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## Duck Creek to Hold Conservation Meet On June 12

The Duck Creek Soil Conservation District will receive terracing equipment at the Soil Conservation Service warehouse at 2 p. m. on June 12, 1941, from the Soil Conservation Service, according to Oscar McGinty, secretary of the board of supervisors.

Group leaders appointed by the board of supervisors are asked to attend and bring their neighbors and any other parties interested in soil conservation work to the meeting. This equipment will be used in these groups to install terraces, fills and other conservation practices. The district will receive twelve small graders and twelve fresnos, McGinty said.

Group leaders with the farmers and ranchmen which have already been approved for planning are as follows:

John P. Sharp, group leader, Dr. T. H. Blackwell, Henry Elmore, Ernest Scott, W. F. Neaves, C. C. Haile, W. F. Foreman, Lex Stanford, A. C. Sharp, Fred Arrington, G. H. Watson, Forest Edwards, Fred Arrington, Ida Slayden, L. C. Murphy, Mrs. O. E. Haddock and M. N. Powell.

F. F. Henry, group leader, Joe M. Rose, C. L. Sedgwick, J. R. Sedgwick, Oby Sedgwick, Arthur Sedgwick, R. M. Hill, Forest Ragland, W. S. Smiley and D. P. Smiley.

Jess Powell, group leader, C. Bradford, A. B. Greenwood, W. R. Stafford, E. Dobbins, B. S. Haney, A. P. Stokes, J. A. Young, Paul Braddock, E. D. Chambers, W. J. Willmon, Carl Randolph, G. A. Bingham, C. B. Jones, D. O. Blasingame and Clark Forbis.

W. J. Collier, group leader, J. T. Powell, T. B. Haney, E. G. McInroe and Leop Lawson.

G. E. Hicks, group leader, Mrs. M. Gay, C. T. Burns, G. R. Stark, W. N. Thompson, R. T. Atchinson, W. A. Campbell, L. H. Perry, W. J. Williams, Gipson Drug Co., O. C. Henry, W. E. Peters, Mrs. Annie Parker, Henry Elmore, W. I. Quattlebaum, R. L. Worswick, D. J. Harkey and H. L. Futch.

C. C. Haile, group leader, Mrs. S. Williamson, G. W. Bennett, C. H. Fody, Johnnie Blakely, L. L. Slayden, H. L. Offield, J. Frank Smith, W. R. Williams, J. H. Hicks, Paul Randolph, V. S. Ford, L. W. Blakely, Allen Rich, D. M. Vernell, C. D. Elkins, L. W. Younger, R. E. George and C. Bradford.

C. E. Goodwin, group leader, J. Smith, V. A. Hinson, J. S. Smith, H. I. Yates and John Norris.

John A. Allen, group leader, R. A. Butler, C. E. Robertson, E. B. Buckner, J. E. Woolley and M. A. Graham.

D. C. McAteer, group leader, W. A. Harris, W. J. Collier, Homer Souders, E. G. Day, Dr. T. H. Blackwell, T. B. Watson and T. L. Williams.

Howard Johnston, group leader, J. M. Johnston, W. R. Kimbrough and Mack Woodrum, Mrs. J. H. Hunnicutt and Joe Hunnicutt.  
Bert Wallace ranch.

## Dickens-Motley Old Settlers Will Stage Benefit Dance

The Dickens-Motley Old Settlers Association is sponsoring a benefit dance Tuesday night, June 10 at Roaring Springs in the Old Settlers Tabernacle.

Both popular and "old-time" music will be played to please all. See ad on page seven for further details, and plan now to attend.

## Miss Elliott Promoted

Miss Peggy Elliott, teacher the past three years in the Borger schools, arrived Saturday for a brief visit with her father, W. J. Elliott and family at their Spring Creek farm home.

Miss Elliott who was elected in April to the principalship of one of the ward schools of Borger, will take a post graduate course in Government at W. T. T. C., Canyon, to which place she went Tuesday.

## Spur Colored Folks Plan Celebration

Spur's Negro population is planning one of the largest celebrations ever to be held here on June 19th. Main feature of the celebration will be an All Colored Rodeo, the first of its kind to be held in West Texas. Stock will be supplied by the Spur Round-Up Association and will afford lots of thrills and spills.

In addition to this spectacular event there will be a street parade, a contest to select the Queen of the festival, who will reign at the old-fashioned 19th of June dance that will be held after the rodeo. A free barbecue will be given and a double-header baseball game.

It is expected that this celebration will bring more colored folks to Spur on June 19th than ever before congregated in this section of the country. No colored person will be barred from any of the contests and invitations are being sent to every town in West Texas to attend.

## Post Rodeo Expects Large Attendance

POST—More than five thousand West Texas and New Mexico visitors are expected here Friday and Saturday to join Garza county residents in seeing Post's two-day non-professional rodeo.

Post has been in readiness for the big celebration since Saturday when Post Stampede officials announced that more than \$3,000.00 had been spent on permanent improvements at the grounds, including the building of 4,000 additional seats.

The Post Stampede, Inc., sponsor of the annual entertainment, has posted more than \$1,300.00 in cash prizes, two \$115 saddles and other merchandise prizes, for the hundred or more contestants who will participate in the various events.

There will be five major events, cowgirl sponsor's contest, calf roping, wild cow milking, bronc and steer riding.

Besides the four exciting rodeo performances, a colorful and spectacular street parade will be staged each day at 12:30 o'clock. Old time cowboy dances, the kind grandpa and grandma used to enjoy, will be held each night following the night performances. Mrs. Dulaney Davis and her five-piece string band of Spur will furnish music for the "shin-digs."

The Spur square dance team will spice the dances with specialty numbers.

Afternoon performances begin at 2 o'clock, night shows at 8.

## Wheat Parity Payments Start

COLLEGE STATION—First wheat parity payments under the 1941 AAA program have been certified and checks have been sent to the counties, Fred Runnels, assistant administrative officer in charge of the AAA in Texas, has announced.

Counties which have received their first batches of payment checks are Coke, Fisher, Haskell, Bosque, Scurry, Hale and Sterling, the AAA official said. The state office is certifying additional applications daily, he added.

Status of other payments at the time of the announcement follows:

1940 agricultural conservation payments—379,099 applications for \$46,582,789 certified out of an estimated total to be paid of 405,000 applications for \$50,000,000.

1940 rice parity payments—694 applications for \$256,155 out of an estimated total to be paid of 800 applications for \$290,000.

1940 cotton parity payments—338,402 applications for \$24,550,983 out of an estimated total to be paid of 350,000 applications for \$25,000,000.

## Baptist Revival To be Conducted By Dr. White



DR. W. R. WHITE

Dr. W. R. White, president of Hardin-Simmons University, will conduct a two weeks revival meeting at the First Baptist Church here beginning Sunday, June 8.

Dr. White is a former pastor of the College Avenue Baptist Church at Fort Worth and of the First Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. He will deliver a worthy message at each meeting, both morning and evening during the entire two weeks.

D. C. Hamilton, of Lubbock, is to be guest vocalist of the meeting, Mr. Hamilton is a talented singer and serves in the capacity of educational director for the First Baptist Church of Lubbock.

## Memorial Services Held Sunday

Memorial Day program was held in the high school gymnasium here Sunday, June 1. Dr. Brewer, pastor of the Church of Christ at Lubbock, was the speaker for the occasion, bringing a most worthy message and paying the highest tribute to all those for whom Memorial Day is observed.

Mrs. Oscar McGinty gave an excellent rendition of a selection of poems, chosen for their deep expression.

A male quartet composed of E. W. Mars, Faust Collier, Alf Glasgow and J. L. Sechrist, accompanied by Mrs. E. W. Mars, sang a selection of songs and Earnestine Berry played a number on the cornet.

Texas Defense Guard Companies from Dickens and Spur were massed for the service and later paraded at the stadium.

## Mrs. Boedeker Gravely Ill

The many friends of Mrs. E. H. Boedeker, wife of County Judge Boedeker will learn with sorrow the report of the grave condition of her health.

Mrs. Boedeker is in Baylor Hospital, Dallas, where Saturday, May 24, she gave birth to a son, this their first born. The infant according to reports is doing nicely and is a fine healthy baby.

Mrs. Boedeker, however, suffered blood poisoning complications and at intervals reports to friends here have been most discouraging.

The last report received in Spur, Wednesday at 10 a. m. was to the effect that attending physicians gave no hope of recovery.

## Rodeos Featured Over West Texas

Recalled days of the "Wild West" will be featured throughout West Texas the next two months in the form of rodeos.

Plenty of excitement, bronc busting, bulldozing, calf roping, steer riding and many other events too numerous to name, will be enjoyed at each event.

Some of the rodeos to be held soon are:

June 6-7, Post  
June 13-14, Slaton  
June 19, Spur (Colored)  
June 20-21, Spur.

## American Red Cross Makes Request

The faithful ladies working in the interest of finishing clothing for the stricken families of wartorn Europe have moved their headquarters from the Jones building on Hill Street to the Davis building, next door to the Spur Bakery. They wish to announce that all those who have completed their assignments are asked to deliver these goods at once to Mrs. Crt McDonald, 708 North Parker Street. These are past due. There still is considerable more to be done and volunteer workers are asked to be on hand without fail Saturday between 2 and 5 p. m.

Mrs. E. D. Cook, Production Chairman.

## INSECT POISON BEING MADE IN SPUR

Insect Poisons may now be obtained in Spur, in any quantity, and made to government specifications, announces Frank Wyatt.

Mr. Wyatt mixes the poison and informs us that grasshopper poison is his specialty.

Please turn to page three for additional information.

## Booster Trip Tickets are Put On Sale

Tickets for each of the three planned booster trips are now on sale, announces O. B. Ratliff, chairman of the booster trips committee. Tickets may be obtained from either O. B. Ratliff, Jack Christian or T. E. Milam.

Broadcasts advertising Spur's third annual Round-Up Rodeo will be made by boosters when they visit Sweetwater and Lubbock. Other spot broadcasts will be heard over Texas stations until June 20.

All trips will be made in air-conditioned "Roadliner" busses, which have been chartered for this purpose, and which are also equipped with loudspeakers. A string band will accompany the boosters and there will be plenty of music, dancing and speeches.

