

# THE TEXAS SPUR

AND THE DICKENS ITEM

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## AGED CITIZEN PASSED AWAY

Mr. W. M. Allen died at his home in the Dry Lake community Thursday, January 5th, 1933, after an illness of ten days duration. He was born in the State of Alabama in 1849 and was 83 years, 9 months and 5 days of age.

Funeral services were held at Espuela Friday afternoon, January 6th, with Rev. Harris officiating. Interment was made in Espuela Cemetery.

Mr. Allen came to Texas when he was 27 years of age and was married to Miss Bettie Wilson December 21, 1882. To this union were born five children, three boys and two girls: E. S. Allen of Vera, Texas, C. P. Allen of Spur; Minnie Cox of Haltville, California; W. M. Allen Jr. of Spur; Carrie Gragson, of Spur. There are thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He professed religion and joined the Missionary Baptist Church at the age of 33.

Two of the children were unable to attend the funeral, Mrs. Minnie Cox of California and W. M. Allen of Spur.

To mourn his going are his wife, Mrs. W. M. Allen, his sons and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Allen and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Allen and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Allen Jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gragson and family, one sister, Mrs. Hensley, of Vineyard, Texas.

Out of county relatives attending the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. McMaghey, Thurman, L. D. and Lois Allen of Vera, Texas, and Ray Allen of Electra, Texas. —Contributed.

## Local Girl Scouts' Troop Reorganized

The Girl Scouts met Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock. Mrs. Hart, our new Scout leader, organized four patrols with eight Scouts in each patrol. The leaders are: Patrol No. 1, Isabelle Campbell; Patrol No. 2, June Lisenby; Patrol No. 3, Vanita Briley; and Patrol No. 4, Dot Taylor. Each patrol selected a name and motto. We are planning to fix up the house, put locks on the doors, plant flowers and grass, and improve the place generally. —Reporter.

## Associational B. T. S. Has Good Meet

The Dickens County Associational B. T. S. met with the Calvary Baptist Church of Crosbyton Sunday afternoon. More than sixty people attended the service.

The theme of the program was "Looking to Jesus for Life's Ideals"; and was rendered as given in last week's paper. The next meeting of the B. T. S. will be March 12th with the Dickens Baptist Church. Each church in the Association should be represented at these meetings even though that church does not have an organized B. Y. P. U. at this time. Olive Riley, vice-president of the Associational B. T. S. and chairman of the extension work of the organization is anxious to meet with the churches without B. Y. P. U. and help them to organize the work.

Those attending from the Spur church were: Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Terry, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Ivey, James B. Reed, T. J. Seale, L. W. Langston, Mrs. Hattie Turvan, Mrs. Westerman, Esther Lee Mitchell, Malissa McKay, Velma Howe, Jessie Belle Suggs, Nadine Westerman, Lynn Knouse, Dick Lewis, Eloise McCombs, Walter Dunn, Dick Lewis and Clara Pratt.

## GIBSON INFANT DIES

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gibson, of Clairmont, died soon after birth at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe McCombs in Spur on January 9th.

Funeral rites were had at Clairmont January 10th and interment made in the Clairmont Cemetery.

Mrs. Gibson is a sister of Roscoe McCombs.

Andy Durham, of Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

## NEW STORE IS ADDED TO THE LOCAL GROUP

Melvin Landers, proprietor of Landers Store No. 1 in Spur and who has also been operating stores at Jayton, Swenson and Roaring Springs, this week added another business to his string by purchasing a grocery business in Aspermont.

Mr. Landers states that the big buying power afforded by turning such a volume of goods as several stores in good locations permits enables him to offer the trade merchandise at the lowest prices possible and is the direct cause of the rapid growth his businesses are now experiencing.

## Ft. Worth Paper on Market For Texas Made Commodities

Sales methods for Texas manufacturers were discussed by a recent issue of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram in commenting on an address by the managing director of Progressive Texans, Inc., to the Texas Retail Grocers Association convention. Said the Star-Telegram:

Texas Retail Grocers have before them some highly interesting figures for digestion, as a result of a presentation to the annual convention in Fort Worth Tuesday by W. C. Edwards of Dallas, managing director of Progressive Texans, Inc. Mr. Edwards suggested that the retail dealers, forming the ultimate contact between the producer and the consumer, may contribute greatly to the prosperity and progress of the State by promoting Texas consumption of Texas goods.

There is more need for preaching this sort of gospel in Texas than in most States. Ranking near the top in production potentialities in practically all lines, this state remains a consuming State rather than a producing State. The reason for this, of course, is not to be found in a single statement of fact. Mr. Edwards pointed out that our cities are being fed largely by foods produced in other states. Without straying from the demonstrated facts, he might have said the same with respect to hundreds of other classifications of consumed articles. Millions of Texas money goes to other states for articles which might be produced in Texas. We are patently neglecting an opportunity to build up our own industries, including agriculture, with great benefit to ourselves and without cost to us.

One of the main reasons why Texas has lagged behind in the business of providing the articles in daily use by its own people is the failure of adequate salesmanship. Texans have been appealed to time and again to "buy Texas-made goods," but that sort of appeal rarely produces more than nominal results. What is needed is the same sort of salesmanship that has put articles made elsewhere into wide use in Texas. Patriotic sentiment seldom extends to the daily shopping tour, unless it is fortified and reinforced by commercial considerations.

Texas-made articles can capture the Texas market if and when they demonstrate superior quality and are properly brought to the attention of Texas people. That means that the best of modern salesmanship must be applied, and salesmanship means advertising of the sort that has made goods manufactured in other states popular in Texas.

The part of the retailers in the enterprise of building up Texas commerce is obviously an important one. They may consistently urge the buying of Texas made articles as good or better than others of the same sort made elsewhere. But the Texas manufacturer may not sit idly by waiting for the retailers to build up his business for him. He needs to make the retailer's job easier for him by acquainting the public with the merits of his product.

## MOVING TO AFTON

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Christopher were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office Saturday. They have been residing near Spur for some time and are now moving to Afton where they will farm this year. The Texas Spur will continue to visit their home.

## Made First Split Log Road Drag

S. R. Bowman, who moved to the Spur country twenty-one years ago from Hill County, Texas, was a very pleasant visitor at the Texas Spur office Saturday morning. Mr. Bowman is a very interesting talker and knows the most of the ins and outs of this country.

He has the distinction, he stated, of having made the first split log drag in Hill county. Down in that country, you know, back before hard-surfaced roads were thought possible in a Texas farming country, the farm citizens faced a grave problem of getting to town to purchase supplies when the rainy season was on and the black mud balled up on the wagon wheels to the extent that teams could not pull them. After such muddy spells the country roads were in a deplorably rough condition, so Mr. Bowman figured out a plan of a cheap drag to smooth out the rough places and built the first split log drag in that county.

The editor of the Texas Spur well remembers when the split log drag came into being on a sizeable scale and the newspapers were loud in their praise of its accomplishments. We lived at the time in West Texas where there weren't any logs, so we couldn't chime in very strong on the publicity of the then modern road-smoother.

## A Great Comedy Coming to Spur

For ten years, since the production of his epic, "Grandma's Boy", Harold Lloyd has sought to outdo the "fadout" gag, in that picture. You may recall the scene where he carried the girl across a brook, stepped on what he thought was a big rock, and when he came to his senses, floundering in the water, saw a pig nonchalantly walking up the bank of the brook. It was a laugh "riot", and topped off what many still regard as the greatest silent comedy ever produced. In "Movie Crazy", with Constance Cummings, which comes Sunday to the Palace Theatre, the bespectacled comedian's first screen offering in two years, Lloyd has come through with just the closing gag he has been searching for these years.

It came as "finis" on a series of three running gags, each of which is hilarious in itself, but all of which build up to a grand climax, with the final one rating as the greatest laugh finish the comedian has ever filmed.

Lloyd pulled this gag out of the air, and sensing its merits, developed into what every comedian craves—a bit of business that runs throughout the picture, building with each repetition.

In this instance the business is built around the breaking of a straw hat worn by a motion picture producer.

## 3 Youths Tried In The Juvenile Court

Three youths, ranging in age from 13 to 15, were tried before Judge Jim Cloud, sitting as trial judge in the County Juvenile Court, Wednesday, and were convicted of having broken into the Spur Grain and Coal Co. office Sunday afternoon and rifling the cash drawer. They received suspended sentences.

