

Spur Schools To Have Free Lunch Room

Spur School authorities were notified last Thursday that the Works Progress Administration had approved the project for preparing and serving school lunches to be furnished without cost to needy or undernourished children in the Spur Public Schools.

Arrangements have been made to obtain this lunch room at the East Ward School Building where not only the pupils of that school, but also those in the Junior and Senior High Schools may take advantage of these lunches.

The Dickens County fare Worker, Miss Kanna Steph will certify to the school authorities who will be eligible for lunches. The federal government is furnishing a lunch room, a cook, and two waitresses to prepare and serve the lunches.

The plumbing department of the Bryant-Link Co. is donating the labor of installing the plumbing equipment and other services are practically pledged to help install the fixtures.

The Parent-Teacher Association is pleading with the people of this community to help them support one of the most worthwhile projects ever attempted by our school.

Croton Planters Meet To Discuss '38 Farm Program

Farmers of the Croton community met Wednesday night, last week, at the Community House, for an informal discussion of the 1938 Farm Program, and other farm problems.

The called meeting was held in the interest of all the representative planters of the surrounding territory and before good representation, the discussion was led by Manuel W. Ayers, vocational agriculture teacher of the Patton Springs school.

These youths earned on an average a wage of \$14.38.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Peppers, Light Hens, Heavy Hens, etc.

July 23 Is The Day You'll Regret If The Poll Tax Deadline Dodges

Without doubt the entire country is becoming more and more government conscious; and it is fitting that people thus interested in a cause that so affects their lives and very happiness.

Prorogation is the root of sorrow that shadows many brows on the morning of our elective primaries. Election year rolls around again, many, remembering that two years ago they were denied the pleasure of casting a vote for a candidate in whom they placed hope of filling office, have promised themselves it wouldn't happen again.

January 31st is the last day for poll tax payment. So far there are few candidates on the race course. After the last day of this month there will still be many who have not yielded to the wishes of their many friends to come out and contend.

The poll tax fee is \$1.75—unless you come under the special rulings referring to military service, or age limits.

Under the exemption system, young people who are 21 years of age on or after January 1, 1937, are entitled to vote free of the tax. Thus if a young man were 21 years of age the day before an election was held, he would be entitled to vote.

Persons who were 60 years old before January 1, 1937, are entitled to vote by use of an exemption certificate, instead of requiring a paid poll tax receipt.

The present year has all of the earmarks of being one of the most interesting campaigns in the political history of the United States. Many glance at the presidential situation as one of the most intricate subjects of the day, and the state situation, contests for governor's office, the attorney-general's place, treasurer, and other high seats, promise to warm up to a genuine office-seeking derby.

The first Democratic Primary will be held July 23rd, the second Primary on August 27th, and the general election date will come the 8th day of November.

Therefore, take note of the coming events, the part where you are personally concerned, and have the privilege of casting your say-so into the ballot box by depositing \$1.75 for a poll tax receipt before the last day of this month.

23 YEARS AGO. Taken from the files of The Texas Spur, published 23 years ago this week. Oran McClure, Editor and publisher.

A first born son and heir was presented New Year's day to the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell.

Chas. A. Jones and Clifford B. Jones left Spur Wednesday for Crosbyton, Clairmont and Post City to pay taxes for the Spur Farm Land interests.

J. A. and Robt. Nickels, two of the most prominent citizens and extensive farmers of the Plains country returned last week to Mart where they will again reside.

Miss Margaret Willis entertained a number of friends Saturday evening at the new Western Hotel. The following guests were present: Misses Bettie Holeman, Norma Jackson, Mary McKnight, Lottie Fite, Artie Mae Fite, Lola Counts, Gussie Love, Messrs. Bobbie Holeman, Robe Davis Lee Davis, Joe Lee, Oscar Harrington and Sam Potts.

Hawley Bryant, wife and children of the Pitchfork Ranch, spent Sunday in Spur with friends.

Aubrey Loyd, a leading business man of Afton, was in Spur Monday on business.