Listed below are stops that will be made on each of the trips:

June 12—Crosbyton, Ralls, Floydada, Lockney, Plainview, Lubbock, Slaton, Post, Clairmont, Jayton and Girard.

June 13—Roaring Springs, Mador, Turkey, Estelline, Memphis, Childress, Paducah, Guthrie and Dickens.

June 14—Peacock, Swenson, Aspermont, Anson, Roby, Sweetwater, Roscoe, Snyder and Rotan.

Busses are to leave promptly at 3 a. m. each morning. Anyone wishing to go on these trips must get tickets before next Tuesday, June 10; they will not be sold after that date.

Plan now to make one or more of these trips and get your ticket today.

## Band School Opens Monday in Spur

A six-weeks band school for both beginners and advance students of music, and baton twirlers will open Monday, June 9, under the direction of Leonard King, band director in Spur schools.

Mr. King announces that, not only will there be no tuition charged, but also that the school has a few instruments that beginning students may use if they do not have an instrument.

Courses will be offered in fundamental music, theory and harmony, student conducting and baton twirling. In regard to the last, both Majorette positions of the band are open for next year. Any girl interested in having one of these positions is urged to attend this course.

Registration will begin at 9 a. m. Monday, June 9. All music students, and especially beginners who plan to join the band next year, are urged to attend.

## New Produce House Opened Saturday

Spur's newest business, the Thompson Produce, opened for business last Saturday, May 31. The usual commodities, poultry, eggs, cream and animal hides are being purchased, states Mr. Thomson, owner.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomson are from Lubbock, where he had employment with Wilson & Co. before establishing his own business.

Thompson Produce is located one door south of the Mission Service Station and Mr. Thomson extends a cordial invitation to come in and visit.

## Library Committee Meeting Today

A meeting of the Dickens County Public Library committee will be held in the library at 2 p. m. today. Important matters regarding the library will be discussed, and all persons interested are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Duckworth returned from Vernon to their home here Tuesday accompanied by his mother, Mrs. J. A. Duckworth, who will remain for a several days visit with them. While in Vernon, Mr. Duckworth acted as best man at the wedding of a close friend and former room mate, Mr. Mac. Best.

## 23 YEARS AGO

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

Homer Dobbins, formerly with Bryant-Link Company and later with Luce and Brannen, has accepted a position with Sol Davis.

J. F. Williams returned Monday from Fort Worth.

J. C. McNeil and family, of the Alamo Stock Farm west of Spur, was visiting friends here the first of this week.

W. W. Ellis, of the Rocking Chair Ranch, in Kent county, was in Spur Saturday greeting friends and on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Dock Ellis was here Saturday from their ranch home on Cat Fish.

W. L. Tannish, of Draper, was in Spur Saturday.

Joe Gains, of west of Spur was here on business Monday.

Mrs. G. W. Potts received this week a letter from her son, Ed stating that he was scheduled to be shipped to France probably be participating in the World War before she would hear from him again.

C. I. Cannon was in Wednesday from his ranch in Crosby County.

W. W. Waldrip of Draper was in Spur Tuesday.

J. M. Foster and wife of Croton, were in Spur shopping and visiting Tuesday.

T. L. Higginbotham has accepted a position with Penick Hughes Company of Stamford and with his wife will move to that place about June 15th.

S. L. Rushing, of Floyd County, was here last week looking the country over with a view of purchasing a ten or twenty section ranch and locating here.

B. J. Brothers, formerly of Quanah with his wife and children, have located in Spur.

Jack Renfro, formerly of Jayton, but who a year or two ago purchased considerable ranch lands on the plains, was visiting his son, George Renfro and family the past week.

## Knights of Pythias Elect New Officers

Monday evening June 2, the Spur lodge, Knights of Pythias, elected officers for the coming term and installed them at the following posts: Hubert Karr, Chancellor Commander

Clyde Walthall, Vice Chancellor Bill Walton, Prelate Loyd Hindman, Master of Work Carl Murray, Keeper of Records and Seal

Richard Gibson, Master at Arms Homer Whitwell, Inner Guard L. W. Wilson, Outer Guard J. W. Meadows, Lodge Deputy.

The rank of Esquire was conferred on M. L. Steele, J. L. Sechrist, and Max McClure, last Thursday evening by the local Knights of Pythias.

Mrs. Ozie Whitwell was taken to Lubbock for initiation by the ladies of Spur Temple, Pythian Sisters, last Wednesday evening.

In addition to the candidate the following ladies made the trip, Mmes. Novelyn Walthall, Fleta Rosemond, and Sarah Lou Murray.

## VISITING CHILDHOOD HOME IN TENNESSEE

Mrs. F. F. Henry left Tuesday of last week for an extended vacation and visit to her childhood home in Tennessee and Georgia to visit a sister whom she has not seen in 40 years. This is Mrs. Henry's first return visit to her old homestead and also her first visit to this sister in Georgia since coming to Texas years ago.

## Trained Buffalo to Be at Spur Rodeo



The Spur Round-Up Association each year presenting new and different acts at the rodeo. This year they are bringing the latest in animal acts, the first and only trained buffalo in the world. This buffalo is owned and trained by Diamond-Dewey of Lusk, Wyoming. He

also has him broke to ride and has him gated. He is one of the finest of his breed and weighs 1,400 pounds. It has always been claimed by animal trainers that a buffalo couldn't be trained like other animals. Come to the Spur Rodeo and see this great novelty act and be your own judge.



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**May Call Out All Cars and Busses In Emergency**

Austin—Rapidly gaining recognition as a leader in Texas' efforts to assist national defense, State Police Director Homer Garrison, Jr., today had undertaken two new internal security tasks.

As chairman of the state traffic committee of the Highway Traffic Advisory Committee to the War Department, he announced that a state-wide survey of commercial vehicles and busses is underway to provide immediate facilities for the movement of troops and materials should an acute emergency occur.

In recognition of his outstanding work as a police administrator, he was notified by L. S. Harris, secretary of the Highway Traffic Advisory Committee to the War Department, that he had been made chairman of the national enforcement committee of the motor vehicle administrators association, and immediately began contacting state police heads throughout the nation to lay the groundwork for a national plan of controlling traffic, both military and civilian, in case of an all-out war effort.

Both these developments came as Garrison was playing an important part in the FBI's efforts to mobilize officers throughout the state in a plan for defense of the nation's internal security.

Under the president's proclamation of September, 1939, designating the FBI as the central agency for handling fifth column investigations, 150,000 city, county and state officers throughout the United States are being called upon to enlist in a co-operative effort to expedite and unify such investigations. On successive days Garrison addressed a total of more than 200 officers of every jurisdiction in Waco, Austin and San Antonio.

But this is not the beginning of co-operation between the various law enforcement agencies on national defense problems. Well over a year ago Garrison designated the Bureau of Intelligence to act as a state clearing house for fifth column investigations, and later he represented Texas at a national conference in Washington to lay plans for internal defense. For many months the State Police as well as many local officers have been working hand-in-glove with the FBI, which early found the task too big for a single agency and called for help from local officers. One gets a polite smile of refusal when he asks how such investigations the State Police have made, but it is obvious from the elaborate files

**Common House Fly Carries Many Diseases**

Austin, May 31.—Thousands of children and adults die every year from diseases carried by the fly. Typhoid fever, tuberculosis, summer complaint, cholera, intestinal diseases, and frequently death follows closely in the trail of the common house fly.

"Control of the fly menaces comes at the top of the list of necessary public health measures which should be applied by every city and individual in the state," urges Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer.

"Most effective measures for control is to prevent breeding," he said. "Flies breed in filth and about eight days are required to complete a life cycle. During the lifetime of several months one housefly lays from 600 to 1,000 eggs. Thus it can easily be seen that in a season, which usually begins in the spring of the year, descendants from one fly number countless thousands.

"To eliminate flies, breeding places must be destroyed. Manure piles, garbage, and other organic filth furnish the requirements of warmth, moisture, and food necessary for the propagation of the fly. The flies should be kept from contact with food or drink or utensils in which food or drink are prepared and served. Likewise, they should be kept from access to privy vaults where they pick up the infections which they later spread to humans by contact with food and drink and by unwashed hands and utensils. See that your window, doors, and porches are screened so that the stray fly from some careless neighbor will not molest your family. Also, see that your grocer keeps his meat, vegetables, and fruits free from flies.

"Organized health measures to destroy the breeding places, control of flies' access to your home and food, and established standards of cleanliness in your community will eliminate the fly. The number of flies is an index to cleanliness of any community, and they can be entirely eliminated."

maintained by the Bureau of Intelligence—behind barred windows and under lock and key—that the figure must run into many hundreds.

On the traffic front, too, the State Police under Colonel Garrison's personal direction have taken national leadership in the handling of problems arising from defense activities. At Mineral Wells, Brownwood, Abilene, Houston, Orange and Palacios surveys have been made in an effort to effect a closer control of traffic and thus cut down on the number of fatalities and injuries among the armed forces and defense workers, which thus far this year have averaged 10 per cent of the state's traffic toll.

So successful were these initial efforts at Mineral Wells and Brownwood, where spectacular reductions in traffic toll were made, that the National Safety Council commended the State Police Director, observed that Texas was far and away ahead of any other state in this work, and invited Garrison to write an article explaining his methods, which will be published shortly in the council's national magazine, Public Safety.

**American Cotton Outlook Not So Bright Now**

Austin—With American cotton pegged at about \$20 per bale higher than competitive staples in foreign markets, this country is definitely out of the world mart—at least for the time being—declares Dr. A. B. Cox, University of Texas cotton expert.

Predicting a 10,000,000 bale foreign carryover from the 1941-42 season the university bureau of business research director cited that congress has boosted the loan price of cotton to 85 per cent of 1909-14 parity and that foreign production this year exceeds foreign consumption by 2,000,000 bales.

"The United States has thus at last lost its power to greatly influence world prices by its policies of crop restrictions and above-market price loans," Cox declared.

"The South has not yet come to realize the full significance to it of the changed cotton situation, and has therefore, made relatively little progress in making the far-reaching adjustments to its economy made necessary by the loss of markets for its major farm products."

