

# THE TEXAS SPUR

## AND THE DICKENS ITEM

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### Dickens County Ideal Section for Stock Farming

With the end of the present crop harvest in sight and plans for another year coming to the front, the question of "what will we plant in place of cotton?" is again becoming pertinent. It is a real question for farmers and landlords to face and is a question of much apprehension to the tenant farmer. The former are concerned with mapping out a program that will be plausible and if possible, make a reasonable return on investment and the latter is concerned in finding a place for himself in this new system which of necessity must be inaugurated.

#### THE STOCK FARM

Let us suggest, with reservations of course, that a live-stock feeding program of proportions be inaugurated to displace the system of planting all cotton.

Dickens County is potentially a great stock-farming section. We mean by this that every circumstance is ideal for the breeding and feeding of live stock in connection with farm work.

In comparison, conditions here are even more ideal than in the north where such programs are carried out with success. The climate of this section is moderate, free from the intense cold and bitter winters that cause so much loss and expense to the northern feeder and yet free from the tropic heat that brings the accompanying fevers and ticks.

#### GOOD RATINGS FROM GRAIN SORGHUMS

Several years ago the Spur Experiment Station conducted feeding tests of both cattle and sheep, using locally grown grain sorghums as fodder; with the express purpose in view of testing the possibilities of this section as to stock farming. The experiments were successful and profitable in every way. Ultimate results showed that locally grown feeds could be profitably utilized in 'feeding out' livestock and that the nutrient value lacked only 3 percent being as fattening as corn. This reporter attended the experiments and accompanying lectures and did have in our notebooks the exact ratings and results of each feed pen. This information, however, is available at the local station records for anyone who desires to study it.

The above experiments, needless to say, were given very little attention; and cotton raising supplemented by only enough feed for the work stock and the old Jersey remained the order of the day. This soil depleting system, however, has been arbitrarily changed by our legislators and we must revise our local agricultural program whether we will or no.

Reply, the Spur Experiment Station is again this year conducting feeding tests, as was announced in a recent issue of this paper, and these tests now going on will be an exhaustive study of the various rations to be formed from locally grown grains. Mr. Dickson, superintendent of the station, in making the announcement, invites anyone who is interested to watch the tests and will be glad to furnish details of feeds and rations. (And it might be said in this connection that he has found over 16 years of experimenting that Red Top Cone and Standard Red Maize are the surest grain and fodder crops in this section and will be used largely in the tests.)

#### A PROFITABLE PROGRAM

But to continue with the suggestion that stock-farming be substituted for the "all-cotton" system, it seems to us that such an experiment, which would necessitate the planting of a large acreage to feed, would be more plausible than to search for some new cash crop or let the acreage lie fallow. Many banks and loan companies will finance the buying of feeder calves—providing the farmer has the feed to carry out his end of the deal. And in the case of landlord and tenant some equitable arrangement could be made whereby the landlord furnish the stock and the tenant feed them through the winter months, thus providing more employment rather than less, and

### Demonstration Club News

(By Clara Pratt, H. D. A.)

#### FINISHING THE DEMONSTRATIONS

Each woman or girl who has been conducting a demonstration this year in any of the phases of work carried this year should be finishing her work soon. Each demonstration is worthy a story telling in her own words the record of the work done, the value of the demonstration, and the influence it has had on others. These stories should be considered an important part of the demonstration and should be turned in soon.

A trip to the Short Course is being offered to the 4-H Pantry Demonstrators and will be given to the best demonstration in the county. In judging the following score card will be used:

Budget	15
Storage and Recipes	15
Results	40
Story	15
Picture	15
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100</b>

No pantry demonstration will score the full 100 points. Where one fails in one point it may score high in another. This makes each one have an equal change. The judging will be during the pantry tour or immediately following.

#### SEND IN CANNING REPORTS

Will each homemaker send in to me a list of the things you have canned this summer and fall? We want to make a complete report for the county and need your cooperation to make it an accurate report. If you do not have the budget cards that have been given out please count your containers of leafy or green vegetables, starchy vegetables, pickles fruit, preserves, etc., and sent the list to me. I shall appreciate your sending it as soon as possible. This includes everyone who has done any canning and not just the home demonstration club members. Thank you.

### Girl Scouts Sponsor Theatre Programs

Manager Barrett, of the Palace Theatre, announces that his two best programs of next week will be under the sponsorship of the Girl Scouts. Next Thursday and Friday, "Bad Sister," and "Morroco," will be presented and a percentage of the receipts will go to the Girl Scout treasury. Mr. Barrett extends a particular invitation to the public on these two nights and assures you that in addition to contributing to a worthy cause you will see two of the best programs of the entire month.

### WE FURNISH THE FEEDER CALVES

During the past few weeks we have seen carload after carload of calves from nearby ranches shipped out of here for the feed pens of Kansas and Ohio, there to be fattened for the market. If this is a profitable procedure for the corn grower, surely it can be made a profitable one for the grain-sorghum grower who can produce more tons of feed on more and cheaper acres—and at less expense.

Talk this over with your friends and watch these feeding tests at Spur Experiment Station and perhaps the Spring of 1933 will see each farm in this country with from a dozen to 50 fat steers ready for the market. And if you feel like it, drop us a line about what you think—we'll be glad to publish it.