While practically no money was taken in this instance, this was the third time this office had been burglarized in recent months, considerable cash having been taken in the two other cases.

## BREAKS WRIST

Bill Fowler, of Dickens, happened to the misfortune Monday of breaking both bones of the right wrist in a very peculiar manner. He was painting the interior of the school building in the Wichita community and was standing on a table, not so very high, to reach the job, when he became unbalanced and fell. He came to Spur for surgical aid. He was back again Thursday afternoon to have the Doctor look the injury over and possibly to get some advice as to when the pain would let up.

## All West Texans Must Co-operate

Lubbock, Texas  
January 10, 1933.

Mr. A. C. Hyatt, Editor,  
Texas Spur,  
Spur, Texas.

Dear Mr. Hyatt:  
We want to thank you for your editorial in support of Texas Tech and other West Texas schools, and to assure you that this expression of good will, friendship and neighborliness is, indeed, appreciated by all concerned.

It is this shoulder to shoulder spirit of West Texans down thru the years that has developed this section, and when we study the history of what East Texas has gotten from West Texas, we cannot help but be impressed with the necessity of all West Texas fighting harder than ever for its right at this time.

It is our opinion that West Texas should work with every other section of the State and every other section of the State should work with West Texas, all for the good of the State as a whole, but other sections have never accepted this policy or ideal and it seems to us that the time has come for West Texans to join hands and get what is right and equitable and fair for West Texas.

You have already expressed your opinion in this matter and because of this fact we will take the liberty, in the very near future, of furnishing you facts, figures, data and information that we hope will enable you to carry on the fight to obtain for West Texas that proper recognition Texas that proper recognition and credit as well as equity and Texas is entitled to.

Again thanking you for your cooperation in this and the so many other matters in which you have helped, we are,

Sincerely yours,  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce,  
A. B. DAVIS, Mgr.

## Pioneer Citizen Of This County Dies New Mexico Home

Jno. O. Wilkinson, a pioneer citizen of Dickens County, died recently at his home in the State of New Mexico. He was organizer of the first bank in Dickens county which he operated until Spur was established when he moved it here and was in active charge for some time. He moved to New Mexico several years ago.

Mr. Wilkinson was one of the quaint, big-hearted West Texans who believed in being kind to and considerate of his fellow men. He has hundreds of real friends in Dickens County who will regret to learn of his death.

## Junior Class Play Presented Tonight

The Junior Class of the Spur High School will present a class play tonight (Friday) entitled "Patty Makes Things Hum". This is a very pleasing comedy drama and will be well worth your support.

Specialty dances and other features will be presented between acts. The Juniors have worked hard in arranging to present one of the best entertainments of the season and will appreciate your patronage tonight.

## Bumpus Child

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Bumpus died at birth late Thursday evening. This was the first child born to these good folks and their many, many friends in the city and country will join the Texas Spur in extending sincere sympathy in such a great disappointment and sorrow.

## CALLS TO SEE US

Lee Mimms, who resides in the Wichita community and serves this county as Commissioner of Precinct No. 4, called at the Texas Spur office Saturday to renew acquaintance with the editor. We were quite well acquainted with Lee when we used to publish a newspaper at Dickens and were indeed pleased to renew said acquaintance.

## BASKET BALL DICKENS GYM JANUARY 20-21

It has been announced that a basket ball tournament will be held in the commodious high school gymnasium at Dickens on Friday and Saturday, January 20th and 21st to determine the boys high school championship team of Dickens county.

Five teams, Dickens, Spur, Afton, Croton and McAdoo will participate in the tournament and a round robin schedule will be played. The winner of this championship will represent Dickens county in the district meet which is usually held at Lubbock.

## Whitlock Is Again Called To Spur

Rev. N. C. Whitlock has again been called as pastor of the Spur church of the Assembly of God. He announces the following order of services:

Prayer meeting Tuesday evening at 7:15.

Young people's meeting Friday evening at 7:15.

Sunday School Sunday at 10:00 A. M.

Sunday morning worship at 11:00.

Evangelistic service Sunday evening at 7:15.

Everybody welcome to all services irrespective of creed, denomination, name or order.—Contributed.

## Richbourg Injured In Road Accident

J. B. Richbourg is in Spur at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jack Rector, recuperating from injuries received recently in an accident which occurred about 15 miles out of Munday on the Wichita Falls highway.

Mr. Richbourg was en route to Wichita by auto when he met a truck on a bridge at the same time a wagon was occupying same. Mr. Richbourg backed the car off the bridge and got out to see if everything was all right for going again when the truck came on, catching him between the truck and his car. He received a broken arm, a severe cut on an ear and other head injuries. He is reported getting along very nicely.

## Sanitarium Full Up With Patients

When the Texas Spur editor went to the Nichols Sanitarium late Thursday afternoon in quest of news we found that institution filled to the limit with patients. All the second story rooms were occupied and it had become necessary to place three Mexicans on the ground floor. Mrs. Elza Watson submitted to a surgical operation Thursday morning.

V. M. Hanson, of Afton, had a left rib resection operation Thursday.

Mrs. W. W. Elkins underwent a surgical operation Thursday Miss Marguerite Graves submitted to an operation for an infected foot Wednesday.

Mrs. W. R. Cornelius, of Red Mud, submitted to a surgical operation Tuesday of this week.

Clyde Bean, of Clairmont, is still an inmate of the Sanitarium. Mrs. R. N. Richards will return soon to her home at McAdoo.

Mrs. Virgil Wilson, of Spur, who submitted to a surgical operation last Thursday, is doing nicely.

Wiley Stark, of Afton, is seriously ill of pneumonia.

Three Mexicans are quite ill, one dangerously low with pneumonia.

## To Start Assessing Taxes Next Week

A. B. (Shorty) Hogan, who has been pretty busy at his office in Dickens the past several days, explained his absence from Spur to the Texas Spur editor Thursday afternoon when we asked him if he had been sick or simply by stating that he had been getting everything ready to start assessing the taxes for Dickens County and would start out next Monday.

## Rogers Child Dies Crosbyton, Buried Here On Sunday

J. T. Rogers, who was born December 24th, 1930, died January 7th, 1933, at the age of two years and thirteen days. The little fellow was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rogers who reside in the White River community. He became violently ill and was immediately taken to Crosbyton, the nearest town, for medical assistance. He passed away while in the doctor's office in that city, some form of croup being given as the cause. Interment was made January 8th in the Spur cemetery under direction of Webber Williams of Campbell Funeral Parlor.

The following contribution was made by Rev. F. G. Rodgers, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Spur:

## DEATH OF PRECIOUS BABY

J. T. Rogers, two years and two weeks old, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. William Rogers of White River Community. Mr. Rogers is a son of pioneer settlers of this country, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rogers. Mrs. Rogers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Millsap of Lamesa, Texas.

Mrs. Rogers is teaching in the White River School. These are some of the best people of the land. We extend our deepest sympathy to them in this hour of grief. The funeral services were conducted by the writer and Brother Wells of Crosbyton at Spur Sunday afternoon at 2:30. The body was laid to rest in Spur cemetery.—F. G. Rodgers.

## Prominent Stamford Man is Found Dead

Mr. Ray Rector, prominent citizen of Stamford, was found dead in his garage last Saturday. A gun was close to his body from which one shot had been fired.

Mr. Rector had been prominently identified with all worthwhile activities in Stamford for a number of years and had held many positions of trust. He devoted a large measure of his time to charitable organizations and causes and was quite popular as a very worthwhile and dependable citizen.

He was a brother of Jack Rector and Mrs. V. C. Smart who reside in Spur.

## MOVING TO BELLEVUE

T. F. Garrett, who has been living east of Dickens, was a visitor at the Texas Spur office Saturday to have the address of his Texas Spur changed to Bellevue, Texas.

He will occupy a fifteen acre farm right against the town of Bellevue and raise truck, fruit, poultry and domestic rabbits.

He has been a citizen of Dickens county several years and, you know when a fellow once gets acclimated here it's hard for him to pull away and stay gone, so we'll expect Mr. Garrett to be bringing his rabbits, poultry, etc., back to Dickens county after he has tried it down there for a few months.

