



'CREDIT'

Credit is a fine thing to have when properly handled, and not abused...

I want to impress the readers that I am not trying or stating that people as a whole are not interested in paying their obligations...

Y. W. A. GROUP MEET AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The Y. W. A. met at the First Baptist Church, Monday, November 7th with twenty-two members present...

The meeting was called to order by the President, and the minutes read by the Secretary...

After the program Mrs. Ham gave a very interesting and instructive talk on "Active Members—those who will cooperate with the organization."

The Y. W. A. plans to give a pageant in the near future, and desires that all members cooperate in making it successful.—Reported.

'Leto's' for the Gums

Gums that itch or burn can become mighty trying. Druggists will return your money if the first bottle of "LETO'S" fails to satisfy.

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TO BE WELL GROOMED IS A GOOD INVESTMENT. It's proven every day—in Spur! SPUR BARBER SHOP Ernest George, Prop.

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for the best paying people to meet their obligations, but on the other hand we have people that obligate themselves to pay in 30 days and other terms that if they would stop to think it is impossible for them to carry out the obligation...

In recent years we have had many changes that it requires more money to meet the needs of the average family, and yet the returns of the average line of occupation is no greater, and since we all realize this to be the case it is going to be necessary in maintaining the proper credit standing to think a little more of the future if we are to be able to meet our obligations promptly...

Miss Bernice Alexander, teacher in the Sweetwater Public Schools was the guest of her parents, Mr. and R. L. Alexander, Friday through Sunday.

CLASSIFIED

Any case of sleeping sickness in horses cured on guarantee. If not cured it costs you nothing.—A. C. Cross, Veterinarian, Roaring Springs, Texas.

FOR SALE—Bundle Hegari, 2c per bundle\* Phone 131.—Etta Fite

FOR SALE—Windmill tower and tank. Price \$35.00—Mrs. M. C. Terry, Dickens, Texas.

A good complete set of blacksmith tools for sale or trade.—L. H. PERRY, Spur, Texas.

FOR SALE—Stucco duplex in Spur, close-in. This is a modern, well built, convenient and comfortable house, with many built-in features...

390 acre sandy land farm, 175 acres cultivation. 4 room house, well, windmill, barn, to trade for town property in Spur. This farm is clear. Will trade all or part of it. Located 18 miles southeast of Paducah in Cottle County.—Jim N. CANON, Matador.

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Oscar Kelley Agency, COWAN BUILDING, Room 4, Spur, Texas

LEGAL

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS:

STATE OF TEXAS County of Dickens TO THOSE INDEBTED TO OR HOLDING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF SALLIE M. HARKEY, DECEASED: The undersigned having been duly appointed executor of the will and estate of Sallie M. Harkey, deceased, late of Dickens County, Texas...

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Dickens BY Virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, on the 21st day of September 1938, by Nettie Littlefield, Clerk of said Court against R. T. Gibson for the sum of Twelve Hundred Thirty-nine and 59-100 (\$1,239.59) Dollars with interest thereon from the 29th day of March, 1938...

BEGINNING at a stone mkd. and post mkd. NW 20, at NW Corner Tract No. 20, and NE Corner Tract No. 18 and SW Corner Tract No. 21: THENCE S. 89 deg. 55' W. 669.4 ft. to a stone mkd. and post mkd. NW 18; THENCE N. 0 deg. 20' W. 1290.4 ft. to a stone mkd. and post mkd. NW 24, 30 ft. South of North line of SW 1-4 of Section 245; THENCE N. 89 deg. 55' E. 669.4 feet South of Quarter Section line; THENCE S. 0 deg. 20' E with West line of Tracts Nos. 22 and 21, 1290.4 feet to the place of beginning, and containing as per above field notes, 19.83 acres of land, be and the same is hereby foreclosed; and levied upon as the property of said R. T. Gibson. And on Tuesday, the 6th day of December 1938 at the Court House door of Dickens County, in the Town of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said R. T. Gibson by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Texas Spur, a newspaper published in Dickens County. WITNESS my hand, this 6th day of November, 1938. J. L. KOONSMAN, Sheriff Dickens Co., Texas

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Dickens BY Virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, on the 21st day of September 1938, by Nettie Littlefield, Clerk of said Court against G. H. Watson, C. D. Bird, S. W. Hughes, and W. B. Lee, Jr., Administrator of the Estate of Walter B. Lee, Deceased for the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-eight and 10-100 (\$5,268.10) Dollars with interest thereon from the 29th day of March, 1938 at the rate of 6 per cent per annum and costs of suit, in cause No. 1513 in said Court, styled Charles McGregor, versus G. H. Watson, Et Al., and whereas the said judgment is a foreclosure of a vendor's lien; and placed in my hands for service, I, J. L. Koonsman as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did, on the 30th day of September 1938 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, described as follows, to-wit:

The Northeast Quarter of Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company Survey No. 383, Certificate No. 10-2087, Block 1, containing 165.24 acres of land; less a strip thirty feet wide along the North and East lines of said Quarter Section which has been and is reserved and dedicated for road purposes; as such lien existed on the 2nd day of January, 1933, and at all times since said date be and the same is hereby foreclosed as against all the defendants, being the same lien described in a certain deed recorded in Vol. 48, Page 255, of the Deed Records of Dickens County Texas, being situated in Dickens County, Texas; and levied upon as the property of said G. H. Watson; and on Tuesday, the 6th day of December 1938 at the Court House door of Dickens County, in the Town of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said G. H. Watson by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale.

