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Red Cross Roll Call Drive To Close Saturday 29th

Clyde Walthall, Roll Call Chairman for Dickens County Chapter, American Red Cross, asks that every effort be made to enroll last minute members. To date around 700 members have signed the dotted line. Saturday fourteen ladies at important corners of Spur worked from around 10:30 a. m. till 5:30 p. m. Mr. Walthall and Mr. Ramsay, the County Chairman, worked Monday.

It is sincerely hoped that all returns will be in from the outlying county communities such as Afton, McAdoo, Dickens, Wichita, Croton, Glenn, Dempsey Gin, as well as Spur, not later than Saturday the 29th at 6 p. m. The assigned quota for the County is 1,000 members. Many may have promised who have not paid.

It must be remembered that one half of the one dollar memberships remain in the County for relief of our own indigent people, many of whom are very worthy. The other half of the dollar goes to Washington for the great work in other stricken communities of the United States and to the oppressed and war torn areas in Greece, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Roumania, Russia, Egypt, and China.

Texas, it must not be forgotten, is the state that has received more help for its emergency disasters than any other state. Therefore it should be the first state to come to the aid of this very worthy cause. The injured and dead in accident disasters in the U. S. numbered more than those from bombings in Great Britain during the same period.

For the remainder of the week and for the clean-up campaign in Spur the women's organizations of the following churches have been asked to be on the streets on the days designated between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. Assembly of God, Wednesday the 26th; First Christian Church, Bethel Baptist, and First Presbyterian, Thursday, the 27th; the Church of Christ, Friday the 28th; the Methodist Church and the First Baptist Church, Saturday 29th.

Not less than 50 new members each day by the groups designated has been requested, or at least 200 more members. Those who read this are earnestly asked to respond liberally and rapidly and to seek out these faithful women, who will be located at strategic posts. The minimum membership is one dollar. If ever there was a time when it is most needed, it is NOW!

Billy Wilson To Be Inducted In Army December 1

Billy Wilson, who has been employed at the Palace Theatre, will leave Spur Monday morning, December 1, for the induction station at Ft. Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Grand Jury List For December 15 Term Dist. Court

Following is a list of Grand Jurors summoned for the December term of District Court to be and appear at Dickens, Texas, the 15th day of December, 1941 at 10 a. m.:

- Clark Forbis
- Robt. McAteer
- Terry King
- John A. Allen
- Gaston Jackson
- E. C. McGee
- Cecil Stanford
- V. S. Ford
- Bush Pipkin
- Neal A. Chastain
- A. C. Martin
- W. D. Starcher
- Fred Jennings
- H. V. Nettles
- G. H. Snider
- H. H. Swaringen

UNDERGOES APPENDECTOMY

Miss Wynell McClure was carried to the Lubbock Sanitarium, Saturday morning where she underwent an appendectomy. She is doing nicely at this time and will probably be returned to her home in Spur Saturday.

Funeral Services Held For C. O. Fox Infant At Jayton

Funeral services were held last week in Jayton for the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Fox. Interment was made in Jayton Cemetery.

Mrs. Fox, who has been recuperating at the home of her parents in Jayton, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily and will be able to return to her home here the last of this week.

Spur Ranch To Be Split And Sold For Farm Lands

The cowboy and his pony have lost another decision to the farmer and his plow. The old Spur Ranch is being broken up and 85,000 acres of it are to be offered for sale in small tracts. The Spur Ranch with headquarters in Dickens County near the town of Spur has been a landmark in the history and growth and development of the ranch industry in West Texas.

In a recent division of the property the Emery Estate of Cincinnati got 85,000 acres. It includes what is known as the Kent County pasture and the north part of the west side pasture, the latter located mostly in Crosby County. Eric Swenson, who has been ranching near Lueders, has been employed by the Emery Estate to look after the property and attend to sales.

Section Was Leased

About 1910 S. M. Swenson & Sons of New York City, owners of ranches near Stamford, Throckmorton and Paducah, formed a syndicate and purchased the Spur Ranch of approximately 420,000 acres and all the cattle on the ranch. It was a Scottish-owned property for many years.

Most of the cattle were sold to W. J. Lewis of Clarendon, who in turn leased a portion of the ranch. The syndicate that purchased the ranch began selling farm lands and stock ranches under the supervision of the late C. A. Jones. Later Jones was sent by the Swensons to Freeport where they had extensive sulphur interests. Clifford B. Jones, son of C. A. Jones, took over the land sales and continued in charge up to the time he was elected president of Texas Technological College at Lubbock.

Swensons to Use Land

When the lease to Lewis expired the SMS Ranch, owned by S. M. Swenson & Sons, took over the land and operated it as part of its ranching interests in Texas and stocked it with SMS cattle. The Swensons have arranged to continue to use the Emery Estate land until it is sold, according to A. J. Swenson, manager, with headquarters at Stamford.

The acreage had been reduced to approximately 156,000 when the division was made recently. — Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Shirley Dee Hairgrove Injured When Struck By Car Sunday

Shirley Dee Hairgrove, nine year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hairgrove, was painfully injured Sunday morning when she was struck by a car as she was leaving Sunday School. Shirley ran between parked cars into the path of the car driven by Mrs. Raymond Powell, who was unable to stop before striking her.

Injuries received were: the left arm broken above the wrist, fractured elbow, and numerous cuts and bruises on the face and body. She was carried to Nichols Sanitarium for medical attention and where she is reported to be recovering satisfactorily.

