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For County Attorney:
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MRS. MIKE M. YOUNG
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CANDIDATES IN DERBY WORK VOTE AREA

With the deadline for district and state office seekers already moving to the side of history, and the final date for precinct and county aspirants to file set as next Saturday, June 18, most of the candidates are busy with plans to build the total of the vote-pile for the first Primary, July 23.

Candidates who have not given their filing attention, or may have overlooked this necessity for gaining a place on the ticket, would do well to give the matter a quick check-up. The Saturday deadline gives but three more days for attending to this.

Wheat harvest in progress here has caused some of the candidates to halt political activities for a few days, but it is likely that they will head out again with renewed vigor as soon as they can get a release from harvesting and farming. One month and a week from today ushers

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Gulf-Swenson Test Pioneering At 5725 Mark

The Gulf Oil Company's Swenson wildcat test, just over the line in Garza County and about 25 miles south of Spur, is now pioneering at the 5725 mark, according to a report Monday. The giant diesel-powered rotary on the job has had a steady grind for several weeks in lime formation, and the depth now is approximately 2000 feet deeper than the old Deep Rock Corporation test that was drilled in that area ten years ago.

Original specifications for the test called for a depth of 8500 feet, and the developments of the well have been steadily watched by state men as a pointer to formation of this area.

Present operations mark the fourth month of activities on this well, evidencing some stiff drilling.

Cemetery Working At Afton Planned For Next Monday

As a result of various needs in the line of improving the fence, work on graves which have not for some time been given attention, and beautifying the grounds in general, a cemetery working has been announced for Afton on Monday, June 20th.

The announcement states that a great deal of work must be done, and requests that if you are not able to attend and help out on that day, try to send a substitute. The entire grounds are to be cleaned off, and it is hoped enough will be on hand to put the cemetery in first class condition—and beautified out of respect for those resting there.

SUCCESS . . . of which eating is nine points.

Did you ever notice that the fellow that gets along well is a fellow that eats well. No, he doesn't eat well because he gets along well,—he gets along well because he eats well. Probably the way to a man's heart is thru his stomach . . . and it's the same way about his being good at his job. Food does make the man!

—And Good For Ladies, Too—

Bell's Cafe



For Attorney General



ROBERT W. CALVERT

He says "I believe that the Attorney General is the people's lawyer," and has compiled one dozen word-planks to form his campaigning platform. Calvert was reared in the State Orphan's Home at Corsicana, graduating from the school; worked his way through the University of Texas, practiced law at Hillsboro, elected three consecutive times to the House of Representatives from the 60th district, elected Speaker of the House January, 1937—and says he believes the office of Attorney General is the key department of our State Government. He pledges a 20 per cent saving in operation of that office if he goes over the ballot.

J. I. Greer Will Go To Ex-Rangers Reunion

J. I. Greer, who lives out 12 miles southwest on his Lone Oak Farm, and who is about as well known in all the other communities in this part of the country, was in town Monday and said he was making arrangements to leave today for Coleman, Texas, where the Ex-Rangers of Texas are having their annual reunion.

J. I. says he makes practically all of the reunions, and attended the affair held last year at Santa Anna.

The Ex-Rangers will hold a three-day convention, at which time, other than to discuss business matters of the organization, old times will be talked over, a fine program enjoyed, and a meeting place for the coming year selected.

J. I. said he was not aware of other Ex-Rangers living in this immediate vicinity. J. E. Arthur, who was at one time a Texas Ranger, passed away at his home north of Dickens recently.

MARTIN IS ELECTED HEAD COACH AT MATADOR FOR NEXT YEAR

Don T. Martin, Assistant Coach, has been elected as head coach in the Matador High School. Mr. Martin this week tendered his resignation to the Spur School Board.

Mr. Martin is a graduate of East Texas Teachers College where he lettered in several major sports, and has taught two years including this past year in the Spur Schools.

We wish for Mr. Martin the best of luck in coaching the Matador Matadors, and hope he wins all of his football games except the one he plays against the Spur Bulldogs.

Ranks Civil War Vets Fast Diminishing As 75th Anniversary Gettysburg Nears

Rev. Joe Frederick Is Called To Christian Church Of Spur

Rev. Joe Frederick, who has been completing some of his ministerial studies in T. C. U., Fort Worth, arrived in Spur last week where he will be at home, the move here following his being called to head the First Christian Church.

Rev. Frederick is a nephew of Mrs. J. E. Johnson, and come to Spur highly recommended as an advocate of "hard work to further the influence of Christianity." The Church has had a regular pastor since . . . the . . . part of the winter . . . his studies in the University of . . .

Tenth Annual Youth Conference At Ceta Canyon

The tenth annual session of the Episcopal Youth Conference went into meeting Monday, June 13, and will hold through June 24, with representatives attending from all over West Texas, at Ceta Canyon, near Happy, Texas. The delegation represents the North Texas District.

The staff is composed of Rt. Rev. J. Hodge Alves, Lubbock, Director; Mrs. E. C. Seaman, Conference Mother; Phillip K. Kemp, San Angelo, Chaplain; Miss Lois Bledsoe, Tech College, Lubbock, Secretary-Treasurer.