**Infantile Paralysis In Texas Expected Next Three Months**

Austin, May 29.—"Infantile paralysis can be expected to occur more frequently during the next three or four months," declared Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer. "This disease is always more frequent during the hot months.

"The germ responsible for infantile paralysis is so small that it escapes detection even with the most powerful microscopes. The first symptoms are usually vomiting, headache, fever, stiffness of the neck, pain in the legs, irritability and drowsiness. Complete recovery may follow such an illness. In more severe cases, the germ penetrates the nervous system, resulting in paralysis of nerves controlling one or more groups of muscles. Some remarkable recoveries have been noted.

"Flies or other insects have not been demonstrated to play a part in the spread of this disease. Infection spreads from person to person with the droplets attending coughing and sneezing. Children and grown people who are healthy may be carriers of the germ. When present in epidemic form, about one child in each hundred is likely to suffer an attack.

"Early recognition and diagnosis are essential. The use of immune serum may be a factor in preventing paralysis. A period of complete rest is essential for muscles that are affected. If parents note any symptoms of illness in their children, the family doctor should be consulted at once."



**Presbyterian Church**

John C. Ramsay, Minister

10:00 a. m. Sunday School, Cap McNeill, Superintendent.

11:00 a. m. Morning Worship and the Word. Sermon: "Copying the Mind of Christ."

3:00 p. m. Outpost Sunday School.

7:00 Kingdom Highways League, Bertha Nelle Walker, President.

8:00 p. m. Evening Worship and the Word. Sermon: "Does it Cost too Much to be a Christian?"

Mid-Week Prayer Meetings Wednesday.

The public is cordially invited.

**Wesleyan Service Held With Mrs. Fox**

Members of the First Methodist Church society was entertained with a little get-together at the home of Mrs. C. O. Fox.

General games were enjoyed by the group.

The business part of the social was conducted by Mrs. H. L. Thurston. The Wesleyan women decided to study the Bible starting with Gen-

eses and study through Revelation. The women will meet with Mrs. Francis Walton for the next social June 9.

Refreshments were served to: Mmes. Francis Walton, Bernice Hurst, H. L. Thursh, Hall, J. B. Whitwell, Betty Jo Howard, C. W. Fox and Miss Mary Belle Ensey.

Miss Julia Mae Hickmann and Neitha Snyder were over night guests Friday of Dr. and Mrs. C. B. Jones; they having been invited as guest to the annual reception for the 1941 graduation class of Texas Tech held at the president's home, each year.

Mrs. Roy Harkey and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hill Perry and Mrs. T. E. Milam spent Friday in Abilene shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Milam left Saturday for Houston to visit his parents and family and to attend the graduation from high school of his sister. Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Milam as far as San Angelo were Mrs. A. C. Hull and daughter, Ann. They will visit Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Hulls mother. Also Mrs. Harrell of Ralls, mother of Mrs. Milam who will stop over near Fredericksburg to visit another daughter until the Milams return.

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## Social Happenings

### Mrs. Burford Johnston Hostess to Sans Souci Club Tuesday Morning

An arrangement of early summer garden flowers was an added attraction to the breakfast table and bridge appointments at a lovely party Tuesday morning hosted by Mrs. Burford Johnston at her home 704 North Parker.

A two course breakfast preceded the bridge games. Club members present were: Mmes. Tye Allen, high score honoree; Neal A. Chas-

tain, Jack Christian, E. D. Cook, Alph Glasgow, C. F. Hardwick, Guy B. Karr, W. A. McAlpina, Crit McDonald, Pike Nichols, L. E. Standefer, Mae Woodrum, and Miss Anna Mae Lassiter, teacher in the Monahans school who arrived in Spur Wednesday of last week, a guest.

The entire membership of the Sans Souci Club took material from the local Red Cross sewing room to make refugee garments.

### Ruth Cowan Receives Additional Honors

President-elect, Ruth Cowan, of Phi Upsilon Omicron, National Home Economics organization, received Monday by telephone call from Miss Margaret M. Weeks, dean of Home Economics department of Texas Tech College, Lubbock; that she (Ruth) had been elected by the

Texas Tech Home Economics faculty to attend as incoming president, the National Home Economics convention convening in Chicago, Illinois, the week of June 22nd.

Since the acceptance of this courtesy will necessitate an absence from Tech of an entire week, Miss Cowan has postponed until the second semester to enter summer school. Miss Jean Spencer of Rails and president of the home economics club at Texas Tech delegate elect, will represent her club at the Chicago convention. She and Miss Cowan will leave Lubbock Sunday, June 22 for the convention city.

### Miss Formby Weds Frank Duncan

Announcement is being made of the wedding of Miss Robena Formby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Formby, of McAdoo, and Frank Duncan, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Duncan, 2608 Twenty-third Street, which took place in Takoha. Rev. George Turrentine read the ring ceremony.

The bride wore a blue frock with

white carnations and white accessories. She is a graduate of the McAdoo High School and a former student of Texas Technological College. She is a sister to Sen. Marshall Formby.

Mr. Duncan is a graduate of Lubbock High School and a graduate of Texas Tech. They are to be at home here. Lubbock Avalanche.

### Mr. and Mrs. Ogdon Cox Entertains With Party

Mr. and Mrs. Ogdon Cox were hosts at a party Tuesday evening at their home at the McClure apartments 103 East Hill Street.

Table games and dancing was the diversion during the evening.

The guest list included co-workers with Mr. Cox at the Spur Creamery their wives and families and a few outside guests invited.

Miss Ruth Rasco and Bernard Kirkpatrick, of Sweetwater, stopped over in Spur Saturday for a brief visit with Wynell McClure, while en route home from a business trip to Wellington.

### South Plains Council Of Boy Scouts Ends Annual Camp

Post—Exactly 115 Boy Scouts and leaders from ten town of the South Plains opened Camp Post here Sunday for the opening period of camp. The period breaks Saturday afternoon.

Rain hit about 5 p. m. Sunday but the sun soon came out with the rain passing and all went well.

Opening campfire (Sunday) was led by Frank "Little Bear" Claw Runkles, Scoutmaster of Troop 3, American Legion, Lubbock and six of his Scouts, Indian fashion. New Scouts to the camp were "initiated" with ashes of last year's campfire, carrying on tradition. Ceril Batton, Camp Director, introduced staff. Songs, etc., rope hike featured first night with all participating.

Monday after camp inspection Scouts went in body to all classes of Handicraft, Nature Study, Archery, Indian Lore, Marksmanship, Scoutcraft, Life Saving, Swimming, Horncraft, Taxidermy, Woodcraft, etc. Monday night's big game was "Wells Fargo" followed by mystery campfire. First swim in Two Draw Monday afternoon, life savers in the morning.

Two Spur men are members of the first period: Fike Godfrey, Indian Lore and Marksmanship Director; and Bill Lain, Swimming and Scoutcraft Director.

Boy Scouts and leaders from Dickens County attending are:

Spur—Joe Ericson, Leonard Wilson, Alfred Walker, George Walker, Bob Thurston, Billy Scott, Jimmy Vernon, Billy Joe McCombs, Lane Ericson, Calvin Simmons and W. N. McCombs, Scoutmaster, Troop 35, American Legion; Doyle Akin, Roland Hairgrove and Cecil Fox, Scoutmaster, Troop 36, American Legion.

Dickens—Cecil Hugh Meadors, Kenneth Street, Jimmie Murphee, R. C. Littlefield, Carlton Dodson, Billy Overstreet, Pat Winkler and Elbert Hash, Troop 117, Dickens School.

Mrs. W. E. Putman and son, Bill, left Sunday for a two weeks vacation which they plan to spend at Holbrook, Arizona, with Mr. Putman, who is operating one of a chain of service stations for W. W. Samples, of Pecos.

Mrs. Clarley Bird, of Matadon arrived Tuesday evening for an overnight visit with her son, Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Bird at their suburban home west of Spur.

Before putting away garments for the summer hang them outside in the sun and air for a few hours. Brush each article thoroughly before returning it to the house in order to oisldoge eggs or larvae of moths.

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## 23 YEARS AGO

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

Dr. T. H. Blackwell, of Dickens, was a business visitor to Spur Friday.

C. W. Dorth and Newt Haxkey left Friday for the Devils River where they intend to spend ten days fishing.

G. S. White and Mr. Corn returned Saturday from San Antonio where they had visited a relative suffering of a gun shot wound.

J. H. Busby and Carl Hale have both resigned their positions with Sol Davis.

Sheriff T. M. Green returned last week from a trip to Terrell where he took a woman adjudged mentally ill.

At a school board meeting Tuesday night, Superintendent T. A. Tunnell, was reelected for the school term 1918-19.

E. J. Caines, of the Paddle Ranch, was in Spur Monday and reports rain over Kent County.

Mrs. George S. Link and son, George S. Jr., left this week for an extended visit with relatives in Arkansas.

G. A. Housley and G. M. Ganble, purchased last week the Central Meat Market from J. C. Wier and Jim Walker and assumed charge of the business Saturday.

W. W. Sample attended the commencement exercises at Simmons College, Abilene; Monday. His son Jim is attending Simmons College this year.

Mrs. T. B. Sulenburger, of Steel Hill, was a business visitor to Spur Tuesday.

W. L. Grubbs, of Red Mud, was buying supplies of Spur merchants Saturday.

Judge A. J. McClain, of Cat Fish, was greeting friends in Spur Saturday.

Hawley Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, was in Spur on business Tuesday.

Lee Littleton, of Eastland, spent several days this week in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure.

Hix Harrington, Weldon and Oran, Jr., McClure, and Marven Ford formed a Boy Scout party to Blanco Canyon the first of the week, spending two days and one night fishing and camping. While there Sam Webb and Carl Benson joined the party. A Texas Spur representative went along to act as guard and see the fun.

Mrs. T. A. Tunnell and children are spending a few weeks visit with her mother and other relatives and friends in Hico.