## Wiley Stark Ill

Wiley, the young son of Mrs. Luther Stark of the Afton community, is very low with pneumonia at the Nichols Sanitarium as the Texas Spur goes to press Thursday night. He has been seriously ill the past few days and very little hope is now entertained for his recovery.

## MRS. BURNS CONTINUES SERIOUSLY ILL

Mrs. David Burns, who has been seriously ill of pneumonia following an attack of influenza, is not doing so well as the Texas Spur goes to press. Her condition has been quite precarious the past several days and no improvement is reported at this time.

## NEW SUBSCRIBER

Among the new subscribers to the Texas Spur is R. J. Griffin who resides about five miles east of Spur. The Texas Spur list is growing right along these days, new names going on the list every week, and of course that is mighty gratifying to the gang at the helm.

W. S. Campbell is absent from his place of business Thursday due to an attack of influenza.

## Subscription List Growing Rapidly

Among the many new names recently added to the Texas Spur list is that of John Gragson who is a substantial farmer on the Star Route out of Spur.

The Texas Spur has been visiting in the homes of Dickens and adjoining counties the past 23 years without having missed an issue. Always it has endeavored to fight the battles of the honest and honorable people of this country.

When such adversities as the depression come about the size of the paper is diminished, of course, but we do make an effort to chronicle as nearly as possible all the news items obtainable that are of interest to the folks of all communities. It shall be the policy of this paper to be just as good from a standpoint of filling a real country weekly's mission as our ability will permit and income allow. Any time, any place you happen to know an item of news about your own folks, your friends or your friend's folks, we will consider it a special favor for you to tell us about it—just any of the bunch connected with this publication. If we ever show any partiality whatsoever in the news columns of this paper it will be due altogether to ignorance—never intent. You can materially assist the Texas Spur in being a better paper by telling us what you know that would really be news when put in print.

We appreciate the fact that many new subscribers are being secured without any special effort on our part and we'll do our dead level best to keep faith with you by bringing the real news of the country to you each week.

We know we publish a paper that's somewhat different to the rank and file of country weeklies. Maybe we'll editorialize when and where we ought to be slinging news just as we have in this very article; or maybe we'll write news items when we should be throwing editorial propaganda—but always we strive to word things so you'll catch the point without having to consult a dictionary or a school teacher. We are just a plain old country boy who knows that what's good for the other folks of this country and country is also good for us—and it's our aim to cooperate to the fullest extent in all worthy movements, hoping to help a little in bettering conditions for all of us. If your community needs the services of a newspaper don't hesitate to tell us about it—you'll find us ready to serve you the best we know how.

## Made 50 Bales

D. J. Williams, who farmed this past year near Jayton, was in Spur the latter part of last week to visit with his children and mingle with friends in Spur and over this country. Mr. Williams stated that he made and his family gathered a fifty bale cotton crop this past season, and though the prices that were so extremely low forbade any profit much, by gathering it all themselves they realized some money even at five cents per pound. He said to keep the Texas Spur coming to his address, that he enjoyed reading every word of it. Thanks, Mr. Williams.

## HERE FOR REUNION

Mr. and Mrs. Bos Estes and children and Mrs. Claud Box and family of Rockwood, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Garnett Reeves of Lubbock were in Spur during the holidays for a family reunion at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Harkey.

## AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following want ad recently appeared in a Mineral Wells, Texas, paper and is food for thought.

For Sale—\$4,000.00 Coupe for \$21.00 cash—or will trade for a horse or cow, worth \$21.00. Coupe in good running condition—considering eleven years of service—retains original shape very well—will burn any make or grade of gasoline and run with any grade of lubricating oil. Original cost, \$700.00, total upkeep for taxes, oil, gas, repairs deterioration for eleven years, \$25.00 per month or \$3,300—total cost—\$4,000. Will sacrifice this faithful machine for \$21.00 if sold before January 1st, 1933.—W. C. Cox.

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**NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR THE PEDESTRIAN**

While this is a good season for the motorist to determine that he will drive more carefully during 1933, it is also a proper time for the pedestrian to resolve that he will avoid those errors which in 1931 killed 14,500 walkers and injured nearly 300,000.

Maxwell Halsey, Traffic Engineer of the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, has drawn up a set of resolutions for the man-a-foot. They are:

I will not cross a street when traffic lights are against me, nor will I cross diagonally or between intersections.

I will not cross at intersections where there are no signals without looking to traffic.

I will not cross from behind parked cars without observing what is before me.

I will not get on or off a street car without satisfying myself that my way is clear and I will not take it for granted that all motorists always obey all rules.

I will not take a chance any place against a dangerous driver.

**COUNTRY**

I will not forget to walk on left side of road so that I can face on-coming cars.

I will not cross at a sharp curve or just at the brow of a steep hill where I cannot see what is coming.

I will not forget to allow for a swerve of a car on rough roads, giving all vehicles plenty of room.

I will not forget when I drive how I feel when I am walking.

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**OLD-AGE SECURITY**

A writer in the American Mercury recently observed that there is one way of eliminating the danger of poverty-stricken old age—and a way which does not require government panaceas which added taxes, bureaus and thousands more public employes. That way is by taking advantage of the annuity plan, which has long been offered by life insurance companies here and abroad.

There are only two means of buying annuity—by the payment of a single premium which is of course, a means pursued only by persons of some wealth, and by the payment of small monthly or annual premiums out of income. Almost any wage earner can afford an annuity in some amount, even though it be small. It is the finest form of savings, in that the principal cannot be touched until the age stipulated in the contract has been reached—and then a definite monthly income is paid to the policyholder as long as he lives.

The importance of the annuity is tragically demonstrated by the spectacle of millions of aged men and women without incomes of any kind. Many of these once had money, many others once held well paid positions. Today they are wards of the state, or must depend for existence upon charity. The annuity would have saved them as, in the future, it will save those who take advantage of it now, when they are able to earn a good living and spare a few dollars a month for the sake of old age security.

**A COMMON CAUSE**

The National Board of Fire Underwriters, which has long served the public by its fight in the interest of better fire protection and prevention, has recently inaugurated another activity which is of vital importance to all.

It has recognized that the greatest problem confronting the nation today is reduction of taxes. Consequently, it is to run a series of advertisements in national magazines emphasizing this need. It has likewise prepared a booklet entitled "Taxes—You Pay Them All," which will be sent to anyone requesting it.

The National Board's booklet emphasizes a vital and often-forgotten fact—that you don't have to go to a courthouse to pay taxes! You pay them wherever you are, and for almost everything you do—from eating a sandwich to smoking a cigarette. If you make \$50 a week, nearly \$12.50 of it goes to the tax collector, though you may never see him. He takes it out of your electric bill, your rent, the cost of operating your car, your food, your entertainment—he is never far away.

It is to be hoped that more basic industries will adopt programs of this nature, in the interest of the public at large. Too much attention cannot be paid to the tax problem—too much effort cannot be given to solving it. Taxes MUST come down—and they will come down when the bulk of our citizens unite in the common cause.

William Lee Rodgers has returned to Waco to resume studies in Baylor University after spending the holidays in Spur with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. F. G. Rodgers.

**We'll Come Clean With You!**



**WE'RE MAKING A LONG TALE SHORT**

In saying that it is a good idea not to judge too much by appearances or to jump at tempting bait. A doughnut looks like a life preserver and yet it's a sinker.

We're safe in saying that this laundry is certainly a "wife saver." Just try our Thrift laundry service and discover what a relief it is to have your wash day turned into a day of recreation. Compare our saving in time and labor with the modest cost of our service to appreciate what this modern convenience really means.

**PHONE 344**

**SPUR LAUNDRY**

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY**

**MADE THIS THE WIFE-SAVING STATION**

**Time For Summing Up The Depression**

Three years of depression are ended and we can begin to sum up.

Hard times have brought ill winds, but they have also brought some healthful breezes.

Businesses and individuals have been forced to "write down" fictitious valuations and standards. This has naturally caused a great deal of hardship and a long black list of bankruptcies.

But real readjustments had to occur to put a sound foundation under family and business life.

Those who expanded and operated on the principle that that which goes up needs never come down, and that boom prosperity would continue unabated forever, had to be deflated.

