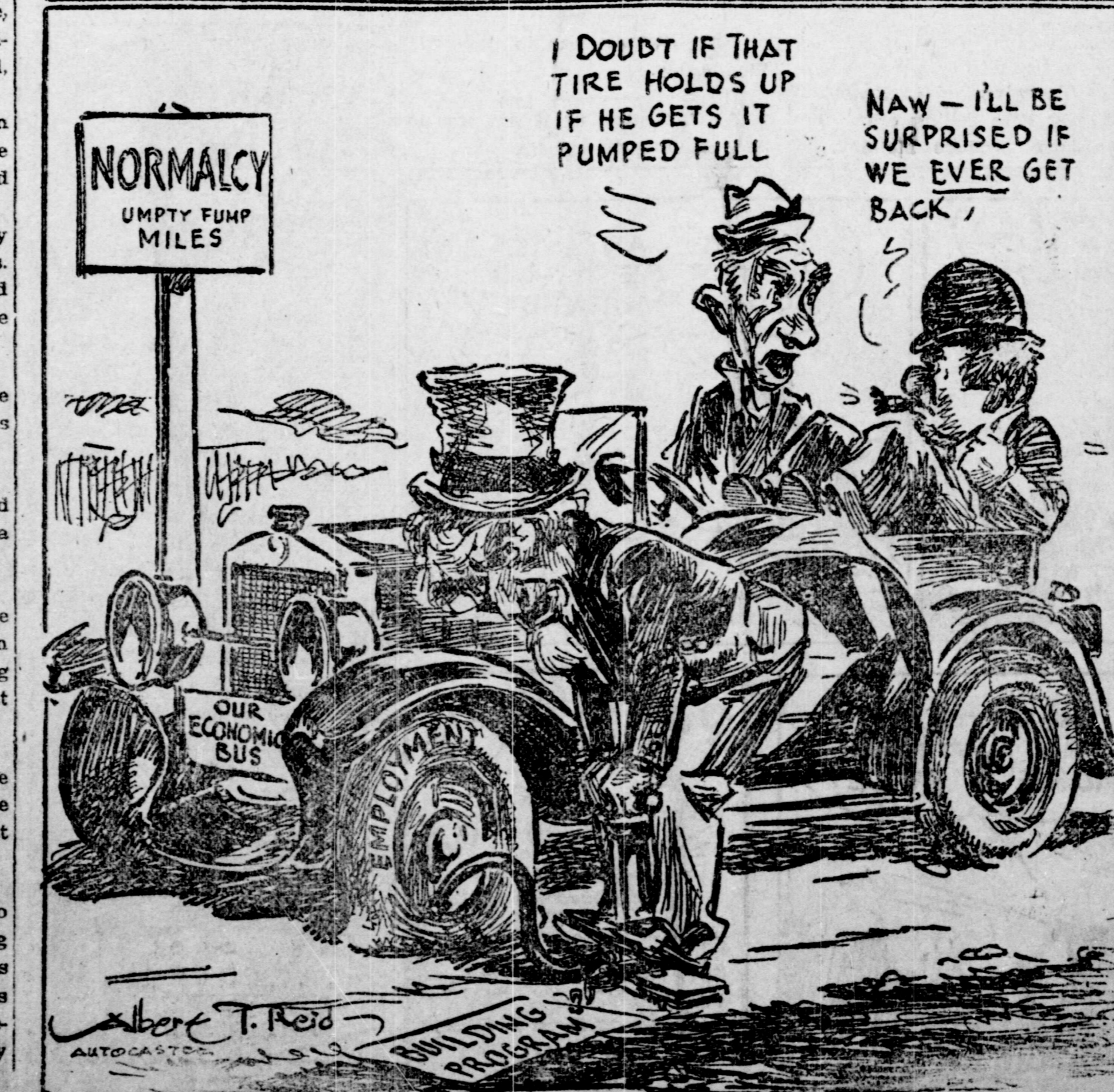
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MRS. DUNN and Boys

Don't Leave All the Work to Uncle Sam

By Albert T Reid



Officers Raid Distillery Near Afton This Week

Sheriff Arthur and Deputy Nickels report the raiding of a distillery Sunday in the north part of the county and the seizure of seven gallons of corn whiskey and seven or eight barrels of mash. It is said the distillery was a make-shift affair made of an oil or gasoline drum.

Little Pauline Bennett Buried in Spur Last Saturday

Pauline, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bennett of Glendale, Arizona, died Friday morning of last week at the Lubbock Sanitarium, the remains being brought to Spur for interment Saturday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett and family moved to Arizona in hopes of benefitting the child's health, upon the recommendation of physicians. D. A. Bennett is the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett of Spur, Mrs. Bennett being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCulloch now of Afton but formerly of Spur, and were reared and married in the Spur country.

The many friends and acquaintances of the families join with them in their sorrow and bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Bennett returned the latter part of this week to their home in Glendale.

ENTRE NOUS CLUB IS ENTERTAINED

At the first regular meeting of the year the Entre Nous club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dixon with Mesdames Dixon and Leo Clingman as joint hostesses.

After the games a very attractive plate lunch was served the guests. The guest list for this gala 42 party included Messrs. and Mesdames Webber Williams, R. R. Wooten, J. S. Harrison, Leo Clingman, Frank Laverly, B. F. Hale, D. L. Jones, W. D. Wilson, R. E. Dixon, and Mesdames Geo. M. Williams, John King, Senning, and Sol Davis.—Reporter.

Mr. Hagood, of Olney, Texas, spent several days of last week visiting in the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Huse Butler, of the Red Mud country.

Sullivan Residence Burned Friday Nite

The residence of Spencer Sullivan in the west section of the city and occupied by J. B. Britton, was destroyed by fire Friday night. The house and household effects were a complete loss and were not covered by insurance.

Dickens Girls Win Tournament At Quitaque

Dickens is very glad to report the good success of the girl's basketball team at Quitaque last week. After playing Tulia, Hedley and Childress, they went into the finals to play Quitaque and were defeated. Then played Gasoline for third place. The team made many friends and most every team boosted for them. We were very glad that the interest the Childress team and booster team had for us, as they paraded the town in a truck and yelled for Dickens.—Reporter.

Boys Basketball Tournament at Dickens Jan. 28, 29, 30, and 31

The Dickens High School boys Basketball Tournament will be held Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, Jan. 28, 29, 30 and 31. Twenty four teams have entered including some of the best teams in the country and some of the best games to be played in West Texas this season will be played during the Dickens Tournament.