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WITNESS my hand, this 6th day of November, A. D. 1938. J. L. KOONSMAN, Sheriff Dickens Co., Texas

Mrs. Ned Hogan and daughter, Miss Nedra and Miss Polly Clemmons motored to Abilene Sunday to accompany to Spur Miss Doris Arthur who had gone Thursday to attend Home Coming at A. C. C. On the trip to Abilene they were accompanied by Ray Dickson and Misses Mary Jo Collier and Wynell McClure, who had spent the week end with homefolks in Spur.

Gas Gas All Time ADLERIKA CITY DRUG COMPANY. Mrs. Jas. Fuller says: "Gas on my stomach was so bad I couldn't eat or sleep. Gas even pressed on my heart. Adlerika brought me quick relief. Now, I eat as I wish, sleep fine, never feel better."

Nearly 1/2 of telephone expenses in Texas goes for wages... Out of more than 2 3/4 million dollars spent by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company to provide telephone service in Texas last year, about 10 million dollars... nearly half went for wages. Wages to 9,000 telephone people, who in turn spent most of that money in Texas. Telephone wages play no small part in keeping the state's business moving. And by assuring telephone users of the services of skilled, efficient people, they play a large part in giving you good telephone service at reasonable cost. Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

FUTURE HOMEMAKERS IN SESSION HERE MONDAY, NOV. 5

Tallying results from the reports made public, the Future Homemakers of Texas Area No. Two, including teachers from this department in each school, held one of the most successful meetings here Monday, November 5, that has been chalked up for the delegation in the history of the group.

The registration list of the meeting, which went into session at the First Methodist Church, gave a total of 265 attendants, and it was estimated that perhaps thirty-five or forty failed to put their name on the roster. The body was formed of 46 schools, with fifty teachers present.

Area No. Two officers were elected at the Monday meet, with the following members installed: President, Winifred Lee, Spur; Vice-President, Francis Norman, Rule; Estelle White, Secretary-Treasurer, Wilson; Clorice Rush, Parliamentarian, Roosevelt School (Lubbock); Doris Elaine Dillihay, Reporter, Vernon. Arpa No. Two club sponsor is Ethel Green.

A decision was reached to hold the next meeting at Seymour on March 4, 1939, at which time club sponsors and officers will attend.

Another group meeting of the Future Homemakers and their sponsors is also slated to be held at Ralls sometime in February, but the list will include only members from Dickens and Crosby counties.

Schools represented at the Spur meeting Monday included Rule, Snyder, Stamford, Crowell, Pioneer, Southland, Aspermont, Brownfield, Weinert, Meadow, Wilson, Roaring Springs, Peacock, Graham, Whitharrall, Dickens, Tahoka, Haskell, Mattson, New Home, McAdoo, Seymour, Munday, Slaton, Wellman, Patton Springs, Roby, Crosbyton, Post, Idalou, Rotan, Leuders, Seagraves, Moran, Olton, Harrahd, Ralls, Vernon, West Vernon, Hobbs (near Roby), Levelland, Friendship, New Deal, Roosevelt, Lubbock Senior High, Lubbock Junior High, and Spur.

J. Robinett of Kalgary was a business visitor in Spur Monday.

DR. O. R. CLOUDE GRADUATE CHIROPRACTOR External and Internal Baths 2 1/2 Blocks East of M. E. Church SPUR, TEXAS Magnecoll — Dietetics

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BE SURE TO GET AN Ingersoll AMERICA'S STANDARD TIME! YANKEE \$1.50 Get trustworthy time in a smart Ingersoll watch. Yankee is the smallest and thinnest pocket watch at \$1.50. Chrome-plated case, clear numerals, unbreakable crystal.

BE KIND! Be considerate! Don't cough in public places. Carry with you Smith Brothers Cough Drops. (Two Kinds—Black or Menthol, 5c.) Smith Bros. Cough Drops are the only drops containing VITAMIN A. This is the vitamin that raises the resistance of the mucous membranes of the nose and throat to cold infections.

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TIME FOR CHANGE

No man is allowed to operate a railroad locomotive—though it runs along a predetermined track, with every conceivable safety device to prevent accidents—without long and vigorous training, and periodic examinations for health and capability.

No man can command a ship—though it plies oceans and waterways where the chance of collision with another vessel is microscopically small—without similar training and examinations to determine fitness and ability.

No man can fly an airplane—though its "highway" is the empty air—without providing absolute proof of his competence.

Yet any man can operate an automobile down crowded streets and highways, where the margin between safe passage and a possible serious accident is a matter of inches, no matter how ill-fitted he is to drive safely.

That fact largely explains our gigantic motor vehicle accident toll. In some states no examination of any kind is required to obtain a driving license. In others not even a license is needed—the most incompetent can get behind the wheel and roar away, endangering everyone in his path. And in most of those states where drivers' licensing systems have been established the lay is usually inadequate and prevents only the most obviously incompetent from endangering the public safety.

CREATOR OF JOBS

The increase in residential construction is one of the very best of the signs now dotting the economic horizon.

As an article in the Wall Street Journal points out of every dollar spent for a home almost 50 cents goes for the purchase of materials—lumber, bricks, metals, cement, etc. "These figures," in the words of the article, "show clearly the tremendous impact of building both upon employment and demand for goods, and consequently upon the general business trend, and emphasize the possible importance of the present upturn in home building upon the general economic welfare of the country."

Furthermore, the labor created by home building is far from being confined to the men actually employed upon the job. The United States Housing Authority says that indirect labor actually benefits more than direct. It estimates the direct labor time employed for each dollar of expenditure, at 24 minutes, while indirect labor gets 36 minutes' work per dollar.

From the standpoint of the prospective home owner, "build now" is no idle slogan.

Byron Haney, merchant of Afton was transacting business affairs in Spur Monday.

