

January Has 30-Year Record Rainfall

Average of .41 Topped by 1.92

A report from the Texas Agricultural Experiment Farm, where R. E. Dickson and his efficient personnel keep keen eyes on a raindrop from the time it falls to periodic penetration of soil, describes the rainfall in this area as the heaviest for the month of January in thirty years.

Precipitation of Saturday and Sunday, January 7 and 8, was 1.59 inches; and a follow-up shower Tuesday night and yesterday netted the third soil about .33 of an inch, or bringing the total up to 1.92 inches. The month of January still has 19 days in which to raise this record, and it is interesting to note that the average rainfall for this area over a period of 28 years in this month is but .41 of an inch. However, in January of 1938 the fall slightly exceeded the average, and the extra amount of moisture for this January will have a tendency to raise the yearly average.

In Mr. Dickson's report, based on one of the most scientific "soil and water project" studies in the United States, the rainfall Saturday and Sunday is described as "covering a period of eleven hours, and the runoff was small except from steep, barren slopes. Duck and Docum creeks were bank-full at places, and some of the low lands east of Spur were overflowed. The second heaviest rainfall in January on record at the Spur Experiment Station was on January 4 and 5, 1932, with a total of 1.09 inches. The normal rainfall of .41 inches has been exceeded in only five years in the past thirty years, when as much as an inch of rain visited the area.

"A check on penetration of the moisture 24 hours following the rain shows that sandy land was wet to a depth of 22 inches, tight heavy clay soil to a depth of 9 inches and mucky beds that are five years old were wet to a depth of only 6 inches. The moisture will be of great value to small grain, and to winter wheat and grasses on the range. It also enable farmers to prepare their row-crop land in first class condition. The depth of penetration of moisture on sandy land is sufficient to help create a subsoil moisture reserve for plant use during the hot summer months to follow. The moisture stored as a reserve in the heavy soils will be much less. Studies are being conducted at the Spur Station in an effort to develop practices which will allow for deep penetration of such rains as this on the heavier soils the same as occur naturally on the sand soils. This would increase the amount of water available for plants on dry soils (referred to generally as 'outly soils') and would materially reduce the risk element in farming such soils."

County Agent Lane Transferred To Paducah

Information was made public this week that County Agent G. J. Lane has been transferred to Cottle County with headquarters at Paducah. The move has already been arranged by the State Department, and will take place about the 20th of this month.

Mr. Lane and his assistants have carried on splendid work in Dickens County for the past several years, and it is regrettable that he will be lost to us; however, a broad area joins in wishing him well in his new duties.

Provided house arrangements go through, Mr. and Mrs. Lane and family will move to Paducah at the office transfer time.

Mack Woodrum, who for some time has been County Agent over in Kent County, has received notification of transfer from his post in Kent to Dickens County, effective on Lane's departure. Mack has been doing some fine work in his county, and is capable of carrying on Lane's work here without a hitch in plans.

LELAND WILSONS MOVE TO HINDMAN PLACE

The Leland Wilsons have moved to the A. C. Hindman place, two miles north of Spur, where they will farm in 1939. The Dogie Graves, who formerly occupied the farm home, have moved to Spur, now living over on Calvert Street, near the High School.

Farm Debt Meeting To Be Held Friday January 13, 1939

Any farmer who is in need of Farm Debt Adjustment work should meet with the FDA committee in his respective county on the 13th of this month. The Dickens County meeting will be held in the FSA office at Spur in the Spur Security Bank building at 3 p. m. The Kent Co. meeting will be held in the County Agent's office at 9 a. m.

Any farmer who is being pressed on some debt and needs advice concerning same or any creditor who needs assistance in working out his problem with a farmer should get in touch with the committee in his county on this date, or see A. A. McKimmey, Rural Supervisor, Farm Security Administration, Dickens, Kent, and King Counties.

Those serving on the committee in Kent County are Jimmie M. Johnston, Jayton; Thos. P. Johnston, Jayton; and James A. Parks, Girard. Farmers in Kent County are advised to get in touch with either of these three, and try to reach some satisfactory agreement with their creditors. Farmers in Dickens County should get in touch with W. J. Collier, Afton, or W. T. Andrews, Spur, for any assistance they might need in working out some satisfactory plan for settlement with their creditors.

Mrs. Lucy Webb-Abel Dies After Short Illness

Mrs. Lucy Webb-Abel, 65, one of Spur's most beloved citizens and for many years active in the city's business and church world, passed away at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. F. Williams, Tuesday, January 10, pneumonia having been pronounced as the cause of her death by attending physician.

Lucy Webb was born on the 11 of November, 1873, in Sedalia, Missouri. At the early age of four weeks she was brought by her parents to Texas, they having settled at Collinsville, in Grayson County.

In 1892, as a young lady of 19 years, she moved to Turnerville to make her home with her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Williams, and there Miss Webb worked in Mr. Williams' drug store until 1912, when the Williams family moved to Spur.

On establishment of his drug store in Spur, Miss Webb continued with Mr. Williams in the capacity of premier aide, and only resigned her position with her brother-in-law at her marriage in 1925 to Joe Abel. Following her marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Abel moved to Gatesville, where they resided until his death in 1929, she returning to Spur to again make her home with Mr. and Mrs. Williams.

Upon mention of her name, the story of a beautiful and useful life may be had from any acquaintance of Mrs. Abel. Friendships were sacred to her; life was real, void of inflations and vanities, and her vision grasped faithfully at the better qualities of humanity.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, January 12, 1939, 2:30 o'clock at the Church of Christ, J. H. Miles, minister of the church speaking the solemn oration.

Pallbearers: E. S. Lee, Perry Pryor, Charles Kearney, Ed Williams, Floyd Barnett, and Fred Kinney. Flower bearers: Mesdames Jack McClung, Fred Kinney, Preston O'Brien, Ab McClanahan, E. S. Lee, and Miss Mona Lawrence.

Survivors are two, sisters: Mrs. James F. Williams, Spur, and Mrs. Lee Prater, Fort Worth; two nephews: Weldon and Frank Williams of Houston; four nieces: Mrs. Eula Jopling, Spur; Mrs. Aliene Barr, Mathis, Texas; Mrs. Dorothy Nasel, Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Mildred Williams, Spur; three grand-nieces: Mrs. Dorothy Don Hext, Afton; Mrs. Merl Bilberry, Spur; and little Miss Elinor Nasel; one grand-nephew: Leonard Jopling, Borger; one great grand-niece: Charlotte Bilberry, and one great grand-nephew: Val Don Hext.

Interment will be made in the Spur cemetery this afternoon, with the Campbell Funeral Home directors in charge.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford B. Jones Are Honored Guests At Two Local Homages Tuesday

Marking the near approach of "a joy and a sorrow," as well-wishing coterie of Spur people paid honor to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford B. Jones, new President and First Lady of Texas Technological College, Tuesday evening at two parties in Spur to place upon the threshold of their forthcoming life at the imperial seat of this western educational institution the stamp of eternal friendship and trust.