More trophies and awards have been provided than has yet been offered at any tournament in the country this year. Both a trophy and gold basket balls will be given to the winning team, a trophy and silver balls will be given to the runner up team, a trophy for a consolation prize, and a trophy for the team of best sports. Dennis Vinzant, the veteran referee of the South Plains will call the games.

Following is a list of schools entered to date: Roby, Esteline, Crosbyton, Seymour, O'Brien, Matador, Dumont, Williams High School, Vera, Girard, Jayton, Lorenzo Dowell Consolidated School, Royston, Dickens, McAdoo, Afton, Croton, Highway, Midway, Dry Lake, and Steel Hill.

Belle Bennett Missionary Society

The Belle Bennett Missionary Society met Monday afternoon at 3:30 at the Methodist Church with good attendance.

A most interesting program taken from the Missionary Voice was lead by Mrs. Sam Z. Hall with mesdames Dyess, Stack, Mac Brown, and Hart discussing the various relations of Stewardship.

In spite of the fact that this Society is young and is working under many handicaps, it is doing splendid work. Along with Religious studies the Society is doing its bit in connection with the Red Cross and Welfare Association, quite a number of worth while donations having been made.

The Society is doing what it can to help at this time and one of the "money raisers" is the selling of "skidoo," a kitchen cleanser.

This Society is growing both in number and interest, and urges that all who are interested in studying about Christ, our Missions and in the furthering of the local cause be present Monday afternoon at 3:30 in the basement of the Methodist Church.—Rep.

J. H. Hooper, of Twin Wells, was in town Wednesday selling mustard greens and other products from his farm. He has a fine field of wheat, but states that the wild geese are eating up the crop from his stock.

Another Big Rain Falls Tuesday And Wednesday

One half inch or more rain fell in Spur and vicinity Tuesday and Wednesday of this week making the prospects for a good crop the coming year more certain.

During the past month or so this entire section has had an abundance of rain, completely breaking the drouth and laying a bottom season for another year. The weather has been unusually warm and wheat and winter pasturage crops as well as grass over the section are greatly benefited.

Meeting Saturday To Sell Certified Seed in County

All farmers of Dickens county, are urgently requested to attend a meeting in Spur Saturday morning at ten-thirty in the theatre for the purpose of lining out a plan for getting cotton seed for the coming year. This meeting is not only important to those farmers who will get a federal loan on this year's crop, but it is important to every farmer in the county. Cotton in Dickens county is in the most run out condition it has ever been in and now is the time to throw together for good seed in carload lots. The best seed that money can buy—namely the seed you have been paying \$3.00 per bushel for—will be offered at \$1.50 per bushel laid down here says the county agent.

When interviewed by a representative of this paper the county agent had the following to say: "Cotton is our money crop and while I have not received at this time the instructions as to what policy the government will follow in making loans to farmers I feel pretty sure that they will require the planting seed to be of the best obtainable even if the loans have to be made correspondingly bigger as that will be a greater guarantee of their getting their money back next fall. I feel sure that the thing to do is to feed all these bolly seed that are in the country or sell them and buy good seed to plant. And the only way to get good seed at a reasonable price is to throw together and bring them here in carload lots.

"Saturday we hope to get things lined up. Let farmers handle their own business; get what they need listed Saturday, and put in the orders. Ninety-nine percent of all state certified seed will be represented in that meeting Saturday!

W. B. Lee, of the Spur National Bank had the following to say: "This is the greatest opportunity Dickens county has had since I came to the county to solve one of its most pressing problems, namely the getting of enough real cotton seed at one throw to bring us back to a staple market like it was a few years ago. I urge every farmer in the county to be present next Saturday at ten-thirty to hear and see just what can be done.

FOUR-H CLUB OF DRY LAKE MEET THURSDAY

The 4-H Club women met Jan. 22nd.

The club was reorganized and the following are new officers: Mrs. John Sandling, president; Mrs. John Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Jim Smith, secretary; Miss Ollie Hairgrove, reporter; Miss Eula Smith and Ollie Hairgrove council members.

There were nine members present, eight of which were old members and one new.

Eight joined the Pantry contest.

With Miss Osborne's help, we canned wheat for the welfare of the Red Cross association.

We will meet again February 12 and will welcome everybody who wishes to come and join us.—Reporter.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Goen were in Spur Monday from their ranch home to the northwest of Dickens, spending several hours here shopping and on business.

We Invite You to Dine With Us When in Town
The Best Meals In The City At "Hard Times" Prices!
HIGHWAY CAFE

W. M. Byrd, of northeast of Spur, was among the business visitors on the streets Monday of this week.

C. R. Bennett, of Gilpin, was in Spur one day the past week trading and meeting with his acquaintances and friends of town and country.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF GLEN STEWART

The little smile that has brightened the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stewart for seven years is now a permanent one. Sunshine has been hidden by the shadow of death when God called his own home to rest.

Glen, the smallest child of this family, bravely fought diphtheria which he contracted on December 28, and it was thought that he had won, but the disease reared upon his heart, and despite untiring efforts of loving hands and medical skill, on the 13th of January he left those earthly pains and sufferings.

Glen leaves a host of friends large and small, at both Spur and Edgewood. He left those friends at Spur when a year ago he, along with the family, moved to Edgewood but the remembrances of them were so vivid in his mind that he very often found occasion to talk of them. At Edgewood he formed many friends, including his first schoolmates, four of whom paid their last tribute to their little pal by acting as pall bearers.

Little Glens short stay with his loved ones and friends on earth limited his school days to one-half term. During these few years it has been he who was the first to daily greet the brothers and sisters and give them that happy feeling of being home again from a day's work at school until the present year during which he has journeyed along with them. It has been on him that joined devotions of a large, appreciative family have been bestowed, and it was that watchful care that has been the rooting of his manly habits and his deep-seated love and respect for those about him. No child ever received cherished affections with more heart-felt intensity than did this little fellow.

Howard Glen Stewart was born on April 8, 1923, at Edgewood, Texas and lived to be seven years, ten months and five days of age. He was the ninth child and third son.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p. m. at the First Baptist Church, Edgewood, Texas, with Dr. Loving, retired pastor thereof, officiating and his remains were interred in the Small cemetery.

The bereaved are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stewart, Ernest, Madell, Doris, Reba, Leda,

and Alton of Edgewood, and Mrs. Oran Nichols and Eva Belle, of Dallas.