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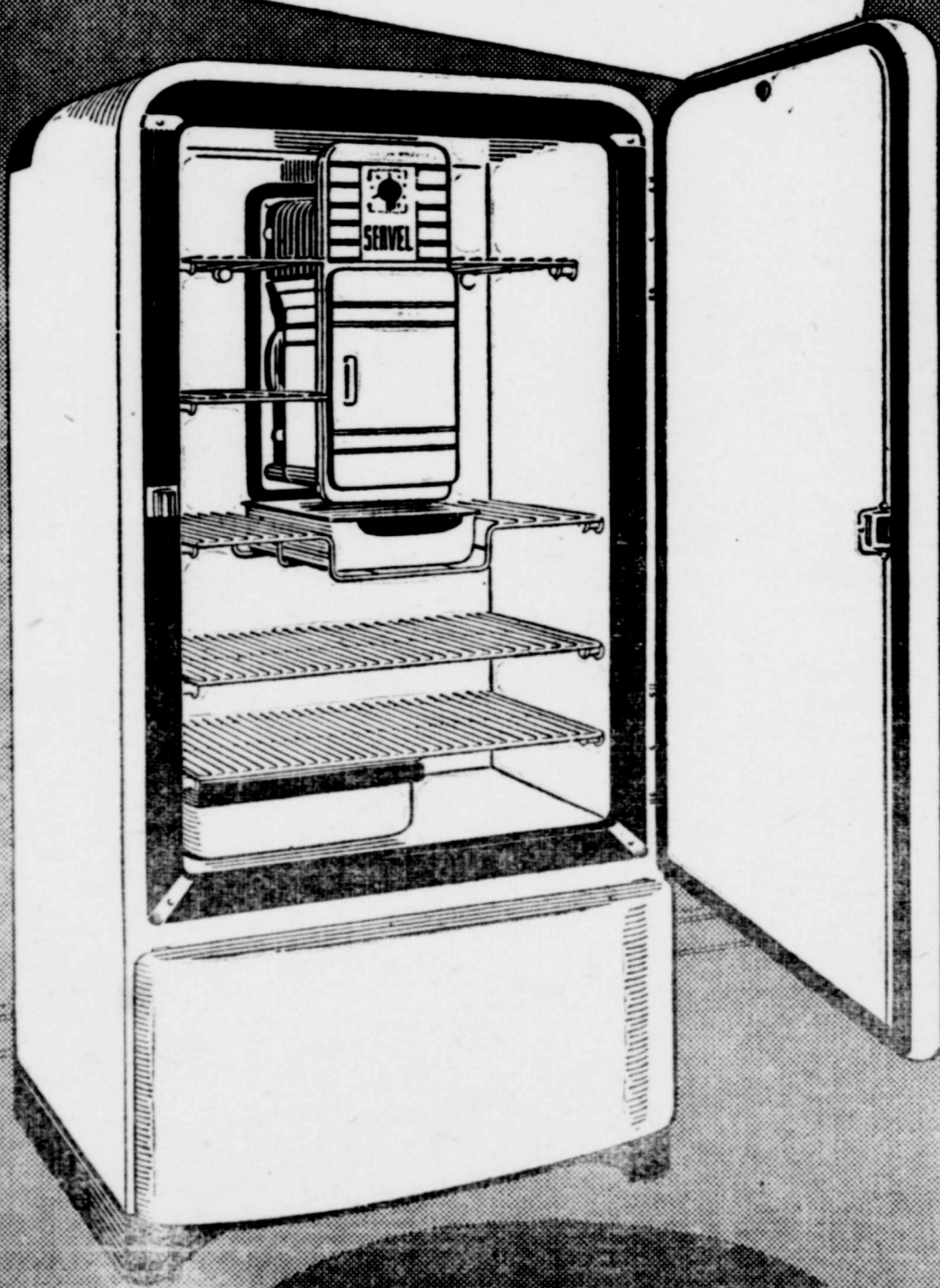
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## Texas Agricultural Prospects are Explained

COLLEGE STATION—Here's a bird's-eye view of the agricultural situation in Texas as seen by workers of the extension service, Texas A & M. College.

Recent check-up by George P. McCarthy and H. H. Weatherby, poultry husbandmen, indicates that the number of laying hens on Texas farms will likely increase from 5 to 10 per cent this year, and a similar increase in commercial broiler production is expected.

They explain that although the parity price for eggs is 30 cents per dozen, the department of agriculture's plan for supporting eggs at a minimum price of 22 cents per dozen, Chicago basis, means Texans can expect to market eggs from 17 to 20 cents.

Referring to turkeys, the specialists believe this year Texas will regain first place in the nation in the number of turkeys produced. Hatchermen are already booked up through June this year on the sale of turkey poults.

Lack of breeding stock is limiting the increase in production of dairy products in Texas, according to E. R. Eudaly and G. G. Gibson, dairy husbandmen. They are attacking the production problem by advocating better feeding of cattle, and explaining that at the present time one pound of butterfat will buy 30 pounds of feed. Improved quality of dairy cattle was evident at the 20 Dairy Day programs held in the state in recent weeks.

Although cattlemen are rejoicing that prices are good, grass is abundant, and livestock is in good shape they have a hard fight ahead of them in controlling parasites, says Cameron Siddall, extension entomologist.

Other adverse factors bearing on Texas agriculture at present are discriminatory freight rates and internal trade barriers hampering distribution of food and the possibility of an acute labor shortage in Texas, especially during the cotton harvesting season.

Mrs. Kate Morris left Friday for an extended trip and visit in Hollywood, California. Accompanying Mrs. Morris was Miss Marion Wright of that place and her sister, Mrs. Alice Wright of Haskell, nieces of the late Dr. J. E. Morris. Miss Alice Wright taught in the Spur schools some five or six years ago and for the past two or three years has been teaching in Monahan.

Dick Collier, specialty cook at Ft. Sam Houston, visited in Spur over the week-end. While here Dick handed us a dollar and a half for the paper, stating that he wanted to keep up with the happenings in Dickens county.

Miss Viola Morgan spent a few days visit between the spring and summer semester of Texas Tech, Lubbock, with her mother, Mrs. Lela Morgan and family at their home in the Highway community and in company with her mother was shopping in Spur Monday.



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## Personal

Johnny Nichols, of N. M. M. I., Roswell, New Mexico, came in Saturday to spend the vacation with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols and his friends in Spur.

Misses Winitred and Helen Ruth Lee returned Thursday from Lubbock for the summer vacation in the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Lee.

Mrs. Allie Albin had as week-end guests, Friday to Monday, her son, Henry Albin and son-in-law, Dwain Mateer, of Oklahoma City. Mrs. Mateer, who is teaching in the summer schools in Oklahoma City was unable to make the trip because of school interests.

Sergeant W. B. Britton, battery B, 20th coastal artillery, Fort Crockett on Galveston Island, came in last week-end to spend a three weeks furlough here visiting his father, J. B. Britton and wife of Spur and his grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Allen, of Dry Lake.

Mrs. Godfrey motored to Lubbock Friday to return her son, Fike, engineering student in Texas Tech, the past school year, to Spur.

If the diet of everyone in the United States could be raised to what is accepted as a good diet, approximately 20 per cent more milk, 35 per cent more eggs, 70 per cent more citrus fruit, and 100 per cent more of some types of vegetables would be consumed than have been used in recent years.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Simmons and sons of Dry Lake, were shopping with Spur merchants and visiting with friends while in Spur Tuesday.

Miss Polly Joyner, student in Howard Payne College, Brownwood and Victor Joyner, Texas Tech, Lubbock, student, came in last week-end to spend the vacation at home with their parents, the Rev. Mr. R. C. Joyner and Mrs. Joyner.

Mrs. U. S. Ford and daughter Pauline, of Elton, were shopping and visiting in Spur Wednesday.

Will Watson, of Red Hill, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office while in town Wednesday.

Sam T. Clemmons, of Amarillo, was in Spur the first of this week on business and visiting his mother and sisters, Mrs. P. A. Clemmons and Miss Polly and Robbie.

John E. Wheeler, teacher in the Raymondville, Texas, schools visited in the McClure home the first of this week. Mr. Wheeler was en route to Lubbock where he will attend a special course of community sanitation offered at Tech this summer.

Mrs. Drury had as visitors Sunday old time neighbors and friends, Grandma Stacy and son, Raymond Stacy, wife and two children, of near Odessa. Mrs. Drury and the Stacy family were next door neighbors in Runnels County in 1909.

Misses Regina and Ann Lee and Ruth Cowan motored to Lubbock Monday to attend the graduation exercises of Texas Tech 1941 class held Monday evening.

More than \$2,664,000,000 was paid to American families by life insurance companies last year, which is more than the total of all life insurance in force in this country only 55 years ago.

Mrs. Dan H. Zachery and son James, of Jefferson, arrived in Spur Saturday to visit former neighbors and friends. Mrs. Zachery and son en route to Arizona where Dr. Zachery is spending the summer for the benefit of his health.

**DO YOU KNOW—**



That the slash in mens coat sleeves is a relic of the days when men settled their difference with the sword. To prevent melords elaborate sleeve from being in the way on such occasions his cuffs were originally slashed so that they could be turned back.

## SLATON TO TURN UP-SIDE DOWN JUNE 13-14



Slaton, Texas, is planning on turning the town upside down in their second annual South Plains Rodeo and Round-up, as the above illustration shows. It is a street scene of the mammoth parade that took place last year when many of the best bronc riders in the southwest came to Slaton to contest for the big cash prizes offered.

There will be beautiful sponsors from towns all over the South Plains riding their favorite cow ponies and the parade and Rodeo will be bigger and better than ever as some of the roughest and toughest horses on the plains, as well as steers, will be offered the contestants to ride. Calf roping and everything that goes with a top ranking Rodeo will be shown. The Rodeo and Round-Up will be for two days, June 13 and 14.

Bill Gruben, journalism major, is scheduled to leave Thursday of next week for Columbia, Missouri, to enter M. S. U. for the summer semester. Bill plans to work to the end of securing his degree from M. S. U. School of Journalism.

Miss Miriam Reed, a music major in Baylor University, Waco; is home for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Reed.

The tomato fruit worm, which is the same as the corn earworm and cotton bollworm, tunnels into the fruit. One worm may destroy several tomatoes before it is grown and enters the ground to change into a moth.

Mrs. E. D. Chambers, of Afton, was a business visitor to Spur Wednesday, spending the day here shopping and visiting.