The individual has found that it is possible to live happily and comfortably on a pre-war basis. He has found that the arbiter of wages is what the dollar will buy. He's come down to earth.

These are the healthful breezes of depression. The decks have been cleared for action, and the way to recovery is open.

As for the problems of depression, they are still vital and intense. Writing in the Yale Review, Sir Arthur Salter observed that 1933 will be one of the most crucial years in modern history.

The pressing and increasing weight of taxation stifles the capital (industry) of the world, creating unemployment and preventing industrial expansion and the further investment of money. The burden of armaments, with their drain on national incomes and their constant threat to the peace of the world, grows greater. In every major country the cost of war, past, present and future, is the major item in the national budget.

The question of foreign trade looms large on the economic horizon. In normal times, foreign sales amount to ten per cent of the gross in this country, between profit and loss in the average business. Today foreign trade is almost non-existent, due largely to a new and intensive spirit of economic nationalism which finds its expression in tariff wars and embargoes.

Almost every economist of distinction, here and abroad, stresses the need for revitalizing foreign trade as a factor in the work of recovery. Tied up with this is the problem of silver, which affects the purchasing power of half the world's people. When silver is depressed, as at present, the silver standard countries are unable to buy in the gold standard markets.

The picture at home is undoubtedly more encouraging than the world picture. We have the finest industrial organism in existence—we have the factories and the machines and the farms that are adequate to our needs. Our utilities, our railroads, our oil companies, our insurance institutions, are harbingers of American progress. They represent honest national assets, as against the fictitious assets we counted on in the boom days. Because the machinery of distribution has slowed, it does not mean that the machinery of production is lacking or faulty.

Our greatest single problem is unemployment. Ten millions of our working population is at present out of a job, and its buying has come to a stop. Much of this unemployment is temporary—part of it is the result of machine displacement of labor. Today the foremost industrialists are working toward plans to shorten the working day and the working week, and to provide some means of unemployment insurance that will assure the able and willing worker a livelihood in bad times as well as good. It is difficult to believe that their efforts will end in failure. The weight of taxation, which forces retrenchment, is preventing employment of many of those now seeking jobs.

This is America at the opening of 1933—a vast and incalculably rich land, which is gradually emerging from the depression and entering a new era. It is still a land of promise, as it was in the days of the Argonauts. It has lost nothing that it really possessed. Its earth is still fruitful, its mines are still filled with metals, its factories are ready to make the necessities and luxuries its people want. Its people are courageous, and they still have faith. Its leaders retain those vital qualities—intelligence and vision. America will pull out of the depression—and, from the lessons that depression has taught, it may find a means of preventing both extreme rises and extreme drops in the economic and social cycle, and of creating genuine, permanent and sound prosperity.

Let the people curb the tax bill and the first great step will be taken toward industrial recovery and employment.

**SNAKE FOR DINNER**

Perhaps we can get some of our large supply of rattlesnakes killed out for a propaganda in favor of "rattlesnake chops." Snake meat is very popular with Chinese cooks and we regret to see in the press where a prominent Chinaman had been poisoned because the cook forgot to cut out the fangs and poison sack when serving snake meat at a Chinese banquet.

Many years ago, so the story among the "drummers" of that day went, the Chinaman cook at an Eagle Pass hotel served delicious breaded rattlesnake chops for Sunday breakfasts and as the meats served in this country in those days was as tough as whitelather, the chops were greatly enjoyed, being so tender, until one Sunday morning a late breakfaster strolled into the kitchen to compliment "John" on his fine chops and saw lying on the table the remainder of the big snake from which the chops came!

Not long ago we clipped an article from the Omaha World Herald about a hotel there serving a rattlesnake dinner to a half dozen guests. It was related that Manager Huckins of the hotel said the dish "tasted like chicken a la king," while Manager Murry of the American Airways likened the taste to "the taste of my sister's pink wrapper," and other diners had various opinions.

Perhaps we are wasting a lot of good meat in Texas where there are more rattlesnakes than anywhere else. Some people won't eat chitlings and we do not prepare them if we don't see them prepared. Perhaps it is the same with snake meat—if you don't see the culinary preparations. Anyway, let's get rid of the rattlesnakes!—Texas Indus. Resources.

**TEXAS PRICES BETTER THAN U. S. AVERAGE**

Lubbock, Texas, Jan. 11.—Prices paid to Texas farmers on November 15 were higher than those paid to the United States farmers as a whole for seven agricultural products out of the 25 commodities included in a study conducted by Dr. J. O. Ellsworth, head of the department of agricultural economics at Texas Technological College. Texas prices were lower than the average for 18 of the 25 products. Commodities which were higher in price than the United States average include hogs, sheep, wool, corn, potatoes, and apples. Prices which were lower include wheat, cotton, hay, beef, cows, horses, mules, chickens, turkeys, eggs, and butter.

Classified according to groups and compared to pre-war prices, grains were the lowest on November 15 and poultry products were the highest. On November 15, farmers received 34 per cent as much for grains as they did in 1910 to 1914. For poultry products they received 115 per cent of the 1910 to 1914 price. Other groups compared to pre-war were fruits and vegetables, 57 per cent; meat animals, 57 per cent; dairy products, 80 per cent; cotton, 47 per cent.

The above figures are increasingly significant when compared to prices paid by farmers. The last complete figures for this class are for September, and show that prices paid for maintenance of the farm family were 190 percent of the 1910 to 1914 average. Prices of commodities used in farm production were 106 percent of the pre-war average. Prices for machinery were 149 percent and prices for building material were 126 percent.

**WHAT IS A UTILITY WORTH?**

During the last few years the public has heard much of utility valuation. A long and chaotic battle has been fought between the two schools of thought—those favoring "reproduction cost" as the proper basis, and those favoring actual original cost. Recent events have shown fallacies in both arguments. In a period of ascending prices—as, for example, between 1922 and 1929—the reproduction theory of the utility, inasmuch as the replacement of plants, power lines, generating stations and other facilities would cost considerably more than they originally cost. In a period of descending values—as between 1930 and the present—reproduction value is very likely to fall below the actual investment value. Thus, if rates are promulgated on that basis, the utility will be unable to pay a reasonable return on its outstanding obligations.

Both theories, as the Newark Evening News has pointed out, as an exclusive criterion of value are illogical. True value lies somewhere between the two schools, in a basis of appraisal that will penalize neither the utility investors for conditions outside

**Spur News Items**

Carl Williams, of Dallas, was in Spur last week to attend to matters of business and visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Davis.

Claud Reid left Wednesday for Dallas to transact business.

Barton Wood has returned from a visit with his mother at Waco.

A son was born Sunday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Preston McClannahan.

Attorney H. A. C. Brummett and Judge Jim Cloud were over from Dickens Thursday afternoon to transact business and mingle with friends.

The Adrian Rickles twins have been quite ill, one of whom is in a serious condition at the present time.

Dr. B. F. Hale transacted business in Dallas this week.

M. R. Ernest of Dobbs City, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

A. M. Lay, prominent merchant of McAadoo, was a Spur visitor the first of the week.

Jake Rains, of the Swenson Ranch was in town Tuesday.

Robt. Reynolds, of Dickens, was a business visitor to Spur Tuesday.

Miss Allene Murphy and Leazel Howell, of Espuela, were Spur visitors Tuesday.

Mrs. Al Bingham, of the Spur Ranch, was shopping in Spur Tuesday.

Coy Drennon, of the Wichita community, attended to business in Spur Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Fain and daughter, Patsy Ruth, returned from a visit to Dalhart last Friday.

Bob Dickson, of the Swenson Ranch, was in Spur Tuesday.

Mrs. R. Q. Fain and daughter spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Newton Bingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Bingham spent Saturday night with Dan McMahan.

R. Q. Fain left Tuesday for a short business trip to Wellington.

J. E. Wells, who resides east of town, was among the numerous shoppers, traders and visitors in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. Tom Harkey arrived recently from Arizona for a visit with relatives and friends.

Attorneys W. D. Wilson, H. A. C. Brummett and Alton Chapman and Sheriff W. B. Arthur went to Abilene Tuesday where they had a case in Judge Milburn S. Long's court. The Dickens County barristers, we understand, received a favorable decision.

Morris Lane returned to Dallas recently to resume his duties as a student in Southern Methodist University.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones of the State Experiment Station near Lubbock, were here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson of the Spur Experiment Station.