A. L. Walker, of Twin Wells, was in the city Thursday of this week and presented us with a dollar fifty for The Texas Spur for another year.

Mrs. Joe Shelby Clay, of Abilene, is in the city visiting with her father, Frank Goff and family.

A. W. Jordan was among those who attended court in Crosbyton the past week.

W. G. Ousley, district manager of the West Texas Utilities company, was in Spur the past week.

John D. Hufstader, of the Dockum Valley Farm, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday.

Cecil Scott, of the Duck Creek country, was on the streets Tuesday.

D. G. Simmons, of Duck Creek was here trading and on other business Monday.

W. D. Blair, of east of Spur, was on the streets Tuesday of this week.

A. C. George, of Highway, was among those in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Mrs. E. E. Cowan, of east of Spur, underwent an operation last week. She is recovering satisfactorily.

L. L. Arnold, of Duck Creek, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

Boney Scott was in town last week from his farm in the Watson community.

Bill McArthur was on the streets Wednesday.

L. B. McMeans, of the Twin Wells community, was here Wednesday, transacting business affairs.

A. J. Ritchey, who is this year farming his places on Croton, was in town Tuesday.

Joe Thornton, of southwest of Spur, was here selling cream and other farm produce Monday.

W. B. Lee made a trip this week to Houston, we understand, to investigate the reason why the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank is not more liberal and more prompt in granting loans through the local credit bank formed in Dickens county to aid drought sufferers in this territory. Notwithstanding the fact that the local loan association has been in operation several weeks, we are informed that no money has yet been received from Houston on locally approved loans.

George B. Erath, of south of Spur, was on the streets Tuesday of this week, meeting with his friends.

C. P. Auflil, public weigher of McAdoo, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Sam Koonsman, of the Croton country, was buying supplies in Spur Tuesday.

Dudley Ellis, of Swenson, was in Spur the first of the week, visiting among friends here.

Mrs. J. J. Hall returned recently from a visit with her sons at Cisco and Throckmorton.

Dr. Morris has been sick during the week, suffering of influenza.

Mat Howell, of Cat Fish, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday.

W. H. Cartwright, of north of Spur, was here today, transacting business and greeting friends.

Mrs. Eric Ousley was operated Monday of this week. Reports are that she is doing nicely.

W. F. Cathey, of near Dickens, was among the business visitors in Spur during the week.

Harvey S. Holly, of near Dickens, was in the city the first of the week.

Ab Fry, of Cat Fish, was in Spur Thursday of this week.

Mrs. Vere de Vere: "I'm inviting a professor of romance languages to our dance this evening."

Her daughter: "That's wonderful of you mother. Is he going to croon for us?"

"What is your brother in college?"

"A halfback."

"I mean in studies."

"Oh, in studies he's away back."

Neighbor: Is this your ball, Tommy?

Tommy: Any windows broken?

Neighbor: No.

Tommy: Thank you. It's mine.

An American farmer was interviewing a negro who applied for work.

"Are you familiar with mules the negro was asked."

"No sah," was the reply. "Neb hab been. Ah knows too much about dem to be familiar wid dem."

Ned Bowers was in the city Wednesday.

A. C. Gentry, of Elton, was in Spur trading the past week.

Question? Answer Question? Answer

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We this week received a letter from O. A. (Red Mud) Lambert, formerly manager of the Pitchfork Ranch, requesting that the Texas Spur hereafter be mailed to him at Crowell, stating that he is now employed as manager of the Hassell Ranch near that place. Red Mud Lambert was raised here in this Western country—among the cattle—and he naturally knows the cattle and ranching business—and if anybody can he will pull the Hassell ranch through this depressing period.

Albert Power, of Afton, was here the first of the week, transacting business affairs. Albert Power is the originator of the "West Texas Mortgage Lifter" cotton. The seed are produced on his Afton farm, cleaned, culled and state tested each year—and notwithstanding criticism of Half and Half cotton, and propaganda of seed salesmen of other cotton, Mr. Power claims his Mortgage Lifter seed will produce more staple and bring the producer more money per acre than any other cotton that may be grown.

Each week we have some evidence that Texas Spur advertising brings results. Last week we solicited and encouraged advertisements for the sale of used cars. The Foley Motor Company took advantage of the opportunity and this week informed us that quite a number of prospective buyers had called to inspect their used car bargains and that at least one sale had been consummated as a direct result of the advertisement. Mr. Embrey, of McAdoo bought one of the cars.

Newt Kidd, of Dry Lake, was in town Tuesday. He says that since he can't get money without mortgaging his wife, having his feet and hands tied, muzzled for three years, and paying an exorbitant rate of interest—he merely arranged for a round of purgative and returned home.

J. J. Randall was in town one day this week. He just recently returned from other sections of the country where he had gone seeking employment. He said he could find plenty work but that what he earned was required to live.

Awake Half the Night Weak and in Pain

Night after night I could not sleep," writes Mrs. Mary J. Roberts, 117 West Franklin St., Raleigh, N. C. "I would lie awake half the night. I was dizzy and weak, suffered frequently with pains in my side and small part of my back. "When I was a girl, my mother gave me Cardui, and it did me so much good, I thought I would try it again. I took five bottles, and I feel like a new person. "I think it is fine. I would advise every woman who is weak to try Cardui, for it has certainly put me on my feet."

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CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to all those who kindly and so faithfully assisted us in the long illness and death of our darling little Pauline.

Words cannot express our gratitude to Drs. Nichols and Blackwell of Spur, and Drs. Krueger, Overton and Malone of Lubbock Sanitarium, for their expert administrations to her, and the faithful nurses who did everything in their power to alleviate her suffering and save her life. Also we are deeply grateful to all our other friends and sympathizers in Lubbock. Most especially do we thank Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Tatum Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Tatum, Miss Audrey Tatum, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Smelser and Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schantz, who so faithfully assisted us and so freely opened their hearts and homes to us in our time of need, and for the beautiful floral offerings which were contributed by our friends from Lubbock and Spur. As long as life shall last we will be grateful to Rev. and Mrs. F. G. Rodgers and all our other neighbors and friends of Spur, for their loving sympathy and kindness and for their thoughtfulness in preparing dinner and supper for us the day of her burial. We shall never forget the kindness of those who met us at Lubbock and so kindly conveyed the body of our loved one to his last resting place, and Mr. Webber Williams who so kindly assisted us through the last sad rites. May God's richest blessings abide with you all forever.—Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Bennett, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett, W. C. Bennett, Aubrey Bennett, Harmon Bennett, Mary Bural.