Carl Patton left Monday for a business trip to Dallas where he will spend several days before returning to Spur.

C. D. Copeland has picked out two hundred bales of cotton on his farm, up to date and has about one hundred more to pick.

Saturday night, the residence and all household effects of W. S. Dunn were completely destroyed by fire.

Horace Nickels Seeks Re-Election As Commissioner

Feeling that he has taken care of his job as Commissioner of Precinct One, along with the urging of friends, H. D. (Horace) Nickels has a desire to serve the people of the county for another term—Democratic ticket.

The place of Commissioner is an important one in the government of the county, and during the period of two years service requires many sober thoughts and firm decisions.

Resting past services to the county in the hands of the voters as his race banners for re-election, he says that he would like to have fair consideration July 23rd.

CONSIDERING RACE

W. A. Johnson, prominent farmer of the Dry Lake community, was meeting friends and attending business in Spur Monday, and while here intimated he may yield to a number of requests to saddle the political mule and ride out on the track for the office of Commissioner.

Drs. Alexander Open New Hospital; Is Work Of Art

Ambition of sufficient strength, in the category of the philosopher's mannerisms, is another word for success; that which is achieved with expectation!

With the formal opening of the new Alexander Hospital on East Hill Street here last Wednesday, comes also the revelation that Dr. Bob Alexander was realizing this very humane dream—a modern hospital, and with his father, Dr. R. L. Alexander of Jayton, as his partner.

The new stucco building is out in a restful spot, and within is in itself a convalescing influence; a reception, the green of life-like shrubbery, and appropriately decorated.

Postal Receipts Show Gain Of \$1,314 Over '36

According to Olen Arthur, postmaster, people of Spur and territory had quite a bit more business to transact with Uncle Sam's Postal Department during 1937 than in show for the preceding year.

Comparing receipts alone, the year 1936 had \$12,823.94 in volume as against the 1937 receipts of \$14,138.40, or a tabulated gain of \$1,314.46 for the last year.

Getting down to business facts, Jim Farley's Department in Washington should smile at fair profits from the Spur branch of the postal service. During the year of 1937 the office here paid all expenses, including clerk hire, rents, lights, fuel, janitor, messenger service, and postmaster's salary, and checked in to the central department \$4,361.75 net profit.

The postoffice system is arranged to carry a heavy load as well as dispensing agreeable service. Spur receives five mails daily, and dispatches five mails daily, Sunday excepted. On Sunday two mails are dispatched and received.

The information is given out that the month of December, 1937, reached an all time high in receipts during the existence of the postoffice.

At present schedule of bus and mail service, Spur receives mail at 6:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 12:00 noon, 12:30 p.m., and 12:45 p.m.

SCHOOL SEMESTER ENDS JANUARY 22nd

The first semester of the Spur schools will end next week. The high school pupils will have their final examinations starting next Wednesday afternoon and continuing through Friday.

In high school the final examination counts one-fourth of the semester average.

The personell of the new institution includes, Mrs. Alexander, senior, matron in charge, Miss Lillian Owen, nurse, who comes here from a similar position in Hamlin, and Miss Billie Brawn, connected in a business capacity and as receptionist.

JAYTON'S LOSS IS OUR GAIN

Tuesday of this week, Jayton suffered the loss of one of her leading families who had made their home in Jayton for the last 25 years, and a physician who has assisted probably half of the younger generation of this territory into this world, as well as attending to their physical ailments as they grew to maturity.

Dickens Farm Loan Ass'n Met Tuesday

The annual meeting of the Dickens National Farm Loan Association was held Tuesday afternoon in the basement of the Bryant-Link Co. store. Reports were given for the year's work and a communication from Mr. A. C. Williams, president of the Federal Land Bank at Houston was read.

Grady Lane, County Agent, was guest speaker. Following his talk, the following directors were elected: F. W. Jennings, Spur, and Joe Rose, Afton, for a term of three years; Geo. Sloan, and H. O. Albin, Spur, for a term of two years; R. R. Wooten of McAdoo, for a term of one year.