Mrs. Bynum Britton returned last week from Roby, Texas, where she had been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. George Britton, her husband's parents.

Mrs. W. C. Pressley's mother, who has been quite ill of pneumonia, is reported improving.

L. R. Burrow, head of the utilities of Spur, transacted business in Abilene and other points the first of this week.

Mr. H. Jones and son, of Tulsa, Okla., were in Spur this week to spend a few days with the former's father, C. A. Jones, and brother, Clifford E. Jones.

The Evening News likewise points out that the problem is too complicated for any set formula. And that hits the nail pretty solidly on the head. The regulatory commissions and the courts must use common sense if the problem is to be equitably settled. The fact that the courts and commissions, as well as the utilities, are recognizing this, is a good augury for future agreement on an extremely important issue.

**THE FOUR FOLD FUNCTION OF LIFE INSURANCE**

Life insurance has a four-fold function, says Dr. S. S. Huebner.

First, it guarantees an investment estate to be left to dependents.

Second, if the insured continues to live, it enables him to accumulate an investment estate by the time he reaches the age for retirement.

Third, it helps man, after he has reached retirement age, to liquidate his accumulation through some income or annuity plan.

Fourth, it enables the insured to accumulate an emergency fund that will protect him, his family and his business during his life, and will enable him to protect everything he owns—real estate, securities, etc.

Life insurance is of great service, not to the wealthy, but to the average man.

**WHAT WORLD TRADE MEANS**

King Cotton, as John H. Caulfield points out, is splaying Horatius at the bridge for our foreign trade—armed with the two-edged sword of price and quality. Last season, while the world used 165,000 bales less of all cotton than in the previous period, it used 1,411,000 more bales of American. In the early months of this season American cotton again bettered its export record, by more than 50 per cent.

This means jobs for American workmen, increased circulation of money and a more stable cotton industry. It takes us back fifty and more years ago, when American cotton was the undisputed king in the world market. It is, perhaps, the beginning of a new era for the cotton producer.

It is worth pointing out that cotton is one of the American industries that has taken greatest advantage of the farmer's newest agency of progress—the cooperative. The cotton cooperative has shown the producer how to raise a better product and to the best advantage. It has fought, and is fighting, the battles that no single producer can ever fight successfully. Cotton prices are down, along with everything else—but they would be farther down if it were not for the cooperative, and the market would doubtless be demoralized. The fruit growers of the west, the dairymen of the east—they are showing what loyally supported cooperatives can do in bringing order out of chaos—Exchange.

**WHO WILL PAY?**

Who will pay the taxes after all property has been confiscated and all capital has at last found its way into the coffers of the government?

The optimistic answer is that that will never happen. Probably it won't. But we are coming closer to it than we realize. In some middle western states more than 50 per cent of the farms have been foreclosed and are being worked by lessees, not owners. In some cities it is a great deal cheaper to tear a good building down than to allow it to stand—because taxes on the structure are greater than the income it produces. In other cases it is cheaper to close a factory—because, under present conditions, returns are not great enough to meet the tax bill and the other running expenses.

It is very easy to advocate soaking the rich to help the poor. But over-taxation of capital is the surest way to produce distress, unemployment, depression. When people are afraid to invest their money in producing enterprises, because of fear of increasing taxation, the country faces a crisis from unemployment and actual confiscation of capital and jobs by taxation.

The congress now in session must deal with an unbalanced budget. The next Congress will have the same identical problem. Unless expenditures are reduced, there will come a time when there will not be enough taxpayers to meet the government's high cost.

H. S. Mobley, of the International Harvester Company, who is a well known lecturer, was the principal speaker at the Spur Rotary Club meeting Thursday noon at the Spur Inn. Mr. Mobley is a speaker of exceptionally clever ability and the Rotarians enjoyed one of the greatest treats of the year.

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**AFTON NEWS**

Afton boys played Dickens boys Tuesday night at Dickens Gym. The scores were 18 to 22 in favor of Dickens.

The young folks enjoyed a party at Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bateman's Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bateman are trading places with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Newberry of Duncan Flat for another year.

Mr. Alton Lawson, J. C. Porter and Plez Curd were seeing after business in Haskell Wednesday.

The Diphtheria serum was given in the Afton school Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Porter and Mrs. E. J. Nichols visited Mrs. Alton Lawson Saturday.

Alton Lawson and Wiley Stafford have traded places for next year.

The young folks enjoyed a nice little dance at Mr. and Mrs. Clark Forbis' Saturday night.

Little Wiley Pool Stark is in the Spur hospital with pneumonia.

Burnett Haney was seeing after business in Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Alldredge spent Sunday and Sunday night with her parents near Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Fite's daughter is here visiting from Dallas.

**NOTICE FOR COUNTY DEPOSITORY BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners Court of Dickens County, Texas, will receive proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of such county for the ensuing two year term. Any banking corporation, association or individual banker desiring to bid shall deliver to the County Judge of Dickens County, Texas, at his office in Dickens, Texas, on or before 10 o'clock A. M. on February 13, 1933, a sealed proposal stating the rate of interest offered on the funds of the county for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular time for the selection of a depository. Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent of the county revenue of the preceding year as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder, and that if his bid is accepted he will enter into the bond provided by statute for such depository. The Commissioners Court reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

**JIM CLOUD,**  
County Judge, Dickens County, Texas. 10-3c

Mrs. J. H. Meadors was in Spur late Thursday afternoon en route to her home at Dickens from Haskell where she had been at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Post, who is seriously ill of pneumonia. Mrs. Post was taken to the Stamford Sanitarium Wednesday where every care could be given her.

**UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE**

THE STATE OF TEXAS )  
COUNTY OF DICKENS )  
WHEREAS, By virtue of an execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of the United States for the Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division, on a judgment rendered in said Court on the 3rd day of June, A. D. 1932, in favor of the said Dickens County and O. C. Newberry as County Judge, and against E. C. Edmonds, P. H. Miller, Nell J. Davis and Mrs. Ann McClure as community survivor and Administratrix of the Estate of Oran McClure, deceased, jointly and severally, being numbered No. 30 at Law on the docket of said Court, I did, on the 11th day of January, A. D. 1933, at 9 o'clock A. M., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situated in the County of Dickens, State of Texas, as the property of and belonging to the said Defendant, P. H. Miller, to wit:

The South part of Lot No. 14, all of Lots 15, 16, 17, and 18 in Block 36, Town of Spur, Dickens County, Texas;

Lots Nos. 1 and 2 and South one half of Lot No. 3, Block 35, Town of Spur, Dickens County, Texas;

Lots Nos. 10 and 11, Block 10, Town of Spur, Dickens County, Texas.

And on the 7th day of February, A. D. 1933, being the first Tuesday of said month between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. of said date at the Courthouse door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said P. H. Miller in and to said property.

Dated at Lubbock, Texas, in the Lubbock Division of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, this 7th day of January, A. D. 1933.

S. L. GROSS, U. S. Marshal for the Northern District of Texas.  
By J. P. Edgar, Deputy. 10-4c

**CLIMB PIKES PEAK**

A card from Mike M. Young requests that the Texas Spur come to his new address at Colorado Springs, Colo. He stated: "We are liking here fine. Come out next summer (not before) and climb up on Pikes Peak which is in plain view looking through my window as I now write this card."

Well, Mr. Young, we have a lot of other things planned for the summer such as making a living and other things of such minor importance, but if we get all of them done there's nothing we can think about that we would enjoy more than climbing up on Pikes Peak and having a snow ball battle with somebody in the good old summer time. The Texas Spur will greet you each week and keep you posted as to the activities of the many people here we know you and yours love so well.

**23 YEARS AGO IN SPUR, TEX.**

Taken from the Texas Spur of January 14, 1910. Oran McClure, editor.

The jury in the Dock Edwards trial returned a verdict Monday, after deliberating from Saturday night to Monday morning, finding the defendant guilty of manslaughter and assessing his punishment at five years in the state penitentiary. Edwards was charged with the killing of R. L. King, the tinner of Spur, at this place during Christmas. Mr. King was killed with a scantling, receiving a lick in the back of the head.

Deck Powers returned this week from Dallas where he purchased a new fountain and other fixture for an up-to-date cold drink business.