Several weeks ago W. R. Murchison, of Wichita, advertised in The Texas Spur for a lost wheel of a wheel chair. Last Saturday the wheel was brought in—another direct evidence that The Texas Spur is widely read and that advertising in its columns brings results.

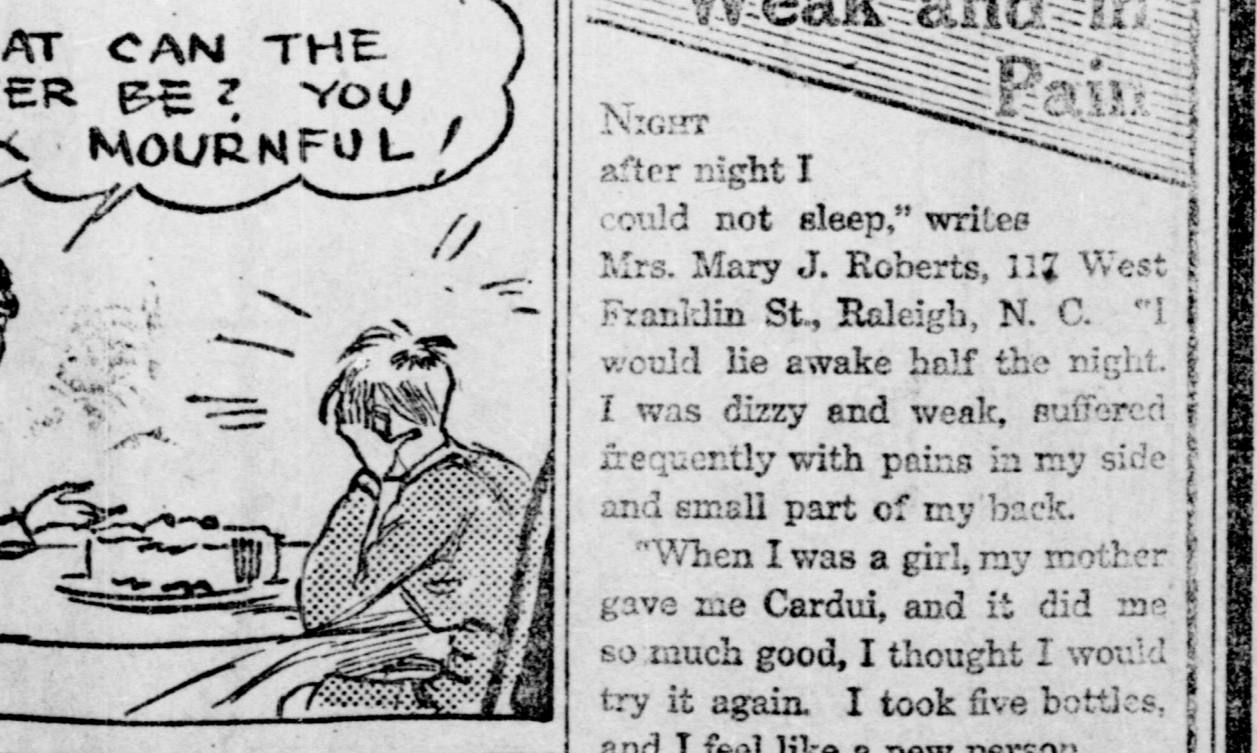
J. L. Hutto, of Dry Lake, was on the streets Tuesday.

Glasses that Add to your Appearance!

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OW-OW!

CHOKER BACK A SOB FOR WILLIE ROE HE WENT SKATING AND FROZE HIS TOE!

SEND PINKY A UNCLE!

OOCH'S
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 is
REAT!

Spur Barber Shop

GIVE US A TRIAL!
Tub and Shower Baths
 —GEORGE & ALLDREDGE

Waco District Clerk Praises Crazy Water

Says For Stomach Troubles Crazy Water Has No Equal

I first started using Crazy Water thirty years ago for stomach trouble and in a short time I found my trouble gone.

When I first came to Mineral Wells, I could eat nothing containing eggs, sweet milk, and a few other foods, but after being here a week, I ate anything placed before me.

I have been coming back to Mineral Wells every year since then, and regard Crazy Water at Mineral Wells, Texas, as the best water on earth for stomach trouble and all kinds of nervous trouble.

R. V. McCLAIN,
 Dist. Clerk Past Thirty Years
 Waco, Texas.

The new million dollar Crazy Water Hotel at Mineral Wells, Texas, covers an entire block of ground. It is modern, fire-proof and complete in every detail. It is natural to think it would be expensive to stop at this magnificent Hotel; yet, you can enjoy its genuine hospitality, pleasing service and receive the benefits of the Crazy Mineral Water Treatment at very reasonable rates. Write them for full and complete information.

NEW LITIGATION OVER CITY PLANT

The city of Wagoner, Oklahoma, is in a tangled skein of litigation with Fairbanks Morse & Company as a result of the installation of a Diesel engine at the municipal ownership electric plant. Meantime, the city has entered into a contract with the Public Service Company of Oklahoma for electric service for a period of not to exceed six months.

The issues in this series of law suits begins with the vote at the election of 1927 at which the city committed itself, or thought it had committed itself, to the installation of this city-owned plant. At that election a total of 662 votes were polled, of which 376 votes were cast for municipal ownership and the Fairbanks-Morse proposition, and 286 against it. Although a majority of the votes cast did not meet the requirements of the state constitution which holds that three-fifths of the total number of votes polled shall be necessary to determine a question of this sort. On this point alone the supreme court of the state declares the contract made by and between the city and Fairbanks Morse & Company is void.

Incidentally, S. L. Hatfield, a member of the Public Ownership Guild, and others, citizens of Wagoner, Oklahoma, sought by injunction to restrain the city from contracting with the Public Service Company for electric service, but they were defeated. After the company had connected its lines with the town and begun to supply its service under the contract

Hatfield and his associates brought a second injunction suit to restrain the city from paying out any money to the Public Service Company under this contract. The court also denied this application, so the city is receiving its service from this company.