Health Project Reopened Mon.

According to information given out here Tuesday by Tom Verner, in company with Arthur L. Kramer, district Supervisor of the Community Sanitation and Malaria Control department of the State health unit, the Sanitation Project that was dropped early last fall has been reopened since Monday of this week and is now in full swing.

The department is holding out a very attractive offer to the surrounding territory, with purposeful attention to the rural people, in helping to forward sanitation and health projects which they may have in mind.

In commenting on the efficiency of the system, and its benefits, with consideration for the extremely low cost. The houses are constructed in a manner to be entirely fly-proof and also odorless.

At heavy expense to the State Department, labor is now furnished free of all cost to those wishing to construct one of these pit-type outhouses. Entailing only the actual cost of building material, Mr. Verner, Local project supervisor, stated, the structure can be built for approximately \$100.00, basing this on the average; and this average is drawn from a total of more than 92,000 such structures that have been built in the state.

In the near future, according to Mr. Kramer, M. Ray of Austin will bring a state truck through Spur, stopping off to lecture on sanitation and public health, and will have at hand a vast amount of charts and data to aid in forwarding the work this week resumed, along with other sanitation topics.

TYPEWRITER REPAIRMAN HERE THIS WEEK

Robert E. DuPriest, well known typewriter and adding machine expert, is in Spur this week to take care of the needs of the people of the Spur territory. Mr. DuPriest is still making his headquarters at the Texas Spur office, and will gladly see to your troubles if you will see him here or call 128.

J. D. Gipson Announces For Sheriff's Place

I desire to announce to the people that I will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Tax Collector of Dickens County. I was born in Dickens County in 1906 and have lived here practically all my life.

It has been my privilege to meet and serve the public all my life as clerk in my father's store, and I also served for two years in Dickens County as Jailor which has given me experience in dealing with the criminals of our state.

It has been my purpose and desire to serve my people courteously and efficiently. Most of the people of Dickens County know me and know how well I have fulfilled these high purposes.

Respectfully, J. D. (Jack) Gipson

T.A. Martin Has Announced For Weigher, Prec't 2

The Texas Spur was this week authorized to place the name of T.A. (Gus) Martin before the public as a candidate for Public Weigher in Precinct Two, Afton, being subject to the July Democratic Primary.

To many people here, and far less over in the north end of the county, Gus needs no introduction, having made his home in Afton for 17 years.

Friends of Gus express the opinion that "he's a young man that gets things done in a dependable way."

School Debate Team Going To Austin

Mrs. McGinty, instructor of Public Speaking, and six members of her debate teams leave today for Austin to participate in the Debate Institute which is sponsored by the University of Texas Friday and Saturday. Those Students accompanying Mrs. McGinty and participating in these debates are: Bill Gruben, Ruth Cowan, Grace Dodson, Mozelle Arthur, V. C. Smart, and Alton Barker.

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Personal

Mrs. R. R. Wooten of McAadoo was visiting and shopping in Spur Monday.

Geo. Pierce of the Wichita community was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday.

Mrs. Clint Edwards (Nee Rena Collier) of Jayton visited with Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Collier Monday and Tuesday.

The semi-annual Stock Holder's meeting of Bryant Link Co. met in Stamford, Wednesday, January 12. Mr. Geo. S. Link, Sr. and Geo. S. jr., attended from the Spur store.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moore are vacationing this week in Houston and Galveston. John A., jr. is carrying on the tailoring business during their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. John King, sr. accompanied Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Carson to Eunice, New Mexico Sunday.

W. J. (Billy) Bryant of Stamford was in Spur last week and enjoyed a day of hunting with Messrs Roy Stovall and Geo. S. Link, Sr. Mr. Bryant was a guest in the Stovall home over night.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Clark and children of Broadway visited her sister, Mrs. Janetta Dunn and Morris Ray Saturday.