At the oyster supper, held in the basement of the First Methodist Church of Spur, an evenly divided sentiment of appreciation for the past as a citizen and builder and hopes for the brightest of humanitarian influences upon the future of a broader area, was expressed by more than a score of the more than a hundred men present for the occasion, with an "all for one" spirit prevailing.

Sponsored by the Spur Chamber of Commerce, M. C. Golding opened the tribute-meet with a note of praise for the new Tech President; and master of ceremonies, Geo. S. Link, Sr., had accepted the offer of an opportunity to voice some thought by many pioneers of the area.

Others to add notes of appreciation and praise were Fred Jennings, W. F. Godfrey, L. H. Perry, Dr. T. H. Blackwell, W. D. Starcher, W. M. Hazel, O. C. Arthur, and J. C. McNeill, III.

Charles A. Guy, Lubbock, publisher, expressed Lubbock's general appreciation of Mr. Jones' selection to the presidency of Tech.

Preceding the oyster supper Rev. J. E. Harrell, pastor of the First Methodist Church, gave thanks; and Misses Sammie McGee, Peggy Hogan, and Joyce McCully, with Mrs. McNeill at the piano, rendered several musical numbers during the dinner.

As a token of esteem, Mr. Jones was presented with a silver loving cup by master of ceremonies Geo. S. Link, engraved with a tribute of 28 years consecutive life and service in West Texas.

Spur Auction Barn Officials Say Buyers Are Calling For More Livestock

Scoring a hit in the livestock field over the country, the Spur Livestock Auction & Commission Company reports that the crop of buyers attending Spur sales on Monday are far greater than the crop of livestock available for the men wanting good stuff.

In an information release to The Texas Spur, officials of the company here stated that approximately 100 head of stock went through the ring last Monday, and that the sales were far short of filling the wants of buyers. Demonstrating the pulling-power of the Spur barn for buyers, the price scale in Spur Monday was described as being above both the Fort Worth and Oklahoma City markets, with buyers from almost a score of West Texas towns in attendance to purchase livestock.

Although the barn is termed as a new project for Spur, farmers and ranchmen are given assurance that marketing at home has already netted local men real profit in using the ring for sales, and promises to be one of West Texas' best market places.

Commenting on another angle of the sales barn activities, officials stated that for the convenience of the area sellers and buyers, only one day a week is used now for sales, and that cattle, horses, hogs,—in fact anything from "an axe-handle to a locomotive" would be sold across the block here on that day each week, and that buyers were urging raisers to furnish more livestock for the sales.

Officials were of the impression that the one-day system, at which time all kinds of stock, and sundry other articles, would be sold would attract more sellers, and consequently more buyers.

The entire Dickens County area is expressing satisfaction that the barn has boosted the livestock price—and truly it is something when a city the size of Spur can top the "big markets."

In other words, the sales officials just say "more cows."

As a courtesy to Mrs. Jones, who is leaving Spur soon, with her husband, C. B. Jones, president of Texas Technological College, Lubbock, to establish their home, Mesdames W. T. Andrews, M. C. Golding and P. W. Jennings acting as hostesses for about 35 of Mrs. Jones' close friends, entertained Tuesday evening with a buffet supper, 42 and bridge party at the Andrews' home 519 North Trumbull Ave.

At the conclusion of the games, Mrs. Jones was declared high score winner at her table and was presented an ornate center piece composed of mirror plaque, candle holders, flower bowl and four silver flame tipped candle sticks.

Mrs. Neal A. Chastain made high score in the bridge games and received a two deck bridge set which she in turn presented to the guest of honor, Mrs. Jones.

The hostess' list reads: Mesdames W. T. Andrews, M. C. Golding, F. W. Jennings, R. R. Wooten, Weldon Grimes, Foy Vernon, R. E. Dickson, O. C. Thomas, B. C. Langley, Ty Allen, Neal A. Chastain, Guy B. Karr, Roy Stovall, W. B. Lee, Geo. S. Link, P. C. Nichols, W. E. Putman, Jas. B. Reed, Della Eaton, G. L. Barber, W. S. Campbell, B. C. Cairns, W. P. Shugart, M. H. Brannen, E. S. Lee, Hill Perry, Oran McClure, Hobart Lewis, Geo. M. Williams, C. L. Love, and Mrs. Charles Guy of Lubbock.

J. R. CARMICHAEL, ILL. MOVED TO DUNN ROOMING HOUSE LAST MONDAY

J. R. Carmichael, more familiarly known as "Dad," was moved to the Dunn Rooming House from his quarters on Burlington Avenue Monday of this week, pneumonia calling for a place of more attention and medical care.

Mr. Carmichael had been operating a fruit stand, in partners with Harve Blanton, and was taken ill several days ago. Reports last night were that his condition was favorable.

J. W. Heyes Going To Eagle Pass Church

In a news note carried in "The North Texas Adventure," official organ of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, the Missionary district of North Texas, the information is made public that "Ven. J. W. Heyes has accepted a call to become rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Eagle Pass, on the Rio Grande in the Diocese of West Texas, on February 1, 1939.

Previous announcements had been made in Spur that the Episcopal minister, Heyes, would occupy the pulpit in the Spur Episcopal Church on Third Sunday, January 15, but Conference plans have superceded the arrangement, and an announcement from Colorado states that the minister will not be here next Sunday, but will hold services on the Fourth Sunday, January 22, here, morning hour only. Special arrangements make available this appointment in Spur Church, and will conclude the minister's work in Spur.

The North Texas church organ states further: "Archdeacon Heyes accepted Bishop Seamon's appointment to the pastoral care of Colorado, Sweetwater, Coleman, Albany, Stamford and Spur, and has covered this big area very effectively since November 1, 1937."

Ven. Heyes succeeds the late Rev. Jesse Sketchley Moore, who died on Christmas Day, 1937, after having served for thirteen years in Eagle Pass.

No official announcement has been made from Spur church as to a successor for Heyes, although it was believed that the church would not be without a pastor for a long duration.

Messrs Poet Hagins, Jesse Hagins and J. E. Carlisle of the Duck Creek and Gilpin section were business visitors in the City Monday.

Directs Texas Birthday Balls



William L. Clayton of Houston, head of America's largest cotton firm, has been named Texas chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday. He will intensify the fight against infantile paralysis by naming county chairmen to arrange a series of balls and other events for celebration of President Roosevelt's Birthday on Monday, January 30, 1939, in every Texas city and town. Fifty percent of all funds raised for the fight against the dread disease will be retained in the communities where the money is contributed and the remainder will be allocated to hospitals engaged in treatment of children crippled by infantile paralysis and for necessary scientific research work.

Mrs. Pearl Sandidge Dies Monday Of Heart Attack

Mrs. Pearl Hall Sandidge, 60, wife of D. H. Sandidge, Spur, passed away Monday evening about 8:00 o'clock immediately after removal from the Palace Theatre to the Nichols Sanitarium. Doctors attributed sudden death to an heart attack.

Mrs. Sandidge had suffered from heart ailment and high blood pressure for several years. Mrs. Sandidge had gone to the Palace Theatre for the evening's entertainment, and shortly after entering the show became suddenly ill. At her request, the husband, D. H. Sandidge, and son, Lofton, were called from the family home, and she was moved across the street to the Nichols Sanitarium, but death was too near for the hospital doctors to render effective aid. She passed soon after the arrival of her husband and son.