Fairbanks Morse & Company, according to its usual custom, accepted the city's notes or pledge orders in payment for its Diesel engine plant. The city had paid a total of \$20,332.03. The litigation passing from the state court to the federal court now takes the form of a suit by Fairbanks Morse & Company to force payment by the city of notes taken to secure payment of the equipment furnished and a counter suit by the city for damages on account of alleged unfair advantages taken of the city by Fairbanks Morse & Company in the matter of the price charged; for \$7,770 which the city alleges the Fairbanks Morse & Company "fraudulently" induced the city officers to pay out of the sinking fund of the city and for this \$20,332.03 with interest at 6 percent, the amount of payments made on the purchase contract and finally the city sues for the cancellation of the remaining pledge orders.

City Complains of Overcharge
The city alleges that Fairbanks Morse & Company overcharged its commissioners for the equipment "offering to sell similar engines, equipment, etc., to other persons, including municipalities engaged in the business of manufacturing electric power," for \$39,294.50 while receiving \$55,195.04 for the material in Wagoner.

When the city commissioners

refused to meet the payment which Fairbanks Morse & Company demanded, that company brought suit in the federal court at Muskogee for \$35,027. It was then that the city filed its answer and cross petition asking damages totaling \$31,537.08.

The city in one of its answers denies that the city treasurer had on hand in September the sum of approximately \$6,500 properly applicable on the payment of the Fairbanks Morse & Company contract. The city commissioners admitted at that time that they had refused to issue warrants to the plaintiff, but denied that they had refused permission to Fairbanks Morse & Company to examine the city books.

In its answer the city also denies that the Diesel engines furnished by Fairbanks Morse & Company had been inefficiently handled or that there had been any willful failure on the part of the city to follow instructions of the company in the operation and care of the equipment. The city then charged that there had never been sufficient savings in the cost of production by this Diesel engine plant to pay Fairbanks Morse & Company the monthly amount stipulated in the contract.

This involves a point of considerable interest. The theory on which these Diesel engine plants are sold to a municipality is that they shall never cost the taxpayers of the city a cent, because they will pay for themselves month by month over a period of years out of their net earnings.

Of course the question has been raised: But suppose the plant produces no net earnings, then what? Here's a case where, ac-

ording to the city itself, the plant produced no net earnings, for the city definitely says that there have never been sufficient savings in the operation of this plant to meet the monthly payments for it.

Meantime, in the long process of this litigation, a temporary restraining order was granted in September to Fairbanks Morse & Company by Judge Edgar S. Vaught of the federal district court against the city officials of Wagoner stipulating that all money received from the sale of electricity must be kept in a separate and distinct fund and not transferred to any other fund by action of the commissioners.

The state supreme court which held the annulled under which this transaction took place because the proposition was not ratified at the polls by two-thirds of the voters as required by the state constitution, declared:

"In our opinion this is but another attempt to nullify and to evade the wholesome constitution, al limitations upon the power of municipalities to create indebtedness and to usurp power never intended to be granted to municipal officers." The court also declared, "It is axiomatic under the laws of Oklahoma that a municipality must operate on the cash or pay-as-you-go plan and that a municipality has no power to incur any indebtedness except when and as such authority is delegated by the constitution or by valid legislative enactment."

Ingenious Argument.
Referring to the contention that the purchase of property by the city does not create an indebtedness if the purchase price is to be paid out of the income of the property, the court said:

"The reasoning in support thereof is the ingenious argument by which such attempts have ever been supported. Under the decisions of this court and the constitution and laws of Oklahoma, the agreement to pay for the material purchased creates an indebtedness no matter from what source the funds are derived from which the payment is to be made. As well might a municipality contend that an indebtedness was not an indebtedness because it was to be paid from gross production tax or other sources of income other than ad valorem taxation. We cannot give our approval to any such theory of the law."

It will be recalled that only recently the supreme court of Iowa held that a city had no right under the Iowa law to pledge the income of property purchased by the city as payment for the property.

A number of cities in Oklahoma, Texas, and other states have gone into municipal ownership by the purchase of Diesel engines much in the same way that Wagoner went into it. This litigation therefore, seems to attracting a good deal of attention throughout the West and Southwest.

Political Football From First.
According to the Wagoner Tribune the electric plant "has been a political football tossed from one political faction to another and used by each to pay its political debts" ever since the city went into municipal ownership twelve years ago. At that time it bought a company plant and three years ago supplanted its steam equipment with Diesel engines.

The whole row seems to have created a reaction toward conservatism for, according to one Oklahoma newspaper, the city last fall as a result of this electric plant quarrel, voted to return to the old aldermanic form of government. In April, says this newspaper, a full ticket of city officials was elected, the "citizens' hybrid ticket winning." Later the supreme court ruled this election invalid because such an election

could only be held in odd-numbered years which leave the present city officials in until next April. Meantime the city has also definitely voted down the city manager plan of government and so the pot continues to boil.

Case at Cleburne, Texas

In November, 1929, the people of Cleburne, Texas, defeated a proposition of this kind. The municipal ownership element, however, was not satisfied with that result so made a second attempt in February, 1930, when the proposition was defeated by a much larger majority. At that time a citizens committee in Cleburne opposing the proposition brought out an argument against it which is proved in the experience of Wagoner. In answer to the plausible promise that a Diesel engine plant on the Fairbanks-Morse installation plan would never cost the city a cent, would never fall as a burden on the taxpayers because it would pay for itself out of its own net earnings, the citizens' committee said: Suppose the plant produced no net earnings, what then? The Diesel engine folks reply that is a matter for the company to worry over, not the city or taxpayers. Then the argument proceeds: But the company went worry over it very long. It will very properly demand its payment for its equipment, failing which, it might later say to the city, "Let's settle this on a compromise basis. We will discount these pledge orders for cash." But the city will reply, "We have no cash." To which the company will answer, "We know that, but we will take city warrants instead." This brings the cost of the Diesel engine plant back to the general tax fund and makes it a lien on every dollar's worth of taxable property in the city, just as though first mortgage bonds had been voted in the first place.

In Cleburne the city is adequately supplied with electric service at reasonable rates by the Texas Power & Light Company. Like any other company with money invested in property, the citizens' committee assumed that the company would endeavor to remain in business and protect its investment, even though the city put in a Fairbanks-Morse plant. In this case it stood to reason that the city would have difficulty producing net earnings out of which to pay for its plant any time soon because it would have to divide the business with the privately owned plant. That is to say, it could not hope to get all of this business for a considerable period, at least.