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AMERICA'S LEADER AT 4 for 10 PROBAK BLADES

Laughing Around the World With IRVIN S. COBB

Not To Be Short; But—

By IRVIN S. COBB

IT'S short, today's offering is, but it goes to the point: "Good morning, madam," said the caller, on one bright winter morning in the early part of December. "Is your husband at home?" "He is not," said the lady of the house.



"May I ask where he is?" "He is down at the pond at the foot of the street." "Ah, indeed. And may I make so bold as to inquire what he is doing there?" "Well, if the ice is as thick as he thinks it is, he's gone skating. If it's as thin as I think it is, he's gone swimming." (American News Features, Inc.)

Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK

BEHIND THE SCENES IN AM BUSINESS NEW YORK—BUSINESS—While the current recovery movement has featured prosperity headlines for big industries such as steel, factory machinery, public utilities, and engineering construction, some of the less spectacular industries have also been chalking up rosy records of their own. Retail furniture sales are booming again, and manufacturers shipped \$40,000,000 worth of merchandise in September, the highest this year. September was also notable for the fact that it was the first 1938 month in which shipments to local dealers by sash, door and frame manufacturers exceeded the similar month last year. Rug sales, which started the year off poorly, will probably come within 10 per cent of the 1937 volume, as mills speed up production to meet rapidly rising demand.

WASHINGTON—The 20th anniversary of Armistice Day is a reminder that the world was not "made safe for democracy" by the world war. Officials here, though, aren't wasting time crying over spilt milk. Believing they read correctly the country's sentiment, they are pushing a broad program of national defense preparedness.

Behind all preparedness mechanisms, military experts say, lies the problem of raw materials. America lacks, in whole or in part, 21 strategic raw materials, according to the War Department. Many we now import have to cross thousands of miles of ocean. Rubber comes from Malaya and the Dutch East Indies. Bauxite, to make aluminum, from South America. Manganese from Russia, Africa, India and Brazil. Tungsten from China. Plenty of manganese, indispensable in steel making, exists in the U. S., with deposits in at least 20 states. But it requires costly equipment to concentrate the ores. Hindering development of a going domestic manganese industry which would serve as wartime "insurance," strategists point out, is the fact the tariff was cut in half in 1935, thereby giving the market almost exclusively to far-off nations where the ore is mined by cheap labor. Recent developments have crystallized sentiment in favor of legislation such as was introduced in the last congress designed to solve the raw materials problem by building emergency reserves exclusively from domestic sources. This would include Cuba, in the case of manganese, it is felt, since the Army is recommending continued development of Cuban mines to keep available this accessible source in case of emergencies.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR—New type fluorescent lamp which can be screwed into the ordinary type of electric socket in the home and saves 80 per cent of current cost. "Jitterbug Contests" to take place of "bank nites" at local movie houses. Cough drops containing aspirin. "Roof-top" parking stations with stores beneath them; promoters now operating one in New York, expect to be copied in other cities and towns. A two pound wool blanket to compete with the regular 2 3/4 to 3 pound numbers. Three-way men's overcoat to sell at around \$40; lining zips out to give warm-day topcoats; turn that inside out and you have raincoat. "Jam bracelets" inscribed with the jargon dear to the heart of every swing devotee. Furniture polish, shoe polish, carbon paper and certain cosmetics made from rice bran oil rather than vegetable waxes.

MINE HOST—Eagerly to prepare

People In The News

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Putman left Thursday for Terrell to spend the Armistice holiday, Saturday and Sunday with their son, Bill, a T. M. C. Cadet. They were accompanied by Mrs. Hill Perry who stopped over in Fort Worth to visit her brother, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Laverty and daughter and son, Opal and James Franklin respectively, and Mrs. M. C. Gold—who visited a sister, Mrs. Poase of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan McNeil and daughter, Miss Sarah and son Jerdy of Houston arrived in Spur Thursday to visit his brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill and family.

Miss Sarah returned Sunday night to resume her work as a teacher in the Angleton High School while Mr. and Mrs. McNeil and son remained for a more extended visit.

Fred Christopher of the East Afton community was greeting friends and transacting business affairs while in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gannon and daughters of Lower Red Mud were shopping and visiting in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Henry of Glenn spent Monday in Spur. Mrs. Henry came to see the picture "Boys Town" showing at the Palace theatre while Mr. Henry transacted business affairs and visited friends in the city.

Mrs. W. R. Jimison and mother, Mrs. P. A. Ramsey were visitors in Lubbock Monday.

Dupree Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Allen, and who has been attending John Tarleton College at Stephenville this semester, returned Friday to his home in Spur and will assist his father in the Allen Auto Supply during the busy Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday seasons.

Mrs. Roy Harkey returned Sunday afternoon from Lubbock where she spent the Armistice holiday, Saturday and Sunday with her husband, Roy Harkey.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. Leach spent Sunday afternoon in Sweetwater visiting his mother.

W. J. Garrett of the 24 ranch in Kent county was a business visitor in Spur Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones and her mother, Mrs. Garner, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison at their ranch home twelve miles southwest of Spur.

E. M. Wilson and party of Memphis spent Sunday night in Spur where they were joined by Hollis Atkinson on a hunting expedition to the Big Bend section.

L. B. Withers, of Dallas, was a business visitor in Spur Thursday. Mr. Withers was enroute to Snyder where Mrs. Withers and children were visiting her mother, Mrs. Carlton and family.

Joe Rose of Duncan Flat was a business visitor in the city Monday.

Bob Hahn was a business visitor in Spur Monday from his home in the Highway community.

Miss Elizabeth Powell was shopping and visiting in the City Saturday.

Mrs. Frank Treywick who has been in Spur visiting in the Windham home and to be with her brother Mr. Darden who has been ill the past several weeks, returned Friday to her home in Silverton.