Mrs. Sandidge was born on August 5, 1878, in Indiana. She and Mr. Sandidge, and son and daughter, came to Spur about four or five years ago, although Miss Helen Sandidge had been here little of the time. She is a member of the faculty of the White Hall public schools of White Hall, Indiana.

The deceased was a beloved mother and wife, and had made many friends in this area. She took a keen interest in forwarding her family, was devoted, and is mourned by a sincere legion. She is survived by the husband and a son and daughter.

Campbell Funeral Home took charge of the body Monday night, and Tuesday conveyed the remains to Sweetwater, Texas, by motor, where accompanied by Mr. Sandidge, railway was employed to make the trip to St. Louis. Lofton drove the family car through to Sidell, Illinois, where interment will take place in the Sidell cemetery.

Mr. Sandidge and son will be joined at Sidell by Helen.

Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Homer Teague Died Saturday

Little Ralph Teague, the two-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Teague of East Spur, passed away Saturday night about 12:00 o'clock, physician attending reporting the cause to be pneumonia and whoopingcough.

Ralph, twin of Alph, was reported as among five other children suffering from whoopingcough. Other members of the family, however, are reaching improved stages.

Funeral services were held for the infant son at the First Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, the Rev. J. E. Harrell, church pastor, officiating. Interment was made in the Spur cemetery.

Agricultural Association Meet Saturday

In a special invitation to farmers of Dickens County to be in attendance at a caller meeting of the members of the Dickens County Agricultural Association, R. R. Wooten, President, pointed out that one of the most important meetings of the year would take place Saturday, January 14, at the Spur Theatre, when election of officers for 1939 will take place.

The meeting has been slated to take place at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, and the opinion was expressed by President Wooten that if members and others interested would turn-out on time the meeting period would be of short duration.

Combined with the election of officers for the ensuing year, the adoption of a working program is scheduled, and it was emphasized that efforts would be made in designation of regular meeting times, as business requirements now call for more systematic arrangement. More meeting dates are planned for the coming year to accommodate the full value of the working program and benefits to farmers.

"Our goal this year," President Wooten declared, "is two hundred members; and a desire is uppermost that all farmers of the county weigh the true importance of the organization. Cooperation is an apparent link in success, and the work should not be left to a small group. The ultimate aim is to place agriculture firmly on a business basis."

"Five hundred farmers," Wooten stated further, "are needed in the organization, and it should be made county-wide."

Wooten was of the opinion that had it not been for the agricultural associations there would be no Farm Program at present, and insisted that farmers give the organization full consideration. The meeting Saturday was stressed as an important forward move, and hopes expressed that good representation would portray growing interest.

STATE SPEAKER TO MEET WITH FARMERS HERE SATURDAY

Wm. G. Kennedy, Muleshoe, a director of the Texas Agricultural Association, and in charge of organization work in this district, has been secured to speak to the farmers, merchants and professional men of the county here Saturday at the Spur Theatre meeting.

County Agent G. J. Lane expressed a wish that farmers of the area would make arrangements to come out at 2:00 p. m. Saturday, as the special meet had taken on proportions of great importance to all.

Kennedy's message is tabbed as highly instructive and informative, and pictures as germane to a stronger link between farmers and agriculture and its future background.

Auction Sale On R. P. Harvey Farm Near Afton

According to advertising matter telephoned to The Texas Spur from the Afton country Tuesday night, a sale of unusual nature will be held at the R. P. Harvey farm, two and one-half miles east of Afton, on Thursday afternoon, January 19, starting at 1:00 o'clock.

In checking the advertising which appears on another page, a set of first class carpenter tools, black smith tools, several tons of iron and steel, along with a complete variety of bolts, nuts and washers, and sundry other articles, will go on the auction block. Reports are that some real bargains are in store for any blacksmith needing such material, or for carpenters who want such tools to complete their sets. Many farmers, however, may be interested in the sale as many of their constant needs are included in the sale.

Bert Ehresman, familiarly known through his activities in the Spur Livestock Auction and Commission Company's sales barn, will hold the sale. Interested people are requested to keep the date, Thursday, January 19, in mind and be on hand for the sale.

HERE FROM UTAH

Mr. and Mrs. Odis Holly, of Morgan, Utah, are in Spur visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hazel, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Holly. Odis is with the Soil Conservation Service.

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F. F. A. News

The first year V. A. boys have finished their study of soil erosion and are working out budgets of their projects. The second and third year boys are, besides other work, learning the art of butchering animals. The second year class has butchered one lamb for Mr. Coy Dopsen and has butchered and trimmed two hogs ready for curing for Mr. Farrell. The third year boys have butchered one hog for Mr. Condrion and one lamb for the Espuela Community Agricultural Association.

The F. F. A. is working on the Lone Star Chapter score card in order that it may be a Lone Star Chapter, one of the few in the State, again this year.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES

Sunday School 9:45
Morning Service 11:00
Intermediates 6:30
Seniors 6:30
Evening Service 7:15
W. M. S., Monday afternoon 3:00
Wednesday Night Service 7:15
Sunday Morning the pastor is to preach on the subject "Growing or

**Now Another
BIG FEATURE
Beginning
This Week**

You will find delicious home-baked pies at our cafe at all times. Come in and let us show you how to get a real feed . . . at economy prices.

Watch our Windows for Notices of Special Dinners . . . and everything it takes to make a hungry person happy.

Mrs. Smith's

NU-WAY CAFE

All Work Guaranteed

Elsie's Beauty Shop

Half Block East of Ford Station

ACHING COLDS

Relieve Their DISTRESS
This Easy, Quick Way!

To bring speedy relief from the discomfort of chest colds, muscular rheumatic aches and pains due to colds—you need more than "just a salve"—use a stimulating "counter-irritant" like good old warming, soothing Musterole. It penetrates the surface skin breaking up local congestion and pain resulting from colds.



Laughing Around the World
With IRVIN S. COBB

He Could Be Sure Of The Horse
By IRVIN S. COBB

LAST year they were holding a benefit at one of the Boston theatres to raise funds for a humane society making a specialty of caring for infirm work beasts and domestic animals, generally. The slogan of the campaign was "Be kind to dumb brutes" or words to that effect.



A gentleman prominent in theatrical circles was urged to purchase at least two tickets for the performance. The tickets were ten dollars each. He considered the proposition from various angles and then made this response:
"I don't believe I'd care to invest. Don't misunderstand me, my heart is with you in this noble work, and I've decided to do something for the cause. But I believe I can save money by buying a horse and being kind to it."
(American News Features, Inc.)

Dying Christmas." Special music will be rendered. At the Evening Service the pastor will preach on "Wages and Gifts."

Visitors are always welcome in our Services.
GO TO CHURCH SUNDAY.

NOTICE

To every member of the Presbyterian Church, it is earnestly requested that you come to your church next Sunday morning, Jan. 15th, at 1 o'clock to make an official call for a pastor.

METHODIST W. M. S.