DAUGHTER BORN TO COLEMAN DODSONS AT BRADY, TEXAS

Announcement was received here this week of the birth of a baby girl November 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Dodson, at Brady, Texas. The young Miss weighed 8 pounds and was named Peggy Joanne.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodson are both former residents of Spur, Coleman having worked on newspapers here. He is now employed on a newspaper at Brady.

E. A. Mayfield Died In Lubbock Friday Of Heart Attack

Ernest A. Mayfield, 52, a resident of Jayton for twenty-five years, and a resident of Spur from 1931 to 1938, died in a Lubbock grocery store of a heart attack Friday afternoon, November 21. The attack came suddenly while Mr. Mayfield was buying groceries, death following immediately.

Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church, Lubbock at 3:00 p. m. Sunday. Interment was made in Lubbock Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Ada Mayfield; two sons, Lynn Mayfield, Lubbock, and Ivan Mayfield, Wichita Falls; one daughter, Joan, Lubbock; four sisters, Mrs. Claude Darden, Spur, Mrs. J. C. Sproul, Jayton, Mrs. Lucille Peek, Girard, and Mrs. Carl Cox, Sheldon, Missouri; six brothers, Wayne Mayfield, Girard, John Mayfield, Abilene, Frank Mayfield, Clairmont, W. G. Mayfield, Bentonville, Arkansas, Earl Mayfield, Rogers, N. M., and Bush Mayfield, Fayetteville, Arkansas, and one grandson.

Ernest A. Mayfield was born in Fisher county, Texas, July 5, 1889. He moved to Jayton in 1906, where he barbered some twenty years, then going into the theatre business.

He was married to Miss Ada Maples on January 23, 1914 at Jayton. In 1931 the family moved to Spur, where they remained until 1938, then moving to Lubbock.

Numerous friends and relatives from Dickens and Kent counties attended the services in Lubbock.

Funeral Services Held For Chapman Infant Tuesday, November 25

Funeral services were held at Spur Cemetery Tuesday, November 25, for Mattie Mae Chapman, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmore Chapman, of Eastland, Texas, who died shortly after birth Thursday. Interment was made under direction of Campbell Funeral Chapel.

Red Cross Officials Express Thanks For Cooperation

C. R. Walthall, Roll Call chairman of the Dickens County Red Cross chapter, today expressed the thanks of the local organization and of the volunteer membership workers to all those who joined the Red Cross during Roll Call, which ends November 30.

While, as yet, complete results have not been tabulated, Walthall reported that the Dickens County chapter membership, enlisted through Roll Call, is expected to exceed last year's total by more than 300. Reports now received total chapter memberships this year of more than 800 persons.

"It is this co-operation of all of you who joined the Red Cross that will make possible the greatest needed expansion of services in its history," Walthall said. "It is this pledge of your faith in human values that will insure continuation and growth of its program of social welfare in military and naval stations, its work in disaster relief, its program in first aid, water safety and accident prevention, and its many other services—growth that is necessary to meet the official obligation entrusted to it by Congressional charter and by the Office of Civilian Defense."

He urged those who became members of the Red Cross during Roll Call to participate in chapter activities throughout the year, pointing out that all members had a voice in chapter affairs and were entitled to vote for chapter officers. He also asked that as many as possible volunteer their services for some part of the many-sided Red Cross humanitarian program.

John Olen Christal, who has been in California the past few months, returned to Spur the first of the week for an extended visit with his father, Joe Christal, and Pat.

Joe Wolfe And Brother Meet For First Time In Thirty-Two Years

Joe Wolfe, nightwatchman of Spur and R. C. Wolfe, of Purcell, Oklahoma, visited here Sunday for the first time in thirty-two years.

R. C. Wolfe, who farms near Oklahoma City, arrived in Spur last Sunday to spend a week here visiting his brother before going to Central and East Texas to visit other relatives.

What Farmers Must Do To Get Full AAA Payments

To earn his full AAA payment in 1942, a Dickens county farmer must do three things.

First, he must devote at least 20 percent of his land to soil-conserving crops or land uses exclusively throughout the program year. Second he must plant within his acreage allotments. Third, he must earn his soil-building allowance.

These three points were emphasized by Joe M. Rose, chairman of the Dickens County AAA committee, this week.

A farmer falling below the 20 percent minimum requirements will earn only a proportionate part of his cotton, wheat and peanut payments.

The soil-building allowance may be earned, as in previous years by carrying out approved soil-building practices, the AAA official explained.

Payments for planting within allotments include cotton at 1.25 cents per pound; wheat, 10.5 cents per bushel; and peanuts, 7.25 cents per 100 pounds.

Crops meeting soil-conserving classification include biennial and perennial legumes and perennial grasses; sudan, millet, and annual rye-grass for pasture; seeded cover crops of which a good growth is left on the land; summer-fallowed acreage protected from wind and water erosion; planting forest trees, and Austrian winter peas or vetch grown for seed.

Land uses include approved terraces constructed on idle cropland, and sweet sorgums, oats, rye, sudan or millet cut green for hay, provided a strip one rod wide is left standing between each five-rod strip harvested the AAA official explained.

Negro Woman Found Dead In Barrow Pit East Of Dickens

Pauline Walters, 65 - years - old Negro woman, was found dead in a barrow ditch about fifteen miles east of Dickens early Sunday morning.

According to reports, there were no marks to indicate a violent death and a coroner's verdict of "death from unknown causes" was returned.