### Notice to Public!

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### Mrs. D. J. Gilbert Died Here Thursday

Thursday morning about 5:00 o'clock, Mrs. D. J. Gilbert died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Luther Powell of this city. Mrs. Gilbert has for several years made her home at Lubbock but for the past few months has been in ill health and has made her home here with her daughters, Mrs. Powell and Mrs. Henry Gruben.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, during the time they lived here were residents of the Twin Wells community and their numerous friends here join in extending sympathy to the bereaved family. Deceased is survived by her husband; two sons, Wyndell and Lanier, of Lubbock; and four daughters, Mrs. Luther Powell and Mrs. Henry Gruben, of this city; Mrs. Dan Holloman of Mexia; and Miss Galdys Gilbert of Lubbock.

The funeral arrangements have been made for today.

### Machine Gun Inventor Died

Hoboken, N. J., Nov. 9.—Col. Isaac N. Lewis, Montclair, N. J. inventor and scientist, whose whose Lewis machine gun was an outstanding weapon in the World War, died of a heart attack late today in a drug store adjoining the Lackawanna railroad terminal. He was 73 years old.

The British government was quick to utilize Colonel Lewis' machine gun, but he experienced years of difficulty in obtaining recognition for it by the United States war department.

During the World War more than 100,000 Lewis machine guns were used by the allied armies. At one time Colonel Lewis made a dramatic appeal to the senate military affairs committee and wept as he described his rebuffs by the war department.

Colonel Lewis was so distressed by the attitude of his own countrymen that he contemplated for a while remaining away from the land of his birth.

The adoption of the gun by the British brought him millions of dollars in royalties.

### George Lisenby Loses Finger

George Liseby, of the Hokus Pokus Grocery, of this city suffered the misfortune Sunday morning of losing one of the fingers of his right hand. George was grinding sausage when his finger became entangled in the machinery and was lacerated so badly that it had to be taken off at the second joint.

### Yeggs Crack Safe Here Sunday Night

Burglars, sometime during Sunday night, entered the office building of Spur Grain and Coal company, knocked the knob off the safe, opened the combination and robbed the establishment of around \$14 cash.

Fingerprints were taken of several suspects here Monday but reports showed that none of the compared with those left on the safe. Other prints were taken later in the week by Weldon Grimes of the local Post Office department, but so far reports of these have not been returned.

In opening the safe the burglars first removed the little ornamental knobs from the hinges before knocking the combination knob off and it is thought the job was perhaps done by novices. However, Mr. Williams, government fingerprint expert of Crosbyton, states that these are some times removed by experts to lessen the noise and to allay suspicion on amateurs.

No other robberies are reported in this vicinity during the weekend.

### Half Billion Dollar Market Open To Texas Farmers

College Station Nov. 10 1931—Price fluctuations can't touch the quarter-billion-dollar market. Texas farmers have at their own back doors for their farm products, declares H. H. Williamson who is vice-director and state agent of the Extension Service of Texas A. and M. College and the United States department of Agriculture.

"Our specialists have figured out that a family of five requires annually \$650 worth of food, and of this, \$600 worth can be produced at home. There are nearly 500,000 farm families in Texas. This \$600 home market furnishes the farmer no cash but a fine living and a good growth for his children. By doubling this production to care for the needs of a family in town, a possible additional \$600 market is open to the farmer, without great risk of damaging surpluses. That this is a practical program is attested to by the fact that thousands of farm families are already following the plan."

The food requirements of a family of five can be supplied, according to Extension Service specialists, from a quarter-acre garden, two dairy cows, 60 pullets a half acre home orchard, a brood sow, and a few sheep and calves. Two cows are suggested so they will freshen at different seasons. To maintain a 60-bird poultry flock 300 baby chicks should be hatched in the spring, from which may be expected 200 birds, half cockerels and half pullets. From the 100 pullets about 60 may be kept for layers and the remainder eaten as culls. The fruit plot should contain about 20 peach, 10 plum, 5 pear trees; 12 grapevines, 25 blackberries and 25 dewberries.

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Mr. and Mrs. Buck Carlisle visited S. C. Thomas Sunday. Juanita Gurvin visited Mary Simmons Sunday.

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### Duck Creek News

Health of the community is good.

Cotton picking is still the chief occupation in this community, but some are still sowing wheat and other small grain.

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Sunday, School is still progressing. Of course we would welcome more. Why not come out?

The coming Sunday is Bro. Bilberry's regular day. There will be services Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night.

Dallas Gurvin spent Sunday with Jack Simmons.

This community was well represented at Spur Saturday.

Cotton uniforms are to be supplied to every soldier in the service of the United States Army. Fort Bliss men at El Paso reported.

### Mrs. E. L. Adams Mother Died At Haskell Monday

Mrs. Fenniken, mother of Mrs. E. L. Adams, died at her home in Haskell Monday. Mrs. Adams has been at her bedside for some time.

### Negro Boy Killed In Car Wreck Here Sunday Afternoon

Rastus Carter, 15-year-old Negro lad of this community, was instantly killed Sunday afternoon about 5 o'clock when the car in which he and a companion, Sunny Boy, were riding, capsized on the Post City highway, south of town. Rastus had just crossed the Spade Tank bridge and in passing another car, pulled too far off the road and the old 'T' Model turned turtle, breaking his neck and badly crushing his chest.

Sunny Boy was not seriously injured. Funeral services were held here Monday afternoon.

### Dr. Hale and Horton Barrett Hosts to Fire Boys Friday Evening

Dr. E. F. Hale and Horton Barrett, manager of the Spur theatres, were joint hosts to the Spur Fire Department Friday evening when they entertained with an oyster supper and theater party.

