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Spur Experiment Station Has Contributed a Wealth of Information to the Farming Industry of Texas

The Spur Experiment Station is one of the 16 agricultural experiment Stations that have been created by the Texas Legislature and established in various parts of the State to study the agricultural problems of the region in which they are located. The Experiment Station is maintained by appropriations made by the Legislature. The Stations are branches, or out of door laboratories of the Main Experiment Station at College Station, Texas and a part of the A. & M. College of Texas.

The A. & M. College of Texas is divided into three major branches. The Experiment Stations, or the branch of the College whose duty it is to secure new information about Agriculture of the State. The Extension Service, or the part of the College that carries the agricultural information to the farmers of the State, and the resident teaching department, or the College proper at College Station.

The Experiment Station at College Station, with its 16 branch substations are studying every problem that confronts the farmers of Texas. Each of the Substations are studying the problems peculiar to their own region. The main work of the Beaumont Station is rice production; Sonora, is cattle and sheep; Troupe is general farming and truck crops; Nacogdoches, tobacco; Denton, Cotton, Corn, Wheat and oats; Wichita Falls, irrigation; etc. on down the line.

The Spur Station was established by an act of the Legislature in 1909 and was to study the agriculture of Central West Texas or that vast territory below the Cap Rock ex-

Making History at Experiment Station



R. E. Dickson

tending eastward to the Cross Timbers. In 1911 feeding and breeding investigations with livestock were added to the field of the Station and for the past 11 years a systematic study has been made of the breeds of livestock and the relative feeding values of the feed crops produced in Western Texas.

The Experiment Stations are the only institutions in existence which have for their one purpose the study of agricultural problems. It was through the work of the Experiment Stations that milo, kafir and feterita were found in the semi arid sections of Africa and introduced into the semi-arid sections of America. Only



View of the Homes at the Spur Experiment Station



Pen of calves fed on grain sorghum. Lower left an exceptionally good calf fed on milo. A champion pen of Southdown wethers fed at the Spur Experiment Station.

a very few of our truck crops, fruits, field crops and other things which we enjoy and which have become necessities are indigenous to the region in which they are grown. They were found in other countries and no other continents by agricultural explorers, planted and tested on the Experiment Stations and later given to the public. Where thousands of

these crops are tested on a few are found to be valuable and worthy of distribution, the rest go into the junk heap. The introduction of new crops is only the starting point. After these crops have been found in place in the agriculture of a region the big tedious task of improving is at once started. It was through this method of breeding and selecting that

dwarf milo was developed from the crude old forms; and the Spur Feterita and the Dwarf feterita was developed from the introduced strains which met with so much disapproval 15 years ago.

The demands on the Spur Stations, by farmers, ranchmen, and agricultural interest in general for reliable information and improved crops has

increased many times faster than the agriculture of North West Texas. The scope of the Station's work has increased from a local nature in 1911 to a continuous service to a large portion of the best agricultural and livestock sections of Texas.

Among the outstanding services rendered by the Stations are:

1. A comprehensive study of the feeding value of the grain sorghums. A few years ago the grain sorghums were not quoted on the grain markets except as a make shift feed on the farms where they were grown. On January 27, 1925 corn and the grain sorghums of the same grade were selling at exactly the same price per 100 pounds on the Kansas City market. For a period of practically two years, ending some time during the summer of 1923, the grain sorghums brought a premium over corn at the primary grain markets. The largest feeders in the Southwest are paying premiums, when necessary, for the grain sorghums for fattening cattle and sheep. The grain sorghums have increased in rank among Texas Crops from zero to 3rd place, being exceeded only by cotton and corn. The Spur Station has been a fore-runner in studying the production, handling and feeding of the grain sorghums.

2. The Spur Station has developed and distributed two new and distinct types of grain sorghums which are being well received by the farmers of Texas. These two sorghums have extended the grain sorghum belt into the dryer sections of the west and into the edge infested sections on the east as well as increasing the yield in the heart of the sorghum belt.

3. The Spur Station has developed a superior strain of cotton and has made improvements on the dwarf yellow milo. As soon as these crops have been increased in sufficient quantities they will be turned over to the farmers of this section of the State.