Instructors and Counsellor are Ven. J. W. Hayes, Colorado, Texas; Rev. A. D. Ellis, Plainview; Miss Helen Lyles, Canyon; Miss Virginia Elliott, Spur; Mrs. M. V. Gray, Lubbock.

Teachers Elected To Fill Vacancies In Spur Schools

The Spur School Board Monday night elected three teachers to teach in the Spur Public Schools.

Miss Ethel Green who has taught Home Economics the past three years in the Wilson Public Schools was elected to succeed Mrs. O. C. Thomas who recently resigned her place as instructor of Home Economics. Miss Green is a graduate of Texas Technological College, and her home is in Lubbock. For the past two years her pupils have won places in the State Homemaking Rally. She is a member of the Home Economics Honor Society, and she has made a high record for herself as an instructor.

Miss Margaret Maloney was transferred from the second grade to teach science in the high school. Miss Maloney is a science major, having had extensive training in chemistry, biology, physics, bacteriology, zoology, and other sciences. It is the desire of the school officials to build a real science department in the high school, as soon as the school is financially able it is intended to add chemistry to the curriculum.

Mrs. John King Jr. was elected to teach second grade work in the East Ward School Mrs. King has had several years successful teaching experience, and was this past year principal of the Espuela School. She is now attending school in Texas Tech College.

Annually the "Great Bivouac of Rest" is recruiting the final Stars to form its Banner of Honor from the Civil War.

The list of valiant Civil War veterans of Texas, as well as the remainder of the Nation, is fast declining with only an occasional survivor to keep the mind-picture fresh as the dates for the 75th Anniversary observance nears, convening in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, June 26, and running through July 6, this year.

From month to month these noble characters have been called from life, gradually lessening the ranks to take part in the great Blue and Gray Reunion in the Quaker State, scenes to which many in attendance can turn with moist eyes and vivid memories and live again a reign of strife—but strife and struggles that today have been ironed out by sentiment and swept away in the form of vast problems that complicated the cooperation of the entire Nation. Today, like the Great . . . they are one; the Blue and Gray have merged into one great hue, Khaki.

Probably the greatest efforts ever put forth are being exercised this year to make the Reunion a success for the cruids of those hectic days. Paul L. Roy, executive secretary, with headquarters at Hotel Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, has exhausted



BLUE and GRAY Reunion

advancing plans to make the occasion a Star Affair. A minted half-dollar has been issued commemorating the Battle, and in Roy's words,

is "the first time in the history of this country that the Confederate Flag was reproduced on a U. S. minted coin." If the supply of 50,000 has not been exhausted, they may be had from the Reunion Headquarters for \$1.65.

Dickens County has had its quota of these Royal Bloods. Of the approximately 40 to claim the county as home, but one today survives. E. L. Langston, who makes his home here with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Langston, has expressed himself as not planning to attend the Reunion.

The following list includes others of Dickens County, all of whom have bowed to the Last Call, and many of whose graves here and at Dickens are decorated annually with flags, flowers, and "kind thoughts of honor and love." Records are incomplete, but as much as possible has been compiled and is here given.

Col. John A. Green, Dickens, died December, 1908; J. H. Sparks, Tap, Co. C, 9th Missouri Infantry, died June, 1924; Jonas Carlisle, Spur, Co. C, 17th Alabama Bat., died July, 1928; Wyatt Taylor (records incomplete); W. C. Ballard, Dickens (incomplete); W. C. McArthur, Spur

JOE MERRIT IS OUT FOR STATE JOB; SNYDER

Joe Merritt, widely known over this part of the country, and who has many friends in Spur and Dickens County, sends The Texas Spur the announcement that he is in the race for State Representative from this district.

There is evidently something in a name—Joe has for long been recognized as a man that really gets things done when he starts out to do them. His home is at Snyder, and the old home town over there is really giving him a boost.

And further to Joe's credit comes an article mailed from friends with the request that The Texas Spur insert the friendly advertisement for the benefit of people who may not happen to know Joe's rating as a friend to the people.

The advertisement appears on another page of the paper.

Bell's, Texan Combine To Make Classiest Eating Place

With the idea in mind to combine their places in West Texas, Bell's Cafe, and that of his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Truett Hutto, combined the first part of the week, moving many of the fixtures from the Texan Cafe to the Bell stand.

The Bell - Texan combination brings to Spur one of the very best cafes in this part of the State. The place has been completely overhauled, repainted inside, some fixtures changed about, made more convenient, and generally pepped up.

A cooling system has been installed, washed-air breezes greeting customers on entry. In case you haven't seen this big change, drop around and get an eye full of pleasantness.

Hill Top Cafe Opens For Business

Charlie Kearney's Hill Top Cafe, companion to his Hill Top Service Station and Grocery, is having its formal opening on Friday, June 17. The cafe was scheduled to open last week-end, but was not completed in time to make the opening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Woods will operate the cafe for Kearney, and promise to have a fine cafe business—from local people, as well as being well located for the tourist trade.