Miss Lavada Hahn of Highway was shopping with Spur merchants and visiting with friends while in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. B. M. Williams, wife and daughter of Ramah, New Mexico, arrived Friday to visit his mother, Mrs. S. Williams of the Afton community. Mr. Williams was in Spur Monday visiting his sister, Mrs. J. E. Berry and Mr. Berry.

Mrs. Maud Windham returned Saturday to her home in Lubbock following several days visit with her daughter Miss Tally Windham and with her brother, Mr. Darden, who has been quite ill at his home at the Windham Ranch home.

Mrs. J. E. Berry and children spent Friday at the home of her mother, Mrs. S. Williams near Afton.

Commissioner H. D. Nickels of McAdoo was transacting business affairs in Dickens and Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Karr were Lubbock visitors Wednesday of last week.

Jimmie McClanahan of Kalgary spent Saturday in Spur transacting business and visiting his brothers, Ab and Preston McClanahan.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Dunlap and children of Hamlin were visitors in Spur Friday.

HERBINE

When headache, dizziness, sour stomach, biliousness, nausea, lack of appetite, and listlessness or that tired feeling, are associated symptoms of temporary constipation, HERBINE will bring relief. It is strictly a vegetable medicine, free from harsh mineral salts. 60c a bottle.

CITY DRUG COMPANY

J. Woodrum, manager of the Retail Merchants Association of Spur, was a business visitor in Dickens Monday.

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DO YOU KNOW—



That the champion tennis ball holder of the country is William Fred White, a professional of the Merion Cricket Club of Haverford, Pa. He can hold 14 regular sized tennis balls in one hand. If you don't believe this is a stunt, try it.

**THE SPURS** First Publication From The Original Manuscript by **W. J. ELLIOT**  
An Authentic History Of The Old West \* \* \* Published Serially By Your Texas Spur

**THE PURCHASE PRICE**  
(Chapter Six Continued)

Mr. Dalton a few years ago, while in Spur, Texas, told the author of this history that they lost many thousands of dollars through that transaction, as those notes were never paid.

Bud Campbell and George Gambel also lost what they put into the Fort Worth Company. They were not the only losers, but their losses were the heaviest.

The land controlled by the Espuela Company of Fort Worth was about two hundred and forty-two thousand five hundred acres (242,500), and the London Company agreed to assume eight (8) notes, each for \$51,544, or a total of \$412,352, with interest at 8 percent, and one note falling due annually, and a further payment to the State of Texas of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). This land cost the Espuela Land & Cattle Company of London, England, about five and one-half dollars (\$5.50) per acre, and was carried on the balance sheet of November 30, 1887, at One Million Fifty-four Thousand Six Hundred Fifth Dollars (\$1,054,650).

Anyone interested in regard to the land above mentioned, if they will look at the land map of Dickens County, they will see that this land was deeded and patented to Robert Burnett, the British director above mentioned.

Mr. McNab, one of the directors, in 1886 paid off the sum of \$100,000 due the State of Texas, and in 1888 paid off the New York and Texas Land Company the balance due them, and reduced the interest charges on those amounts from eight (8) to six (6) percent. This he did personally, taking in exchange prior lien bonds.

There is usually a good deal of money to be invested annually by Scotchmen, and whether in Africa, Brazil, or the United States of America, six percent annually looks good to them—with PLENTY of GOOD security.

**A START IN EXPERIENCE**  
CHAPTER VII

The Espuela Land and Cattle Company, Ltd. of London, England; this new Company, which I shall from now on call "The Company," started with bad luck. The price of cattle fell, and kept falling; that speculative boom in cattle had run its course. The causes were many. The first and most important was, that the packers had combined to depress the cattle prices, and now controlled the market. Their buyers met each morning and agreed on the price to be paid. Of this I will write later. Another cause was the tremendous losses, caused by extremely severe weather, and deep snow; not in Texas alone, but also in the Dakotas, Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska, where most of the Texas cattle had gone. And in Texas, drought, as well as severe weather came. But the worst cause in my opinion, was the overstocking of the newly fenced range, and a shortage of water.

Cattle could not now drift far before the blizzards. Stockmen as well as cattle had been used to the open range, and had not yet learned the limit to which it was safe to stock the fenced range; nor the number of cattle an acre would carry. When grass and water got short, on the open range, cattle would naturally drift to where they were more plentiful. When the blizzards came, if the cattle could drift, and keep "on the move," there was less danger of severe loss, but the new fences held them up, and they simply froze to death. The education of the stockmen, with fenced pastures, had begun.

In 1887 The Company had on the ranch sixty-nine thousand, seven hundred and thirty-two (69,732) head of cattle. Of that number they sold that year, 14,100 head at an average price of \$17.00 per head, leaving 55,632 to go into the winter with. Just about 25,000 too many for the range. (Please note that this condition in 1887 had serious results). Mr. Lomax must have reported to the directors of the company, the severe losses of that winter, 1887-88. At least the annual report to the stockholders dated nineteenth of March, 1888 says nothing about it. The report on that balance-sheet does say that: "July, August and September, were intensely dry, and in the opinion of the Directors as a measure of precaution it would be prudent to provide extra pasturage for 8,752 head of cattle and 5,353 calves for the winter months. The wintering of the cattle on the home range, has up to the date of advances very recently received, been on the whole, good, notwithstanding the heavy blizzard of January last (1888)."