Mrs. Mable Covey who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Charley Finch and family is leaving this week-end for Portersville, California.

Mrs. Stella Morrow and children returned Wednesday noon from an over night visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Drennen, of Afton.

Mmes. J. B. Morrison, Sr., and J. B. Morrison, Jr., of the Morrison ranch on lower Red Mud were shopping in Spur Monday.

Thirty million people have come here from foreign lands to gain liberty and security since our constitution was adopted in 1787. Today life insurance plays a dominant role in providing financial security to America's thirty million families, sixty-five million persons in all, owning policies.

Mrs. Mary Johnson will have as guests this week-end, Thursday until next week her daughter, Mrs. Paul Duglass and Mr. and Mrs. Will Walker, of Kermit, Texas.

Mrs. Pike Nichols was a business visitor to Lubbock Wednesday afternoon.

The tomato suckfly, a small insect resembling a mosquito in size and shape, may be controlled if sulphur is dusted on the plant during hot weather. It feeds on the leaves, causing them to turn pale yellow and have pin-size black spots.

Americans have increased the average life insurance protection per family from \$1,125 in 1917 to nearly \$4,000 today.

Miss Regina Lee returned Wednesday to Lubbock to reenter Texas Tech for the summer semester.

F. F. Henry, of Duncan Flat community, was a business visitor to Spur Monday. Mr. Henry was not very optimistic as to the condition of his son-in-law Woodrow Haney, who recently underwent treatment at a hospital in Dallas.

Woodrow is not regaining his strength we regret to report.

The life insurance companies own United States government bonds amounting to twice the total public debt of the country only 24 years ago. The companies' contribution to federal financing now aggregates more than six billion dollars.

Miss Fronia Ponder, teacher in the Fort Worth school, arrived in Spur Saturday to spend a few weeks visit with her father, L. C. Ponder and wife. Other recent guests of the Ponders were Mrs. Levi Ponder of Kilgore who spent the week-end here while en route to the plains where she will visit her daughter, Mrs. Rex Kelso who was a recent visitor to relatives in Spur.

Out of every 11 acres of cropland in the 10 leading cotton states is unfitted for row-crop cultivation, according to H. H. Bennett, chief of the soil conservation service.

## Honorary Degree is Conferred on Jones

Southwestern university in Georgetown conferred an honorary degree as doctor of laws upon Dr. Clifford B. Jones, president of Texas Technological college, at a special ceremony Sunday. Dr. Jones returned to Lubbock Monday.

The return airplane flight was broken Monday morning a mile south of Fluvanna, when the plane was forced down in a heavy fog. Weeds and grass on Fluvanna ranches were so tall because of recent heavy rains, it was necessary to set the ship down in an open field belonging to W. J. Beavers.

The red two-seater remained grounded only briefly until the fog lifted.

Dr. Jones received the honorary degree from Southwestern university Sunday in a special ceremony during commencement exercises.

President John W. Bergin of Southwestern conferred the degree on behalf of the university and paid tribute to Dr. Jones as a "citizen, business man, good neighbor and true American."

The Texas Tech president expressed his appreciation in a brief address.

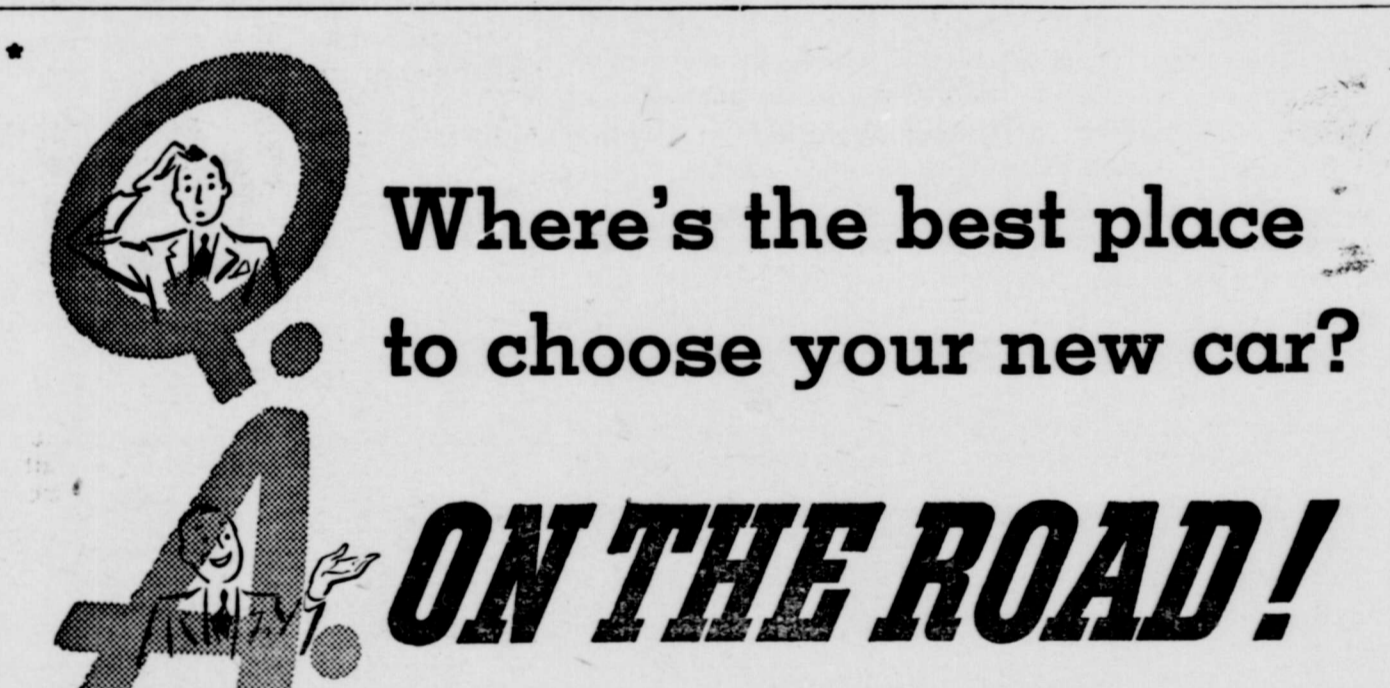
Mr. and Mrs. Thurmond Moore and son, Thurmond, Jr., and Mmes. Jim McArthur, Ed. McArthur and Elsie Smith, spent last week-end at Knott, Texas, with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Airhart, parents of Mmes. McArthur, McArthur and Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Nichols and children, daughter of Mrs. Smith.

J. H. Goodwin, of Lubbock, and gin man of East Afton and a former Spur citizen was a business visitor to Spur Tuesday.

Miss Joyce Koom, student nurse in McAllen Hospital, McAllen, Texas, arrived Friday to spend a three or four weeks vacation here visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Koom and Jimmie and her sister, Mrs. Ben Dickerson.

Miss Virginia Elliott, teacher in the Post school, who arrived home Thursday of last week will leave today (Thursday) for Lubbock where she will attend summer school at Texas Tech.

A recent study of what happens to whole life insurance policies over the years shows that, counting by amount of premiums paid, 57 per cent are matured by death, 41 1/2 per cent are cashed in, and 1 1/2 per cent are lapsed.



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When I was a boy I lived in Texas until my father's death and then, when I came back after growing up and becoming a newspaper reporter, it was with the determination to write something about the great romance of oil. I'll never forget the thrill of seeing, south of San Antonio my first derrick, though the view was from a train window and at a distance.

While doing some temporary work for Doc Sellers' Brady Sentinel, I received two offers, one from Coleman and the other from Eastland. Sellers (now publisher of the Rising Star Record) knew of my desire to be in the oil fields and so he recommended that I go to Eastland, capital of the county that had witnessed the development of the famous Ranger and Desdemona districts.

As the one-man news staff of the Eastland Daily Oil Belt News, the slender, young editor had no time for anything else; but all through the crowded weeks that lengthened into months that glided into years (including editorships in Cisco and Ranger) I was storing up information, much of it subconsciously—in short, was absorbing atmosphere, color, incidents, characters.

A few days ago, the first copy of "Oil Boom" arrived from the nationally-known publishers, the Caxton Printers of Caldwell, Idaho—and the long cherished ambition to write a book about the romance of oil had been achieved.

To tell you of the trips criss-crossing the state to get thousands of facts—to keep your story from being slow and dull, you discard ten facts for each one you use but you have to know the other ten so as to know for sure which should be chosen; of how Col. J. K. Hughes of Mexia said, "I'm giving you information that I have refused to a dozen interviewers, and I don't know why I'm giving it to you"—but he did; of digging up photographs of booms 25 or even 40 years ago; of listening throughout a Sunday afternoon while Walter Cline, with hardly a question necessary, fluently and vividly told of Burkburnett; of a chance meeting with Garland Adair in Austin who had traveled with Col. Humphreys, "king of the wildcaters"; of discovering an elderly man in San Antonio who is entitled to be called the "father of Spindletop," which was the birthplace of the presentday Texas oil industry; of innumerable conversations with old drillers, teamsters and shoe-string operators; and the finding time, mainly at night to write—anyhow, enough has been said to show that a book is no slight venture.

At least, "Oil Boom" wasn't—for me, anyhow. And if you're interested (and I hope you are) "Oil Boom" is a portrait gallery of famous oil rushers, all but one in Texas: Spindletop, Burkburnett, Mexia, Desdemona, Ranger and Smackover, the last-named being in Arkansas.

City Visitor—Which is correct "a hen is sitting" or "a hen is setting?"  
Farmer—I don't know and I don't care. All I want to know when she cackles, is she laying or is she lying?"

God and the doctor  
We alike adore,  
At the brink of danger  
And not before.  
The danger past  
And all things righted,  
God is forgotten,  
The doctor slighted.  
(Author unknown)

In all parts of the nation, horse-racing is setting new records in interest, attendance and taxes paid. Tropical Park in Florida had the greatest season in its history. Maryland has to go back to the boom period of 1929 for an equal to Pimlico's big meet and the state has already received almost \$500,000 in taxes with only one-third of the

## Shuberts Seek Texas Talent For Summer Season

Dallas, May 29.—Texas youth who aspire to the stage as a career will have an opportunity to show their talents when auditions are held to select more than one hundred young women and men for places in the company to present "Opera Under the Stars" at Fair Park Casino, which will open a ten-week season on Thursday, June 12.