The cafe will specialize on speedy curb service, will serve practically all orders obtainable elsewhere, and there you can kill two birds with one stone—car serviced while you eat.

L. R. BURROW OF GIRVIN IS IN SPUR ON BUSINESS THIS WEEK

L. R. Burrow, manager of the Pecos Valley Power and Light Plant at Girvin, Texas and former manager of the local Municipal Light and Water Plant was in Spur Monday to Wednesday inclusive, attending to business interests for his company and while here made The Texas Spur force a much appreciated visit.

Accompanying Mr. Burrow were his daughter, Miss Marjorie and son, L. R., Jr., who visited relatives and friends during their stay in the city.

MRS. OVIE DRAPER IS CAMPAIGNING FOR TREASURER

Mrs. Ovie Draper, making the rounds in interest of her campaign for County Treasurer, came in to see Texas Spur delegation the first of the week, and says she is really getting over the territory to see the voters.

The days are rolling along toward the 23rd of July—it won't be long now—and practically all of the candidates making tracks over the territory in campaigning moods.

Sue Jane Blendon of Glenn, Texas, is spending this week in Spur the guest of friends.

Improvement Bug Bites Many Here

Extensive building and overhauling activities over this area indicates that the "Improvement Bug" has been operating full time the last few weeks. A number of homes and businesses in Spur are undergoing changes, improvements—some getting additions, paint, and some new lumber going up.

Rex Alexander is having constructed a completely modern new cottage up on North Cowan street, just across the street from the Alexander Hospital. The home will contain four rooms, accessoried with all modern conveniences, and will be ready for occupancy in the very near future.

Many Improvements

The Spur Produce, of which Mr. and Mrs. Carl Murray are the proprietors, is doing extensive improvement work. The old walk awning has been torn away, the inside overhauled, and a new coat of paint gives the building some real snap in appearance.

The City Drug Company has for some time been working over the inside of their place. The prescription room has been moved farther to the back, shelving made more convenient, and bright paint is a pleasant greeting in that department. Along with the recently installed new fountain, Joe Long is putting a happy reception expression over his entire store.

Dr. O. R. Cloude, chiropractor, has purchased a nice little home about two blocks east of the First Methodist Church, and is adding another room, along with several other improvements.

Work on the Geo. Gabriel building, the former Bryant-Link stand on the corner, is nearing completion, and will be ready for occupancy soon.

Hull's new home for the Red Front Drug, the former place of the Bryant-Link hardware in the main building, is almost ready to receive the fixtures. It has been completely reconditioned, repainted, balcony added, and shined from top to floor for the move.

Out in Afton, Byron Haney has razed the old store building that has housed his store for several years, and has constructed a new building on the same lots. The building is 25 by 50 feet, will have some new fixtures, and will be one of the most complete stocks to serve people of that territory.

The Jamison Barber Shop and Reta's Beauty Shop have installed air-conditioning equipment. They report fine service from the equipment, and say the customers are really enjoying it.

Marvin Overton spent the week end in Spur the guest of his brother Vincent Overton.

Juneteenth Reminds Darkies Freed Three Times In Texas

For complete freedom in celebration, and complete determination to participate in the Affaire de Ebon, probably no race of people, regardless of color, takes more pride in the knowledge of independence than the colored folks of the United States.

White people who employ colored folks have long ago learned that to take part in the Juneteenth activities is not merely a wish, but practically a necessity. A job is perhaps a good thing with them—until the 19th; and then the Juneteenth is the thing, whether the job will "keep" or not.

So, it'll probably be baseball and barbecue!

Perhaps little thought is given to the fact that the colored folks, or colloquially, negroes, of Texas have been given their freedom three times—and it is most natural that the third time is observed, since it has endured—and is "the charm."

To students of history it will at once be remembered that the Mexican Constitution of 1824 gave the negro his freedom—and at that time Texas was a part of Mexico. A second freedom came with the Texas Revolution. During the great

struggle of 1835-'36, at which time General Urea of Mexico, with troops, was sent to Texas soil as a plenipotentiary early in the campaign—full power to pardon or condemn. He officially pronounced the slaves free.

In the intervening years, however, Texans ignored his order, as well as the Constitution of Mexico, and continued to place in bondage the descendants of Africa. It was not until the freedom gained through the Civil War that definite decision had come—and even today many people are of opinion that the col-

ored man is not legally free. This freedom, however, is most likely to be theirs forever in this country—though it is factual that the legal rights of mankind may cross his own moral rights.

Historians are agreed that Lincoln and Stanton practically wore-out the phrase, "It isn't legal, but it is necessary." If it is true, it is no less this day binding—and so the colored folks may go on and on praising Mr. Lincoln; picturing his as a character-approach to . . . well, maybe they'd say he ranked next to Booker T. Washington—or Levi Garret.

Demand Spur Bakery Bread :-: Fresh Every Sunrise

PERSONALS

Carl Hyatt, Texas Spur operator, spent the past week end in Ralls, visiting his brother, J. W. Hyatt and wife, and Lubbock visiting friends.