Mr. Lomax had leased in the fall of 1887, the R O S range about thirty miles northeast of the Spurs, and the Koogil Brothers Ranch north of Clarendon, about 150 miles distance from The Spurs. I had just come direct from Scotland to work on the Spur Ranch. After waiting a week at Colorado City where I had instructions to wait for Mr. Lomax, we arrived at The Spur Headquarters on the 28th of April 1888. On the 15th of May I was sent with the branding outfit to help gather and bring back to the ranch the cattle from the R O S ranch. The loss there was very light. After turning the herd loose on the home ranch, we started for Clarendon, to get the cattle from the Koogil Ranch.

For some reason we were held in Clarendon for four or five days, and there my education in the Cow Country was further advanced. The Fort Worth and Denver railroad had not long before started on west from there, and Clarendon was then (1888) "A wide, wide open town."

The Matador and Spur outfits got to Clarendon about the same time, both outfits camping near town. The Spur and Matador boys were

more than neighbors. Most of the latter had worked on both ranches, and were "closer than brothers." They of course could not "be for weeks together," but when they did get together, they were a pretty lively bunch. There had been some previous friction between the sheriff and the Matador boys, so when the Spur boys joined the Matador boys, the sheriff had business elsewhere. A chair decorated the head of a deputy and he left town. When Mr. Lomax arrived next day, he sent the sheriff word that he would be responsible for any damage if the sheriff would leave the boys alone, as they were out to have a good time and were going to have it. There was no damage done, and no fights. They did have a good time or what they thought was one. They were, however, broke for months afterwards.

My first introduction to a monty game was in Frank's Saloon where there was more money on the table than in most Texas banks then. I had never seen the game played before. My old friend Joe Humphrey was standing by telling me where to place the bets. Jack Coker was playing next to me and losing like "the Dickens." I noticed he had a peculiar look on his face, a kind of a grim smile. He soon got broke and as it was near supper time, (Jack was our cook for that trip) said, "let's go, and come back after supper." We all pulled out for camp, ate our supper, hobbled the horses, and then returned to town, so naturally got to playing stud poker and monty. It was after dark when we got to the tables, and as I had never been in such a gaming house I looked for an exit in case of sudden need and located a window behind me.

We were as happy as a bunch of boys could be. There were many thousands of dollars for us to win (if we could) on the middle of the table. Twenty dollar gold pieces stacked on fifty and hundred dollar packets of green-backs. They sure looked good. Suddenly the door was opened, and Jack Coker came into the room. He threw a gun on the dealer and his assistant, remarking "dam you, you pulled the wrong card and thought I didn't see you." He reached over with his left hand, took a pile of twenty dollar gold pieces then flipped a pile of gold over the table and took the green-backs underneath. When I saw him take the pile of gold I backed to go through the window. Some how I missed it. My head must have cracked the wall. I guess the boys must have thought the house was falling. Jack just glanced at me and smiled, put the green-backs in his pocket, and backed out. The dealer just straightened up the money Jack had scattered over the table. His only remark was, "just my luck, you fellows better have a fresh deal." We all continued playing as if nothing had happened. Nothing was ever said or done about it afterwards. Such was the code, if caught stealing at cards, one lost the pot. Jack, although he got much more than he lost, acted in moderation.

When we got to the Koogil pasture, that was an "eye-opener," dead cattle everywhere! In places one could step on dead cattle for long distances without touching the ground. I am sure the loss was estimated at over 50 percent. The loss was not all Spurs and Matadors as other cattle had been wintered there.

**LIGHTNING ON THE PLAINS**  
CHAPTER VIII

After all the Spur and Matador cattle were gathered and cut into respective herds on the Cogill ranch, we started for our home ranches. On account of the cattle being very poor and weak, we had to travel slowly. On our second night out, after we had said good-bye to Clarendon, we were camped about five (5) miles east of the Buckle B herd. We could just see their lantern light, after it got good dark. Dink Logan was their wagon-boss while Joe Stokes was boss of The Spurs. The Spur cattle were tired and they bedded down nicely and everything seemed to be at peace.

The sudden electrical storms that year were very bad over the Plains country, especially the southeast corner of Colorado, northeast corner of New Mexico, and in the Texas Panhandle. Five or six cowboys had been killed by lightning before we had left Clarendon. Those Spur cowboys did not anticipate trouble, but when it did come they were always ready for it. That second night out with that herd, I shall never forget. I was not of sufficient knowledge or experience as yet to be allowed to stand night guard. Mr. Horsbrugh, then Assistant Manager, and I were sleeping together. At least I was sleeping; for in those days it seemed like I never could get enough sleep. With a new tarpaulin, plenty bedding, and nothing on my conscience, there was no good reason for not enjoying my rest.

About the middle of the second guard, a large black cloud came up from the southwest. It began raining with a little hail and commenced to thunder, for a moment it quit and I thought it was all over, then all hell broke loose. The roar of the thunder was deafening, the lightning one continuous flash, and Jupiter P pulled out the stopper and let a flood loose. Mr. Horsbrugh got up when it first started to storm. He knew or guessed what might come. When my bed was almost under water I started to get up. Our bed was made down about four feet from the wagon wheels. I had learned to put on part of my clothes and boots before throwing off the tarpaulin, and a good thing it was that I had done so. I had expected to crawl into the wagon bed under the wagon sheet, where I would have been out of the weather, but when I started to do so I got the shock of my life. Lightning or something of the kind was running round the wagon wheels. I had never seen anything like that so I backed off. By now I was pretty wet but I made a dive for my hat and slicker and somehow got them on.

The noise made by the thunder and bawling of the cattle was terrific. The herd was quite close to the wagon, and in the intervals of quite, just after the loudest peals of thunder, we could hear the horns popping. After one particularly bright flash of lightning, followed immediately by a peal of thunder that seemed to shake the ground, I heard a kind of sigh come from the herd, and the next instant the thunder of hoofs, and the louder popping of horns. The herd had stampeded!