The body was brought to Spur in a Chandler Funeral Home ambulance, and later taken to Lubbock for burial Wednesday.

The sheriff's department is investigating the case.

Alton McCully Is Ordered To Advanced Flight Training

New Orleans, La., Nov. 26—Forty-two young men from the Eighth Naval District are among 377 newly-appointed Aviation Cadets in the U. S. Naval Reserve who have been ordered to report for advanced flight training at the Naval Air Stations at Corpus Christi, Texas, and Pensacola and Jacksonville, Fla.

Some of the fliers were appointed aviation cadets after preliminary training at Naval Reserve Aviation Bases, while others were given their appointments as aviation cadets after completion of the Civil Aeronautics Administration's Secondary Course.

Among those listed from Texas is Alton Wayne McCully, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. McCully, of Spur.

Mrs. Kate Davis, of Post, spent Wednesday in Spur attending the State Welfare staff meeting.

Texas Spur Subscription Campaign Well Underway With Interest To Readers

The Subscription Campaign, at the close of which The Texas Spur will give to some Subscriber absolutely free, a New 1942 Deluxe Tudor Ford "6", has been very gratifying thus far; our reader lists growing larger daily, much of the returns the past two weeks coming from new subscribers. Of course innumerable readers have already paid their subscription up to date and a year or two in advance, but we feel that true progress is shown by the number of new readers.

The Extra Benefit Period is rapidly drawing to a close; deadline Dec. 1. You must not delay if you want to take advantage of this offer, although the Campaign will not close until December 20 when the new Ford will be given to a Reader of The Texas Spur.

Subscriptions may now be paid only at the Texas Spur office or at the Campaign Ford when on tours, there are no solicitors in the field.

If you are not sure about the rules of this Campaign, when and how the car will be given, inquire at our office or read our campaign circulars for full details. We are sure that you will want to pay your past due account and renew during this annual subscription drive.

Remember, the Extra - Benefit period closes December 1. Come in and Subscribe or Renew Today!

Cotton Ginned Prior To Nov. 14 In Dickens And Kent Counties

Frank D. Watson, special agent for the Bureau of Census, has this week released the following report of cotton ginned in Dickens and Kent counties, prior to November 14, of 1940 and 1941.

County	1941	1940
Dickens	13,065	9,280
Kent	7,456	3,084

Farmers Advised To Get Machinery In Good Condition

Get your farm machinery in A-1 condition now and be ready for next year's food production pledge, Joe M. Rose, chairman of the Dickens County USDA Defense board, said this week.

"Getting farm machinery in good condition now will be a safeguard against unnecessary delays and breakdown of machinery during the busy farming season," Rose said in pointing out that defense production will probably overload railroads, truck lines, express companies and parcel post system next spring.

OPM has asked for a drastic reduction of steel for civilian needs because of the unprecedented quantities needed in the manufacture of guns, planes, tanks and bombers. Sufficient steel has been set aside for repair parts of farm machinery, the chairman explained.

All farmers of Dickens county are asked to check their machinery and order all necessary parts by Jan. 1. By this method, manufacturers will have a sound, practical idea of the quantities needed for repair parts.

If parts are not available, farmers should notify the county defense board, he said.

Spur High School Preparing For Basketball Season

Coach G. B. Wadzeck checked in all football equipment the first of this week and began issuing basketball togs. Although all basketball players have not yet enrolled, there is now a large list which includes five veterans with one first-stringer.

Although Coach Wadzeck says that it is too early to make any statements, he is expecting a large turnout for basketball and believes that we will have a good club this year.

23 YEARS AGO

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

Last Sunday snow began falling, continued almost incessantly until Wednesday, the amount being variously estimated at from five to twelve inches.

Frank Hale was in town Saturday from the Sunshine Ranch, twelve or fifteen miles southeast of Spur, spending the day here on business and meeting his friends. Mr. Hale has leased his farm and ranch property to oil drillers who are now shipping in an oil-drilling outfit preparatory to begin drilling at an early date.

Advertisement—Fords—F. O. B. Detroit: Touring Car, \$450; Roadster \$435.—W. F. Godfrey, Dealer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. T. Smith were in the city Friday shopping, and while here Mr. Smith handed us a check for the renewal of his subscription.

German Army Is Now Being Demobilized Fast***

American Army of Occupation—All German soldiers, with the exception of the classes of 1898 and 1899, are being discharged as quickly as possible, according to reports reaching the American third army.

Honor Roll Spur Public Schools—(all students making 90 or above for second month of term) 11th Grade—Nina Grace, 10th Grade—Birdie Mae Allday, 9th Grade—None, 8th Grade—Alton Chapman, Allene Williams, 7th Grade—Lynette Dupree, Bernice Tidwell, Leila Grabener, 6th Grade—Cecil Burnham, Joe Potts, Baron Chapman, 4th Grade—Clarence Laine, Joe Shelby Clay, Dorothy Love, Mabel Williams, Cleo Hazel, Clarence Self, Zelma Lee, Bill Kyle, Carvin Rutledge, 3rd Grade—Elizabeth Harkey, J. H. Taylor, Curtis Bryan, Britton Forbis, 2nd Grade—Jack Hogan, Freeman Edmonds, Nellie Goff, Hub Hyatt, James Perry, and Bill Walker.

Bring your eggs to the Spot Cash Grocery—we pay 50c per dozen.

Olen Arthur, who is now farming in the Croton country, was in Spur one day this week.