Needed for the summer season will be from sixty to seventy-five young women for the chorus, thirty dancers and from twenty to thirty young men singers. This announcement was made here this week by J. J. Shubert, who will personally direct production of the ten weeks of operettas.

Announcement was also made by Mr. Shubert of his program for the ten weeks of "Opera Under the Stars." The repertoire was made up by popular selection. Ten thousand persons in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana sent in their preferences. A list of 37 operettas was submitted. Balloting on the selections closed Monday, May 5, and the ten most popular were "Student Prince," "Desert Song," "Blossom Time," "Rose Marie," "Countess Martiza," "A Wonderful Night," "Gay Divorcee," "The Mikado," "Too Many Girls," and "Rio Rita."

A galaxy of stars has been signed as principals for the forthcoming production: Everett Marshall, Ethel Barrymore Colt, Paula and Carol Stone, Ben Blue, Alexander Gray, Harry Morton, Martha Errolle and many others. Mr. Shubert said that during the summer he hoped to bring every outstanding star of the stage and music world to the season of "Opera Under the Stars."

Present plans are to open the season with Everett Marshall and Martha Errolle in the greatest favorite of the operetta world, "Blossom Time." Prices for the opera season will range from 25c to \$1.

Wm. Randell, of Duck Creek was a business visitor to Spur Monday.

Maryland season over. One track in New York—Jamaica—has paid the state \$1,101,000, an increase of \$284,000 over the previous year, and the average daily attendance was 15,000, compared to 12,600 in 1940. And everybody knows what the Kentucky Derby, the Churchill Downs, attracted a throng of 90,000, the biggest in the long history of that classic. If racing were permitted, Texas would draw thousands of tourists who would spend millions of dollars which would benefit every line of business, advocates of racing believe, pointing to these all-time highs in other states.

Around Texas: The Jacksonville cafe where at breakfast, instead of a little pat of butter, they set a half pound in front of you. The big highway sign, "Welcome to Milam County" which is signed (of all persons) by the District Attorney, Bill Morrison. Rockdale, on one side of the main street a sign: "17 miles to Cameron" on the other side of the street another sign: "16 miles to Cameron." Boy, we really made that mile in a hurry.

## Vegetables Your Family Will Like

By Katharine Fisher  
Director, Good Housekeeping Institute

Families are funny about eating food just because it is good for them. Take vegetables, for instance. If you find it difficult to get your family to eat vegetables, don't preach until you've questioned your methods of cooking and serving them. Perhaps your vegetable dishes suffer from monotony, or you are losing delicious flavor and the appetite appeal of good coloring and texture by using too much water in cooking, by overcooking, or by poor seasoning. You may be forgetting the wide variety of vegetables available at your grocer's—in or out of cans, and quick-frozen in packages. Remember, too, that a raw vegetable or fruit should be eaten every day. So serve some of your vegetables raw in salads or as appetizers. Here are some recipes that are favorites with us.



KATHARINE FISHER  
Director of Good Housekeeping Institute

All recipes tested by Good Housekeeping Institute. Use Institute-approved measuring cups and spoons. Measure level.

### Asparagus with Mushroom Sauce

2 bunches asparagus, (2-2 1/2 lbs. each)  
1 10 1/2-oz. can condensed cream of mushroom soup  
1/2 c. bottled milk or 1/2 tsp. evaporated milk and 6 tsp. water  
6 slices buttered toast

Break off lower inedible portions of the asparagus, remove scales, and tie asparagus in bundles of serving size. Cook until tender, then drain. Meanwhile add the milk to the mushroom soup and heat thoroughly. Arrange the hot asparagus on the toast, and pour mushroom sauce over all. Serve 6. To serve 2 or 3, make half this recipe. If 16-oz. can of cream of mushroom soup is used instead of the condensed soup, melt 2 tsp. butter or margarine; add 2 tsp. of flour and blend. Add the soup and heat thoroughly.

Menu Suggestion: Serve with platter of fresh shrimp salad with sliced tomatoes, and butter pecan ice cream and cookies for dinner.

### String Beans in Horseradish Sauce

4 tsp. butter or margarine  
2 tsp. minced onion  
4 tsp. flour  
1/2 tsp. salt  
2 tsp. bottled horseradish  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
2 c. bottled milk or 1 c. evaporated milk and 1 c. water  
2 No. 2 cans (5 c.) string beans

Melt the butter, add onion, and cook until tender. Add flour, salt, horseradish, and pepper, and stir until smooth. Add the cold milk, place over boiling water, and cook, stirring constantly until thick. Cover and cook 10 min. Then add string beans; heat well, and serve. Serve 6. To serve 2 or 3, make half this recipe.

Menu Suggestion: Serve with lamb hash, sautéed bananas, popovers, and floating island for dinner.

### Buttered Sliced Carrots and Onions

3 medium carrots  
1/2 tsp. salt  
2 c. leftover cooked onions  
1 tsp. butter or margarine  
2 tsp. top milk  
Pepper to taste

Scrape carrots and cut in narrow lengthwise strips. Cook in 1" boiling water to which the salt has been added, in a tightly covered utensil until tender. Drain off any water remaining. Add leftover onions, butter, top milk, pepper, and extra salt if desired. Cook long enough to reheat the onions. Serve 6. To serve 2 or 3, make half this recipe.

Menu Suggestion: Serve with scalloped oysters, pickled beets, rhubarb sauce with sponge cake and milk for dinner.

### Deviled Tomatoes

6 medium tomatoes  
6 tsp. butter or margarine  
4 tsp. flour  
2 c. bottled milk or 1 c. evaporated milk and 1 c. water  
2 tsp. powdered sugar  
2 tsp. prepared mustard  
1 tsp. salt  
Few grains cayenne  
1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce

Remove the stem end of the tomatoes and cut them crosswise into slices 1/2" thick. Sprinkle with some flour, salt, and pepper, and sauté in 2 tsp. of the butter until tender. Meanwhile melt the remaining 4 tsp. of butter in a double boiler; add the flour and blend. Add the remaining ingredients and cook over hot water until smooth and thickened, stirring frequently. Pour over the tomatoes arranged on a platter and serve. Serve 6. To serve 2 or 3, make half this recipe.

Menu Suggestion: Serve for Sunday morning brunch with orange juice, Canadian bacon, spoon bread, strawberry preserves and coffee.

### Curried Onions and Rice

3 large onions, 3" in diameter  
1 1/2 c. cooked white rice  
1/2 c. evaporated milk or top milk  
1/2 tsp. curry powder  
Pinch mace or nutmeg  
1/2 tsp. salt  
3 tsp. butter or margarine

Peel and slice the onions 1/4" thick; cook until tender, then drain. Add the remaining ingredients and heat well. Serve 6. To serve 2, make one-third this recipe.

Menu Suggestion: Serve for luncheon with buttered asparagus, bread, and orange and grapefruit cup.

### NEW DEFENSE TOOLS

**PRESSURE COOKERS**  
**COLLEGE STATION**—Whether farm women realize it or not, their pressure cookers are important tools for national defense.

Texas farm women this spring can put their pressure cookers to work

in an "all-out" drive for better health. In addition, other pressure cookers are owned by schools, counties, community canning plants and welfare agencies, says Grace I. Neely, specialist in food preservation for the A. & M. College extension service.

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Weigh yourself today. Get a bottle of Kruschen Salts (a famous English formula). Then every morning before breakfast take one half teaspoonful in a glass of water—eat wisely—cut out fatty meats, butter, cream and rich pastries—go light on white bread and potatoes.  
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**REFUSE IMITATIONS!** Demand and get only the genuine Kruschen (the famous English formula), plain or new effervescent, pleasant, sparkling. Bottle lasts 4 weeks and costs but a trifle. Any druggist.

### FABLES IN SLANG

By GEORGE ADE

**FABLE OF THE MILLIONAIRE AND THE FARMER**  
"THE BIRDS DON'T KNOW ENOUGH SONGS, THE COWS AREN'T VERSATILE, AND THE SQUIRRELS GET MONOTONOUS" SAID THE MILLIONAIRE

"THAT SO," SAID THE SQR. WELL, I SEEN YOUR SHOWS AND THEY'RE ALL THE SAME, AND I ALMOST STARVED ON YOUR \$7 LUNCHES!"

"YEH, I ATE FRUITS OUT OF SEASON TOO, STOPPED WORK AT 3 P.M. AND WORE MONOGRAMMED SOCKS, BUT ME FOR THE STICKS EVERY TIME"

"WE BOTH HAVE OUR IDEA OF PARADISE ON EARTH," SAID THE MILLIONAIRE — "BUT IT JUST ISN'T IN THE SAME SPOT!"

**MORAL**  
ALL THINGS LOOK GOOD AT A DISTANCE!

### REG'LAR FELLERS

Dirty Work

By Gene Byrnes

SEE HERE YOUNG MAN YOU RUN IN THERE AND WASH!

AND MIND YOU DON'T GET THINGS DIRTY! YOUR AUNT JOSIE WILL BE HERE AND EVERYTHING MUST BE CLEAN!

SEE, MOM! I WASHED BUT DIDN'T HAVE THE NERVE TO DRY MY FACE

FOR MERCY SAKE? WHY NOT?

YOU WOULDN' WANT ME TO WITH ALL THOSE TOWELS SO CLEAN!

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## INDIGESTION

Sensational Relief from Indigestion and One Dose Proves It

If the first dose of this pleasant-tasting little black tablet doesn't bring you the fastest and most complete relief you have experienced, send bottle back to us and get DOUBLE MONEY BACK. This Bellamy tablet helps the stomach digest food, makes the excess stomach fluids harmless and lets you eat the nourishing foods you need. For heartburn, sick headache and upset so often caused by excess stomach fluids making you feel sour and sick all over—JUST ONE DOSE of Bellamy saving speedy relief. 35c everywhere.