J. C. McNeill II, of the Alamo Ranch, Reese McNeill and Cap McNeil enjoyed a pleasant evening Saturday with Mr. Link and Geo. S. jr. in the 'Den' at the Link home where they feasted on calf-rib barbecue.

Mrs. D. W. Sims of Afton was a pleasant visitor at the Texas Spur office while in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lemons and Mrs. Myrtice Reed and son Don of Lubbock, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Fox Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Doan, formerly of Abilene have moved to Spur this week. Mr. Doan will represent the American National Insurance Co.

C. Gollihar was in Spur Tuesday attending the N. F. L. A. meeting and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Haddock were trading in Spur Last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Benson spent New Years in Fort Worth in reunion with the Mash family, near relatives of his mother. Twenty years had passed since this group of people have visited together.

Miss Monte Shugart who has been spending some time visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shugart, and other relatives here and in Canadian returned to Galveston Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hagins of Duck Creek were business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. L. B. McMeans of Twin wells was transacting business in Spur Tuesday.

Mrs. M. W. Chapman who has been visiting in Spur with her son, Alton B. Chapman and family and daughter Mrs. Lois Ousley and family returned Monday to Memphis, Texas, where she will spend the winter in the home of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Chapman. Willard came down to accompany his mother on the trip to Memphis.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Lieb visited relatives in Stamford last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Doche and Mr. P. G. Hisey of Amarillo were weekend guests of Miss Edith Ince.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bilberry are the proud parents of a five pound baby girl, born Monday morning, January 10.

Glimpses of . . . : "The Grain Field"

Grain markets strengthened materially during the first week in 1938 with more active domestic and export demand for both wheat and corn, according to the Weekly Grain Market Review of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Wheat advanced six to eight cents per bushel with a

Demand for both wheat and flour improved while offerings of grain by the principal shippers were selling less. TA00 principal exporting countries remained relatively light. Australian shippers were selling less freely and offerings of Russian and Argentine grain were not large. Small remaining stocks in Canada restricted the sales from that country, while uncertainty concerning the new winter wheat crop in the United States tended to strengthen the quotations of American wheat. The United States exports during the last week in December totaled 1,645,000 bushels. North America overseas shipments during the same period totaled approximately 3,000,000 bushels.

At the close of the week No. 2 hard winter 12 percent protein was quoted at \$2.02 to \$1.01 to \$1.04, 13 percent at \$2.02 to \$1.05, and 15 percent protein at \$1.03 to \$1.07.

Export trade was active at Fort Worth where No. 1 hard winter wheat was quoted at \$1.16 to \$1.18, and soft red winter at slightly above \$1.13 delivered Galveston on domestic rate.

Canadian spring wheat markets advanced

revival of export trade and a good domestic milling inquiry while feed grains were up two to three cents, influenced principally by the fuller strength in corn as export sales increased and industries and feeders continued active buyers. Rye gained with wheat.

more than domestic markets, reflecting diminishing supplies and light current offerings. Receipts at Winnipeg dropped to 437 cars. At the close of the week No. 1 Manitoba Northern was quoted at \$1.52, or 24c per bushel over the May future.

Corn markets also strengthened very materially, and cash prices advanced 2c to 3c per bushel, influenced by a continued good demand from feeders and industries and a further broadening in export trade. The small remaining stocks in Argentina, and the prohibition of exports from South Africa have caused European buyers to turn more to Danubian and American corn. United States exports during the last week in December totaled about 715,000 bushels, according to preliminary reports, bringing the total since the first of October to a little over 4,500,000 bushels. Export bids at the close of the week were equivalent to 71 to the fourth cent on the bushel, for No. 2 Yellow delivered Gulf ports.

Ots were influenced by a fairly active demand from feeders and industries. At the close of the week the leading markets listed the scale at 32c to 34c on No. 3 white grain.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Speer are in Crowell this week looking after their business interest in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. Brinkley Carlisle of Duck Creek community were shopping with Spur merchants Saturday.