J. E. Sparks, of the Tap country, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

T. S. Lambert came in Thanksgiving day from his home at Tap, spending the greater part of the day here with friends.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry and wife returned this week to their Arkansas home after spending a week or ten days in the Spur country visiting relatives and friends, and also looking after business interests here.

Mrs. G. S. Link entertained the Friday Afternoon Club Friday of this week. After several interesting games of progressive forty-two a delicious salad course was served by the hostess.

The Jayton Schools suspended last Thursday on account of the epidemic of influenza which continues in the town and country.

Mrs. R. E. Dickson is on an extended visit to relatives in Hico.

McAdoo—We have several cases of flu in our community, Mrs. Roy Nickels being on the sick list this week, also Mrs. Ben Eldredge.

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I GIVE YOU TEXAS by BOYCE HOUSE

Josh Billings was the favorite humorist-philosopher of your grandpa's time. Here are a few of his choice thoughts, spelling and all:

We lay all our bad luk tew sum bobby else but our successes we giv ourself kredit for.

The devil owes most ov his success tew the fack that he iz alwuz on hand.

A learned phool iz one who has read everything and simply remembered it.

Confidence iz a big thing; it makes a hornet respectable.

There iz no good substitute for wisdom but silence iz the best that haz been discovered yet.

If we couldn't neither laff nor kry, what miserable critters we should be.

One advantage of going to Mexico by automobile is that it brings you closer to the people. For instance, when you stop in Linares for Gasoline (as your columnist did) you may get acquainted with Senior B. Gonzales, a brisk, little man, with a ready smile, who will tell you all about his plans for enlarging his service station.

Or, after arriving in Tasco, that most marvelous of all villages, with its atmosphere of unworldliness and timelessness, after you park your car on the plaza in the heavy shade of ancient trees and set out afoot over the otherwise impossible cobblestone streets, you may have the good fortune to meet Senior Eduardo Estrada, a fine looking old gentleman in black suit and white linen, a retired professor, who speaks flawless English. He will courteously tell you about Alarcon, one of the greatest dramatists of the Spanish language, who was born in Tasco, and he will point out the Humboldt house where the famous scientist once lived. He may even take you (as he did this observer) into a silver shop, call for a lump of pure silver that belongs to him, and weighs about 10 pounds, and allow you to hold it.

When John Hart announced for sheriff of Eastland County a good many years ago, he lived in a farmhouse on the Cisco-Eastland highway just halfway between the rival towns. He would go into Cisco and say, "Us Cisco folks must pull together" and then he'd go over to Eastland and remark, "Us Eastland fellows ought to back a home town man." He was elected.

Seven towns disputed about Homer and two claim me—Ranger and Eastland. Ranger claims I belong to Eastland and Eastland insists I

Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK

NEW YORK, Nov. 24 — ONE-FIFTH of the total current output of U. S. goods, it is estimated, is now accounted for by armaments production; and the proportion is rising. The Federal Reserve Board's overall index of industrial production for October stood at 164—almost two-thirds again as much as the 1935-39 average (taken as "100"). Thus, even if one subtracts all the arms production, the nation's activity in turning out peacetime consumers' goods—despite multiplying curtailments—would rate around 132 per cent of that 1935-39 average. One year ago the over-all index stood at 130.

WASHINGTON — Simplification of methods by which manufacturers get preference rating for all materials they need—for defense and civilian production alike—is seen as OPM's next step. It's called a change over from "priorities" to "allocations" the difference being that concerns will get blanket ratings covering all materials for a three-month period, instead of getting a variety of different ratings for different jobs in the same shop. New application forms will require sworn statements as to inventories and amounts of materials used in past three-months period, as well as all-over expected needs. It's expected the new system will aid the government in measuring the "total supply" situation in any given material much more accurately than before. It's a natural result of the recent trend toward letting industries produce as much as they can with the materials that can be spared instead of ordering mandatory curtailment in unit production.

FORESIGHT — Evidence that industry, in meeting defense needs, doesn't always wait for government word to "get going" was contained in the story Thomas D. Jolly, chief engineer for Aluminum Company of America, told the Senate committee

belong to Ranger.

At that, I may run for office some time as I have a "double." E. D. Alexander, reporter for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, looks so much like me that he can buy things at the drug store and get them charged to me—and that's better than I can do for myself.

The way I figure to use this resemblance to advantage is to have Alex help me in the campaign, so I can be billed for two speeches at once, at points 50 miles apart. While I'm speaking in Cleburne, Alex can be posing as me and be "pouring it on" in Denton. That way we can shake twice as many hands, kiss twice as many babies, make twice as many promises, and get twice as many votes (I hope) as any other candidate. The only complication is that there would be only one salary.

It's an odd sight to see an Austin negro wearing what looks like an abbreviated gas mask but is really a strainer to keep out the dust while he sweeps the floors of an office building.

We'd always heard that perpetual motion was an impossibility but a Fort Worth jewelry store displays a "perpetual motion clock" and the price is reasonable, too—only \$175.

Seats in the newest theatres are not squarely behind each other but are so arranged that your eyes

investigating the national defense program. He's in charge of construction, not only for Alcoa's self-financed \$200,000,000 expansion program, but the \$90,000,000 worth of plants it is building for the government. Jolly revealed that long before any contract was signed with Defense Plant Corporation, Alcoa, knowing that someone would have to build the plants, and anticipating possible delays in delivery of construction materials, obligated itself for \$16,065,000 worth of materials, saving valuable weeks. He pointed out that machinery for grading was moved on the very day that title was taken by Defense Corporation for the property at Massena, N. Y., and that grading was actually begun the next day.