Exactly that kind of thing has happened in Commerce, Texas, another city that bought itself a Fairbanks-Morse Diesel engine plant. There, too, the sponsors for municipal ownership made extravagant promises for the payment of the plant out of the "net profits," claiming the city plant would soon gobble up most of the business. But although Commerce put its plant into operation in September, 1929, it is today supplying only about 42 per cent of the electrical customers, while the Texas Power & Light Company plant is supplying about 58 per cent and the company has a greater percentage of gross receipts. Experience has proved that it is hard to make these pre-election promises come true.—Public Service Magazine.

Ralph Jackson, manager of the C. R. Edwards & Company business, is in Dallas and other markets this week buying new stocks of goods for the firm.

George Harris, of the Plains country near McAadoo, was here the first of the week looking after business matters and shaking hands with his friends of the city and country.

Rush McLaughlin, of the Plains, near McAadoo, was a recent visitor in Spur, reporting everything now in good shape with the very finest crop prospects for the year. This whole country is now wetter and in more promising farming condition than has been the case for a number of years. Without hail and a visitation of worms the country gives promise of the biggest production since the beginning of farming.

Mrs. A. H. Rhodes, formerly Miss Mable Van Leer, of Eastland, returned home Tuesday after a few days visit in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Van Leer, and brother, Wayne Van Leer of McAadoo. Mr. Rhodes is engaged in the oil business at Eastland, and among those who contributed extensively to the development of that oil field.

Mrs. Willard Chapman, of Memphis, was the guest this week of her sister, Mrs. Rob Davis and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith, of near Dickens, were among those shopping and transacting business affairs in Spur Monday of this week.

Dee Sprayberry is here this week from Hobbs, N. M. where he is now located. He will return the latter part of the week.

Weldon McClure returned this week from the Rio Grande Valley and other points where he has been spending the past year or more. Weldon states that until very recently the Valley country has not felt the effects of the general depression of the country. He spent the principal part of the time at Weslaco, located near the Mexico line and also the Gulf Coast. In the Valley all kinds of fruits and vegetables are the principal productions. Orchards sell for \$250 up an acre. On his rounds Weldon worked in San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Houston, Galveston and Fort Worth—but like all others, he prefers the old home town.

H. C. Eldredge, of McAadoo, was in Spur Monday, trading and transacting business affairs.

Mrs. Addie Edwards complimented us the past week with sample of her cooking, leaving lemon pie and tea cakes—evidence of a superior skill and knowledge of the culinary art. At the present time Mrs. Edwards is furnishing the Pete Perry day and night restaurant and confectiery with a variety of cakes, pies and pastries.

Robt. Nickels, of McAadoo, was in Spur Monday. He smilingly stated that the ginning season is just now opening good at McAadoo. He ginned quite a number of bales Saturday. The weather had prevented cotton picking and pulling throughout the fall, and quite a number of bales of cotton yet remains in the fields it is said.

Alex Winkler, of the Wichita country, was in Spur Saturday. Alex informed us that he had been farming already, and that a considerable acreage of his land is now ready for the planting season.

A girl, christened Vera Nell, is now a member of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Rob Davis, having been born Sunday evening at the Nichols Sanitarium.

Lee Harrison, of just east of Spur, was greeting friend in the city Monday.

G. W. Henson, of southwest of Spur, was among the crowds of business visitors to Spur the past week.

Wright Hinson, of southwest of Spur, was on the streets Saturday.

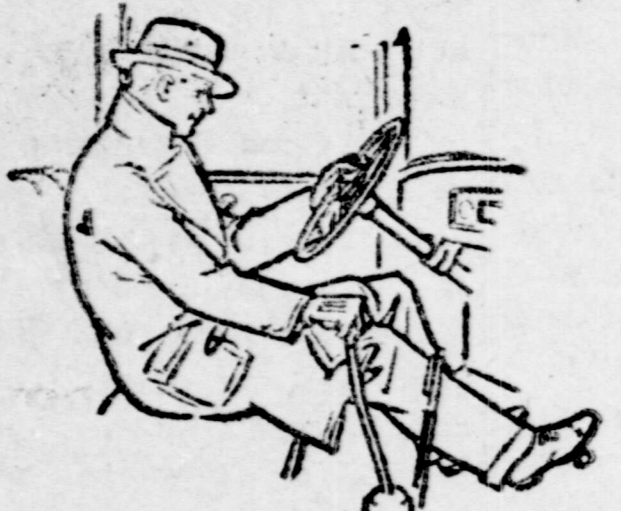
Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Byrd were in the city Saturday from their ranch home to the west of the city.

J. P. Koonsman, of Croton, was in Spur Tuesday, trading and meeting with his friends of the town and country.

A boy baby was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Koon at their home in the city.

J. L. Jenkins, of five miles to the northeast of Spur, was in the city Monday.

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Time: Immediately after breakfast
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Character: You... your car... and a motor oil

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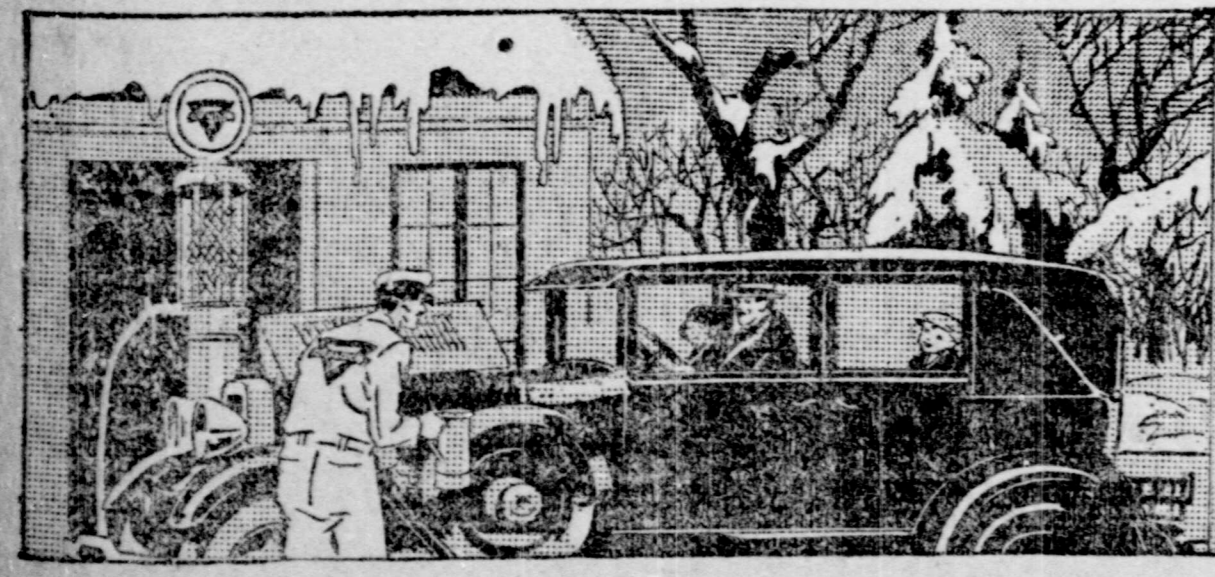


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We are Offering Them at Very Low Prices—Come and let us show you. You can Save a Lot of Money on These Tools!