Miss Jennie Shields and Miss Velma Howe made a trip to Rising Star last week where they were met by Mrs. P. H. Miller who had been attending to business matters in Dallas and Fort Worth. After visiting with friends and relatives there for a short time they returned to their home in Spur.

Mr. W. J. Conoway was a pleasant caller at the office of the Texas Spur Tuesday. Mr. Conoway stated that he and Mrs. Conoway had moved to the home of his son, Wallace and wife, three and one half miles west of Dickens.

Mrs. Neitha Campbell returned Friday afternoon from Dallas where she has been visiting the past week.

Bruce Ford was here Saturday from his home in Calgary. Miss Lois Jo Fallis, who is attending Texas Tech, was down for a Sunday visit with the home folk.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rosamond visited in Lubbock over the week end, guess of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Clark. Welton Copeland was taken to Lubbock Monday for medical treatment for a throat ailment.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stovall had as guests in their home Sunday, Mrs. Stovall's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. John Riggs of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Riggs were enroute to Tulia where they are to make their home in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Ford of Calgary were shopping and greeting friends in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Rodenhiser left Monday for Abilene, Breckenridge and Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kimbrough and two children of Abilene, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Sunday.

HOSPITAL NOTES

A. C. Dickerson of Girard was in to see Dr. Nichols Wednesday for medical treatment for an infected and lacerated arm injury received in his work in the gin at that place.

Archie Marie Killgo of Matador who has had a operation for ruptured appendix is reported improving rapidly.

Little Hazle Dean Offfield suffered a broken lower limb around Christmas time, is doing nicely at present.

Tommie Jean Perry of Roaring Springs also suffering with a broken lower limb is doing nicely.

Clifton Elliott of Jayton is improving rapidly after an operation for appendicitis, and will be able to return to his home at an early date.

Miss Florence Lee of Jayton was brought in to the hospital for emergency treatment following a car wreck Sunday night. Miss Lee was suffering from severe bruises, lacerations and a broken jaw bone but returned to her home late Monday.

R. Sutherland of Aspermont was brought in for emergency treatment following a car wreck on highway 18, near Jayton.

Mrs. Mollie Kelso of Wellington is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dale Dillingham and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey of Croton adopted a 17 day old baby boy Wednesday before Christmas. Last Friday their many friends came in bringing a shower of gifts for the baby. During the pleasant meeting, little Jackie Offfield, 9 year old daughter of Joe Offfield got a bad fall, causing her to break the upper bone of the right leg. She was brought in to the Nichols Sanitarium for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davis of Tyler spent Friday night in Spur, guests of Rev. and Mrs. Mike Young.



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SPUR CITIZENS HONORED IN CEROMONY AT LUBBOCK

Monday evening the Lubbock Commandry were host at a public installation of officers, and presentation of Past Commandry Jewels. Presentation of the Jewels was made by Sir Thomas P. Bartley, P. G. M. of Waco. Jewels were presented to ten Past Masters, four of whom have served in that capacity in the Spur Chapter. Messrs. T. C. Ensey, Lawis Lee, J. L. King, Sr. and W. D. Wilson (now residing in Lubbock) were the local men to receive these handsome jewels. Preceding the installation and presentation ceremonies, a banquet was served the Lubbock Commandry their Ladies, and the visiting guest.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland and Mrs. Welton Copeland and children were visiting and shopping in Spur Saturday.

1938 Democratic Announcements

POLITICAL Subject to the action of the Democratic Primaries For District Attorney: WINFRED F. NEWSOME For County Judge: MARSHALL FORMBY For Sheriff and Tax Collector: W. O. FINLEY J. D. (Jack) GIPSON For Commissioner, Precinct 1: H. D. NICKELS For Commissioner, Precinct 2: T. A. (Gus) MARTIN

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A Convenience For Tax Payers IN THIS PART OF Dickens County WE WILL BE AT THE CITY OFFICE IN SPUR Friday and Saturday January 14th and 15th For The Collection of Current Taxes— Remember The Dates and Save A Trip To Dickens Johnnie Koonsman Sheriff and Tax Collector Dickens County