After dinner talks were made by Messrs. W. E. Lee, M. C. Goding, Roy Stovall, Larry Burrows, Geo. S. Link and Webb Williams. Mr. Link, principal talker of the evening stressed the appreciation due those who quietly and unheralded, render services that are not demanded of them, applicable both to the host and guests of honor. No organization is deserving of more appreciation and praise than the voluntary fire department of a small city. These men, night and day, answered the fire alarms and work at their task even more zealously than the salaried organizations of the big towns. They fill a necessary place in the affairs of the community and their efforts are given without expectation of pay or praise. This entertainment was a token of appreciation. Webb Williams concluded the dinner with a hilarious story, "WAY Down on Hickory Street."

Following the dinner, Mr. Barrett conducted the guests to the Palace Theatre where they enjoyed the program of the evening.

### Kalgary News

Joe Robinson of the Double Mountain Community, former cowboy of the Swenson Ranch, was a visitor in the community last week.

Mrs. Annie Ward and son, Lenord, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Witt Monday.

Walter Marler moved in a vacant house on Craig Parsons farm.

Miss Ora Livingston, Greta and Belle Robinett spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jake Grizzle.

Miss Novella Witt spent Saturday night with Miss Ora Livingston.

Sorry to report Mr. Howard Reed is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Reed and baby visited Mr. and Mrs. Mervin Meadows Sunday.

A Swisher county woman has preserved fifty-six different kinds of vegetables this season at a total cost of fifty dollars that is now valued at four hundred seventy five dollars.

West Texas counties won the first three places in county exhibits at the State Fair of Texas this year. They were Eastland, Randall, and Hartley in the order named.

Amarillo's eleven thousand families own nearly four thousand and radio receiving sets.

A Levelland farm woman made a profit of twenty-two dollars from one hundred and fifty cans of chicken meat made from the culls of her poultry flock. Observes the woman, "This brought me more than my husband made from four acres of cotton this year."

Wilbarger County celebrated its fiftieth birthday recently with a two day celebration of old times.

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### Keeping Up With West Texas

A scenic drive in the Davis Mountains near Fort Davis is under construction to extend approximately seventy five miles.

Radio broadcasting station, XER, in Mexico just across the river from Del Rio, the strongest in power on the North American continent, was opened recently, the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce having charge of the initial programs.

One oil refining company is spending one hundred and fifty thousand dollars in improvements at McCamey, Texas.

Enrollment at Sul Ross State Teachers' College, Alpine, Texas, equals that of 1930 for the same month.

Five hundred acres of cantaloupes will be planted in Fort Stockton area next year as an experiment.

A trainload of calves was shipped from Marfa, Texas, recently to Virginia points.

Hansford and Wheeler counties in the Texas Panhandle recently had highway contracts let aggregating over two hundred thousand dollars for new constructions.

The hide of a cattalo—cross between a buffalo and cattle—is a prized possession of the Panhandle Historical Society, Canyon, Texas.

Fifty thousand people visited Palo Duro canyons near Canyon, Texas, during the summer. Palo Duro canyon is a proposed state park.

The oil mill at Jayton, Texas, has been re-opened after a two year shutdown.

Littlefield will ship twenty-one carloads of broom corn, this fall.

A two million and a half dollar dam near Brownwood is under construction.

Recently all designated highways into Shamrock, Texas, were under detour.

Road District Two, Coke county voted bonds recently for \$175,000 for highway construction, 463 to 172.

Menard, Texas, boasts the largest fly trap in the world—an experiment of the entomological department of the Federal government for protection of cattle from diseases spread by flies, in forty days it caught two million flies.

Five hundred and sixty-one Dickens county families signed up to can six hundred and ten calves this fall and winter as a result of a Chamber of Commerce campaign.

A nine story hotel was recently opened at Clovis, N. M., the tallest building in N. M.

Several localities in West Texas are manufacturing sorghum molasses this year for the first time.

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Wynne Collier, of Post, was in  
 Spur Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haile spent  
 the 11th in Abilene.

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**No Progress Being  
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Practically ever activity in  
 private life has undergone great  
 progress within the past few  
 years; waste has been eliminated  
 and production speeded up to a  
 more economical basis. In fact  
 the World and its business have  
 gone from one success to another  
 and the only feature of modern  
 life that seems to be lagging is  
 that of government. If any-  
 thing it is more wasteful, more  
 inefficient than in former years.  
 It is stated that taxation has  
 increased about 400 per cent  
 since 1913, and it is to be doubt-  
 ed that the administration of pub-  
 lic affairs is any better than in  
 the earlier days of the century.  
 The Texas Tax Journal says  
 that education and highway ex-  
 penditures bulk largely as causes  
 for the increases in expenditures.  
 This may be true, but we had  
 schools then, and it might be to