Sunday afternoon W. P. Davis and the editor drove out south of Spur. We noted six or seven new farm houses along the route and farmers preparing to cultivate new land. The country is developing rapidly and will continue to do so until every acre of agricultural land is tilled.

This week the Texas Spur is authorized to announce Isaac O. Newton for district attorney of this, the 50th Judicial District. Mr. Newton lives at Seymour, Baylor County, and is one of the foremost men of the district and prominent in political affairs.

P. H. Miller made a business trip to Jayton the latter part of last week.

C. M. Buchanan was in Spur last week from his place north of Dickens.

G. L. Barber returned the first of the week from Rotan where he spent several days on business.

Sid Benson, one of the oldest Spur hands, was in town Monday transacting some land business.

D. W. Stiles, tax assessor of Garza county, came in from Post City Saturday night and is stopping with his brother-in-law, Matt Howell.

T. J. Williams has our thanks for two subscriptions to the Texas Spur. He is sending the paper to his father at Rochester and is taking one himself.

W. C. McArthur, of the Tap country, was in Spur the first of the week. Mr. McArthur is one of the old timers of this country, having lived here 20 years and during that time has made a success of farming.

Revs. Hodges and Cobb were callers Saturday at the Texas Spur office. They came up to fill the regular Baptist appointment at this place.

J. P. Gibson, of Carlton, and J. A. Jordon of Hico, were in Spur this week and each bought a quarter section of land southeast of town. These gentlemen are old acquaintances of our general townsman, Mr. Richbourg.

Dr. R. C. Roberts, of Stephenville, will open a dental office in Spur January 20th.

Conductor Jim Mahone, of Dublin, is here visiting his wife.

Dr. B. F. Hale, of Dickens, had business in Spur this week.

The work on the Y. L. Jones building is progressing nicely and when completed will add much to the appearance of the business section of the town.

The work on Dr. Standifer's office is nearing completion and the Dr. will have one of the most neatly arranged offices to be found anywhere.

COLLEGE DEGREE WORTH \$100,000, EXPERTS FIND

Statisticians and research investigators have at last run down the elusive and much discussed dollar and cents value of a college education and have fixed it at \$100,000. Their survey reveals that the average untrained boy goes to work at the age of 14, earns less than \$1,700 a year so that his income from 14 to 60, totals \$84,000. The high school graduate, they find, starts work at 18, reaches his maximum income of \$2,800 at 50 and by 60 has earned a total of \$88,000. The college graduate, they learned, starts his career at about 22, has caught up with the high school graduate by 30 and at 60 is earning from \$6,000 to \$8,000 a year with a total earning at 60 of between \$160,000 and \$200,000. Figures from the same survey produced by the statistical department of Union Central Life Insurance Company show that out of 1,000 children entering grade school only 23 graduate from college. Lack of funds is revealed as the main reason for leaving school and educational insurance is now advocated as a means of giving a higher percentage the "break" which a college degree assures.

C. A. Brenell, of the Spur Ranch, was in town Tuesday.

**WHITE RIVER**

R. M. Slack was greeting his many friends in Spur Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Hub Hyatt are here visiting in the A. M. Walker home.

Mrs. H. C. Peterson has been sick this week but we are glad to report she is better.

Mrs. Ida Rucker spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Nelson Springer, of Kalgary.

Mrs. Plains, of Lubbock, visited here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Walker, the past week.

Mrs. Cliff Bird, of Highway, was visiting in the community Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Adcock, of Throckmorton, is spending this week here with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Royers.

W. O. Slack was trading in Spur Saturday.

Warren Ballio and Arnold Loyd Cross of Kalgary, were visiting in the Lynn Rankin home Sunday.

Clyde Smith was in the Highway community Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Veto Austin and son, Billy Joe, of Stamford, visited the past week end with Mrs. Austin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Slack.

Mrs. C. T. Cannon and sons were in Spur Saturday.

Miss Vivian Rankin was a Kalgary visitor Sunday afternoon.

Henry Slack of the Swenson Ranch was in the Slack home Sunday.

The community was saddened Saturday afternoon by the death of little J. T. Rogers, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rogers, who died of membranes spur. Interment was made in Spur Cemetery Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Friends of the community sympathize with the bereaved mother and father.

Ed Martin was transacting business in Spur Tuesday.

"Boots" Walker was in Spur last Saturday.

Everett Feaster and Herman Day of Highway are in the community threshing peanuts.

Mr. and Mrs. Harding Frasier and little daughter, Gladys Catherine, of Paducah, were here last Sunday to attend the funeral of little J. T. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cosby and daughters were in Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Walker were in Spur Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rogers were attending to business in Crosbyton Monday.

Leland and Howard Rankin attended preaching at Kalgary Sunday night.

Robert Mitchell of San Saba, spent Wednesday night with Mr. Robert Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith and little son were in the Peaceful Hill community Sunday.

Orie Smith and Velma and Ophelia Cozby and Ross Cannon attended preaching at Kalgary Sunday night.

Fred Reed was trading in Spur one day the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Pace and Mrs. Bebe Martin of Highway spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin.

The entertainment of Mrs. A. L. Walker the past Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd, everyone reporting a very nice time.

Mrs. Millsap and granddaughter, of Lamesa, were here Sunday to attend the funeral of her little grandson, J. T. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Cosby and daughters, were in the Peaceful Hill community Tuesday.

Roland Springer of Kalgary, spent Saturday night with Howard Rankin.

Mrs. J. T. Cosby spent Saturday night in Crosbyton.

Mrs. Bessie Taylor of Swenson ranch was visiting Mrs. and Mrs. R. M. Slack Sunday.

Bill McArthur, of Red Mud, was in the community one day last week.—Reporter.

**P. T. A. ORGANIZED AT WICHITA**

The parents and teachers of the Wichita community met Friday night for the purpose of organizing a P. T. A.

The house was called to order by Roy Bullington.

Miss Mable Dowell was appointed temporary chairman.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. W. T. Lovell, pres.; Mrs. M. E. Thanisch, vice-pres.; Miss Jonnie Lovell, sec.

We are hoping to do big things in this organization and hope more of the parents will come.

There is no better organization than the P. T. A. for the welfare of the community, and folks, listen, I hope you will give this a deep thought and remember the purpose of this meeting is to understand each other better and know what is happening in the school your boy or girl is attending. Come and get acquainted with the ones that deal daily with your children.

We will meet again on the night of Feb. 10th.—Reporter.

**ESPUELA**

The singing school will end Friday night with a box supper. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the night.

Miss Lillian Messer spent Sunday with Misses Leona and Emma Lee Earnest.

Misses Opal Karr, Nina Faye Neaves and Wilma Morgan spent Sunday night with Miss Inez Ball.

Miss Nadine Westerman of Spur spent Tuesday night with Miss Beatrice Spivey.

Clarence Freeman and Jess Warren attended the play at Lubbock Tuesday night.

Miss Rowena Saxon was a dinner guest of Adren Morgan Sunday.

Misses Doris Neaves and Hazel McMahan spent Sunday with Ruby Nell Morgan.

Mrs. Al Bingham and Leazel Howell were visitors in Spur last Saturday.

Miss Carmen Shockley is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Neaves spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. S. J. Shockley and Carmen.

Mrs. W. C. Messer visited Mrs. Oscar Crafton Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. W. F. Foreman and Mrs. E. L. Spivey visited in the home of Mrs. S. J. Shockley Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Messer were visitors in Spur Saturday.

Miss Ruby Nell Morgan spent Saturday night with Hazel McMahan.

Mrs. Charlie McMahan, of Dry Lake, spent Sunday and Sunday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Battles.

Mrs. Saxon visited Mrs. Wiley Morgan Sunday afternoon.

Ross Battles is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Battles. Ross has been in the Navy the past six years and will return soon and continue his work.

**CARD OF THANKS**

We wish to thank our many friends for their kindness and help during the illness and death of our dear husband and father.—Mrs. W. M. Allen; E. S. Allen and Family; Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Allen and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Allen, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gragson and Family; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cox and Family.

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**Cake and Coffee Club Met Tuesday**

The Cake and Coffee Club met Tuesday night at the home of Mr. Howell. Mr. Howell was called to Lubbock Monday afternoon and Mr. and Mrs. Al Bingham assisted Misses Leacle Howell and Allene Murphy in entertaining the members of the club.