The W. M. S. of the Methodist Church met Monday with Mrs. Payne leading. A World Outlook program with "Gifts of Service" were the topics discussed by several ladies. Pledges were made for the new year. After a short business session gifts were presented to Mrs. Clifford B. Jones and Mrs. G. J. Lane, members who are moving away soon. Refreshments were served to thirty ladies. You are invited to attend a Stewardship program at the church net Monday at 3 o'clock.

ENTERTAINED

After an intermission of one week following Christmas Day, Mrs. F. W. Jennings as hostess opened the new year callendar for her bridge club with a 3 table party at the Spur Inn Thursday afternoon. Guests included Thursday bridge club members and several other invited friends, including Mesdames W. T. Andrews, M. C. Golding, Ty Allen, Neal Chastain, Guy B. Karr, C. B. Jones, O. C. Thomas, R. R. Wooten, R. A. Taylor, Alton Chapman, B. C. Langley, and Mary Putman. Table prizes for high scores were awarded to Mesdames C. B. Jones

and Ty Allen club members and Mary Putman as a guest. Toasted sandwiches, and hot coffee was served to guests named and the hostess, Mrs. F. W. Jennings.

TRIPLE TREY BRIDGE CLUB ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Vascoe H. Ward was hostess to a 3 table bridge party Saturday afternoon at her home 309 West Harris Street. In the bridge games, Mrs. L. D. Ratliff made high score and received club prize.

A refreshment plate carrying cherry pie topped with whipped cream hot coffee and nuts were served to club members present: Mesdames E. D. Engleman, Pike Nichols, J. P. Carson, Jr., G. B. Wadzeck, Mark Wadzeck, Marvin Vaughn and Henry Bilberry. The club will meet Saturday with Mrs. Bilberry.

G. L. Delisle, prominent farmer of Espuela, was in Spur yesterday. G. L. says the rain was fine out his way.

Archie Powell, from out in the Dry Lake country, was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Eggar, of McAdoo, were shopping and seeing friends in Spur Tuesday of this week.

L. L. Arnold, one of those good Duck Creek farmers, was in Spur Tuesday.

Byron Haney, Afton merchant, was in Spur attending to business and seeing friends Monday.

Jim Smith from out in the Dry Lake country was here the first of the week.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE SPUR SECURITY BANK

at Spur, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1938, published in The Texas Spur, a newspaper printed and published at Spur, State of Texas, on the 12th day of January, 1939.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, on personal or collateral security	313,329.94
Loans secured by real estate	6,954.00
Overdrafts	None
Acceptance of other banks	None
Securities of U. S., any State or political subdivision thereof	97,073.39
Other bonds and stocks owned	None
Customers' bonds held for safekeeping	None
Banking House	16,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	3,000.00
Real Estate owned, other than banking house	16,063.51
Cash and due from approved reserve agents	464,660.21
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand	20,578.99
Stock and/or assessment Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.	None
Liability, account assets sold with or without recourse, where bank has agreed verbally or otherwise to repurchase or guarantee payment thereof, at or after maturity	None
Other Resources (Itemize)	None
Livestock and abstract deposit \$866.01	866.01
TOTAL	939,026.05
SAVINGS DEPARTMENT:	
Loans on Real Estate	None
Other Investments	None
Cash in bank	None
Due from approved Reserve Agents	None
GRAND TOTAL	939,026.05

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock	\$50,000.00
Income Debentures sold	\$ None
Total Capital Structure	50,000.00
Surplus Fund	25,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	15,464.03
Reserve for Contingencies	12,000.00
Dividends unpaid	None
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check	None
Individual Deposits subject to check, including time deposits due in 30 days	836,562.02
State Funds on Deposit	None
Time Certificates of Deposit	None
Cashier's Checks Outstanding	None
Bills Payable and Rediscounts	None
Customers' bonds deposited for safekeeping	None
Liability, account assets sold with or without recourse, where bank has agreed verbally or otherwise to repurchase or guarantee payment thereof before, at or after maturity	None
Other Liabilities (Itemize)	None
TOTAL	939,026.05
SAVINGS DEPARTMENT	
GRAND TOTAL	939,026.05

STATE OF TEXAS
County of Dickens

We Clifford B. Jones, as President and E. S. Lee, as Cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Clifford B. Jones, President
E. S. Lee, Cashier
Subscribed and sworn before me this 7 day of January, A. D. 1939
Julia M. Hickman,
Notary Public, Dickens Co. Texas

CORRECT—ATTEST:
W. T. Andrews
W. F. Godfrey
Geo. S. Link
(Seal)
Directors

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kinney, of the Johnston Grocery, visited in Stamford and Abilene over the weekend with Mrs. M. C. Widney and the Max Wades.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Foster and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Powell, made a trip to Wichita Falls Tuesday.

James Hill Perry who has been spending a three weeks holiday and vacation and visit in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Perry and sister, Mrs. Roy Harkey, left Thursday returning to his home home in Hollywood. Mr. and Mrs. Perry accompanied him to Lubbock where he entertained.

Mrs. Dwain Mateer accompanied by Mrs. Warren Mateer spent Saturday night in Spur, guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Albin. Mrs. Mateer reports her husband, Dwain Mateer as convalescing in the John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland, following a very delicate operation on the heart, early in December.

Little Patricia Nell, returned with her mother to their home in Oklahoma City, Sunday, after a visit since Thanksgiving with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Albin.

MRS. McNEILL TO PRESENT PUPILS IN RECITAL

Mrs. J. C. McNeill, III, instructor in music at East Ward, will present her class in recital Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, East Ward School Auditorium.

Mrs. McNeill has extended the public an invitation to attend the affair.

1. Airy Fairies -- George Spaulding
Bonnie Beth Henry
2. Dainty Gavotte -- Louise Wright
Ann Hull
3. Little Fisherman
Ellese Petty
4. Levee Dance
Ernestine Berry
5. Hunting Song -- Gurlitt
Genevieve Taylor
6. Stand By -- Lewellyn Lloyd
Earlene Bailey
7. Will-O'-The-Wisp -- Ella Kitterer
Maxine Adams
8. A Journey Through the Artics --
John Thompson
Louis Turner
9. Over the Hills -- Wm. Baines
Rose Eileen Petty
10. Italian Street Singer -- J. H. Rogers
Billy D. Starcher
11. Out of the Past -- Jules Mathes
Lois Fayne Adams
12. Sonatina -- Freidrech Kuhlar
Jean Engleman
13. Coasting -- Burleigh
Dorthea Jean Barber
14. Rondo
Robbie Clemmons
15. Nocturne -- John Feild
Winifred Lee
16. Tarantelle -- Stephen Heller
Sammie McGee
17. Minuet -- Paderes
Grace Foster
18. Witches Dance
Edward Mae Dowell
Lillian Grace Dickson

MRS. POPE DIES MONDAY IN ARLINGTON HOME

Mrs. P. F. Pope, Arlington, and formerly a resident of Spur died at her home in Arlington Monday, January 2, death occurring at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Those to attend the funeral services from Spur were Mr. and Mrs. Pope; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hagins, Duck Creek; and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Denson of Highway.