the advantage of our boys and  
 girls if some of the waste and  
 totally unnecessary trimmings in  
 school life were eliminated, as  
 well as a relief to the taxpayer.  
 The country has gone nutty over  
 highways that are not designed  
 so much as a convenience to the  
 taxpayer as to enable a lot of  
 motorists to go speeding around  
 the country. It is stated that the  
 Highway Department spends  
 more than any other department  
 of the State Government. This  
 department has made a record  
 for overriding the wishes of the  
 people, and has become autocratic  
 to the point to where it has no  
 place in the government of a free  
 people, let alone a democracy.  
 In fact its powers has been used  
 to override local self government  
 and to kill off small towns to the  
 advantage of the larger trade  
 centers, all because the latter  
 places had the larger political  
 pull. Any division of govern-  
 ment that spends so much of the  
 tax payers money should at  
 least be both responsible to com-  
 mon justice and fairness. If we  
 are to continue to spend millions  
 each year for highways lets  
 change the system. Appointive  
 commissions have always been  
 political cat-paws for raking out  
 chestnuts and covering stuff too  
 odorous for the public nose. The  
 Legislature has tried several  
 times to curb the authority of  
 this commission but the Governor  
 has always vetoed the measure  
 because it struck at the author-  
 ity of a body appointed by him-  
 self and responsible only to him-  
 self. Not one valid or reasonable  
 excuse was given for vetoing the  
 Brooks Bill that would have al-  
 lowed the counties to have used  
 one cent of the gasoline tax for  
 its own roads.  
 Gov. Richie, of Maryland, in a  
 recent speech said, "The Amer-  
 ican idea of governmental sov-  
 ereignty is to define and limit  
 governmental powers." If this  
 be true, some of our originally  
 democratic states have departed  
 from the faith.  
 So long as the politicians are  
 allowed to rule the State, so long  
 will taxes increase and conditions  
 become worse. They of all peo-  
 ple seem hopeless so far as great-  
 er efficiency and progress is con-  
 cerned. There is one ray of  
 hope, however—the people no  
 longer seem to have any political  
 idols, and seem to realize that in  
 voting it is a matter of trying to  
 pick the lesser of two evils.—  
 Hockley County Herald.

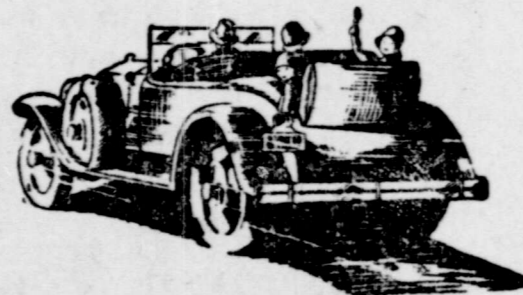
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 NIGHT!**



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**1917 STUDY CLUB**

The 1917 Study Club met with  
 Mrs. F. W. Jennings, Tuesday  
 November 3rd.

The subject was, "Peace",  
 ably discussed by Mesdames Dick-  
 son, Jennings and Berry.

Mrs. Leland Campbell gave a  
 reading, "In Flanders Fields,"  
 which was rendered beautifully  
 and enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be with  
 Mrs. Geo. M. Williams, Tuesday  
 November 17 at 3 P. M.

**20TH CENTURY CLUB  
 REPRESENTED AT FED-  
 ERATION MEETING**

The 20th Century Club was  
 well represented at the Texas  
 Womans Federation Meeting at  
 Lubbock Tuesday and Wednes-  
 day of this week.

Mrs. Mack Brown was official  
 delegate. Others in attendance  
 were Mesdames E. J. Cowan, W.  
 E. Lee, E. S. Lee, E. F. Crockett,  
 Tom Teague, Jim Foster, P. C.  
 Nichols, J. A. Koon, Dan Zachry  
 and F. G. Collier. A most inter-  
 esting and instructive program  
 was reported. One of features  
 especially mentioned was that of  
 Lexie Dean Robertsons who, is  
 poet lauret of the club.

Mrs. G. R. Elkins and Miss  
 Sybil Clay were among the artists  
 in this district who were honored  
 by having a picture in the art  
 exhibit.

Miss Lorena Fryer of Mata-  
 dor was a visitor in Spur Tues-  
 day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ensey, of  
 Hamlin, spent Tuesday and  
 Wednesday here, on a visit to  
 his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. C.  
 Ensey and other relatives and  
 friends.

Miss Josephine McBride, of  
 Crosbyton was a visitor in this  
 city Tuesday.

Jimmie Hahn made a trip to  
 Abilene Wednesday of this week.

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**

I wish to state that I have no  
 intention of leaving Spur per-  
 manently, for my home is there.  
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 means of asking those knowing  
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 Thanking you in advance  
**Mrs. J. E. MORRIS**

**NOTICE**

Services on Sunday the 15th of  
 November held by Percy Jones  
 in the Directors Room of the  
 Spur National Bank. The public  
 cordially invited to attend.

J. P. Middleton, an insurance  
 man of Lubbock, has been here  
 for the past week attending to  
 business matters and meeting  
 with his many friends and ac-  
 quaintances.

Homer Sheets, a prominent  
 merchant of Roaring Springs was  
 here Tuesday of this week.

Houston and Chas. Gunn were  
 among the many business visitors  
 here Tuesday.

Euster Robinson was here  
 Monday from his home in the  
 Highway community.

Mrs. Powell and daughter  
 Miss Kittie were in Spur to at-  
 tend the funeral of Mrs. Gilbert,  
 mother of Mrs. Luther Powell.

M. E. Tree was in town Thur-  
 sday looking after business here.

T. H. Tallant was here Tues-  
 day from his home near Girard.  
 Mr. Tallant for the past few  
 weeks has been suffering from  
 the after-effects of influenza and  
 it is thought that he may lose  
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**Mrs. Dickson Hostess**

Thursday afternoon Mrs. R. E.  
 Dickson was hostess to the 1925  
 Bridge Club, at her home at the  
 Spur Experiment Station. At the  
 close of the evenings pleasure a  
 most delicious refreshment was  
 served.