Usually pressure cookers cost from \$9 to \$15, but many farm women say they pay for themselves several times because they save fuel, spoilage, and time.  
Families with large food budgets need not only efficient canning equipment but steadily producing gardens if they are to keep their pressure cooker at work full time. In some Texas counties, the specialist says, home demonstration club women are raising a surplus of food which will be canned for school lunch projects.  
Poultry, beer, pork and fish, as well as fruits and vegetables, can be canned in a safety cooker. If homemakers follow direction, they can have a safe supply with a minimum amount of spoilage, for the temperature under steam pressure canning is higher than in open-kettle bath, and it kills bacteria.  
What most families like best about pressure cookers is that they add jars of peas, beans, carrots, corn and other things to their storage shelves—the kind of non-acid vegetables they couldn't safely can before, and the kind that changes tiresome and deficient diets to balance diets.  
Mrs. Tommie Howze, of Stockton, California, sends a change of address so as not to miss an issue of The Spur and also reports rain plentiful and excellent crops in her section of the country.  
Farm families now spend an average of about \$17 a year for all cotton goods to provide themselves with both clothing and household needs.  
Sweet potato feed for livestock is to be produced on a commercial scale this season at an Alabama prison farm.  
Billy Powell, freshman in Texas Tech, Lubbock, last college year returned home last week-end to spend the summer vacation with his father, J. Vernon Powell.  
Eight federal credit unions operated under supervision of the farm credit administration were chartered in March, 1941. There are now 285 in operation in Texas.

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# Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK

NEW YORK—DIVERSIONS—You might not have guessed it, with all the emphasis on defense production, but so far "civilian needs" are still taking 75 per cent of Uncle Sam's steel production. Apparently it can not go on in that ratio very long, for Gano Dunn of the OMP has reported that combined civilian-and-defense requirements this year will exceed capacity by 1,400,000 tons, and by 1942 there will be an indicated deficit of 6,400,000 tons. In releasing these figures, President Roosevelt indicated the answer might be to put mandatory priorities on steel to "divert" it from civilian use. At the same time it's reported that about 95 per cent of the total June production of aluminum will be for defense purposes. Zinc, "essential oils," gasoline, nickel and rubber are other materials important to both peace-time and defense production and which, in the new "unlimited emergency," undoubtedly will have to be "diverted" to defense needs to a greater extent than had been anticipated when we first began to hear about priorities.

ACCENT ON MERIT—Fitting in with the streamlining of all national effort in the interest of efficiency and economy in the all-out defense drive is the strong recent trend toward selection of public workers of states on the basis of tested merit rather than "political pull." Commenting on the recent adoption of merit systems by Indiana and Kansas, Mrs. Melville Muckleston, head of the National Consumers Tax Commission, pointed out that no less than 11 of the 20 states which now use this system have made the change since 1937. She urged the other 23 states to "follow suit," saying that in times like these, when billions are being spent for armament, taxpayers should not be saddled with the unnecessary burden of incompetent state employees. Even in normal times she said, competent workers are needed to conduct public business, to save taxpayers' money by rendering better service at less cost. And all will agree that saving the taxpayers' money in every non-defense field is especially important now.

BIT O' BUSINESS—Leading refrigerator manufacturers, for the second time in three months, are advancing prices to keep abreast of rising costs of materials and labor; production is unable to keep pace with demand; it won't be surprising if the same trend spreads to other lines of electrical household equipment. Many almost surely will prove to be the biggest volume month in the history of the automobile industry, with retail deliveries of cars and trucks in the domestic market probably topping 600,000 units. Manufacture of radio sets may have to be cut down by as much as 25 per cent this year due to aluminum shortage. Kansas reports a shortage of farm labor for the first time since 1929—due to defense work "migrations"—and pay is being raised accordingly. Illinois senate passes a revised cigarette tax bill of 2 cents per package, hoping to raise \$10,000,000 new revenue. Texas cotton crop is reported severely handicapped by rain and

drift-away workers to factory jobs. \* \* \*

"GASLESS SUNDAYS"?—Many a family in the east and midwest last week felt a jolt from the defense program that rattled the garage doors, when defense officials began talking about "rationing" gasoline this summer, and the trade expressed fear the gas price might hit 25 cents a gallon. But in these hurried days, the family bus is more "indispensable" than ever—for carting the kids to school, getting papa to work, and for giving the family needed relaxation with junkets to the country or to the movies. So Mr. Average American is busily figuring how to cut his motoring miles—or the amount of gas he'll need for the summer's driving. J. W. Frazier, president of Willys-Overland, thinks the answer may lie in going back to the old American standby—the four cylinder engine. He points out that "even a one-third cut in gas allowance, or a similar boost in price, wouldn't bother the family that can increase gas mileage from 20 miles per gallon to 30." Four-cylinder engines have proved their stamina, he said, by taking a sizeable number of firsts and seconds in the famous Indianapolis race, 500-mile speed and economy classic.

## Southern Wildlife


**Foxy Farmer**  
D. W. Kolb, a ranger in McCurtain County, Oklahoma, tells us of one farmer's unique method of safeguarding his quail during the last hunting season. "At the beginning of the season," Kolb informs, "this farmer simply lured all the quail on his farm into a trap, kept them well hidden and well fed during the shooting season, granted entrance to all who desired to hunt on his land, and when the season closed, turned the well fattened birds out upon his broad acres once more."

**Lose a Hook—Save a Life**  
It is a hard matter to release a fish so skillfully that it will not die later. Once the tender, slimy outer covering is injured, the fish dies. He may look frisky as a colt when you let him go—but an unbelievably high percentage of the fish you handle die later.

Cut your snell or leader and release the fish with hook in him. You only lose a hook which can be bought for a nickel a dozen, and two or three inches of line. The hook will gradually disintegrate inside the fish with no ill effects.

**Swallow-Proof Catfish Hook**  
"Anything that would keep an old cat from swallowing a hook so deep

**FEEL PEPPY! RELIEVE THAT AWFUL BACKACHE**  
DUE TO FATIGUE AND EXPOSURE  
Feel like stepping out again by relieving that backache (due to fatigue and exposure). Just rub on some En-ar-co and instantly it begins its four-fold work of helping soothe that back. Pleasant. At all drugists or send 10c for trial size to National Kennedy Co., 55 W. 42 St., N. Y. C. Dept. X.



## JUST HUMANS

By GENE CARR



"Too Bad Her Man Was Jailed! He Was So Thoughtful of Her!"  
"Yeh, Everythin' He Pinched He Brought Home!"

## Laughing Around the World

With IRVIN S. COBB

### Delivered Through A Middleman

By IRVIN S. COBB

IN the year after the Great War started—which was more than a year before we got into the mess—there was a German who ran a saloon in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Close by was a munition factory where explosives were being manufactured for the Allies. As one who had a sympathy for the cause of his Fatherland, the German nursed a deep grudge against the neighboring industry. He included the operatives in the plant among his enemies.

One day, as he sat behind his bar, a husky Irishman in overalls entered.

"Say," he began, "I'd like to open a small account with you. I'd like to come in here for me drinks and on Saturday night when I get



paid off I'll come over and settle. I'm a square guy and I always pay me debts. I'm thirsty right now and I ain't got a cent on me. How about it?"

"Vell," said the German, "for my regular customers sometimes I put it on de slate; only, you are a stranger to me. Where you work?"

"Right across the street here," said the Irishman.

"In the munitions factory? Nutt'n doin'!"

"Well, they told me," said the Irishman, "that you was kinda sore on us fellers over there but I was thinkin' that if you knew we was makin' shells for the Germans now maybe you'd act different."

The Teuton's face broke into a broad smile.

"For the Germans now you make 'em, eh? Say, dot's fine—dot's pully. Have somedings on me. We drink togeder, huh?"

They drank together. Three times more, as rapidly as the Irishman emptied his beer-glass the German replenished it. Each time stating that for this festive occasion, at least, there would be no charge for the refreshment. The hospital rites having been concluded the new patron was moving toward the door when the German was moved to put a question. Until now, in his exuberance, he had forgotten to ask for details:

"Say," he said, "how you get dose shells over to der Chermans?"

"Well," said the Irishman, edging a little nearer toward the door, "we don't exactly send 'em to the Germans direct, you understand."

"No? Then how you do it?"

"Oh, we sell 'em to the English and they shoot 'em over."

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you have to tussle half an hour to get it out would be a boon to civilization." That's the way most Southern fishermen feel. Make a guard wire. Loop a piece of stiff wire through the eye of your hook. Twist te wire around the hook shank and bring both ends out straight to the sides. If a cat is big enough to swallow wire and all, he'd be old and

tough and no one would believe he was that big anyhow.

### Detour—Quail Nest Ahead

A mother quail and her nest of twenty-one eggs recently caused travelers to do a bit of detouring between Brackettville in Kinney county and Rock Springs in Edwards county, Texas. The state highway department's crew of engineers and construction gang, in building a road between those two communities, located a quail nest. All traffic was detoured around that spot until mama quail hatched nineteen of her twenty-one eggs and the little birds were able to leave the nest.

### Tough, Eh?

The lady of the house heard a knock at her door. Looking through the screen she saw a Chinese fish peddler. Not wishing to be disturbed, she called to her maid: "You go, Ella."

The Chinaman blinked his little eyes, belligerently: "You go 'ella yourself."

### Fish Have Lubrication Too

While we don't know whether fish "change oil" every thousand miles, we do know that, in order to enable a fish to glide easily along in the water, its body is covered with a slimy mucus which is being constantly poured out in large quantities by special glands situated in the epidermis. This mucus makes the body of the fish slippery and also minimizes friction with the surrounding water.

### A Flying Squirrel?

There is no such thing as a flying squirrel. They can glide downward, but can't rise. With the exception of bats, no North American mammal is capable of sustained flight. In the squirrel that glides, there is an extension of skin on both sides of its body extending from the front to the hind feet. When it leaps with its feet spread out, this membrane of skin is extended, forming a flat surface which enables it to glide diagonally downward from one limb to another.

## Varied Weather Hits Canyon Section This Year

Canyon, June 4.—Odd Panhandle weather vargaries:

Campus trees at West Texas State College bowed and broke last winter under a heavy coating of ice.

This week they bowed and broke again—but for a reason strange to this section. The weight now is that of luxuriant clusters of the winged seeds of the ash tree. The limbs could not support the weight of these clusters, added to rain soaked leaves.