A string orchestra, composed of Claud and Woodrow Price of Spur and "Lice" Winfield of Afton, made excellent music for the spirited affair. Woodrow Price gave several delightful vocal selections.

Coffee and sandwiches were served to the following members and guests: Messrs. and Mesdames J. D. Stinson, Al Bingham, Newton Bingham, Pat Watson, Loren Harkey, Vance Martin, Hamp Collett, Bill Sauls, Hubert Karr, Curly Farrow and Mesdames Sol Davis, Oran McClure, E. C. Edmonds, Burl Sauls, Elbert Jones and R. Q. Fain; Messrs. Guy Karr, Cecil Jackson, Harry Ellis, Jones, Lawrence Murphy, Dan McMahan, Freed Powell, Bill Murphy, all of Spur, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Patton of Matador, Mrs. Dock Ernest of Dickens, Allie Ciphers of White Camp, Allene Murphy and Tip Stokes of Afton, Paul Akens of Dickens and perhaps others whose names this reporter failed to get.—Contributed.

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be undertaken by the new organization will be the beautification of the school ground through aid of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation fund.

The next meeting will be Friday, January 13, at 1:00 p. m. Everybody is asked to be present.—Reporter.

**1925 BRIDGE CLUB PLAY AT SPUR INN**

The 1925 Bridge Club had a luncheon at the Spur Inn Wednesday at 1:00 o'clock.

Following the luncheon contract bridge was played in the Jones' apartment. Mrs. Fred Jennings made high score and was presented with a pretty cookie jar.

Other members present were Mesdames W. D. Wilson, Nellie Davis, E. C. Edmonds, R. E. Dickson, Oran McClure, C. B. Jones, M. C. Golding, and Miss Hickman.

Guests were: Mrs. Jones, of Lubbock; Mrs. Sarah English McDonough of Stamford; and Mrs. Clouch, of Dallas.

**THIRTEEN CENTS**

"In one of the police courts of New York a woman of twenty-five was arraigned upon a charge of murdering her husband. She was haggard, and worn, and emaciated, and pale as marble.

Her face was bruised and blackened by the hands of the man, now dead, who had sworn at the altar of the Living God to love, cherish and protect her, and this was the story she told.

"I've been pawing our personal things for months to buy food for my baby and me. My husband gave us nothing. He was always looking for money, asking for money. Last Tuesday week he beat me so I am still black and blue from the beating.

"Last night he came home drunk at ten o'clock. I cooked supper for him and gave him tea. He said 'I don't want tea. I must have some beer.' Then he grabbed my pocket book. There was thirteen cents in the pocketbook—all the money I had in the world—and I needed it to buy milk for the baby.

"So, as he grabbed the pocketbook I reached over from the other side of the table and grabbed it too, I hung on, no matter how hard he tried to pull the pocketbook from me. Then he took me by the throat. 'Oh,' he says, 'I'll bet you'll never tell any one what I did to you this time. You'll never have me arrested for this.'

"He choked me so hard that I was getting blind. Everything in the room looked black. I picked up the knife that I had cut his meat with. It had a sharp point and I struck at him with it."—National Prohibition

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Spur PALACE THEATRE Texas

Saturday Preview 11:30 p. m. Sunday Matinee 2 - 4 p. m. Monday Nite 7:00 p. m.

Note— We were unable to preview "Silver Dollar" due to bad train connections and disappointed many. However we wish to assure our many friends we will make every possible effort to present our programs in the future as advertised.



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AFTON NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hinkles of the Plains section of the county were visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McAllister and family. Jack Barton and S. M. Newberry were home to spend the week end. Miss Minnie Baxter of Turkey was visiting Tuesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baxter. J. B. Willmon Sr. and Jr., P. A. Willmon and children are visiting with relatives and looking after business in Clyde, Texas, this week. A. K. McAllister was in Spur Saturday. N. S. Morris and family were in Spur Saturday shopping. Miss Nora Baxter spent the week in Turkey with her sister, Minnie Baxter. E. L. Hooker was visiting his sister, Mrs. Vaughn of Roaring Springs, Sunday. W. H. Bateman and family are this week moving to the Duncan Flat community. Mr. Baxter and children were in Spur Tuesday. N. S. Morris and son were in Spur Sunday. Those who were at Dickens Saturday night to attend the girls basket ball tournament are: Colene McCarty and family, B. F. Caldwell, Edward Hicks, Prof. Hamilton, Joe Whiten, Bud and Gaston Jackson, Joe and Melvin Hickman, Henry Hext, Jack Barton, Clarence and Ray Willmon. They report a number of interesting games. Attorney Alton Chapman was in Afton Friday. B. F. Caldwell and Austin Proctor were in Spur Monday. Ray Willmon was in Dickens Monday. Commissioner E. N. Johnson was in Dickens Monday on business. Special program Sunday night at B. Y. P. U. Subject: "Sin" 1. Where did sin come from? Estelle Dawson. 2. What is the nature of sin? Nora Baxter. 3. What are the effects of sin? Walter Willmon. Come at 7:00 o'clock and be on time.

Kalgary News

Rev. Wayne Grizzle preached here Sunday at the morning services and also Sunday night. A good many came out to hear him. Brother Grizzle has accepted the call of the Baptist Church here as pastor and he insists that folks come to each service. We hope that since the weather has gotten fair and not so many sick that a new interest will be taken in church work. Misses Ophelia and Velma Cosby and Messrs. Ross Cannon and Oris Smith of the White River community attended church at this place Sunday night. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Crump were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Witt for Sunday dinner. Mrs. L. W. Tucker and little daughter, Bettie Joe, went to O'Donnell Monday to visit Mrs. Tucker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jordan for a few days. Mrs. Bob Starcher, of Post City, was in Kalgary Sunday, the guest of Mesdames Kanida and Hale. Mrs. Kanida returned home with her for a few days visit. Glee Swenney of the Cat Fish community and Miss Belle Witt of this place surprised their many friends last Friday when they drove over to Rev. Dock Loves' of Red Mud, and had him say the words, "I pronounce you man and wife." We wish for them many years of happiness. W. R. Dunlap motored to Ralls Friday with the Senior Class to the Invitation Tournament for a game of basketball. Mr. Dunlap also plans to take the boys again this Wednesday night to play Robertson at the Ralls Gym. Mr. and Mrs. Brown Oxford attended church in Spur Sunday. Mrs. Henry Lynch was called to attend her daughter, Mrs. Roy Hammons near Spur one day the first of last week. It was feared that Mrs. Hammons would have to undergo an operation but she was resting well at last reports. S. B. Scott, Jr., was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Witt Sunday for dinner. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Murry and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Baillio Sunday afternoon.

MISS MARY BELLE BOOTH Announces The Opening Of A SCHOOL OF EXPRESSION AND DRAMATIC ARTS ON JANUARY 14. Studios adjacent to schools. Classes for high school students and children. Harmonic training and pantomime, gesture, voice and diction, declamation, story telling, interpretation and character work. Classes on Fridays and Saturday. Tuition rates: \$2.00 per month; one private thirty-minute lesson per week. Those interested may see Miss Booth at Grammar school Friday afternoon and Saturday morning.

Demonstration Club Activities

(CLARA PRATT, County Adopts Standing Rules) The Dickens County Home Demonstration Council met in a call meeting in the office of the home demonstration agent Saturday afternoon for the purpose of passing on the standing rules for 1933 and to hear the appointment of the standing committees for the year. The council chairman, Mrs. J. W. Carlisle, made the following appointments: Yearbook committee, Mrs. W. M. Hunter, Mrs. Paul Brad-dock and Mrs. T. B. Watson; Exhibit committee: Mrs. I. E. Abernathy, Mrs. W. G. Hinson, and Mrs. Willis King; Finance Committee, Mrs. Cecil Fox, Mrs. Foy Vernon and Mrs. P. E. Gold-lihar; Expansion committee, Mrs. Clark Forbis, Mrs. Rex Carlisle, and Mr. C. C. Combs. The first name in each committee is the chairman of the committee. The standing rules for 1932 were adopted for 1933 with the addition of reporter to the list of officers. The council reporter will be elected at the regular meeting on the fourth Saturday in January. Mrs. L. B. McMeans, vice-chairman of the County Council presided in the absence of the chairman. Those attending were Mrs. L. B. McMeans and Mrs. Guy Stull. Twin Wells; Mrs. Matt Howell and Mrs. W. G. Hinson, Red Top; Mrs. Buren Smith, Dry Lake; Mrs. Cecil Fox and Mrs. I. E. Abernathy, Soldier Mound; and Mrs. T. C. Sandlin, Highway.