C. Gollhar, an extensive farmer of the Plains Country near McAdoo, was here Saturday looking after business interests and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Lavery and son, James Franklin, returned to their home in Spur Monday evening, following a business trip since Tuesday of last week to Fort Worth where Mrs. Lavery and children visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Noblit, where Miss Opal Jean Lavery remained for a more extended visit. Mr. Lavery transacted business for his firm in Fort Worth, Dallas, Cleburne and other East Texas points. They report a most enjoyable visit and successful trip and happy to get home.

Rev. R. C. Brown filled his regular appointment at the First Christian Church at Crowell Sunday, accompanying him were Mrs. Brown, their daughter, Betty Lynn, and Miss Ruby Cowan.

Mrs. Valdee Hext and baby, who have been visiting in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. James F. Wiland assisting in the illness of her daughter, Miss Mildred Williams, returned Saturday to her home in Afton.

M. C. Formby of McAdoo and son, Judge Marshall Formby of Dickens, were in Lubbock Sunday to be with their wife and mother, respectively who is there in the clinic for treatment at the hands of specialists.

Mrs. H. B. Thompson left Friday for Santa Anna where she will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Baxter.

Miss Bonnie Laurence, who has been employed by the Daniel Ginn Co., to her home in Spur.

Miss Mary Kate Brotherton left Wednesday evening for her home at Hereford following a visit of several days in Spur with her mother, Mrs. Gertrude Brotherton and friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline Edmonds and children, Tommy Leon and Flora Love, returned Monday morning to their home in Borger after several days visit in Spur in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love and incidentally to superintend the harvesting of his wheat crop in this section.

James O. Smith, Insurance writer with headquarters in Lubbock was in Spur Tuesday attending to business interests. Mrs. Smith accompanied him to Spur and visited with friends while in the city.

Bruce Elliott, salesman for Empire Paper Company, of Wichita Falls was in Spur Monday calling on the trade.

Mrs. J. A. Legges of Croton was shopping with Spur's merchants and visiting with friends while in the city, Monday.

M. B. Gage, Commissioner of Precinct 4, was transacting business affairs in Spur, Monday, following the Commissioners Court Session held at Dickens Monday morning.

Craig Parson, wife and daughter of Calgary spent Saturday in Spur shopping with the merchants, transacting business affairs and visiting friends.

Mrs. Chas. Nolen and daughter, Miss Martha Collins, sales ladies for the Abilene Printing Company, of Abilene, Texas, were in Spur Thursday of last week contacting prospects and while in the city were very pleasant callers at our office.

Morris Laine, student in Texas Tech the last four years and Business Manager of the Toreador of last year, returned Thursday of last week to his home in Spur where he has employment with the city as Life Guard at the Spur Municipal Swimming pool.

Representatives from the various Missionary Societies of the Stamford District met in the Methodist Church of Spur June 2nd for an all day program with Mrs. Rutherford of Stamford in charge. The meeting as a whole was very interesting and enjoyable. One special interest was a talk on Chinese Customs, Missions and present conditions in China by Miss Lester Dale West of Floydada who is home on vacation from missionary duties in China. The ladies of the Spur church served a chicken dinner in the church basement to about sixty guests.

Mrs. W. B. Lee and daughters, Misses Ann and Regina, and son, Charles, returned Friday from a two weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lee and Pershing Lee of New Orleans, La. They report a very enjoyable visit and pleasant trip.

A. K. McAllister was here from his farm home in the Afton section of the country, Wednesday and reported his cotton six inches tall and other crops up and growing nicely. Mr. McAllister believes he has a special method of getting his cotton and small grain crops up.

Miss Virginia Blair, Home Economist with West Texas Utilities of Abilene spent some time the past week with the local office.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Higginbotham were in Spur for a brief visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ensey the past week while enroute to Amarillo where they are establishing their home.

Mrs. R. L. Alexander and son, Max, spent Wednesday in Jayton, visiting her son, Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander and numerous friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Conaway of four miles west of Dickens, left Saturday morning for California where they will spend an extended visit with their two daughters and their families. These sons-in-law and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Oakes of Quincy, Cal, and Mr. and Mrs. John H. Gray, of Mayesville, Cal, complimented Mr. and Mrs. Conaway with a six month time limit ticket, including "stop-overs" both going and on the return. Routing north as far as Oregon and including some of the most beautiful and scenic points of interest in the U. S. A. Mr. Conaway was in town Friday getting ready for an early start Saturday morning and was as much elated over the prospect of the visit as any five-year-old could be over the contemplated arrival of Santa on a Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ferguson of Russellville, Arkansas, and Ed Ferguson of Rockey, Oklahoma, were here the first of this week visiting in the homes of Jim, Tom, Ed and Bill McArthur. Mrs. Ferguson and the McArthur brothers are cousins. This was the first time Mrs. Ferguson had visited her West Texas relatives, in fact, was their first meeting. The Fergusons expressed themselves as being favorably impressed with West Texas, notwithstanding the high winds of the past few days. The refreshing ozone was the one thing they most appreciated and especially liked.