Mrs. E. F. Hale and daughter,  
 Helen, are visiting in Dallas this  
 week.

Mrs. John Pennell returned to  
 Spur Sunday after a few days  
 visit with her sister in Abilene.

John Randall was in Tuseday  
 from his home in the Twin  
 Wells community.

Bill McArthur was in Thurs-  
 day with a bale of cotton.

Walter Dunn who is attending  
 college at Abilene was here this  
 week visiting with friends and  
 relatives.

The Red Cross Roll Call is re-  
 ported to be going over big.

Harry Schwarz of Hempstead  
 was in Spur Wednesday spend-  
 ing the day with his sister and fam-  
 ily, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding.

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A million dollars worth of  
 mohair has been marketed in  
 the San Angelo territory this  
 year.

Forty acres of sudan grass  
 seed were harvested in the Mule-  
 shoe, Texas territory this season  
 with yields as high as 1,600 lbs.  
 to the acre.

The time of building the Sey-  
 mour - Vernon extension of the  
 Frisco railroad has been extend-  
 ed to the close of 1932 by the  
 Interstate Commerce Commission.

Canadian, Texas, boasts a hog  
 market with gross receipts of  
 one million dollars annually.

Nineteen head of Kentucky  
 horses were sold at auction in  
 Brady recently.

A fat stock show is to be held  
 in San Angelo from February 23,  
 to March 2, 1932, sponsored by  
 the San Angelo Board of City  
 Development.

An association to grow and  
 market alfalfa has been organ-  
 ized at El Paso.

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**TEDDY BEAR SUITS, all wool,  
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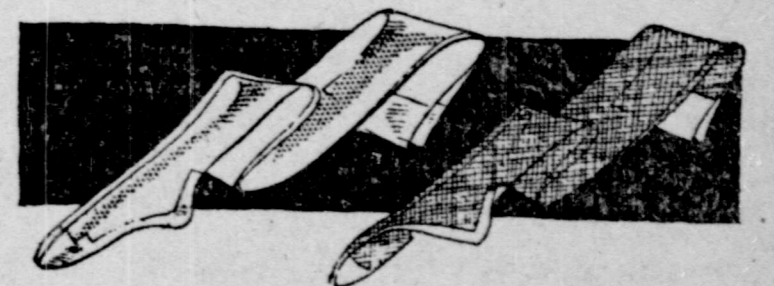
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### Girard News

Miss Dorothy Parks of Girard was shopping in Spur Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Sartin have moved into town to the Murdock residence.

The Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, Nov. 5 and canned a beef that filled 202 No. 2 cans. The beef was furnished by Mrs. C. N. Kennon and Mrs. Billie Vencil.

Wade Wright has moved back to town. He says the reason he moved back is because he can't plant more than one third of his crop in cotton and the feed would not pay him to stay.

The home of W. G. Mayfield burned Saturday Oct. 31 and we sure thank the ones that have helped us.

All the farmers and children are working hard trying to get their cotton out before school starts. Most all of the kids are tired of pulling bolls and are ready for school.

Mrs. L. L. Mayfield visited her daughters, Mrs. J. C. Spouls and Mrs. Q. C. Darden of Jayton the past week.

Bro. Dickinson, pastor of the Baptist Church, preached Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Edwards, Miss Imogene Goodall and Gladys Mayfield were visitors in Jayton Sunday.

Bro. Guber of Roaring Springs preached at the Church of God Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mayfield and children have moved to the Carlisle house north of town.

Wayford Cooper entertained his Sunday School class Saturday night at his home with a Halloween party. It was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Hamp Collett and daughter and Mrs. J. B. Morrison made a trip to Tulla Wednesday to visit Mrs. Lawson Morgan of that city and Miss Estell Collett of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Orvall Pentecost are the proud parents of baby girl.

Mrs. Waters and little daughter, Bobby Lou, and Mrs. Pentecost and children were in Spur Thursday from their home to the southwest of town.

Mrs. Homer Dobbins who was seriously injured in an automobile accident in Lubbock is reported improving and will return to Spur to make her home when she has recovered sufficiently to make the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Gyp Mayfield of Girard, were shoppers and visitors in Spur Tuesday.

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Home-made pies and home-style cooking!

**MEALS, 30c**

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**At The Change**  
A Critical Time In Every Woman's Life.

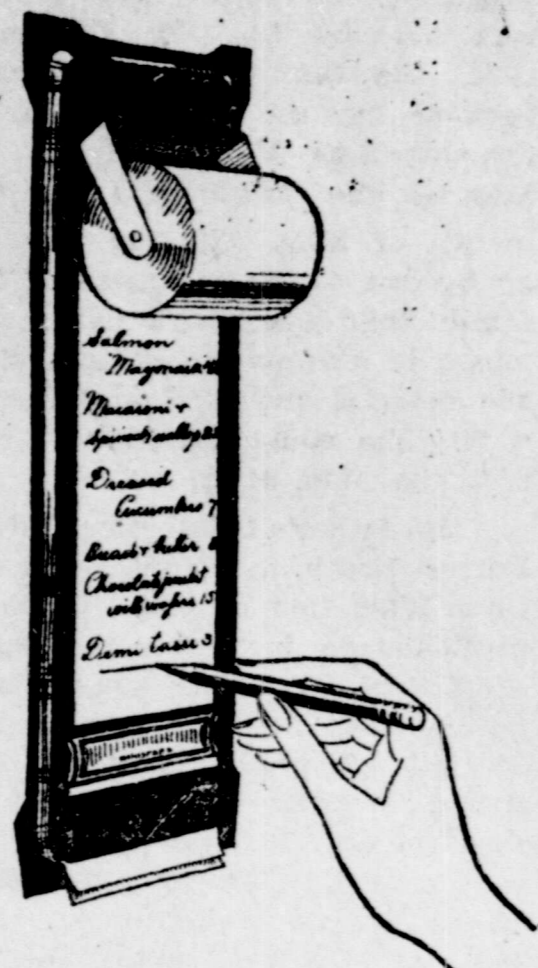
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**MENU**