RESERVOIR OF MANPOWER—The first World War caught America badly short of trained engineers and production supervisors, men who could step into a new factory, take over a department and make it run. Moreover, most supervisory training was left to factories themselves, where new men learned new jobs only through costly and painful experience. This time, going on quietly behind the scenes, has been a vast new federal program to avoid a repetition of this mistake. It has enlisted the support of 144 engineering colleges throughout the country. In Pennsylvania, 11 institutions have trained 35,000 men—20,000 of them by Penn State college alone. Typical of the latter's effort is a class conducted with the help of a Schenley, Pa., distilling company, where 25 foremen have just finished a course qualifying them for responsible defense engineering jobs. Since last February nearly 150,000 men, all told, have been added to this technically-trained manpower reserve.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR—Auto horns using the "V for Victory" code, like the opening of the Beethoven Fifth symphony—dut dut

are directed between heads of two persons in the row ahead instead of having to duck and dodge to try to see around a fellow right in front of you.

And a theatre in Hollywood has seats constructed somewhat on the principle of a porch swing so that you just swing the chair back and don't have to rise when somebody in the middle of the row wants to get out.

A few years ago, toothpicks were frowned upon; now they're on sale openly—and are perfumed.

And there are cough-drops with liquid centers. Time marches on!

WINTERIZE



The cold North Wind effects your car too... makes it sluggish, hard to start, and costly to operate... Unless you prepare it for Winter.

Change now to winter greases, fill your radiator with anti-freeze, install a heater, check your battery... Winterize.

Bring your car in today for a complete check-up for Winter.

Phillips "66" SPUR, TEXAS

dut daa!... white turkeys for Christmas dinner... nylon football suits—Notre Dame, which first used "airplane cloth" grid pants, wore nylon ones in its Army and Navy games... plastic splints for setting broken wrists, etc... a tail-light signal which shows speed-up as well as slow-down of a car or truck... "soup-proof" neckties made of 25 per cent silk and 75 per cent fiber-glass wool... revival of "bicycles built for two" in modernized versions... taxicabs in which the meter is actuated by the back seat, and starts as soon as the passenger sits down.

CANDELA BRACADABRA—Somebody has figured out that if you, as an average American householder, used enough candles in your home to get the same amount of light you get from electricity, your monthly candle bill would be \$350.

REX ALEXANDER PASSES NEVADA STATE BOARD FOR PHARMACISTS

Rex Alexander recently received a report from the Nevada State Board of Pharmacists, that he had passed the examinations that he took, at that place several weeks ago.

M. C. Baum and sons, Marion Parker and John Clayton, of MeAdoo, were business visitors to Spur the first of the week.

CLARK GABLE



Coming to the Palace Theatre Preview Saturday Night, Sunday and Monday, in "HONKY TONK" co-starring Lana Turner.

There is a Reason for our being

Spur's Oldest Cafe

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How valuable is your time if you make bad impressions? A few minutes spent in our barber chair before calling on a customer, or filling your engagement, will give you that well-groomed appearance that pleases.

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Our foods fit the appetite

CORNER CAFE

R. J. BELL

Social Happenings

Mrs. L. H. Perry Is Hostess To 1925 Bridge Club

Mrs. L. H. Perry was hostess to her 1925 Bridge Club Tuesday afternoon, November 25, at three o'clock at her home, 423 W. Hill Street.

Party rooms were beautifully decorated in Thanksgiving motif. Mrs. O. B. Ratliff received high guest prize, and high club to Mrs. F. W. Jennings.

Refreshment plates were served to guests: Mesdames E. D. Cook, W. M. Hilly, Truman Green, Roy Harkey, and O. B. Ratliff, and club members, Mesdames Henry Alexander, Nell Davis, M. C. Golding, Della Eaton, F. W. Jennings, A. C. Hull, J. H. Hughes, C. L. Love, T. E. Milam, P. T. Marion, Eric Swenson, and Miss Julia Mae Hickman.

Artaban Club Met In Homemaking Dept. Monday 24th

The Artaban Club of Spur High School met Monday, November 24, in the Homemaking Department.

The revised State constitution was read by the president, Betty Miller.

Betty Jo Barnett, Artaban representative to the house of delegates at the area meeting reported on the business transacted.

Mrs. O. C. Thomas, former Artaban's honorary member, spoke to us on what Artaban can do to help Junior Red Cross.

The Artaban members attending were Dorothy Schuessler, Jerry Condon, Nelda Jo Hindman, Mellie Gilmore, Robbie Hoover, Eureka Hoover, Jewell Garret, Ila Ruth Draper, Mary Helen Draper, Charlene McClellan, Dorothy Kelley, Betty Jo Barnett, Beth Arthur, Patsy Turpen, Jackie Rector, Emma Pearl Gruben, Maxine Adams, Mrs. Floyd Barnett, an honorary member, and Mrs. McArthur, Artaban sponsor, and Mrs. O. C. Thomas, guest.—Rep.

High School Enjoy Party Friday Night

Friday night of last week high school students were entertained at the Spur Inn with table games and dancing. Hosts were a group of men students who entertained the entire student body.

Mrs. W. C. Starcher Hostess To 1933 Study Club

The 1933 Study Club met in the home of Mrs. W. C. Starcher on Tuesday, November 18, at 3:30 p. m.