As a usual thing on the plains or anywhere else, it is customary to circle a stampeding herd, and get them milling; but that herd split into three parts, as if someone had got in the way. The cattle were soon beyond hearing, but the thunder and lightning, and the down pour of rain continued for hours. After a while one or two of the boys returned to the wagon and we stood around till day-break. The cook had managed to get a fire started, with wood carried in a beef hide stretched under the wagon bed, and we soon had the welcome coffee, while he got breakfast. By now most of the boys had got back, several had followed the herd till they simply lost it, and seeing no sign of the lantern, soon got mixed up with the now many lakes. After all had returned and breakfast over we saddled up ready to start after the lost herd. One of the boys who had "stayed with them" all night, had told the boss that the herd had mixed with the Buckle B herd. We rode in the direction he pointed out for us to take, and after an hour or so we found them. 75,000 head of cattle mixed with range stock. When we rode up to the men who were holding them, we were told that the boss, Dink Logan, had been killed by lightning, and that it also had struck a Negro on guard at the same time, killing his horse. Those who found the Negro thought him dead, but he finally came alive and nearly stampeded those boys who were sitting up with Logan.

The lightning had struck the Negro on the head, tearing up his hat, slicker, and right boot leg, as well as bursting his saddle-tree. My recollection is that ever afterwards he had a white streak down the middle of his hair and face. It took both outfits three days to separate the cattle, and get on "The Trail" again.

When we got started once more we continued on the old MacKenzie trail and passed near where General MacKenzie, rounded-up, and shot all of the Comanche horses, on the plains, after he had the fight with those Indians just under the Caprock. The road went within a few hundred yards of the bones, so several of us rode out to have a look at them. They were thickly scattered over ten or fifteen acres, and all snow white. I never saw so many bones together except when I got off the train at Colorado City; there along the track for hundreds of yards were vast piles of buffalo bones about ten feet high. Somehow they did not impress me as did those snow-white scattered Indian horse bones.

When we got back to The Spur Ranch, we de-horned a lot of four or five year old steers, and spayed heifers which had been gathered the year before (1887). A large pen had been built near the New Farm in a small pasture, and in it two of the boys would catch the steers by the neck and hind legs; the steers were then thrown on the ground and their horns sawed off. My job was to dope, with tar, the base of the horn where it had been sawed off. One of the big steers jerked loose just before I was ready (the rope having been taken off its neck) and he took after me. All the other men were on the fence except the ropers, so I made a bee-line for it. "Run Bill Run," was the call from all sides, and Bill did his best. Just before I got to the fence I thought the five gallon can with the dope in it might satisfy the steer, instead of Bill, so I placed the can to my rear, and jumped for the fence. The steer took the can all right, and sent most of the dope on Mr. Lomax's white shirt bosom. These steers and spayed heifers were the first cattle fed, in West Texas, and were shipped to Chicago in June 1889.

(To Be Continued)

EDITOR'S NOTE: Although included in the foregoing manuscript of "The Spurs" are scores of brands of yesterday as well as of today, and likewise included the pen drawings of cattle earmarks familiar to all of the old cattlemen, they are omitted from the serial form of this history. When the manuscript goes into book form, all of these will be included. Some printing plates for same have not been completed. Watch for the book.

**I Give You Texas**  
**Boyce House**

If Fort Worth doesn't have the meanest man in Texas, here's one who will give someone a race for the "honor."

Cowtown has parking meters. One of the meters is in front of a barber shop and when the negro porter notices that the time has run out and that a policeman is approaching, he hurries out and puts in another nickel. When the car-owner returns and finds that he has saved a dollar fine, he rewards the shine-boy. But the other day, a man growled: "I didn't ask you to drop a nickel in for me"—and drove away without even giving the darkey his money back.

The newest old age pension organization is the "Committee of 240,000," organized by Buck Taylor, well known in South Texas newspaper and Chamber of Commerce circles, who announced as a hitch-hiking candidate for Governor last summer but withdrew. Taylor says all over the age of 65 should receive \$30 a month and he wants it retroactive to the date that the old age pension amendment was adopted — which would mean a lump payment of \$720 to those who have received no pensions.

"The time has arrived," Taylor declares, "when the politicians have got to play ball with the old people. They must hit or get off the lot."

Returned to Ranger for the homecoming and the crowds looked like the big oil boom had come back. An interested observer was Ed T. Cox, Sr., of Eastland, who has spent several years (and is still busy) in compiling data for a history of Eastland County. He lamented the fact that all of those who had played a leading part in early events had passed away. That is one of the difficulties facing the historian: the reconstruction of a bygone day through information gleaned from old newspapers, faded letters and the uncertain memories of those who learned the facts at second hand.

Amon Carter, Fort Worth's famous newspaper publisher, is the subject of an article appearing this month in a national magazine.

Noticed where the price of crude oil was cut rather heavily but it costs just the same per gallon to fill the gas tank.

Several years ago when I was reporting the news on the federal run in Fort Worth, I used to talk to "Uncle Doug," a gray haired, kindly man who had been a federal officer for 40 years. He had known and arrested many notorious "bad men." But so great was his modesty that he couldn't be induced to say a word if he saw a pencil and notebook. One day I said:

"Somebody is going to write a book about these things sometime and how are people going to read the true story unless the men who are the only ones having the information will tell it? You and I aren't getting any younger and I wish you'd help me. I'd like to write that book."

He agreed that there was weight to the argument but, next day, I was called away for a week. Upon returning, I read the back numbers of the paper to catch up on happenings, and there I saw his picture and a writeup. Uncle Doug had died.