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We this week received a letter from Clay Astor, of Bruni, Texas, enclosing a check for two dollars for subscription to The Texas Spur, stating that he appreciated the paper and wanted to keep up with the happenings in Dickens county. Bruni is located right on the line of Old Mexico. Clay invited us to come out and visit with him, insinuating that among other attractions of the vicinity, it would be possible for us to cross over the international line, once again place our foot on a brass railing and see ourself in a big mirror as we sip the liquid of invigorator and hallucination. However, the temporary stringency may encourage us to forego such experiences of the year now gone forever.

A. K. McAlister, of Afton, was in Spur again this week, getting merchandise prices and interviewing the produce markets. A. K. McAlister is probably one man whom the depression does not seriously affect, since his farm, his livestock and poultry yards are reputed to be highly productive. In fact it is said that he has at least one hen on place which lays an egg one day that will hatch the next. At this rate he will never come face to face with starvation.

Mrs. W. A. Foley returned this week to Spur from Valentine where she has been spending some time in their ranch home in that section. She will look after the Foley Motor Company interests now for a time before returning to Valentine, and during the time is making special efforts in the sale of the late model Studebakers as well as other used cars on the floor of their saleroom.

Dr. Scott Johnson, who is now practicing medicine at Farwell, spent the past week end here with his mother, Mrs. Effie Johnson. Scott only a few months ago completed his several years of medical courses, and established himself in his chosen profession at Farwell. Scott states that he is enjoying a liberal practice at Farwell.

TWENTIETH CENTURY

The Twentieth Century Study Club met Jan. 21st. in an all day Love Feast with Mrs. P. C. Nichols.

Sewing quilt blocks was the diversion of the morning. Each member was promised an expellent dinner if she would make four of the circles for the new popular quilt. Everyone worked vigorously and of course not a word was spoken during the entire hour preceding noon.

Each lady brought a covered dish, and dinner, with everything good to eat one could think of was served buffet style at twelve o'clock.

At two P. M. the Club was called to order by the president, Mrs. E. S. Lee. The election of officers resulted in each being reelected for another year. A new office of corresponding secretary was created and given to Mrs. Sam Hall. Roll call was answered by an original poem, joke, song or musical number. Those deserving special mention was Mrs. Caraway's Tongue Twisters; Mrs. Walker's Cross Word Puzzle; Mrs. Cowan's poem with all due respect to Kipling's "We Think Her's the Best"; and Mrs. Nichols Vocal Solo. The following included all present and was original by Mrs. J. M. Foster:

Who came in with a brand new gown?
Our newest member Mrs. Mack Brown.
One member is dignified as a parson.
Can you guess who? Mrs. J. P. Carson.
Who is it swings such a wicked lariat?
Ask the boys? It's their mother Mrs. L. R. Barrett.
A little mouseie ran up the stairs,
To hear Mrs. Leslie Roberts say her prayers.
One of our members is good on the fairway.
I am sure you recognize Mrs. E. L. Caraway.
Another helps the farmers at plowing.
She is none other than able Mrs. Cowan.
When you see a cradle stop and rock it.
Is the advice some one gave Mrs. Crockett.
Who always looks as if she had started to a ball?
Our superintendent's wife Mrs. Sam Z. Hall.
One of our members can sing like Mavis.
We are proud to have with us Mrs. Rob Davis.
You had better eat your chickens soon,
For here comes Mesdames Wolf and Koon.
Two of our members are going to sea.
Our president and kin, E. S. and W. B. Lee.
One of our members who is never contrary,
Our sweet tempered Mrs. McCrary Which member is always eating pickles.
And is getting quite thin? Our Drs. wife Mrs. P. C. Nichols
Another is skilled in making corn dodgers.
Our Baptist pastors wife Mrs. F. G. Rogers.
There is one member who always does her part.
She is none other than Mrs. V. C. Smart.
Who is so busy she has to step a league,
Our dramatic member Mrs. Tom Teague.
And another one what a talker
Surely you recognize Mrs. A. M. Walker.
The club had a special guest for the day.
Mrs. Carol of Allen Texas.—Rep.

M. Lay, leading merchant and business man of McAdoo, was in Spur Monday, transacting business affairs and meeting with his friends of his part of the country.

Howard Campbell, of northeast of Spur, was here Friday of last week, trading and meeting with friends.

Mrs. Red Carpenter and son, and Miss Lucile Jordan, of Lubbock, were guests the past week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin.

Sam Newberry, of Hobbs City, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

T. H. Tallent, of Gilpin, was on the streets the past week.

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I Am Now Ready To Do
Custom Hatching
Will exchange baby chicks and hatching for produce and eggs.
CROCKETT PRODUCE AND HATCHERY
Next door to Fire Station P. O. Box 70.

MR. AND MRS. S. L. DAVIS ENTERTAINED WITH BIRTHDAY PARTY FRIDAY EVE Friday evening of last week Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Davis most pleasingly and graciously entertained quite a number of friends with a "birthday" party in their home in the west part of the city. This was the occasion of Louie's thirty eighth birthday anniversary, and Mrs. Davis, without his knowledge had invited the guests to come as a surprise in joining in with the celebration festivities and help to make the honoree forget for a time his "advancing years."

Varied music, including noted orchestras by radio, piano, violin and virola, and so inviting and enticing were the rhythmic strains that with one accord the guests tripped the fantastic steps in time with the musical renditions, including age-old to the latest compositions. At a propitious hour guests surrounded a table in the center of which was a birthday cake bearing thirty eight lighted candles, and since Louie failed to extinguish the blazing candles in a single breath, those surrounding the table joined in a volume—then leaving a single candle light flickering for a time. Lady guests had provided and presented birthday cakes of the choicest angel food variety, and with steaming cups of delicious coffee, it was made a festive as well as feasting board—all joining in the toast "hoping Louie Davis would live a thousand years, and all be living to attend his funeral as well as annual birthday celebrations."