Salmon Mayonnaise 42¢  
Macaroni and Spinach Scallop 25¢  
Dressed Cucumbers 7¢  
Bread and Butter 8¢  
Chocolate Junket with Wafers 15¢  
Demi-Tasse 3¢

Salmon Mayonnaise: Chill one tall can of salmon in the can for several hours, or over-night. Remove from the can, sliding out carefully on a platter. Cover with one-half cup mayonnaise and garnish with eight pickles cut in tiny fan-shaped pieces.

Macaroni and Spinach Scallop: Boil one-third package of macaroni in salted water, and drain. Put alternate layers of macaroni, spinach from a 10-ounce can (or use fresh spinach), and one-third cup of white sauce in a buttered baking dish and cover with one-fourth cup of buttered crumbs. Bake for twelve to fifteen minutes in a moderate oven—375 degrees.

Chocolate Junket with Wafers: Make junket in the usual way with chocolate junket powder, and just before serving whip one-half cup of cream (or use canned whipping cream). Beat the white of one egg until stiff adding gradually one tablespoon of powdered sugar. Serve in sherbet cups with dainty waters standing upright in the sides of the cup. Top with a cherry if desired.\*

**DOWN—down—down** go food prices. And down on our reminder pad should go some good dollar dinners. There was a time when it was difficult, indeed, to plan a real good dinner that could be served to four persons for a dollar. Now it's easy. And the one we have on our pad here, because as well as delicious as can think of lots

**MIDWAY CLUB NEWS**  
The Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. G. C. Williams November 5th. There were 5 members and 3 visitors present. New officers were elected. Mrs. W. R. Williams, President, Mrs. G. A. Nolen, Parliamentarian, Mrs. G. C. Williams, Council member and Mrs. Ed Sanders, Sec and Trea. Miss Clara Pratt gave a demonstration on sandwiches. Our next meeting will be Nov. 20th at th Baptist Church.—Reporter.

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Ward Harris, of McAdoo, was a business visitor here Monday.

W. E. Combs a prominent merchant of Dickens, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Misses Zell Ellis and Louise Collier were visitors in Abilene and Sweetwater last Wednesday.

Homer Barnes of Dry Lake was in Thursday morning having a sticker removed from his eye.

A. B. Smart returned Thursday from Rotan where he was called to the bedside of his father who has been seriously ill. He is reported very much improved at the present time.

Cecelia Fox is ill with diptheria.

Mrs. C. Fite and daughter, Miss Etta visited with Fred Fite and family in Shallowater this week.

Mrs. Hill Perry is in Glen Rose under the care of a specialist and is reported improving rapidly.

Miss Vesta Green and Mr. Logan of Snyder spent Sunday in this city the guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Green.

Mrs. Elza Watson and Miss Nell Albin spent the weekend in Lubbock, guests of Mrs. Joe Stotts.

R. C. Forbis, prominent farmer and rancher of the Afton section has been attending to business matters here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bulloch Tillotson spent the past weekend in Lubbock.

Miss Margaurite Graves and Bobby Graves of Guthrie were visitors here Tuesday.

Misses Zell Ellis and Louise Collier were visitors in Sweetwater on the 11th.

Miss Joe Farrell, of Anson, is guest of Miss Zell Ellis here this week.

Miss Nig Lisenby and Mrs. Erma Scott were visitors in Abilene this week.

W. A. Kimmell, a prominent citizen of the Twin Wells community, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Lan who are now making their at Swenson, were visitors in city Sunday.

Ned Hogan made a business trip to Lubbock Wednesday.

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**39c 49c 79c**

COLORS: RED, COPEL, BLUE, BLACK, WHITE AND BROWN; ALSO ORANGE AND GREEN.

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Good, heavy cotton union suits for boys; made to give real winter protection, at hte lowest possible prices. Full sizes, well tailored, all flat lock seams. Sizes 6 to 16.

## Major Geo. Erath Early Day Texan

(Continued from last week)

**After the War**  
Erath returned to Robertson's colony after the army was disbanded. The municipality of Viesca had been changed by the executive council at San Felipe Dec. 27, 1835 to that of the municipality of Milam, which was the first county created. The capital of Robertson's colony, the village of Viesca, had been deserted, the inhabitants fleeing to old Nashville, Tenochtitlan and to Bryant's Station. In the fall of the year, attempts were made to settle again the town of Viesca at the falls of the Brazos. The settlement was assisted by two ranging companies, one of which was station at the falls, the other at the Three Forks of Little River. Erath was attached to Robertson's company of rangers against the Indians, and in July transferred to Captain Hill's company which operated between the Brazos and Colorado. He enlisted later in a corps of rangers then commanded by Col. Coleman and served as Lieutenant under Captain Barron who was stationed at the falls of the Brazos at

the abandoned town of Viesca which had been renamed Fort Milam. The rangers stationed at Ft. Milam had a hard life. These brave frontier men lived on provisions that were supplied by their guns. Their clothing was made of deer skins tanned and fashioned by their own hands. Their only articles of luxury were coffee and salt purchased with their own money. As the Texas government was too poor to supply houses, many of the battalion of rangers enlisting gave their whole claims of 1,280 acres of land for a horse, saddle and bridle with which to serve the frontier. De Cordova, Erath's friend, records that "their bed at night was the bare earth, except for a few of the more fortunate, who could boast that aristocratic luxury, a buffalo skin, and, to cap the climax, the only thing furnished by the Government was the ammunition, which was dealt out in such small portions that the most rigid economy was forced to be used by each man, fearful of wasting the smallest quantity."