**LITTLE MOMENTS IN BIG LIVES**

Kessler



SENATOR HIRAM W. JOHNSON, OF CALIFORNIA, DISCOVERED THE ORATORICAL VALUE OF ADJECTIVES ON THE COACHING LINE OF THE SACRAMENTO HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL GROUNDS

## 23 YEARS AGO

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

G. T. Snodgrass was in Spur this week from his home north of Dickens and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

L. H. Perry, a prominent citizen and prosperous business man of Stephenville, is in the city this week visiting friends and looking after his interests here.

W. S. Campbell, J. P. Simmons, W. C. Gruben and N. A. Baker are among the new of Spur who are now driving new Maxwell autos.

J. H. Reynolds, a prominent citizen and former postmaster at Dickens, was in Spur this week shaking hands with friends.

J. P. Koonsman, of the Croton country, was in Spur Thursday and Friday trading with the merchants and greeting friends.

In the past two issues of the Texas Spur the sale of thirty four tracts of Spur Farm Lands has been reported. This week seven more tracts have been sold as follows: W. F. Shugart of six miles east of Spur one quarter section; T. A. Bailey of Girard, one quarter; Ruby E. Parks of Girard, a twenty acre tract; C. R. Cross a twenty acre tract at Girard; L. L. Teague of Spur, one quarter section; W. L. Powell, one quarter section near Spur; and T. G. Cherry a quarter section several miles southeast of Spur. During the past several weeks the Spur Farm Lands management has been making an average sale of more than one quarter section of land a day.

Sunday Miss Nell Hill, of Hubbard City, and A. N. Johnson, of Spur, were married in Waco, returning immediately after the ceremony to Spur where they will make their home in the future.

Jim Perkins, of the Tap country was among the many business visitors in the city this week.

Mrs. C. A. Love entertained the Merry Wives Club Friday afternoon,

November 12th, at her home in the city. Several tables were prepared for progressive forty two and at the conclusion of the games the hostess served delightful refreshments.

Mrs. Lemmon, of Haskell, is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Morris.

Mrs. I. R. Powell spent last week in Spur visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson, returning the latter part of the week to her home on the Half Circle S. Ranch.

H. T. Garner, of several miles northeast of town, was among the number of business visitors here this week.

Mrs. Minnie Rogers, of Quanah, returned this week to her home after spending some time in Spur with her sister, Mrs. E. F. Springer, who recently underwent an operation at the Standifer Hospital.

Mrs. V. C. Smart entertained the Merry Wives Club Friday afternoon, November 5th, at her home in the city, there being a large membership and other ladies of the city present. Several tables of progressive forty two were prepared and at the conclusion of the games delightful refreshments were served by the hostess.

W. T. Lovell, of the Draper country, was here this week with cotton to be ginned.

A. C. Hyatt came over Saturday from Dickens and spent several hours here on business.

T. S. Lambert of the Red Mud country, was among the number of business visitors to Spur last week. Tom McArthur came in Saturday from his place in the Tap country and spent the day here greeting friends and looking after business affairs.

S. B. Scott was here the latter part of last week ginning and selling cotton. Mr. Scott is one among the large number of farmers of this section who are making big crops and prospering this year.

John Latham, of the Red Hill country, was in Spur the first of the week, spending some time here on business and greeting his many friends.

## Patton Springs School News Notes

**Carnival**  
The Patton Springs School District experienced an unforgettable night at the school house November 11. It was then that a school carnival took place. An estimation of about seven hundred people were present. All seemed to have had a lot of fun. There were such entertainments as these: an amateur hour, a cake walk, fishing pond, fortune telling, wheel-of-fortune, chucking - the - chump, ring pitch, and a drawing. Candy, popcorn and peanuts, hamburgers, and cold drinks were sold at various stands.

Perhaps the greatest achievement of the evening was the crowning of the Carnival Queen. There were twelve grade queens who were the following:

- 11th ----- Lucille Malone
- 10th ----- Oletha Cates
- 9th ----- Helen Kelly
- 8th ----- Melba Robinett
- 7th ----- Allene Rich
- 6th ----- Marie Powell
- 5th ----- Jo Nell Newberry
- 4th ----- Betty Randolph
- 3rd ----- Margie Nell Haney
- 2nd ----- Betty Irene Atchinson
- 1st ----- Betty Irene Altman

After much excitement Melba Robinett representing the eighth grade was elected Carnival Queen. The total amount of money cleared after deduction of expenses was \$230.00. The proceeds are to be used to equip the band of the school. Some larger instruments are to be purchased and the filling out of the smaller instruments. Some thought is to be given to the uniforms for the band.

**Radio Broadcast**  
The Patton Springs Glee Club will broadcast over KFYO, Lubbock, Texas, Wednesday from 5:15 until 5:30, November 23.

The Glee Club is under direction of Mrs. Will Lee Clark, with Miss Mildred Holt as piano accompanist. The following girls compose the Glee Club: Maxine Slayden, Melba Starrett, Dolly Jo Thanisch, Fannie Lou McAllister, Wilma Parker, Norma Middlebrooks, Imogene Wilson, Fay Middlebrooks, Cora McAllister, Gaynell Cornett, Elda Havens, Della Dean Baxter, Mable Blakley, Lou Wanna Dunlap, Betty Jo Glazner, Ida Belle Glazner, Leon Rogers, Helen Kelly, Louise Riggsby, Bobbie Randolph, Melba Robinett, Jackie Young, Pauline Ford, Cassia Offield, Johnnie Ruth Belsher, Goldie Smiley, Tommie Bridge, Jean McInroe, Mary Frances Atkison, and Cleona Choate. Everyone is urged to tune in on KFYO at 5:15 p. m. November 23.

Several times during the year radio programs of this type will be broadcast.