Mrs. Coy McMahan was leader in the study of "The National Art Gallery." She was assisted by Mrs. Thurmond Moore who told of the "Andrew Mellon Gift," also by Mrs. Robert Reynolds who discussed "The Kress Collection of Paintings."

The hostess served a refreshment plate of pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream, also toasted pecans and coffee to the following members: Mesdames O. R. Cloude, J. W. Carlisle, W. F. Gilbert, J. L. Koonsman, Lonnie Lewis, C. H. McCully, Coy McMahan, Thurmond Moore, Dee McArthur, J. C. Payne, J. C. Ramsay, C. S. Thompson, and Robert Reynolds.

Harvest Day Program Enjoyed By Ladies Of W. S. C. S.

A covered dish luncheon and Harvest Day program was enjoyed Monday in the Church basement by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Louise Ince gave a musical reading accompanied by Melba Lewis. Mrs. Jack Moore sang "Above the Hills of Time."

Rev. Thurston talked on True Thanksgiving, after which Mrs. McCully gave encouraging reports of all phases of the year's work.

Members present were Mesdames Talbot, Koon, McClung, J. J. Ensey, Evans, Gollihar, Link, Gilbert, McCully, Atkeison, Thurston, Woodrum, Wood, Laine and Miss Etta Fite. Mrs. Sneed Twaddell, of Amarillo, was a guest.—Rep.

Duck Creek H. D. Club Met Monday 24th With Mrs. Samantha Smith

Delicious but inexpensive cakes was the subject discussed and demonstrated by Miss Perrin at the Duck Creek Home Demonstration Club which met with Mrs. Samantha Smith, November 24.

Miss Perrin prepared a Date Apple Sauce Cake which was attractive and very delicious. She also gave us some baking hints.

The Club elected the following officers for the coming year:

Mrs. W. J. Driggers, president
Mrs. Vernon Gregory, vice-pres.
Mrs. D. G. Harris was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Mrs. W. A. Webb, council member
Mrs. Lance Smith, re-elected reporter.

Members present drew names for a Christmas party which will be at the home of Miss Mary Pearl Hagins December 19th.

Refreshments were served to Mesdames Poet Hagins, R. E. Lee and Miss Perrin, guests; Mesdames W. J. Driggers, C. R. Bennett, Vernon Gregory, W. A. Webb, Lance Smith, Miss Mary Pearl Hagins and the hostess, members.—Rep.

Soldier Mound H. D. Club Met With Mrs. Bill Ballard Fri.

Miss Henrietta Perrin met with the Soldier Mound Home Demonstration club at the home of Mrs. Bill Ballard, Friday November 21. The meeting was changed from Thursday to Friday because Miss Perrin was unable to meet with the club on that day.

Miss Perrin baked a delicious date applesauce cake. During the demonstration she showed the club how to put the cake dough up against the sides of the pan so it would be level when done. She gave the club several leaflets and bulletins about useful facts and recipes.

Mrs. Ollie Hindman won the grand prize for winning the most prizes at each club meeting during the past year. She will receive it when the club meets with Mrs. Floyd Barnett Thursday, December 18.

The cake Miss Perrin baked and cocoa were served to: Mrs. John Bachman, Mrs. H. Condon, Mrs. Pete Gannon, Mrs. Dick Boykin, Mrs. I. E. Abernathy, Mrs. Ollie Hindman, Mrs. Floyd Barnett, Miss Henrietta Perrin, Mrs. Paul Loe, Mrs. Bill Davenport, Mrs. Blanche Collier, and Mrs. Bill Ballard.—Rep.

Engagement of Nadyne Blair Is Announced In Robstown

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Blair, of Robstown, Texas, announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Nadyne, of Corpus Christi, to G. H. McCall, also of Corpus Christi. The wedding will take place December 25 at the Fifth Street Church of Christ in Robstown.

Miss Blair is a former resident of Dickens county, attended both Spur and Dickens schools, and is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Young.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to take this means of thanking each and every one who was so thoughtful and kind, and who sympathized with us at the loss of our father and grandfather.

Mrs. Joel and Neomi Swanner
Mr. and Mrs. Graddon Swanner and Patsy
Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swanner and children
Mr. Alford Williams
Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Blanchet and children
Mr. and Mrs. Crit Odham

Aid To Farmers Through Racing Comes To An End

Austin, Nov. 26—One of the last benefits from the revenue of legalized horse racing in Texas will end if the next Legislature follows the recommendation of Agricultural Commissioner J. E. McDonald. He will ask the closing of the jacks and stallions division of the agricultural department, a division that was created out of revenue from the race tracks.

With \$118,210 in racing funds, the division was set up for the aid of the farmer and stockman. The department purchased 290 stallions to improve the breed of stock throughout the state. This original investment has added \$3,000,000 worth of animals to Texas' livestock industry, according to official estimates.

McDonald's recommendation will be made because there are no longer any funds to purchase additional breeding animals. Those originally bought are now becoming old and can not be of use much longer, it was pointed out.

Under the original plan the stallions were placed over the state with stockmen and farmers who were paid by the month for care of the animals. Fees of \$5 and \$7.50 were charged for breeding, and the money was turned over to the Department of Agriculture. It is estimated that 35,000 colts were bred from the 290 jacks, Percheons, Belgians, and thoroughbreds.

Although legalized horse racing was abolished four years ago, its benefits are just now ending.