Support Joe A. Merritt For Representative

1. He is convinced that the cost of Government can be materially reduced, without impairing Government efficiency, and he pledges his support to rigid economy in Government cost.
2. He favors modification of our Chain Store Tax Law, so that little Independent Home Merchants will be exempt. He also favors fair trade laws as passed by forty-four other states.
3. In order that a continuous service may be available to every farmer and ranchman, he favors the program, through proper State Legislation, to make effective the provisions of the Federal Conservation Act.
4. He favors a Public School System that guarantees tuition and transportation paid by the State for all high school pupils where their grades are not taught in their home school.
5. He favors a liberalized Pension Law.

He favors paying a higher pension for our aged people.

He favors paying an equal amount to all who qualify.

He favors giving the County Judge and Commissioners' Court administration of the Pension Law.

6. He is opposed to legalized gambling and the open saloon as they are undermining and destructive and should be prohibited.

7. He is uncompromisingly opposed to the levying of any new taxes, except in case of emergencies.

8. He favors abolishing all unnecessary boards and commissions.

He believes in an efficient but rigidly economical system of State Government.

Consider his experience and ideas, and if you believe him worthy vote for him on July 23rd.

—Contributed and paid for by friends.

DRY LAKE-SPUR SCHOOL ELECTION SATURDAY FAILS TO CARRY

In the election held Saturday, called recently by County Judge Marshall Formby for a decision in the matter of consolidation of Dry Lake School with Spur Schools, the voting made retention of the school at Dry Lake, a majority of casts for continuance of school work there.

In the decision of June 15th, voting was very light, but surprisingly piled up a majority. Of the 44 votes cast, 11 went against removal of the school activities to Spur, whereas 33 favored consolidation. The Dry Lake people, however, showed appreciation of the locality and voted 22 for consolidation and 52 for retention of the school at that place.

Mr. Porter is principal of the school, and Mrs. E. D. Engleman and Miss Jerene Cooner are the other teachers, all of whom have been re-elected to their places for the coming year.

Apartment for rent. 2 rooms furnished. —Mrs. J. W. Henry, Phone 21.

Cotton Flea Hopper Study Will Be Resumed

Further study of the cotton Flea Hopper in West Texas will be carried on again this summer. W. S. McGregor, who worked on the Flea Hopper in this section last summer, and J. T. Griffiths, both of the Texas Agriculture Experiment Station at A & M college are now located at the Spur Experiment Station.

The work is purely experimental with the chief aim being "to aid the cotton farmer in cheaper production of higher quality cotton." Approximately one thousand big yellow balloons will be released in connection with this work in the vicinity of Spur within the next week. These balloons are filled with Hydrogen gas and have a stamped tag attached. Anyone finding such a balloon or tag may aid in this work by dropping the tag in the mail.

AFTON HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEETS FRIDAY JUNE 10

The Afton Home Demonstration Club met Friday, June 10, in the home of Mrs. Henry Hext. Miss Jean Day gave an interesting demonstration on "daily meal plans", and also told about the council work and farm progress charts. A delightful refreshment plate of ice cream and cake was served to the following club members: Mesdames Powell, Randolph, Flippin, Brewster, Barton, Foard, Cates, Martin, Hext, Bate-man, and Haney. Visitors were: Mesdames Day and Hodges and demonstrator, Miss Jean Day.

Mrs. Ray Bateman was appointed reporter to serve until the return of the regular reporter. Our next meeting will be Friday, June 24, in the home of Mrs. Ray Stephens.

DICKENS FUTURE HOME-MAKERS MAKE PLANS FOR THE SUMMER

The Pioneer Club met in the home of Mrs. Arrington to discuss plans for the summer. Upon arrival, the members started playing a guessing game which was won by Doris Harkey. The president, Audene Bilberry, presided and conducted a round table discussion on "What I Would Like to do in Club This Summer."

The meeting with a project activity period once each month, and one social each month. At the last meeting in August each member is to have his project ready to display. At the close of the meeting cookies and fruit were served to members.

The meetings throughout the summer will be in the homes of the following in the order named at the regular meeting time: Audene Bilberry, Jane Murphy, Mrs. Arrington, Francis Lee Speer.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Powell of Dry Lake were in Spur Wednesday enroute to Jayton to buy poison, as the Spur supply has been depleted. Archie reports the hoppers are literally eating him out.

JUNE 30TH LAST DAY FOR HALF-PAYMENT OF 1937 TAXES

Sheriff Johnnie Koonsman was over yesterday from the county capitol, and while here gave out the information that the last day of this month ended the privilege of paying one-half on the 1937 taxes, and said that following that date full payment plans prevail again.

Sheriff Koonsman warned that those intending to take advantage of the half-payment of their taxes, which dodges the penalty that will be in effect after the last day of June, should do so immediately.

Mrs. G. W. Grimes, city, in company with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rowland, of Stamford, are leaving Spur today for an extended trip to Los Angeles and to San Francisco, where they expect to attend the Rotary International Convention which meets this month in that city.