### Death of Coryell

The tragic story of the death of Coryell is related by Lucy Erath. She says, "At the time of Coryell's death my father was 24 years old and had some slight command at Fort Milam. He was Lieutenant in the winter of '36 and '37 commanding at the Elm Creek fight, but the Chalmers family—my mother's family—who had been but little over a year in Texas, were doubtless not known to him personally at the time.

"In April and May of 1837 the Brazos bottom was overrun by Indians and the fort at Three Forks on the Brazos was abandoned and the soldiers moved to Fort Milam at the falls on the Brazos. James Coryell, for whom Coryell Creek and Coryell county were named, belonged to Captain Barron's company of rangers. Rumors of the Indian uprising brot the settlers to the forts for protection. My grandfather Chalmers, was out with some soldiers on an Indian campaign when he heard of the depredations along the Brazos. He sent word to his wife and four children to go to Fort Milam, but there was sickness in the home and my grandmother would not leave. Grandfather Chalmers heard that she had not gone to the fort so he sent Ezra Webb, Michael Castle-gon for his family. On the way man and James Coryell in a wato grandfather Chalmers' home near Perry Springs, the men discovered a bee tree. After taking my grandmother and her children to Fort Milam, six men ventured back to the bee tree. They cut the tree down and were sitting around eating and talking. In a short time they heard a noise of sticks breaking. They looked up and saw twelve Indians. Coryell had told the par-

ty that he had been sick for several days and was unable to run. He rose to his feet. One of the guns in the party was empty and Coryell's was the only gun left that would shoot. Those who had no guns ran and Coryell and the Indians fired at each other at the same time. Coryell fell grasping some bushes. The Indians rushed up and scalped him. Berry, one of the party whose gun had failed to fire, tried the gun again, but it failed. He made his escape. Out of the six men Coryell was the only one killed."

Another story of this period is told by De Cordova: "Capt. Geo. E. Erath, with a party of fourteen men, in passing from the waters of the Upper Leon to those of the Bosque, met on Meridian Creek a band of Cherokee Indians; their camp was taken, and those who survived found safety in flight. Captain Erath then returned to the settlements but in November he planned another expedition to the upper country, and again had to contend with another band of Indians, which he routed. Having performed this service, he turned his face homeward, and, being a deputy surveyor of Milam county, as well as a Texas soldier, when they reached the noble stream the Bosque, his soldiers, being struck with the beauty of the country, soon forgot their military character and in earnest turned in to take up these lands. These were the first locations made on the Bosque, and so valuable were the lands that the party did not leave off surveying until they were forced to do so by famine.

"In consequence of the success of these expeditions, the year of 1840 opened more brightly; for the prowess of our gallant frontiersmen had struck fear to the hearts of the Indians, and the surveyors were enabled to make several trips to the Bosque without molestation. This state of things continued until June, when the Indians again became troublesome; but our frontiersmen once more took the field in small parties and were again successful."

### Chased a Doughty Chief

John Henry Brown says of his friend Erath, "In January, 1841, he was with the Morehouse expedition, and had command of the friendly Indians and spies. After his return home he was elected Captain again of the Milam County Rangers. In one of his scouts he had a fight with a party of Indians, killed several and wounded Jose Maria, a noted Adqua chief. He was with the Altier expedition, but owing to lameness caused by an accident, he with others was left in charge

of the camp and horses, on the east side of the Rio Grande, and they made their escape after the battle and surrender at Mier."

Erath's life was by no means a quiet and unexciting one. It will be seen; if he started out to survey a tract he meant to survey it if he had to kill every Indian in Texas, and a decade before the Civil War he had made the memorable trip to the Waco Village on the Brazos. As early as 1836 a company of rangers had been stationed as far up the country as the Waco village, but due to scarcity of provisions and the difficulties of conveying even the few necessities of life so far into the interior, they were forced to abandon the post and next year Erath came by:

"When at the Waco village in 1837 it appeared to me that it would be a good town site, and I never lost an opportunity to bring about the laying off of a town there," he wrote. "The opportunity came in the year 1848. General Chambers, to whom the land had been titled by the Mexican Government, sold to Sydnor of Galveston and he authorized J. De Cordova, a general land agent and one of my principal customers, to dispose of it at \$1 an acre. At the same time he gave him power to create a sub-agent and to do whatever he thought best to make a quick sale of it, even an additional expense, De Cordova desired me to cut it up into small tracts and sell for him. I told him of my idea of locating a town there; also that the title was imperfect and how to perfect it, which would have to be done before any sale whatever was made. This brought about another sale from Sydnor to N. A. Ware of Galveston and Jonas Butler, who had only a small shrae in it. They gave De Cordova one third of the land, which was two leagues, and a half of 320 acres in the north-west corner, which was to be laid off into a town. A delay occurred until March 1, 1849, at which time I laid off only the main street and a number of lots which could be immediately disposed of. I sold them at \$5 apiece. They were mostly those on both sides of Bridge street from the river to the square. I had been made subagent, but had no direct benefit from the sale, the proceeds going to the owners of the land, not one of whom had ever seen it.