Buster Cherry, who has been in the United States Army the past year has received his discharge and arrived in Spur last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Swearingin were visitors in Spur the first of the week and while here were pleasant callers at The Texas Spur office.

STRAIGHT FROM NEW YORK



FESTIVE FRILLS
Holiday parties call for Cinderella dresses this season—fairlylike gowns sparkling with sequins, with swooping ballet skirts, "sophisticated lady" gowns. You must have a "formal." This New York creation is of white tulle with silver tracery accented with fuchsia velvet.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan spent Wednesday to Friday of last week in Dallas visiting their daughter, Mrs. Sam Clemmons, Mr. Clemmons and children.

Miss Polly Joyner, student at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, spent last Sunday here visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Joyner.

Mr. and Mrs. Hansford Ousley, of Pampa, spent November 20 in Spur and Dickens with their parents, Luther Powell, and Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ousley.

J. B. Rape, of East of Spur, was a pleasant caller at our office this week. Mr. Rape handed us a dollar for the paper, for which he has our thanks.

M. A. Ware, of Roaring Springs, was a Spur visitor Monday.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THOMAS J. ESTEP, DECEASED

NOTICE is hereby given that original letters of administration upon the Estate of Thomas J. Estep, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 27th day of October, 1941, by the County Court of Dickens County, Texas. All Persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence and Post Office Address are Spur, County of Dickens, in the State of Texas.

CECIL ESTEP
Administrator of Said Estate

7-28

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: "Abel's More Excellent Sacrifice."

3:00 p. m. Outpost Sunday School
6:30 p. m. Kingdom Highways League, Mrs. Pete Robinson Adult Advisor, and Bertha Nelle Walker, President.

7:30 p. m. Evening Worship and the Word. Sermon: "All Things Loss for Christ."

Woman's Auxiliary meets on Monday at 4:00 p. m., Mrs. Cap McNeill, president.

Mid-Week Prayer Meeting at 7:15 p. m., Wednesdays.
You are welcome.

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THANKSGIVING
We're Thankful for Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving Day is a traditional reminder of the many things which we in America have to be thankful for, so we of the Santa Fe take this pleasant season to express our sincere appreciation of your friendly cooperation and of your patronage of our freight and passenger service.
Let's work together and be thankful for this great country and the support we can give each other. Your patronage of Santa Fe services enables us to pay wages and taxes that help you and your community.
If your boy in Army Camp is being furloughed for the holidays—surprise him by sending him his ticket home. Your Santa Fe Agent will gladly arrange all details.
Send your soldier boy a ticket home for the holidays...

Senator Connally Again Seeks Way To Stop Strikes

Believing that the real spirit of the mass of American labor ought to be and is "Defense and not Defiance," and believing that the time has come when the Senate and House must decide who is running the country, John L. Lewis or the Congress and the President, Senator Tom Connally last week introduced legislation to assist the President in stopping strikes affecting the national defense.

The bill represents a continuation of Senator Connally's effort to bring a halt to strikes slowing down the country's production of defense materials; in June the Senate adopted the Connally amendment authorizing the President to take over plants halted by strikes, but the amendment was knocked out by the House of Representatives.

Connally requested that his bill go to the Judiciary Committee, of which he is a member, where hearings on the bill have already begun.

The Texas Senior Senator was named chairman of the subcommittee in charge of the legislation. The bill provides that whenever plants, facilities, or mines are impeded or hindered by strikes or labor difficulties the president shall have authority to take them over. It further provides that when the Government exercises such power the labor conditions, excepting wages, shall be frozen; a labor board would be set up to see that the workers receive a fair wage for their work in plants operated by the government.

Provisions are already on the law books for the government to take over when employers refuse to operate their plants for our national defense.

In introducing the bill, Senator Connally stated to the Senate, "I do not believe that the great mass of the laboring men in the United States sympathize with the effort to use the strike as a weapon against the government in this critical hour of the nation's history, at a time when other men are being called to training camps at \$21 per month."

C. W. Brasher has our thanks for becoming one of the many new subscribers to The Texas Spur.

Mrs. Vesta Fincher, of Ft. Worth, returned to her home there yesterday, after a weeks visit here with her mother, Mrs. W. P. Marshall, and other relatives and friends.

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BARGAIN DAYS
FRIDAY and SATURDAY
1st FEATURE

CHARLES RUGGLES
ELLEN DREW
PHIL TERRY



2nd FEATURE
"MOUNTAIN MOONLIGHT"

with
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PREVIEW
SUNDAY and MONDAY



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Thanksgiving Offering Goes To Spur High School Bible Class

The offering Sunday night at the Union Thanksgiving services held under the auspices of the Ministers' Alliance went to the equipment fund of the Bible Class at the Spur High School. This means that it will be spent for badly needed wall maps, charts, standard Bible dictionaries, concordances, and a standard Bible Geography. The Alliance wishes very much to thank the large interested audience that filled the First Baptist Church and who responded to the challenging appeal of Mr. Fred Jennings, speaking for the Alliance, for the responsive offering which amounted to \$24.37. These supplies will be bought at the earliest possible date in the future and will remain the property of the Ministers' Alliance.

"Refresher" Course Being Offered To Prospective Cadets

Through the patriotic cooperation of various schools throughout the West Texas area, it is now possible for eligible young men who do not possess the college credits required for appointment as Aviation Cadet to fit themselves to pass an examination that will secure them such appointment, even though they may have no college training.