VISITING IN GLENN

Mrs. Charlie Kendrick, of Rogers, New Mexico, arrived in Glenn Tuesday night to spend a week visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ragland.

AND SO THE MILL KEEPS ON GRINDING

Emmett Hairgrove, operator of the feed grinding mill, formerly the Crouch Mill, says although they can usually look for some dull times at this season, the work there has not slackened up. In other words, you may hear of dull times, but "the mill keeps on grinding."

Rex Carlisle of Duck Creek spent a few hours in Spur, Wednesday attending to business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hyatt and little daughter, Patsy Jean, returned Monday from a ten-day vacation and visit with her mother, Mrs. G. W. Rash of Commerce. They also visited Mr. Hyatt's sister, Mrs. Hattie Harkey of Breckenridge, Texas and relatives at other East Texas points and in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Hargrove of Fort Worth is here spending an extended visit with her children, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gipson of Spur and Mr. and Mrs. Otho Thompson, of Dickens.

Among those from Spur attending the Lubbock-Big Spring Ball Game at Lubbock Tuesday were Mrs. Neal A. Chastain and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Hyatt.

Mrs. Evans, formerly of Baird, but recently of Clovis, New Mexico, is spending an extended visit in Spur, the guest of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Swan and family.

Masters Fike Godfrey and Bill Laine returned Sunday from the Boy Scout Camp at Post, Texas where they had spent an additional week, having been selected to serve as assistants to the Scoutmasters in charge of the encampment.

Rev. G. A. Dunn, who has been attending the State University since the first of the year will be in Spur Sunday and while here will fill the pulpit at the local Church of Christ Sunday morning at the 11.00 o'clock service.

W. S. Carlisle, an extensive farmer of the Duck Creek Community, was here Tuesday on business spending several hours in the city buying supplies of the merchants and greeting friends.

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ALLEN AUTO SUPPLY

Free-Free

SATURDAY MORNING DOUGHNUTS and COFFEE

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Hill Top Cafe

Spur Produce

Cash buyers last year, this year, and next year. — We are remodeling.

CARL MURRAY

FRED ARRINGTON HERE WEDNESDAY PASSING OUT HIS CARDS

Fred Arrington, running to succeed himself to the office of County Clerk, was in Spur yesterday seeing the voters and passing out his cards as a bid for consideration. Fred says he has to be in a hurry to do his campaigning because of the call to duty of the office—but he just lets his feet get hot and keeps traveling.

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OUTLOOK ON BUSINESS

There is almost a plethora of optimistic predictions concerning the future of business activity. However, there is likewise almost a complete lack of actual tangible factors on which to base a forecast that the indexes will show any substantial rise for many months to come.

The experts are watching the commodity price structure. Prices have been weakening slowly but steadily for six or eight months, and during this decline about half of the gains registered since the 1932 low have been lost.

The Annalist points out that there may be at least one highly favorable factor in the commodity price ample, is very possibly the reflection declines—that cheaper wheat, for example, is less imminent than it was, and that, as a consequence, the tremendous increase in foreign demand for the basic commodities that would follow widespread conflict will not result.

EQUALITY IN WALL STREET

Just what is the New York Stock Exchange? While it undoubtedly will be known in history as one of the world's great market places, there are many people of contemporary times who have but the vaguest idea of what it is and what connection, if any, it may have with the daily life and wellbeing of the ordinary citizen.

The New York Stock Exchange is a free and open market, one of the largest of its kind in the world, and a vital adjunct to modern society. Traded on its floors are not cattle, sheep, cotton, iron, hides, etc., but stocks and bonds of companies that use those raw materials.

The stock exchange itself is a highly organized, stringently regulated market place. Within its portals all comers meet on an equal footing, and the age-old law of supply and demand is the final arbiter of price.

It all reminds us that the 19th of June will probably be another "colorful" day.

23 YEARS AGO

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

Ned Hogan, Roy Johns and Carl W. Lowery left Sunday for a pleasure trip to Colorado, travelling a la Ford. They expect to visit Colorado Springs, Denver and other cities of that state, besides making the Ford climb Pike's Peak in high.

Little Miss Katie Lois Walker arrived in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Walker Wednesday evening, June 16th. She tips the scales at ten and one-half pounds.

Misses Kate and Nell Mahon, Davie Collines and Messrs A. E. Reeves, Will Andrews and M. L. Moody were visitors to Dickens Springs Sunday afternoon.

Miss Erma Baker returned Tuesday from a visit to Girard. She reports a very pleasant trip.

N. Q. Brannen and family left Spur Tuesday for Jayton where they will spend a few days visiting relatives and looking after business matters.

Omar Copeland, fourteen year-old son of C. D. Copeland was painfully if not seriously injured Thursday of last week when he was run over by a farm wagon heavily loaded with maize. Young Copeland was driving the team to town when the accident occurred.

Earl Senning returned Tuesday from the Shawnee College in Tennessee, where he has been attending school the past year.