"There were at that time about twenty families in what is now McLennan county. Captain Barron lived immediately above the town tract. No one lived on the land at the time. Native post oaks, peach trees planted by the Indians, bones and old Indian fortifications were about. The family of Cap. Ross and several

other families were camped on the east side of the river ready to move into town, and on the day I surveyed it three or four men stood by and walked along with me carrying axes, ready to go to house building. John McLennan, eldest son of Neill, who had accompanied me on many surveying trips, was then sheriff of Milam county, to which the territory of McLennan County belonged. He was my principal assistant in laying off the town. Captain Ross too much interest in the formation of it and believed in its future greatness."

### Married at Old Nashville.

Weddings back in the early days of Texas were social thrills. Early in the morning the bridegroom and his family and neighbors drove to the house of the bride. A great feast was eaten from the pewter dishes at high noon. Afterward the square dance followed which lasted "up toward morning." Pies, ginger cakes, hard cider, milk and cakes were dispensed during the evening. The protective friends, the guns, were stacked in the corner of the house. The marriage of Mapor George Mernard Erath to Miss Lucinda Chalmers, Dec. 28, 1845, was an important social event of old Nashville. Miss Chalmers was born in New York of Scotch and New England parentage, and came to Texas with her family when a child.

"My grandfather, John Chalmers, emigrated to the United States from his native Glasgow, Scotland, in 1819 or 1820. He married Lucy Spooner of Mass. whose earliest American ancestor was supposed to have come over on the Mayflower," said Lucy Erath, oldest living member of the Erath family. "They drifted to Texas in 1835 just in time for the Runaway Scrape. Albert Chalmers, son of John Chalmers, was a well known early citizen of Waco; Chalmers block bears his name.

"My mother, Lucinda Chalmers, was noted on the Texas frontier along with her brother and two sisters for training and accomplishment. They treasured books of poetry, philosophy and history that were brought by John Chalmers from Scotland. We have these rare books in our family now. One that we prize is an early edition of Burns. My mother was also noted for the care that she bestowed upon or-

phans, both of her own kinship and others left alone in their childhood.

"As a sample of the difference in the times of the early frontier and now, my sister, May Erath was married to John D. Kendrick, the family was distressed because her name was given in the paper as Mary instead of May as she was named for the month of May. It was remarked by one of the members of the family that a woman's name was never in the paper except when she married and died, and it was a pity she could not have it correct the first time.

"My father's eldest son, Edwin Porter Erath, a volunteer in the Civil War, died of fever in camp in Louisiana just after the Battle of Yellow Bayou, through which he had gone with commendation of his Captain, Harrison of Speight's Regiment. He died before he was 18 year old. The second son, Walter McLennan Erath was a well-known ranchman in Central and Western Texas. His son George, lives in Spur, Texas.

"I have glimpses of three personal friends of my father of 3 distinctive types of frontier men all meeting here for active part in the making of Central Texas. One was De Cordova, Spanish, the land agent, who procured Waco's townsite; Scotch John McLennan, oldest son of Neill McLennan for whom the county is named and Judge Baylor, Colonial American, sponsor of Baylor

University. John Mac, as his comrades of early days called him, was the Sheriff of Milam land district, when McLennan County was cut off and then this county, retiring from public life to a home on the Bosque directly where the new big lake now stands.

De Cordova came from the West Indies where his father was known to the British Government as the 'coffee king of Jamaica.' What De Cordova didn't know, the early Wacoans said, wasn't worth knowing. The lonely families in the country around here looked forward to his coming and he came in his fine carriage. Baylor came in a wagon with his fiddle on the seat beside him. He preached after holding court all day. The people loved him and liked to hear him preach.

Major Erath in his memoirs says: "Neill McLennan, a native of Scotland, who had come to Texas in 1835 and settler on the frontier, after annexation moved to the South Bosque River about eight miles from the present site of Waco. The Indians used to visit him, and demanded eatables as a sort of tribute for allowing a white man in the region; they had an idea that they were still sovereigns of the soil, though on

(Continued next week)



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2 LB. COFFEE	25c
10 LBS. SPUDS	25c
SALT MEAT	12c
Full No. 2 TOMATOES, 3 for	25c
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To be ready to serve you, your public service company must keep ahead of the growth of your community.

Public service carries with it the obligation to serve — instantly and constantly.

When you press a button or flick a switch, you want — and must have — SERVICE . . . at once and for as long as you need it.

To give this service we constantly increase our facilities, planning years ahead; raising new money for extensions and betterments, and spending that money in your service.

Our obligation is to serve you — and our pride is that the West Texas Utilities Company is rendering dependable, inexpensive electric service to 125 cities and towns in West Texas, the "Land of Opportunity."

## West Texas Utilities Company

## HOT TAMALES and Chili!

Absolutely sanitary and made of as clean and fresh ingredients as you would want on your own table.

The flavor is Delicious!  
COME IN AND TRY A FEW AND TAKE A COUPLE DOZEN HOME

### Farmers Cafe

J. R. BISS, Prop.  
Opposite City Light Plant  
On East 6th St.