In the course of the evening the San Antonio radio station announced a special number in honor of the occasion. It was with reluctance that guests departed for their respective homes at a late hour.

J. P. Shaw, of west of Spur, was on the streets Tuesday of this week. Mr. Shaw has been farming and now has a considerable acreage of his farm in readiness for planting. However, like a number of other good and substantial farmers of the country, he has been hit hard by the three short crop years and is now about to his rows end without financial assistance in completing this year's crop. The City National Bank recently exhausted its funds in helping the people tide over the depression, and closed its doors. The Spur National is unable to finance the country. Congress recently appropriated forty five million dollars to loan in the drouth stricken areas, but governmental officers in charge of the fund are dilly dallying and getting no money to the sufferers of this territory. Many have already been forced to accept Red Cross charity. It goes against the grain for West Texans to accept charity—but what are a depressed and suffering people going to do—other than turn Socialist, Communist, Red or Revolutionist?

Mrs. W. G. Potts returned recently from Southland where she visited with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Gray. Mr. and Mrs. Gray formerly lived in Spur. Oliver, she reports, is in very poor health.

M. W. Overfelt, of near Girard, was a business visitor in Spur the first of the week. He states that while money may be tight, every thing is looking mighty good now and most promising for future prosperity and plenty.

Floyd Barnett and family removed to Spur the past week from Amarillo where he has been employed the past several months. We are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Barnett back to Spur.

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CHILDRENS HOSE, Special 19c
BLANKETS, Duple Soft, pair, \$1.45
PETER PAN GINGHAMS 39c
SILK HOSE, 41c and 49c and up
See Our Special Prices on Footwear For Ladies, \$1.95
MEN'S SUIT SPECIAL \$19.95, with two pants
LOVE DRY GOODS CO.
Spur, Texas

Dry Lake News

The Highway boys and girls come to Dry Lake Friday evening to play basket ball. The Dry Lake boys won by 20 to 29 and the Dry Lake girls won by 8 to 9. Archer Powell called a good game for the boys.

The Dry Lake School is progressing fine. Miss Lois Smith who has been sick is able to be up now. We have missed her out of school very much. The party at Buren Smith's was enjoyed by all.

A party was given Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. B. Rogers. Everyone reported a very fine time. Mr. J. L. Hutto who is working in Sudan, came home this week end to be with his family.

Miss Jessie Leach of Spur spent Saturday night and Sunday with friends and relatives. Miss Hull and Miss Harrott were shopping in town Saturday.

Miss Atha Joy Kidd spent Monday night with her sister, Mrs. Ola Miller. Atha Joy Kidd visited Lois Smith Tuesday evening after school.

Mr. W. R. Henderson of Girard was visiting relatives last week. Mr. Jeff Smith was in town Saturday.

Joe Kidd spent Saturday night with his sister Mrs. Ola Miller. Mr. and Mrs. W. P. T. Smith spent Sunday with their son Jeff Smith.

Mr. Jim Smith went to town Saturday evening. Some of the young folks went to Soldier Mound to singing Sunday night.—News Reporter

Rev. J. R. Laney, of McAdoo, was in Spur Friday of last week, reporting that Mrs. Laney recently suffered the dislocation of her shoulder. The injury is reported healing, but slowly.

S. C. Thomas, of the Girard Club, was among the many who traded in Spur the past week. He reports the country looking good for crops, regardless of the protracted financial depression.

W. W. Sample, of Fyote, was in Spur this week looking after business affairs in this section. Mr. Sample has for the past two years made his home in the western part of the state where he has several filling stations and oil interest.

Dr. B. F. Hale left Monday for Dallas where he will spend several days taking treatments at the hands of specialists.

Mrs. B. F. Hale and daughter, Miss Helen, spent the week end in Lueders, the guests of friends and relatives.

CATFISH COLUMN

Absences are usually caused by some specific reason but our absence from the paper that we are so eager to read has been due to many causes.

Christmas has come and has gone; New Year has come and is still with us. Now the days of January have been flying by like the tireless days of spring. School days, which are the best of all, if we only stop to think, are flowing by bringing new ideas, new inspirations and a development of a world of new thoughts.

Our school made many resolutions on New Year's day, some of which we have kept and sorry to say, many of which we have broken. We have planned many new things and hope to carry them out.

The Good Citizenship Club met on January 23rd and had a very nice program on "Health and the Ways of Maintaining It." We found out what old giant tooth ache does for one. We also discussed, read poems and told stories on how to have good health, a happy mind and a strong body. We adopted a new aim in this club which is, "I shall do something each day to prove I am a good citizen. Our jail house for bad English seems to have less occupants than usual. This may be due to either of two reasons: First, that we may have improved so much in our English that the criminals are fewer, or second, that we are used to English errors and do not notice them in others. Let us hope the former is true.

Many of our parents were out to hear our program, which we appreciated very much for we know that our parents are backing us and it gives us a safer feeling.

The Stepping Stone English Club will meet next Friday, January 30. We hope to have even as many of our patrons out then, if not more than attended the Good Citizenship Club. We want every one to feel that there is an extended invitation to each and all. Come at 2:30 o'clock any Friday evening.

The death of Mr. W. A. Valentine was a sorrow to all of us. After a period of illness he passed quietly away. Our community missed him in many ways. This adventure comes to each and all alike.

I shall try to be prompt in writing for the fourth time.—T. Fry.

MR. AND MRS. W. R. LEWIS ENTERTAIN WITH PITON Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lewis were most pleasant hosts Saturday evening to a number of friends in their home just west of Spur, the interesting game of pitch being the entertaining feature of the occasion, the guests being expert players, among whom were Messrs. and Mesdames H. O. Albin, M. L. Jones, Will Garner, Hamp Collett, J. B. Morrison and Oran McClure. The games were fast and points about evenly matched and really enjoyed by each guest. At the closing hour Mrs. Lewis graciously served angel food cake and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slayden, of Dickens, were shopping in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Slayden, of Elton, were shopping and visiting in Spur Monday.

Jim Carlisle was here Wednesday from his farm home east of Spur.

Don't Be Deceived!!

A spring rain, a few warm days, doesn't mean Spring is here, or that the ground hog will not see his shadow on February 2nd.

GOOD CLEAN STOVE WOOD
Calculate your needs ahead—lay in a supply of good, clean wood, cut into fire place and stove lengths or sold in bulk—all delivered at your door.

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