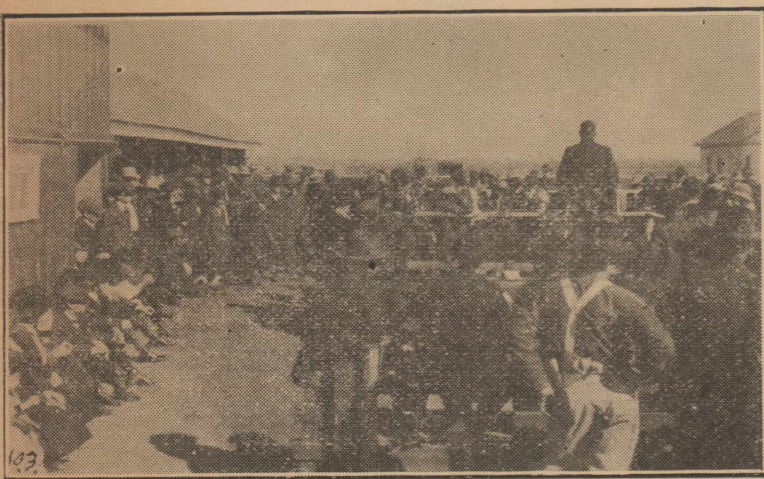
4. The Spur Station, being located in a new agricultural section, had for its first problem the finding of crop varieties suited to the conditions that prevailed. In finding the few that were especially suited, hundreds were found that were not at all adapted and the Station has protested vigorously against the introduction of these crops into Western Texas.

5. A careful study is being made of soil moisture and fertility conservation and the Station will be ready with an abundance of information when the farmers of this section feel the necessity of building their depleted soils and increasing the moisture holding capacity of their soils and sub-soils.

6. The Spur Substation has the (Continued on page 2 this section)



A pen of baby beeves bred by Jones and Elliott and fattened at the Experiment Station on grain sorghum. These calves made equally as good and economical gain on milo heads as another pen made on corn.



Annual meetings of farmers, County Agents and other Agricultural workers are held annually at the Spur Experiment Station at which time the results of experiments are made public.



The old standard milo on the left and dwarf milo on the right. Improvements of this kind in field crops has been worth millions to West Texas farmers in labor saving as dwarf varieties of grain sorghums are much easier and quicker harvested than tall varieties.



"Jimmie" Grand Champion wether at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show and Exposition was bred and fed at the Spur Experiment Station. This is probably one of the best sheep that ever entered a show ring in Texas.



Tree nursery work at the Spur Experiment Station.



Loading bright pea green alfalfa hay onto a three ton wagon. There is a large acreage in Dickens County that is well suited to alfalfa. Good alfalfa land is considered very valuable property and there is room in Dickens County for thousands of acres.



Sudan grass one of the best and most popular pasture grasses which was introduced and distributed through the Texas Experiment Station.

SPUR EXPERIMENT STATION HAS CONTRIBUTED MUCH TO FARMING INDUSTRY OF TEX.

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distinction of being the only substation in the State that is conducting a line of investigations with field crops and livestock. Due to Spur being located in a section of the State where feed crops grow abundantly, and where feeder cattle, sheep and hogs are grown and shipped to northern feed lots in great numbers and where the climate conditions are particularly ideal, all that have made a study of the question agree that this is the logical section of the State in which to conduct feeding experiments.

7. No provision has ever been made by the Legislature for experimental feeding of cattle in Western Texas. The Spur Station, however, has conducted three cattle feeding experiments which have created a great deal of interest in all sections of Western Texas and has offered encouragement to the "Cow men." One rancher expressed it "The information secured on the feeding value of the Grain sorghums is the basis of the future livestock farming of this section." These three feeding tests have been made possible by local ranchmen and bankers who have placed at the disposal of the Station cattle and funds for conducting the experiments.

8. The Station has a great number of secondary projects which have a direct bearing on agriculture of Texas. In the list of secondary projects are, horticulture, vegetable gardening, forestry, bees, poultry, flower gardens etc.

9. The Station officials have used the best of business judgement in developing the Spur Station. The buildings erected have been inexpensive but substantial. The farm and farmstead have been developed along modern and improved lines. The Spur Station with its livestock, implements and improvements will invoice and sell for as much as it has been appropriated for the Station since it was established in 1909.