Mrs. Aubrey Loyd and son, Aubrye of Littlefield spent Thursday night in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Jones.

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STAMFORD DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTE HELD WEDNESDAY

The Stamford District Missionary Institute was held in St. John's Methodist Church at Stamford, Wednesday, Mrs. W. F. Gilbert, Mrs. J. C. Payne, Mrs. J. P. Carson, Mrs. J. E. Harrell, and Rev. J. E. Harrell attended from the Methodist church here.

The churches throughout the Stamford District were well represented. The Presiding Elder of the Stamford District, Rev. E. B. Bowen, presided over the meeting.

O. E. Minix of Croton was seeing friends in Spur Tuesday of this week. O. E. says the rain was fine out Croton way.

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We wish to take this mean expressing our thanks to our good friends, who were so kind thoughtful during the illness death of our loved one, R. P. Harv. Especially do we thank Dr. Hug and our good friends at Roar Springs.

May God's richest blessings be on you.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnis Burt
W. E. Gates
Minnie Harvey
L. A. Gates and family
L. C. Arrington
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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gruben made a business trip to Lubbock Tuesday of this week.

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(Chapter XXV Continued)

I can assure the reader that the weather in West Texas for the last thirty-five years has been the average West Texas weather. But mostly dry and drier. Some folks seem to think that any four or five years designated, is the average weather, but any thinking West Texas man will know that those few years may all have been extremely dry, perhaps one of the five may have been seasonable. Just how many years must be included before one can claim that such and such years were the average for West Texas is a question. I will not further weary the reader with weather reports, but will now lead you to other fields. The "ack" is about to close.

"There is a hand which guides our destiny, right-hew it how we may."

Christmas in the year 1903 we had a big snow-out. The folks at Dickens gave us a swell time, as well as did the folks at the ranch. It was that they combined forces. Each effort was dependent and unknown to the other.

Mr. and Mrs. Horsbrugh gave us a big Christmas tree, followed by a concert. Every boy the ranch was invited and a gift was on the way for all there. As it was necessary to send gifts for most of the gifts some considerable time in advance, any thinking person will see that a deal of kindly thought had been expended by Mrs. Horsbrugh on her intended guests.

This was not the first Christmas tree by any means, that we had enjoyed at the ranch. It did seem as if "The Giftie" meant us to remember this, the last one as it happened to be, given by the old Spur Ranch. The writer knows beyond the shadow of a doubt, that what followed later was quite unexpected, and that this Christmas tree, was not intended to be of a fairwell nature, but was just given for our pleasure and enjoyment, as well as for "The Kids."

AN ACCIDENT

CHAPTER XXVI

One of the saddest accidents that ever happened on The Old Spur Ranch was shortly after Billy Dawson was promoted to the place of Ranch Foreman, in place of Handy Cole, who resigned his job, and with John O. Wilkerson opened a bank in Dickens City. Peter Brand, a young Scotchman, just recently imported from the "other side of the water" had taken the place of bookkeeper, left vacant by Mr. Dawson's promotion.

Peter by his friendly disposition was accepted by the boys and made one of the family. He utterly without pretence, being to every one "Peter." Like all young men he enjoyed with congenial companions and on every occasion, when the branding wagon was near the ranch, if his work permitted, he could be depended on at the wagon.

One evening in July 1903, the wagon was stopped at a little spring tank, half a mile or so from the Ranch Headquarters. A tank made one dry spell, by the writer, Uncle Tom Gilmore, a cook; Lewis Sowell, and the big boss, Mr. Horsbrugh, who worked as hard as any of us as completed the spring kept it fairly well filled by emptying the scrapers on the dam. After the dam with water. It was a very desirable place for the wagon to camp.

Bed rolls were made down; some of the boys were lying on them, others were fixing to retire. Peter and Ern Clay had ridden over from the ranch, to spend an hour or so at the wagon, and then they came in sight of it, Peter drew his gun pistol and fired in the air, squaling as well as he could, like a wild and woolly cowboy, and snoring his horse right up to the wagon. One of the boys who was lying on his bed, got on his knees, reached under his war-sack and got his gun, to fire in response to Peter's play. The pistol missed fire, the boy drew back the hammer with his thumb, threw the gun back over his shoulder, at the same time releasing the hammer.

Tommy Hunter was standing by the wagon, and the bullet from the gun fired by the kid over his shoulder, entered Tommy's stomach. Luther Jones happened to be looking at Tommy just then and saw him fall. A doctor was immediately called from Dickens, and everything done that was possible, but death came very quickly. Tommy Hunter is buried at Dickens where the rest of the Spur Boys are resting.

Of the many boys who have worked on the ranch, none was more universally liked than Tommy Hunter, both on the Ranch and in Dickens here he was very popular with all "the folk." It was some time before the branding outfit recovered from the shock of this accident. It was the first and last of its kind. Of course nothing as done to the boy who was responsible for the accident but Peter Brand, who had no business to have a pistol, under the law, paid a fine for carrying one.

THE SALE OF THE SPURS OR HOW SANDY SPILLED THE BEANS

CHAPTER XXVII

It is a great pity that anyone should have exalted an opinion of their own importance, that the weight of their money should be at all likely to be considered as of so "much-a-much" now-a-days. It is against human nature for us to see ourselves as others see us." Still like the fat Emir who was reminded daily, "that Salan must die," so must we all, and our personal importance then has gone.

You will remember that in 1904, Mr. Horsbrugh was requested to send in his resignation to the Board of Directors in London.

themselves. Mostly caused by one of the stockholders who had fallen heir to a large block of The Prior Lein Bonds. These bonds were really a mortgage with the whole ranch as security, and drawing 6 percent interest annually. The best kind of security a man could have for his money, with interest much higher than was usually secured in Great Britain. These Bonds were not voting stock, but this man wanted to dictate the policy and management of the ranch. At a meeting of The Board, poorly represented, he managed "to raise hobb." He was not one of the Original Stockholders who had bought the Ranch from Lomax and Brittan. The Manager was fired and so was the Secretary of the Company in London. New men were put in their places. Incidentally he "cut his own throat," so far as The Ranch was concerned, and the weather here had nothing to do with that.

After his resignation as manager of The Spurs, Mr. Horsbrugh opened an office in Amarillo, Texas, as a land and cattle commission agent. He soon afterwards had information from his friends in London, that if he could find a buyer, for the whole Ranch and cattle at a reasonable price, a sale could be put over, as most of the whole Board of Directors were sick of the mess now brewing. Notwithstanding the opposition, that would be offered by the Bond Holder, as he could only vote the shares he held.

During the month of September 1904, Mr. Horsbrugh got in touch with Mr. Wetherbee of S. M. Swenson & Sons of New York and received the following letter:

S. M. SWENSON & SONS

Bankers

New York, Oct. 8, 1904

Fred Horsbrugh, Esq.
Amarillo, Texas.

Dear Sir:

Referring to our previous correspondence regarding the Spur Rancho I write you again and this time with something of a definite nature. I have succeeded in interesting Mess. Swenson Bros. in that property to the extent that they will entertain a purchase if the price is right. On this point, you know from the purchase made some years ago, of the Pace Rancho, that they want and will only buy at a figure that will appeal to them.