MR. MOBLEY HERE FOR 4-H LECTURES "The little three-lettered word USE has much to do with success or failure in life. The use we make of the knowledge we gain from school and experience spells success or failure for most people," says Mr. H. S. Mobley of the International Harvester Company, in his lecture with the boys and girls of the Dickens school Monday morning. Mr. Mobley is with the county home and agricultural agents this week giving talks to the 4-H club boys and girls over the country. However, each school has been anxious for all the pupils to have the privilege of hearing Mr. Mobley. Tuesday afternoon his subject was the Family-Unit Farm Home when he talked to the Croton school. In part he told the Croton boys and girls that George Washington gave the United States the mule to take the place of the slow oxen and the horse had not been heard of at that time. Benjamin Franklin was a truck gardner and brought back from France the first fertilizer ever used in America. He spent his leisure while in France on his diplomatic mission in studying the methods of the French gardner. Henry Clay was the first man in America to breed white-faced cattle. Mr. Mobley was here with the International Harvester Short Course last February and will be remembered for his interesting, helpful lectures. This week he is urging the boys and girls to continue their 4-H club work and to apply the knowledge they have. McAdoo and Midway were visited Tuesday. Afton and Prairie Chapel Wednesday, and Duck Creek and Highway Thursday.

1917 STUDY CLUB The 1917 Study Club met at the home of Mrs. F. W. Jennings, January 3. Mrs. Jennings led the program for the afternoon. Subject: Government of Texas. Roll Call: Answered by each member by a law of Texas. 1. Constitution of 1876 by Mrs. H. P. Berry. She told about the constitution and its changes which was a very fine talk. 2. Three departments of government; (1) State Legislature, (2) State Executive, (3) State Judiciary. These were discussed by Mrs. Geo. Williams and was a very instructive discussion. 4. Mrs. Luther Powell gave a review of Ben Hur which we all enjoyed very much. After which our hostess served us with a lovely refreshment plate. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Ray Dickson, Tuesday, January 17.—Rep.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moore and son went to Jack county last week to visit Mr. Moore's father who was quite ill. W. G. Owsley, of Stamford, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday. Mr. Owsley is district superintendent of the West Texas Utilities Co. Mrs. Jno. Gay, of Dickens, was a visitor to Spur Tuesday.

Methodist Church

I heard some one say, "How was the attendance at Church last Sunday?" Well, I would answer fine. A large increase over the Sunday before, and that is not the last verse, there will be better attendance next Sunday. We are glad to know that there is not as much sickness in the community as there was before Christmas. And the weather conditions are much better. Sunday School will open at 9:45 under the leadership of Brother Geo. S. Link. You who are Methodists and were not in Sunday School last Sunday come on next Sunday and say with Paul in his writings, "During this year this one thing I do, go to Church and Sunday School every Sunday." "The Church needs you and you need the Church. The first of the services for the young people last Sunday night was well attended and the second set of Questions will be given next Sunday night. The list follows: 1. What form of amusement do you enjoy most? 2. Do you see any moral hazard in it? 3. Should a moral danger interfere with participating in an amusement? 4. Where have you had the most fun during the past year? 5. What is a reasonable hour for homecoming? 6. How far should young people submit to their parents' demands concerning their amusements? 7. How many evenings per week should be taken for amusements? 8. What rule should govern a Christian youth in the choice of his amusement? 9. Should a Christian youth join in an amusement he believes to be harmful, rather than "spoil the party"? 10. Has the Church ever helped you solve your amusement problem? If so, how? Let the young people get a set of these questions and hand in the answers to the pastor before Friday night if possible. A welcome awaits you at the Methodist Church. Let us join our hearts in worship to God next Sunday. Joe E. Boyd, Pastor.

Oliver Brinell, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Brinell, returned to Balmorhea last week where he is employed as a teacher in their school system. County Judge Jim Cloud was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.



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Local News Items

T. L. Bloomquist, supervisor of Safeway Stores in this area, of Abilene, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday. "Sparky" Nixon, Brown Cracker and Candy specialty salesman, was in Spur Tuesday afternoon. D. J. Young of Girard, and Mr. Everts, of Abilene, were in Spur Wednesday. A. A. Smith returned last Friday from a business trip to Abilene and other points east. On his trip he stopped over and visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith of Mean. Mr. Alexander, State Pharmacy Inspector, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday. Dr. B. F. Hale and Oscar Smith returned Monday night from a short business trip to Ft. Worth and Dallas. Mr. Francis Jackson, who resides about 3 miles north of town was in Spur Tuesday. Horace Wood, who lives 24 miles south of town, was in Tuesday with a bale of cotton. Howard McKnight, of Dickens, was a business visitor to Spur Tuesday. Earl Murchison, of the Wichita community, visited in Spur Tuesday. Mrs. Nannie Cobb, County Treasurer, was a business visitor to Spur Tuesday. Elmer Shugart, who lives 7 miles east of town, was in Spur Tuesday. Dudley Ellis, of Swenson, Texas, was a Spur visitor Monday. Mrs. J. M. Dunlap, of Duncan Flat Community, was shopping in Spur last Friday. J. A. Suggs, substantial farmer of south of Spur, was a business visitor here Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross of the Catfish community, were shopping and mingling with friends in Spur Saturday.

Sam Graves, of Guthrie, was a visitor in Spur Saturday. He came on business and to visit his daughter, Miss Marguerite, who has been suffering for some time with an infected foot, caused from having been frost-bitten some years ago and aggravated again this winter during a recent extremely cold spell. Mrs. J. H. Grace left Wednesday for Stamford to be with her brother, R. L. Hellum, who is reported seriously ill. J. R. Robertson, prominent citizen of the McAdoo community was a business caller at the Texas Spur office Saturday. He reported everything getting along as nicely at McAdoo as anybody could well expect under present conditions. Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slayden, of Dickens, were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office Saturday. They renewed their subscription to the Spur up to 1934, and we appreciate it a lot. Evidently they believe a paper that has weathered the storm for 23 years already ought to be able to make it through a while longer—so do we. Jim Smith, who tills the soil out in the Dry Lake community, was numbered among the many visitors in Spur Saturday. George Eragg, of Duck Creek, was attending to business and mingling with the crowds of visitors and shoppers in Spur Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie McClannahan and Mrs. Lee Gilbert left recently for Georgia where Mr. McClannahan has a position on a construction job with the Chicago Bridge and Electric Co. I. A. Foster, of Girard, was a visitor in Spur Saturday and made the Texas Spur a pleasant visit. Mrs. Velma Sullivan was in Spur recently for a visit to her mother, Mrs. Bud Morrison. W. A. Hutto, who has been farming in the Spur country the past few years, orders his Texas Spur address changed to Ralls, Texas. He will occupy the Mrs. Morrison farm several miles south of the above named town.

J. M. Rowland has returned from Denton where he was called the latter part of last week on account of the death of his brother, Robert L. Rowland. Funeral services were held at Denton and the body taken to Gainesville, Texas, where interment was made. The Rowland family were pioneers in the Gainesville section. Mr. J. M. Rowland is the only surviving member of his immediate family. Carl Patton of the Hogan & Patton store at Lubbock and Pete Cawthon, head coach of athletics at Texas Tech, were visitors in Spur Tuesday. Coach Cawthon was looking for Brode Puckett who, to quote the Coach, "Showed up mighty good this year on the Freshman football team and I think he will make me a good man." W. G. Billingsley, of Jayton, was a very pleasant visitor at the Texas Spur office Thursday. He has sold his land near Jayton and expects to re-invest in land in the Spur country. Mrs. Henry Alexander is in Dallas this week to purchase merchandise for the Henry Alexander & Co. store in Spur. W. L. Thannisch, who has been farming out in the Wichita community ever since before civilization and nimrods chased the antelopes away and made the prairie chickens scarce, was doing business in Spur Saturday.

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