We are under obligations to Miss Deliah Johnson, popular saleslady at the Love Dry Goods store for assistance in gathering local items this week.

Jeff Smith, of six miles east of Spur spent several hours here Saturday on business.

Crawford Cobb, Eli Harkey, and Dr. B. F. Hale and family, of Dickens, attended the Singing convention at Prairie Chapel Sunday.

Boyd Williams returned last week from Baylor University, Waco where he has been attending school the past year.

Mrs. Lela Evans informs us that Congressman John Stephens has advised her that the selection of a postmaster for Spur will be left to a primary election to be participated in by patrons. We heartily endorse this policy for it is in accord with the principles of Democracy.

At one o'clock a. m. June 10th, after a lingering illness, L. B. (Grandpa) Huckabee passed away at the home of his son, A. J. Huckabee, at Afton.

J. D. Powell left Tuesday for the Ghost Ranch in Kent County to receive a large herd of cattle which he recently bought.

W. H. Putman of Marfa, Texas, this week closed a deal purchasing fifteen sections of land of the Spur Farm Lands in the Tap Pasture from S. M. Swenson & Sons.

A light rain fell in Spur Wednesday afternoon accompanied by a high wind which blew down two telephone poles for the Luzon Telephone Company and demolished the top of W. H. Putman's automobile.

Friday morning from 9 to 11:30 o'clock Mrs. C. A. Love, in a very delightful manner, entertained the Merry Wives club at her home on Hill Street. Progressive 42 was the diversion for the morning.

Those present were Mesdames Barrett, Jennings, Neilson, Smart, Powell, Link, C. L. Love, Edmonds, Williams, Standifer, McClure, and Mrs. Stewart of Crowell. Delightful refreshments were served.—Contributed.

Little Spurs

Now they've agreed on a wage-hour bill with "flexible provisions." We thought that was what was the matter with things.

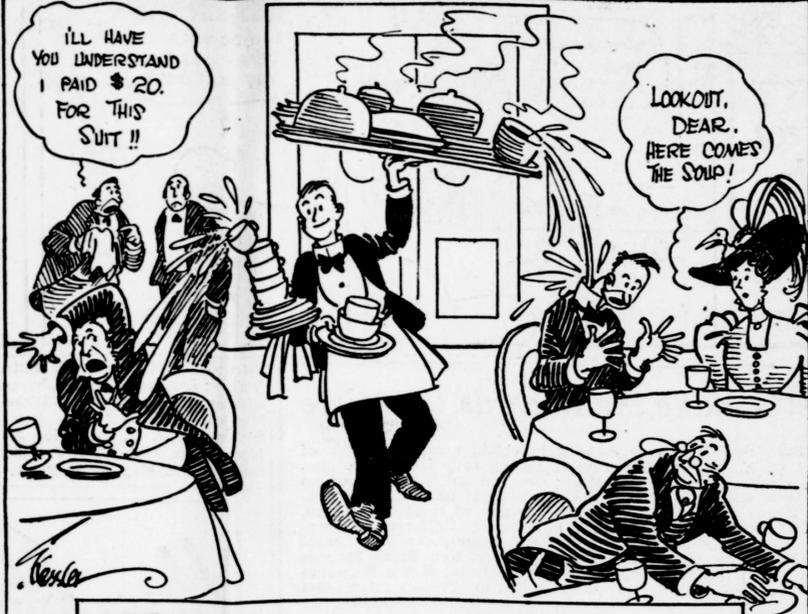
F. D. R.'s Trouble-Shooter musing on five jobs he'd like to have." A lotta people are musing on only one.

News wires say Europe trembles in quake scare—but failed to say which dictator claimed the cause.

Well, those Spaniards are still fighting—and apparently there isn't any bull about it.

We note that Whitney will give travel lectures to other inmates. That's what we call digging into his past.

LITTLE MOMENTS IN BIG LIVES Kessler



DOCTOR LEE DE FOREST, THE MAN WHO MADE BROADCASTING POSSIBLE, WHILE WORKING HIS WAY THROUGH YALE'S MECHANICAL ENGINEERING COURSE, WAITED ON TABLE ONE SUMMER IN A HOTEL ON BLOCK ISLAND.

behind the scenes in american business

BY JOHN CRADDOCK

New York

BUSINESS—A better feeling prevailed last week in business and agricultural circles. Farmers, especially in the west, were cheered by the fact that the price of wheat which was dropped to 67 1-2 cents a bushell, was back to the 75-cent level.

WASHINGTON

While retail business promises to be dull this summer, there is good reason to look for sharp expansion in the fall. President Roosevelt has asked the PWA to prepare a list of projects costing about \$600,000,000 which can be begun by the end of this month.

DRINK MILK

Doctors say that milk is a vital health beverage, but for American farmers it can be a source of wrinkled brows and business losses. The nation produces approximately 49 billion quarts of milk a year, equal to a quart a day for each man, woman and child in the country.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR

A new treatment for cloth which will enable designs to retain their sharpness and original luster on fabrics even after repeated washing. An apparatus which permits a patient to administer anesthetic to himself while having a tooth filled, a bone set or while undergoing a minor operation; as long as he feels pain he squeezes on a bulb similar to those used on atomizers.