If you now will present their names to the Espuela Land and Cattle Company as principals, and which will place you in proper shape with the Cattle Company as to your brokerage and commission in case the sale is made, and then let the Espuela Land and Cattle Company correspond direct with Mess. S. M. Swenson & Sons whose card I enclose and which you can forward to the other side, I judge that will be sufficient to open the matter between the principals and let the sale be consummated direct.

Of course you understand and can say plainly to your people that in case no trade is made, the matter will be kept confidential and that no one but the Espuela Land and Cattle Company, S. M. Swenson & Sons, you and I will know anything about the matter having ever been even entertained or thought of.

If a sale is made of course the division of commission between you and myself will be even cut.

I am glad to be able to report having been able to secure the consideration of my people to the extent above indicated and hope something may materialize that will mean dollars and cents to us.

Yours very truly
W. O. Wetherbee

Connections having been made with London, Mr. Wetherbee wanted further information regarding the Ranch, and the following letter from Mr. Horsbrugh to him is very full, and I am sure will entertain any reader interested in this story:

Amarillo, Texas
1st April 1905

W. O. Wetherbee, Esq.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I have yours of 28th this morning. In regard to the amount of taxes paid on lands and cattle on the Spur Rancho, I have to say that this has varied considerably in the last fifteen years and to a great extent depends on the feeling that is felt in the different counties by the Boards of Equalization. The Spur Rancho is in Four Counties: Dickens, Crosby, Kent and Garza, and these the first three are organized and the last named, Garza, is not. It is attached to Borden County for Judicial purposes, and the taxes on personal property such as cattle, horses, etc., is payable at Gail, Borden County, while lands are paid in Austin. The other named counties have boards of equalization and fix values. As a rule I have thought it best to be represented on those boards as much as possible. However taxes have always been too high, and subject to no little solicitude, I have known the entire taxes on all the lands and cattle, belonging to the Spurs in all four counties, to be as high as over \$11,000, and as low as \$9,000. I think it would be safe to regard the intermediate amount of \$11,000 as enough to cover one year with another, the entire taxes for all real and personal properties in the four counties.

In the matter of Operating Expenses, "Taxes account" was always for and away the largest account on the ledger, sometimes approximating to one third of the entire American expenses. However of late years these have increased all over, as I dare say you have noticed on the S. M. S. ranches; it just naturally costs more annually to run a cow now-a-days than it did. I remember some years ago when I had the entire American expenses of The Spur property down to \$30,000. This included every account in the ledger, and consisted of Taxes, wages, salaries, horse feed and law costs, and in fact all included traveling expenses, and telegrams also leases. At that time we had about 40,000 cattle, so we were actually running them for about 75 cents a head, entire annual expense. This got me a little disliked by some of the other companies

of course no interest on investment is concerned in those figures, but only what can be called operating expense proper. Latterly these were getting above \$40,000 or around there in spite of everything, but I can see where \$5,000 can be safely counted off this. The out lying camps of which I had six, were kept by married folks, in each case being preferred from matters of economy and orderliness. These I had on board wages and board allowance, they getting what supplies needed, at wholesale prices from the Company's store. They were charged with these, and in return, they furnished a list of the number and to whom they supplied meals. Part of these such as neighbors with whom we would reciprocate hospitality, we paid for at certain rates agreed upon every month when paying wages. All others such as cowtheives, kinfolk, wife's relations, etc., they were entitled to charge a dollar a meal if they felt like it, but we did not pay anything. The reason for this was that it stopped the "drift" or army of bums, and men out of work who prowled the country, from imposing too long on free "chuck." They had orders to care for any one passing through the country on business, but were admonished that they might have to if necessary, ask their guests to "pull out" next morning, if the weather was not too bad. The drift stopped when it was found out that to stay meant imposing on the man and wife and not on the Company. Another thing that was an economy was The Store. By reason of this a considerable saving was effected in supplies, material of all kinds, machinery, wagons, etc. By rules of trade the Company could only buy from retail establishments, at the railroads. By establishing the store, the wholesale, or jobbing firms were dealt with exclusively by the store, and of course the Company was the principal customer. A saving of \$2,000 can be effected that way. The Store deals with the country out there, selling such things as are necessary, such as underclothing, tobacco, cigars and other luxuries, of the trade which it is not intended to encourage. Of course the men in the employ of the Company, who lived at such camps had fence riding, calf branding, and general range work in their districts to attend to. Besides staying at camp the wife had to look after cooking, etc. Wages account rose and fell from \$7,500 to \$10,000, of course supplies accompanied it up and down, it depending on the number of men employed.

Replying to your query as to the pasture I have to say that none of it can be called rough. What you call the winter pasture means I think what we used to know as the West Pasture, which took in the lands in Crosby and Garza Counties. What is known as the East Pasture, is in Dickens and Kent, and consists mainly of Block I. H. and G. N. which has 408 sections in it. There are some other lands in the East Pasture, between this and the West Pasture there is a high shinnery hill, which does not belong to the Company; they have only small portions of it. This strip is three miles wide and fourteen miles long. The reason of its existence is, that long ago, when selecting the lands that were to be donated to the H. & G. N. Railroad, the surveyors did not like this shinnery ridge and stopped the West line of Block 1, and jumped three miles before beginning Block 2. This strip was made Public Domain, afterwards added to the school fund, it has a lot of Nestors which are fenced off, and my understanding is that most of them can be bought out reasonably now, their time being "up." This is a good piece of range for though mostly shinnery, it is there that the cattle like to go when changing range, or I notice it is there that cows like to go to calve.

Shinnery is a very valuable adjunct to a cow range, but it must have water near by, as in this case. It is an old saying, that if you want to get beef to kill, you have to go to the shinnery, and at some times of the year it is crowded with cattle. There are a hundred forms of grass and weeds in the shinnery, and the cows value it as a welcome change at certain periods. I have always wished that these surveyors that laid off the Railroad lands in 1870, had not felt so smart and had included that three mile strip; it is valuable.

The West Pasture has 70 sections (44,800 acres) of the North end in Crosby County fenced off. This is a very fine pasture being shut in by brakes of the plains, and has natural water and windmills. It is well watered and sheltered without being too rough, and has some of the finest stretches of farming land you ever saw. I call it the best cow and calf or steer pasture in America; this is in Crosby County. South of it is also a very fine cow country. There are some roughs but not much of it, in the extreme South down in Garza; and it is also a bit rough for a mile or so in places back from Catfish Creek, which runs down all the East side of the pasture, and there is some shinnery on the West, but nothing much. While it is not so smooth generally as Block 1, in Dickens and Kent County yet it is not so rough, none of it, as the S. M. S., rough parts, and I call the worst of it as good or better, than The S. M. S. North range near Matador. All over the grass is fine, and though we had some trouble two years ago and last year because it did not rain, there is a very fine coat of turf, all over the property, this year which bids fair to last, due attention being given and constantly directed towards shipping out old cows, enough, as well as annual draft of steers, so as to prevent overstocking. In the matter of water, Duck Creek runs down in a meandering fashion, all through the middle and South East of Block 1, it also has good tributaries. Down the West side of the same Block, Red Mud runs North and South. Besides these and their tributaries there are several wind mills with wooden tanks and over flow dirt tanks, also large reservoirs or tanks. On the West side Catfish runs the entire length down through Block 2. McDonald Creek runs down Block 8 running into Salt Fork of the Brazos which comes in in the South West in Garza, and meanders through a considerable portion of the Garza portion of the range, before going out in Block 7, Kent County, there are also small creeks. In addition to these there are about forty large dirt tanks, most of which I had constructed in needful parts, some of which would swim a horse a third of a mile when the dam was full. There are also some thirty (30) wind mills with basins attached. These are in various parts of the Range, and are over wells that are from 30 to 150 feet deep, and of course there are natural springs in different localities, some of which are very good.