Not the least puzzled were Gloria Soto and Beatriz Martinez, Puerto Rican students.

"You told me this was a dry country," Gloria said accusingly. "Instead, it rains almost as much as it does in Puerto Rico."

Miss LaNell Falls returned Monday following the closing of the spring semester of the W. T. S. T. College, Canyon, where she was a student the past year.

Miss Clarice Hughes, of Afton, was shopping and visiting friends while in Spur Tuesday.

## DON'T BE BOSSSED

BY YOUR LAXATIVE—RELIEVE CONSTIPATION THIS MODERN WAY

When you feel gassy, headachy, lopy due to clogged-up bowels, do as millions do—take Feen-A-Mint at bedtime. Next morning—thorough, comfortable relief, helping you start the day full of your normal energy and pep, feeling like a million! Feen-A-Mint doesn't disturb your night's rest or interfere with work the next day. Try Feen-A-Mint, the chewing gum laxative, yourself. It tastes good, it's handy and economical... a family supply costs only



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# DANCE

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## Old Settlers Tabernacle

Roaring Springs, Texas

# Tuesday Night, June 10th

Popular and Old-Time Music

Benefit for the Old Settlers Association and the Ball Club

Scrip \$1.00

(Plus Tax)

9:00 'til?



### Water Big Help To Farmers of Spur Section

Water for home use, for livestock, poultry and to irrigate gardens has meant that the 64 farmers and ranchers in Dickens and Kent Counties in the "Water Facilities" program can carry on their own "live-at-home" method of agriculture.

But many farmers and ranchers in these counties yet do not keep as many dairy cows as they would like because the water isn't available. Cows require lots of water, for milk is 85 per cent water. Poultry flocks are lacking on many farms because of the water limitation. Chickens, too, need plenty of water, for an egg is more than two-thirds water.

Other families do not have a garden for lack of irrigation and the number of hogs is limited by availability of water.

Hauling water took so much of the time of John J. Randall, who owns a 94 acre farm in Dickens County, that he was unable to give his land the intensive work it needed. Now that he has a good well, a windmill and water system, he has started home beautification work. His front lawn is green all summer because he keeps it watered, and the trees around the house are growing because of plenty of water.

Last year Mr. Randall sold \$45.00 worth of sweet potatoes from his irrigated garden, and his farm is now supporting four cows more than it did before he had plenty of water. The Randall farm is located in the Steel Hill community.

The Williams R. Whitford family of Dickens County have plenty of water on their 51-acre place, but their problem was distributed. There was a creek running through the farm and a good well by it, but there was no way to get the water to the house, barnyard and garden except to carry it. A windmill now forces the water to their family-size garden, and to a concrete stock trough. Sufficient water has enabled the family to increase their poultry operations. The Whitford family lives in the Highway community.

John W. Langford owns a 2,300 acre ranch in Kent county three and one-half miles northeast of Girard. He has had a difficult time the past four or five years because of drought.

He depended for water upon shallow wells and tanks which seemed to go dry just when he needed water most. Water has brought new life to the Langford ranch. Under the direction of soil conservation service technicians, a deep well was drilled and a windmill and large steel and concrete storage tank and watering trough were installed. Water for the cattle is stored in a surface tank. A remodeled windmill and tower pumps water to an overhead tank, which supplies water for home use and to irrigate a garden.

The water facilities program is carried on jointly by the Farm Security Administration, Soil Conservation Service and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Its primary purpose is to furnish water for family-size farm and ranch operations so the operating family can make a better living and increase their security on the land.

The money to build and install the water facilities is furnished by the Farm Security Administration as a loan to the family. FSA also helps the family to plan its operations and to carry out the plan. Soil Conservation Service helps the family work the soil and moisture and also supervises the construction of the facility. The Bureau of Agricultural Economics does the over-all planning job and designates the areas in which this program operates.

The water facilities program can take care of more farmers and ranchers in Dickens and Kent counties. Those interested should consult their county agency, the land conservation service or the Farm Security Administration.

Mrs. Dallas Watters, teacher in the Lubbock schools, and who has been spending a few days at the Forbes home near Afton with her mother and brother, Mrs. R. C. Forbis, Frank Forbis and family and Clark Forbis and wife plans to leave this week-end to join her husband in Los Angeles, California. Her mother and aunt, Mrs. Nelle Davis of Spur are planning to accompany Mrs. Watters to Los Angeles for an extended visit with another sister, Mrs. Virginia Campbell and Mr. Campbell of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McAteer of near Guthrie, were shopping with Spur merchants and visiting with friends Wednesday.

### Defense Bonds Purchase is Being Urged

Following is a letter from Mr. Frank Scofield, State Administrator of Defense Savings Staff of Texas, encouraging the people of Texas to save more money through defense bonds.

Dear Mr. News Editor:

Following the President's talk on Tuesday, I have come to the conclusion that it is my duty to call on the citizens of Texas to double their efforts to aid America, and we must have an all-out purchase of defense bonds and saving stamps.

We are going to have a big bill to pay in order to protect this land we love so well—and it will be worth every cent it costs to know that our country and those we love are safe. And when I stop and think that our government thought far enough ahead to make plans to borrow money from us that it could pay back with interest, I swell with pride. The United States government could have just imposed higher and higher taxes on us—money to be paid in and nothing received in return but protection. Protection would have been a lot, but instead we are lending our money and will get it back with interest. When you buy one of these bonds, you are buying confidence in your country, your family, your neighbor and yourself. You are making money for yourself, and, by lending it to the government you are making it work for your country.

I could think of no more fitting memorial to those who gave their lives in the last war than to say that all Texans do their bit now toward preparing defenses which we hope will protect us and save the lives of our native sons.

Mrs. G. H. Snyder returned Saturday to Gunter to spend an indefinite visit with her mother, Mrs. Baker, who is in declining health. Wednesday, May 21st Mrs. Snyder was called to Gunter to attend her brother Ernest L. Baker, during his last illness. Mr. Baker passed away before Mrs. Snyder reached his bedside.

Following funeral rites read Thursday, May 22nd Mrs. Snyder came home for a few days, returning Saturday morning.

### Missionary Society Observes Anniversary

The Presbyterian Woman's Missionary Society observed the anniversary of their organization with a unique birthday party Monday evening of this week at the home of Mrs. Fred Jennings. The colors of the national organization, yellow and green, were used in choosing sides for the contests and a quiz, which was centered around a study of the missionary map of Brazil. At the conclusion of the program, candles were lighted on a lovely green-frosted cake, which was cut and served with green and gold ice cream.

Mrs. J. C. McNeill, 3rd, is president of the society. Mrs. T. K. Posey was elected secretary for the ensuing term.

Mrs. P. A. Clemmons presented an interesting study of the Life of Hannah as the devotional, and Mrs. John C. Ramsay directed the interesting and instructive study of Brazil.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stovall combined business with pleasure in an afternoon visit to Lubbock Monday.

### CLASSIFIED

FOR LEASE—160 acres farm and 4 sections of grass land. Beulah K. Bird, Post, Texas. 31-2t.

LOST—Dunco Jersey sow weighing about 400 pounds. C. C. Kimmel. 29-2tpd.

Leaving this week-end for California. Will take one or two share expenses. Call at C. A. Finch, Spur, Texas. 1t pd.

LOST—Gas hose from barrel, on Red Hill road between Floy Watson and Will Watson places. If found please return to Will Watson. 1t pd.

WANTED—Farm work for tractor, equipment, and man. See Jack Simmons. 1t pd.

LOST—Flute between Spur and Roaring Springs. \$5.00 reward for return. Gruben Drug, Spur. 1t

Mrs. Mary Dunn of Dickens was a business visitor to Spur Wednesday.

Mrs. Jack Simmons of Espuela was a business visitor to Spur Wednesday morning.

H. V. Nettles, of the plains country near McAadoo, was buying supplies of Spur merchants while here Monday.

Mrs. Eva Johnson of Espuela was shopping in Spur and visiting friends here Wednesday morning.



DR. W. C. GRUBEN, O. D. JEWELER & OPTOMETRIST SPUR, TEXAS



## WHAT'S YOUR SCORE ON THIS QUIZ ?

Like to know more about Your Electric Servant? Run through this quiz... it's full of facts and explains why Electric Service is GOOD... and CHEAP... in West Texas.

Q. How much more light do you get for your money now than you got 10 years ago?

A. You get, for about the same money, two or three times as much Electric Service as you did then. And bulbs today give about twice as much light with the same amount of electricity. Twice as much service for twice-as-good bulbs means four times as much light for your money!

Q. How much per day do most families spend for electric service?

A. The majority of our customers pay us less than 10 cents a day (the cost of a shoe shine or a good cigar), using, say, lights, vacuum cleaner, radio, toaster, and refrigerator.

Q. What do you say to a husband (or wife) who fusses at you for letting a 100-watt light burn all night?

A. "Don't get excited, dear. Believe it or not, it costs only about a nickel—and maybe it scared a burglar away!"

Q. Who owns Your Electric Servant?

A. You do. Every family who has a bank account or a life insurance policy is part owner. The money you put in the bank, or pay to an insurance company, is invested in various businesses, including electric utilities. This makes you one of the millions who have a stake in the American system of private initiative and enterprise.

Q. Just how dependable is electric service in West Texas?

A. Equally as good as any in the nation! And better than in any foreign country!



Yes, electric service has constantly improved and rates have steadily gone down. Remember that this BETTER SERVICE at LOWER COST to you has been brought about by our trained and experienced organization of over 1,000 men and women, working under a system of private initiative and enterprise... the only kind of system ever to bring better living conditions to ALL the people.

West Texas Utilities Company



#### HERE'S THE OFFER

Send your old electric bill to our nearest local office. If yours is the oldest we receive by June 15, it is worth \$50 to you—if one of the 10 next oldest, we will pay \$5 for it. It must be for service in the home, dated 15 or more years ago, and must be accompanied by a letter, 100 words or less, telling something about the kind of service and the cost at the time the bill was paid. All present customers of the West Texas Utilities, or its predecessors in this community, (excepting employees) are eligible.



# WANTED

## Carload of Poultry

Heavy Hens 17c lb.  
Light Hens 14c lb.

Bring Along that Can of Cream

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