Today's Thought

Man's days are numbered—but life suggests that God has not mapped a certain course; rather He foresees the course that man will choose for himself.

A rear view vanity mirror for women interested in seeing what is going on behind their backs without being observed. A method of freezing bread so that it can be kept in storage six to eight months. Bowl of Rice Party in your community Friday night, June 17th, to aid 50,000,000 Chinese civilian victims of aggression.

NO BOUNDS FOR POWER

Leaders of the electric power industry met last week in America's time-honored convention town, Atlantic City. Cool ocean breezes promoted the camaraderie spirit, and a desire to cooperate with the government was expressed.

WHO PAYS?

A recent survey reveals the rather astounding fact that if everyone had to turn over to the government all income in excess of \$5,000 a year, the sum collected would pay only about 1-5 the annual cost of government, federal, state and local. It points out that the great bulk of the tax bill must be paid by the small wage earner.

of bread, is taxed 57 times, the survey shows. The loaf of bread for which Mrs. American housewife pays eight cents, could be bought for six cents if these hidden taxes were eliminated.

HEADLINES

By 1942 nearly 90 per cent of America's sea-going freight ships will be 20 years old or more. Americans use 12.6 pounds of coffee each a year. Conversion of farm crops into substitutes for coal, petroleum and natural gas will be accomplished before these natural fuels are exhausted.

TEXAS LEADS

According to reports by the 25 benefit paying states, Texas is ahead of most of them in promptness of benefit payments. After an unemployed man registers for the first week he is eligible for benefits, it is usually 8 days before he receives his check.

Texas topped every state in the Union in April in finding jobs for her unemployed by the State Employment Service. California was second, placing 29,783; Texas placed 31,911.

ATTENTION

The W. Lee O'Daniel Club, will sell pie and ice cream at Dry Lake, Wednesday night, June 29th. The public is cordially invited to give their whole-hearted support and influence. Also each lady please bring two pies.—W. Lee O'Daniel.

JUST HUMANS BY GENE CARR



"What is that you have on ya Puppies?" "Spaghetti th' Wife Had a Failure With."



I Give You TEXAS

by Boyce House

Winds from the Gulf have caused the trees on the scenic drive between Galveston and Port Arthur to grow slantwise. It is odd, when not a ripple of air is stirring, to see the trees bent westward. Of a similar sight, Adelaide Crapsey, the poet, once wrote:

"Is it as plainly in our living shown, By slant and twist, which way the wind hath blown?"

A nomination for the unusual names' department: The Pep Hotel in Jasper.

The late Flo Ziegfeld, Broadway producer of musical shows, was famous as one who "glorified American womanhood." In Tyler, there is a stand that advertises "glorified hamburgers."

Also in Tyler is the Boomerang ice cream stand. The explanation of the name is, "The customer always comes back."

When Judge Ralph Yarborough of Austin shakes hands and gives cards to men in a group and there is a boy standing nearby, the candidate for Attorney General likewise greets the lad and hands him a card.

"I remember how lonely and unimportant I felt when I was a boy and some candidate shook hands with all the men close by but took no notice of me," Yarborough says.

Another unusual name: On the Jasper-Marshall highway, the Chat-and-Chew Safe.

The region around San Augustine is known as the "red lands" but one who has not seen the soil just after the spring plowing cannot realize its intense crimson. The ground is as blushing as so many acres of red roses. Visitors to the Grand Canyon say the hue of the rock walls is not more vermilion. And the banks cut away for the highway are so bright a red that it would scarcely be a poetic exaggeration to say that the earth seems freshly wounded.

A sign on a Houston drug store advertises, "Rum-soaked crooks." (They are cigars.)

POLITICS DOWN ON THE FARM

Some time ago in the Syracuse, New York, Journal, in speaking editorially of the dairy situation, said: "Once every year, at campaign time, scores of politicians clamber aboard the milk wagon and stomp the state, strewing promises in all the rural districts as lavishly as the farmer himself sows his seeds. Experience has shown that few, if any, of these promises are ever fulfilled. With one possible exception . . . the net result of all these promises has been a series of crackpot laws that failed miserably and left the farmer worse off than he was before."

This is true of all other agricultural states, as well as New York. And wide-awake farmers, whether they deal in milk, fruit, vegetables, stock or anything else, are placing less trust in political panaceas and more trust in their own efforts and their marketing cooperative organizations. "God helps those who help themselves," is as applicable to farming as to any other enterprise. The politicians who manifest so great a concern for agriculture at election time have shown their true colors too often in the past to make it safe to trust them too far in the future.



Ma says she wants Pa to go out and get a job for she is tired looking at him sitting around the house doing nothing. Pa says old men don't stand any more chance now getting a job than a stray dog at a country frolic. Pa told his boy he would do everything the boy did just like a young man but when the boy told dad he must go without his hat and roll down his socks to his shoe tops, Pa said nothing doing.