As a cow ranch I don't now its equal, and I believe I am within the mark when I say that two-thirds of the entire land is capable of being farmed; growing cotton, kafir corn, milo maize, etc.

Very truly yours

Captains

The Spur High School Basketball team met January 4, 1939, to elect a captain and a co-captain. Cleo Rogers, captain of the 1938 team, and Charles Hurst were nominated. The votes were tied. Cleo will act as captain one game and Charles as the following game.

The Spur team went to Girard Friday night and played the powerful Cardinals. Losing 23 to 32 to the Cardinals. The Girard team has played 26 games with teams all over the state and have only lost ten. They lost one point to the team that went almost to the end in the State finals last year.

The Spur Squad consists of: Jack Powell, center; Cleo Rogers and Harold Taylor, forwards; Billy Sparks and Charles Hurst, guards; Wayne Kissinger and Joe Ousley, forwards; Charles Christenson and Billy Dee Bell, guards.

We hope to have another County Championship team this year.

CITY FEDERATION MEETS FRIDAY JAN. 17

The City Federation meets Jan. 17 at the Spur Inn at 2 p. m.

The program to be given by 1917 Study club at this meeting promises to be educational and entertaining. A study in contrast, "The Old With the New."

HARKEY - VAN PELT

A marriage of interest to a large circle of friends was solemnized Saturday night, December 31st at Dickens City, when Herman Van Pelt made Doris Harkey his bride.

Mrs. Van Pelt is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Harkey, a pioneer family of Dickens City. She is a graduate of Dickens High School and has a high school education and the attributes essential for the establishing and maintaining a happy home.

Mr. Van Pelt is connected with the Highway Construction Department and was recently transferred to Kansas where they will for the present make their home.

MRS. WM. O. LEACH LONDON BRIDGE HOSTESS THURSDAY

One of the loveliest social affairs on the new years calander was that of Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Wm. O. Leach entertained her bridge club at her home 103 East Hill St.

Contract bridge was the diversion during the party hours with two tables in play.

Mrs. Busbee was high score winner for club members and Mrs. V. V. Parr for guests; each received a prize.

A delicious refreshment plate was served by the hostess to those present and enjoying the occasion: Mesdames Truman Green, Buzbee, Chas Hardwick, A. A. McKimney, Harvey Giddens, H. S. Holly, and V. V. Parr.

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By Large Crowd

The citizens of Espuela and Dry Lake communities met at the old Espuela school house Tuesday for a barbecue. The meeting was in interest of the newly organized community agricultural association.

The menu consisted of barbecue, prepared in typical Western style, Mulligan stew, pies, cakes, lettuce, pickles, onions, and coffee.

The association is indebted to Mr. R. E. Dickson for the beef and to Mr. David McAteer for the mutton which was barbecued by a committee consisting of Messrs Coy Dopson, Lee Delisle, R. C. McMahan; also Mr. Cecil Ayers, agriculture teacher of Spur High School and his third year class for dressing the mutton.

About 200 people enjoyed a pleasant evening eating and visiting with friends and neighbors.

We hope to have this number in our next regular meeting which will be at Foreman's Chapel, February 14th where there will be an interesting program, games, and refreshments for everybody.

Visitors from outside communities were Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Lane and Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Taylor and Janice, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sharp and children, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Lea, Miss Jean Day, Mrs. Shockley, Misses Ona Lee and Carmen Shockley, Wynona Reynolds, Marshall Formby, G. W. Bennett, Joe Rose, and Cecil Ayers.

HOSPITAL GROUNDS BEING BEAUTIFIED

Jimmie Brown, expert farmer and school trustee of south Dickens is demonstrating his exterior decorating ability on the grounds of the Alexander Hospital.

The hospital having sloping grounds, was suffering from several "washes," and Jimmie is planting the grounds to grass, building in low places, leveling, and giving the general over-haul act.

TO SOUTH BEND

Ned Hogan has been sojourning in South Bend, Texas, for the past few days taking treatment for his feet. He is trying out Stovall's specialized mineral water treatment, and will probably return home Saturday.

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Study your needs, Mr. Farmer—and attend this sale. It may save you many dollars in things you need for the coming year. Others interested please remember the date.

BERT EHRESMAN
(Of Spur Livestock Sales Barn)
Auctioneer



That the bulldog was originally called the butcher's hound, because it was employed to catch and detain cattle, seizing them by the nose or lip until they could be reached.

I Give You Texas

Boyce House

"Bad liquor" reads a sign above a package store on the Fort Worth-Jacksboro highway. At any rate, you can't say you weren't warned.

A West Texas friend of mine would dispute the accuracy of the "bad liquor" sign, however. He says that, once upon a time, the Arkansas legislature had been in session 60 days and hadn't been able to agree on a thing. If the House passed a bill, the Senate voted it down, and vice versa. On the closing day, though, a lanky legislator from the Ozarks arose and offered the following resolution:

"Resolved, that some likker air better than other likker but that all likker air good likker"—and it passed both houses unanimously, the only thing agreed on the whole session.

Odd sight: A group of boys in the Jefferson oil field shooting a nickle package of firecrackers on Christmas Eve while glass flares, in the background, were putting on a million-dollar fire works display.

The shortest poem ever written was entitled "Cooties" and is as follows:

"Adam Had 'em."

Saw Andy Rhodes, Eastland oil operator, recently. He drilled one of the most famous gushers in the Eastland County boom—the Sailor Perkins well, named for the young farmer who owned the land. Perkins was serving in the Navy (this was during the World War) when the spouter came in for 6,000 barrels a day of \$2.50 oil. He became celebrated as the "millionaire gob."

Did you ever stop to think what a placid and unspicacious life a federal judge leads? No opening of new highways; no crowning of queens. His picture appears in the papers just twice; once, when he is sworn in and, the other time, when he dies—unless he happens to get impeached.

In that book, "Forgotten Men of American Literature" which I propose to write some of these times, Robert G. Ingersoll will have a place. He once declared:

"The idea of immortality, that like a sea has ebbed and flowed in the human heart, with its countless waves of hope and fear beating against the shores and rocks of time and fate, was not born of any book, nor of any creed, nor of any religion. It was born of human affection, and it will continue to ebb and flow beneath the mists and clouds of doubt and darkness as long as love kisses the lips of death."

looking Irishman is gazing over my shoulder, reading every line I'm writing."