**Basketball**  
The boys and girls basketball teams are under the supervision of Mr. Robin J. Clark and Miss Walterena Russell respectively. Plans are being made to have the match games start about the first week-end in December. The teams are progressing nicely, and hopes are high that they will win many games.

The pep squad entered into the November 11 parade and program at Spur. It is composed of about forty-eight members under the direction of Miss Walterena Russell, physical education director.

**Band**  
The school band of Patton Springs is progressing very well under the direction of Mr. Paul Pattillo who is working diligently trying to get the band into good condition. With the proceeds from the school carnival, which was \$230.00 clear money, \$221.00 was spent on instruments. The instruments purchased were bass and baritone. The following pupils compose the band:  
Bass—Lowell Cates, Baritone—Cecil Norris, Trombones—Helen Kelly, Horace Newberry, and Pauline Ford, Clarinets—Gilbert Ragland, Tommie Bridge, and Easton Blenden, Cornets—Billy Joe Stark, W. T. Newberry, Elvis McCarthy, and Morris Hicks, Drums—Louise Riggsby, Billy Joe Lawson, Melophone—Goldie Lee Smiley, and Saxophones—Jim Tom Haney, Bobbie Randolph and Wiley Pool Stark.

A band adds much to a school, so we are looking forward to a bigger and better band each year.

**REGULAR THIRD SUNDAY SING SONG**  
A big Dickens-Girard County sing song is to be held at Red Mud Nov. 20th, 2:30 p. m. It is the regular 3rd Sunday monthly meeting. Everybody and their neighbors in Dickens County and adjoining counties are urged to come to the Red Mud Community 3rd Sunday, November 20th to participate in the sing song. Efforts are being made by the officials of this organization to make this singing one of the strongest in West Texas. Good leaders, quartets, trios, duets, solos, etc. will be present. You will miss something good if you are not at Red Mud next Sunday. Come early so you can get a seat. Tell everybody you see to come, especially singers and singing groups. Help us to put over a real, uplifting program in Dickens County and Girard. The officers are seeking to make these sing songs worthy, helpful, and elevating in a spiritual way. All

### T. A. A. Meeting Is Held At Croton

A number of people of the Croton community met Wednesday night, November 9, to discuss the farm program for 1939. Special attention was given to the clause concerning neutral crops. Miss Day gave an interesting talk on daily food requirements in connection with a demonstration on the practical preparation of school lunches.

Mr. Lane, County Agent, spoke on the different farm programs advocated for 1939.

Mr. Rose discussed the factors that enter into the present farm problem.

The spelling match that was to have been held was postponed until the next meeting, which is to be held December 14. Everyone is invited to attend.—Reporter.

### Farmers Meetings To Be Continued In Co.

Indicated by the large attendance of the previous meetings, interest has been high in the Farmers Meetings that have been held in this county the past several weeks. Officials stated that special interest had been

shown by farm families, and it was planned to continue the meetings.

Other meetings scheduled are: Highway, today; Dickens, Monday, November 21; Tuesday, the 22nd, Wichita School House; and Wednesday, the 23rd, at Soldier Mound. Community organizations were formed in connection with the farm meetings at Espuela and McAdoo. Officers elected were J. P. Sharp, President, and Mrs. F. B. Crockett as Secretary-Reporter at Espuela; and N. V. Cyper and Eugenia Butler as President and Secretary-Reporter at McAdoo.

George Shadid of the Famous Store made a business trip to Stamford Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Martin of Lower Red Mud were business visitors in the city Monday. Mrs. Martin bringing in a dozen heavy hens to sell on the Spur market.

Miss Erabelle Hogan left Thursday for Amarillo to spend a two weeks or ten days visit with her sister, Mrs. Sam Clemmons.

B. G. Ford of Kalgary was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

song groups and leaders are asked to prepare religious numbers and to keep the singing in a high spiritual atmosphere—a real song service.

- The regular 3rd Sunday Sing Song of the Dickens-Girard organization will be held as listed below. You are urged to cut this program out of the paper and keep up with the monthly singing. Do your best to make everyone come. They are fine for young folk and old folk and children.
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|-----------|-------|----------------|
| October   | ----- | Dry Lake       |
| November  | ----- | Red Mud        |
| December  | ----- | Highway        |
| January   | ----- | Croton         |
| February  | ----- | Espuela        |
| March     | ----- | McAdoo         |
| April     | ----- | Girard         |
| May       | ----- | Midway         |
| June      | ----- | Patton Springs |
| July      | ----- | Spur           |
| August    | ----- | Red Hill       |
| September | ----- | Steel Hill     |
- All singing classes and groups of these communities are urged to support each one at the respective places listed.

### HUNTERS OFF TO BIG BEND COUNTRY TO BAG DEER

W. E. Putman, of this city, and Fayette (P. Y.) Springer of Mator, left Monday afternoon for Pecos, Texas, where they were joined by W. W. (Spot Cash) Sample, of that place, to go on a deer hunt down in the Big Bend Country.

The result of the hunt will be that the Big Bend Country will lose some high-horns, because those boys are "Dead Eye Dick" when it comes to slinging steeley missiles just behind the fore leg of a traveling game-venson—and we have spoken for a rarebit for our table use.

Putman and Springer are expected back home Friday.

### ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Program November 20th**  
**Dickens Baptist Church**  
2:45—Song and Devotional—Bob Allen.  
3:00—Enlisting Every Church Member in Sunday School—Mrs. J. L. Wolfe, Spur.  
3:20—Special Number—Afton Church.  
3:25—Message—Rev. J. J. Terry.  
3:45—Business.  
4:00—Adjourn.  
B. B. Huckabay, Associational Supt.

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