These courses, aptly called "Refresher Courses" will enable the high school graduate of the several years past to review his classes, and further his knowledge of mathematics. The courses to run about 3 months of night classes are operated at slight cost to the student.

Classes are now underway at Amarillo Junior College and Lubbock Senior High School with others in early prospect.

Young men interested are urged to contact at once the Army Recruiting Stations at Amarillo, Lubbock, Pampa, Plainview, Odessa, Sweetwater and Big Spring for detailed information.

Mrs. A. C. George paid the Texas Spur office a pleasant visit Monday.

President Endorses Tuberculosis Xmas Seal Campaign

President Roosevelt Monday endorsed the 35th annual Christmas Seal Campaign of the National Tuberculosis Association as a vital part of national health.

The campaign, which opened Monday, was termed by President Roosevelt "a valuable and far-reaching tradition" in the anti-tuberculosis fight.

The President's endorsement: "With the approach of the Christmas Season, my mind turns to one of our most valuable and far-reaching traditions, the Christmas Seal which supports the fight against tuberculosis.

"For 35 years the appearance of the small tuberculosis seal on the flood of holiday mail has proved that we Americans are sincerely trying to protect our own against an insidious, communicable disease.

"We have full confidence in the Christmas Seal, a confidence deeply rooted in the victories which have been won over the disease. But the fight against tuberculosis is not yet won. We must continue to give our full support to the National Tuberculosis Association and its 1,700 affiliated organizations throughout the country. We must help overcome a disease that still kills more persons between the ages of 15 and 45 than any other cause of death.

"The anti-tuberculosis campaign has long been a vital part of the foundation of the structure of our country because health is the first requisite of a nation as well as of an individual. This year, above all years, we must, and I am sure we will, faithfully observe one of our oldest, most worthy American customs . . . giving health to ourselves and to others through Christmas Seals."

D. G. Simmons, who has been employed on defense jobs over the country, returned to Spur the past week and says he will remain here until about the first of January when a new defense job opens up in Arkansas, for which he has already signed up.

Characters In "Foot-Loose," Senior Class Play, Announced

The Senior class of 1941-42 is now working on their play "Foot-Loose."

The cast are: Joe Ericson, the father, who has done what he could to give his children the best of an education; Betty Woodrum, the mother, who is disappointed in her family because her efforts are not appreciated; Idalee Golding, their daughter, who takes charge of the family while the parents are away; Wade Gilbert, their son, who is a senior in medical school; Louise Ince, another daughter, who is a senior in high school; Billy Ray Barrett, the baby of the family, who always is getting into trouble; Iwannah Drennen, the maid and general adviser of the family; Bob Weaver, the younger daughter's habit, who is always around at the wrong time; Nadyne Brewer, the girl whom the doctor-son marries against the wishes of his parents; Johnny Peacock, a friend of the younger son; Lillie Fern Delisle, a flippant high school girl; Pat Williams, a college sophomore whose suaveness attracts the younger Early daughter; Harland Weaver, a young attorney; and Jean Aber, a cranky old widow.

Santa Fe Carloadings Show Increase Over 1940

The Santa Fe System carloadings for the week ending Nov. 22, 1941 were 22,624 compared with 19,687 for the same week in 1940. Received from connections were 8,055 compared with 7,480 for the same week in 1940. The total cars moved were 30,079 compared with 27,167 for the same week in 1940. The Santa Fe handled a total of 32,319 cars during the preceding week of this year.

Mrs. Bob Willis and Mrs. J. E. Willis, of Girard were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office and subscribed for the paper while in Spur Tuesday.

A. C. Hull made a business trip to Dallas the first of this week.

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STRAYED—7 pigs, 3 white and 4 black and white spotted, from 1/2 mile west of Dry Lake school house. If found notify HOLLIS BALLARD.

FOR SALE or TRADE — 1932 Tudor Ford, 4-cylinder. Clean job throughout. Reasonable. — J. W. PICKENS. 4-3tp

FOR SALE—900 feet galvanized 3-4 inch pipe, good as new, 8c per foot. 1 over-head galvanized storage tank, capacity 25 barrels, \$30.00.—A. Q. SMELSER, Lower Red Mud. 2tp

Mr. and Mrs. Ackley Williams and son, of El Centro, California, arrived in Afton Sunday for a few days visit with his brother, Olaf Williams, Mrs. Williams and children. Ackley and Olaf were pleasant callers at our office while in Spur Wednesday, and among other things Ackley remarked that Spur had under gone considerable change since 1918, at which time he moved from here.

Mrs. Ted Goodwin, of Dumont, was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office while in Town Monday.

Miss Chloe Darden, teacher in the O'Brien schools, is spending the Thanksgiving holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Darden.

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Van Hairgrove, senior student at McMurry College, Abilene, spent the November 20 Thanksgiving holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Hairgrove and family. Van returned here Monday to attend his sister Shirley, who was in an accident Sunday.

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Yes, no part of the nation has benefited more from the American way of living, or enjoyed more fully the **FREE-DOM and DEMOCRACY** that we now are waging a war to retain.

But West Texas' future prosperity, growth and development depend on what we do today.

Let us look ahead, then, and encourage tax-producing industries with which to pay the tremendous burden of debt now accumulating in astronomical figures and as a means of providing jobs for the many thousands of men and women left jobless when defense projects are at an end. Let's not forget that somebody must "pay the piper" for the years of boondoggling when this country should have been preparing for a war that long ago appeared inevitable.

On this Thanksgiving Day let's be thankful for the taxpayer too!

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