The Irishman exclaimed, "You're a durn liar; I haven't read a word."

With Texas editors:

The Farmersville Times proclaims that it is "published in the friendliest little city in the great Southwest."

W. B. Brossley, with whom this columnist used to be associated in Ranger and Eastland, sends a copy of a large and interesting special edition of his Roscoe Times, honoring the thirtieth anniversary of the Roscoe, Snyder & Pacific Railway.

Vigorous writing in the Jayton Chronicle: "Sunday night, while honest men were taking their much needed rest, getting ready for another week of earnest effort to win their bread with sincere and continuous labor, an organization of slimy thieves, unprincipled thugs, lousy loafers and anything and everything you may feel like calling them, lifted from the safes of five business firms in Kent County around \$500 in cash."

Personal

Mrs. C. L. Davidson and son, C. D. of Croton spent Monday in Spur attending the auction sale, shopping and greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Copeland and small daughter, Ella Mae, were among the many business visitors in the city Saturday.

Miss Beth Blackwell, teacher of home economics in the Rule school system, spent the week end in the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. H. Blackwell and to visit with her uncle and aunt, Vernon Shields and family and Mrs. Archie Doty and husband, who were here from Tacoma, Washington visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Shields and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Doty, of Tacoma, Washington, left Monday following a weeks visit here and at Dickens with their mother, Mrs. Emma Shields and family and their many friends of former years when as youngsters they lived at Dickens.

Mrs. Mattie Edwards of Croton was shopping and visiting while in the city Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McAteer were here Monday from their farm and ranch home near McAdoo, spending sometime in the city shopping with merchants and visiting with relatives and friends.

Mrs. S. N. Leach, of Sweetwater, arrived Tuesday to spend several days visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. O. Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lewis motored to Abilene Wednesday morning for a visit and business conference with Mr. Exner, superintendent of the Humble Oil interests in this section of West Texas. Mrs. Exner accompanied Mr. Exner to Abilene for the day and to visit with Mrs. Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Orwin Lambert and baby, Orwynelle of Shallowater were in Spur Saturday greeting friends and spending an overnight visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lambert of Wichita.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Goodwin of East Afton were among the number of visitors in the city Monday, coming in to attend the auction sale at the Spur Livestock and Auction Sales Commission.

Mrs. Floy Barfoot, of Lamesa spent several days in Spur the first of this week, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Landgston and her many friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Harris of Espuela were among the many business visitors in the city Saturday.

J. D. Hufstедdler came by while in town Monday and handed us the coin of the realm to push his Texas Spur up another notch.

Mrs. Mohr and daughter, Miss Lorene Thorp, of El Morro, New Mexico were over night guests in the will Andrews home Thursday while enroute to Texarkana to visit a son and brother. Mrs. Mohr is an aunt of Mrs. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis were visiting her sister, Mrs. Davis, and greeting friends in the city while here Monday from their farm and ranch home two miles north of Afton.

Ray Dickson, Curator of the West Texas Resource and Museum Institute, Abilene, spent several days here this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson.

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Afton Hatchery Now Open; Custom Hatching

Jesse Bass, the proprietor of the Afton hatchery who has just finished building his new hatchery home, says that he is now ready for the business to start coming in. He specializes in the sale of blood-tested chicks, as well as custom hatching for his trade.

Jesse is an experienced han in the chick business, and evidently the public out in that area realize it, as he can boast of really putting the hatchery "over in a big way" last season, and promises for a good business are just as good this year.

The rush was on with Jesse when he was here and he only spent a few minutes in Spur, but without his statement, we presume he will handle many of the supplies and feeds for his customers that he carried last year. He is an expert brooder man, and handled these "profit in the chick" boxes last year. An advertisement for his place appears on another page of The Texas Spur this week.

KELLEY - BROWN INSURANCE AGENCY PLUMING FOR OFFICE VISITORS

In keeping with their ideas of doing business, the Kelley-Brown Insurance and Real Estate Agency, manned by R. C. Brown and Oscar L. Kelley, is doing extensive decorative work to offices. New floor covering has been added, along with new paint work; and butane gas has been piped into the office.

The Agency office is in the Palace Theatre.

MISS JOHNSON ASKS LEAVE-OF-ABSENCE FROM EAST WARD

Miss Minibel Johnson, teacher in East Ward School of Spur, has placed with the school board an application for leave-of-absence, effective the last of this month, and plans to enter Texas Tech to complete work for her degree.

Subject to action on the application, Miss Johnson would enter Tech about February 1, and bestowal of her degree would take place this summer.

GOOSBYS MOVE TO FARM HOME VACATED BY HARALSONS

Mr. and Mrs. Slim Goosby and family have moved into the farm home formerly occupied by the J. B. Haralsons, about two and one-half miles north of Spur. They will carry on their farming activities on that place in 1939.

The Haralsons have moved to Fort Sumner, New Mexico, where they will make their home.

LUMBER MANAGER HERE

T. B. Brazelton, general manager of the Brazelton Lumber Company yards, was a recent visitor in Spur, seeing to interests of the local Brazelton lumber yard.

Mr. Brazelton's headquarters are in Waco.

NEW SUBSCRIBER

Jeff Smith, prominent farmer and for many years good citizen of this area, was in town yesterday, and while here called at The Texas Spur office and left the long-green to be placed on the list of readers for 1939. Jeff says he's enjoying the W. J. Elliot history, and recalls many of the incidents incorporated in the story, soon to appear in book form.

ESTABLISHMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF A BAND BY THE CITY OF SPUR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That an election will be held on Tuesday, the 7th day of February, 1939, at the regular polling places within the City of Spur, Texas, at which election the following proposition shall be submitted to the qualified property tax paying voters of said City of Spur, Texas: SHALL THE CITY OF SPUR, TEXAS ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A BAND.

Said election shall be held in accordance with the law in reference to regular municipal elections as provided by the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.

The polling places shall be in the City Hall of Spur, Texas.

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 10th day of January, A. D. 1939.

E. J. COWAN,
Mayor of The City of Spur, Texas

ATTEST:
Truman J. Green,
Clerk of The City of Spur, Texas.
Jan. 12-19-26; Feb. 2

LOST—Heavy duty commercial tire and wheel for Chevrolet between my home in Highway community and Spur. Liberal Reward. — Raymond Powell. 10-2tp

DR. BAKER COMING

The eyesight specialist who has fitted several hundred citizens satisfactorily in this county will be at the Wilson Hotel Tuesday, Jan. 17th only. Scientific testing equipment and the newest styles in spectacle-ware, at moderate prices.

WANTED—Girl wants work and room and board in Spur; prefer housekeeping or as nursemaid.—Dorothy Darden, Girard, Texas.

WANTED to keep all of our customers in 1939 and 250 new on who desire first class beauty servi—SMITH BEAUTY SHOP

FOR SALE—Used Kerosene and Oil Heaters, also Kerosene and Electric Range—Elliott Appliance.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Nalley had guests during Christmas and the week following their children, M and Mrs. J. O. Nalley, of Austin; M and Mrs. Herman Phillipps and children and Mr. and Mrs. George Sit, of Seymour.

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