AVERAGE RAINFALL FOR 14 YEARS

January	2.1
February	5.1
March	1.04
April	2.29

May	3.03
June	2.51
July	1.48
August	2.32
September	2.83
October	2.85
November	.86
December	.76
	20.69

Practically every farmer plants feed early so as to be able to harvest it before the cotton crop opens. In doing this it is more difficult to control the weed growth in the feed and it starts heading in July. Referring to the above rainfall table it will be noted that July is a dry month and that it is at a very critical period in the development of the feed crop. Feed planted in June will start heading the latter part of August to September and will mature under much more favorable conditions. It would undoubtedly be a good policy to plant some feed before planting cotton and the rest of the feed crop after cotton planting has been finished.

THE EXPERIMENT STATION ADVOCATES

- The growth of cotton as a money crop.
- The growing of more feed and feeding of cattle, Sheep and Hogs for the market when cotton farming becomes less profitable.
- Caution against over cropping.
- Clean cultivation of all crops.
- Moisture conservation by every method known. The chief of which are terracing. Good preparation of the land and clean cultivation.
- The planting of the best tested variety of field crops. They are: Dwarf Yellow Milo, Red Top Cane, Mebane Cotton, Sudan Pasture and Feterita for bundle feed or late crop.
- Growing Alfalfa on soils which are adapted to its needs.
- Planting of some early feed and some later in the year.
- Planting winter pasture crops after heavy summer or fall rains.
- Conerving soil fertility by turning under crop residues? Returning all farm manure to the soil, preventing of blowing and washing and crop rotation.
- An orchard and garden on every farm.
- Supplying the table with products raised on the farm.

-Planting and cultivating trees about every home. The best are Chinese and American Elm, Salt Cedar, Hackberry, Green Ash, Black Locust, Russian Mulberry, Cotton Wood, Native Mesquite.

Spur's C. of C. Promotes Town's and Country Growth

Since its reorganization in the Spring of 1923, there has been a great many civic movements promoted by the Spur Chamber of Commerce. There was a campaign for membership in 1923, and the body grew until there were something more than 600 members in the organization. Among the first works of the organization was a big barbecue given in honor of the Boys and Girls' Clubs of Dickens County which was one of the greatest of its kind in this country.

The Chamber of Commerce now is composed of business men, both in the town and farmers in the country. (for farmers are business men, too), that are always looking for a method to make this a better town and country. There is not much to be said about the Spur Chamber of Commerce unless we should list the many accomplishments made by it. Here are a few of them:

1. They instituted a Clean-up Day to dispose of the trash and rubbish and beautify the city.
2. Prepared and submitted to the Locating Committee Spur's brief covering its advantages as a location for the Texas Technological College.
3. They employed a competent engineer to investigate and report on the present and potential water supply of Spur and vicinity.
4. They sent "Miss Spur" to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention at San Angelo in May 1923, and to Mineral Wells in 1925 to represent Spur in the "All West Texas Pageant" held at these conventions each year.
5. They instituted a community week in Spur under the direction of Captain C. S. Nusbaum.
6. They helped foster an election for the purpose of voting school bonds in the city approximating \$40,000.00
7. Helped to foster the repairs on the old school building.

We Are Interested In The Development of Dickens Co.

We Want to see People Settle This Country

We want this to be the best country in the west, and we know one way to help it to be so is to make our business the best of its kind. This we are trying to do by giving the people the best in workmanship and service, and our great line of customers prove that we are making a success.

Come to Dickens County for the best farming country —Come to Spur for the best trading point; and then come to us for the best garage and filling station service.

AUTO ACCESSORIES, TIRES AND TUBES
LADIES REST ROOM

The Sunshine Service Station

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One Block South of Spur Inn Spur, Texas

Spur Poultry Ranche

Incorporated

Our Breeding Stock Is Unexcelled

Baby Chick in Any Quality

Ready and Able to Serve West Texas

R. B. JOHNSTON, Mgr.

8. They established a tourist camp in first class condition that portion of the Fort Worth Roswell Highway in the territory adjoining Spur.
9. Agitated the question of putting
10. They secured from the State Highway Department an enrollment of \$183,200 for the improvement of State Highways in Dickens County.

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Sunshine Service Station. A Building Any City Might Boast



Spur Compress and Bonded Warehouse Recently Completed

Comfort, Convenience, And Utility
That's What Your Power and Light Service Means

Comfort

It lightens the work of Wife, Mother and Sister, through use of Home appliances

Conveniences

It is always ready when you push the Button

Come and See

Us Demonstrate the Hot Point Range and Iron at the Fair, October 7-8-9-10

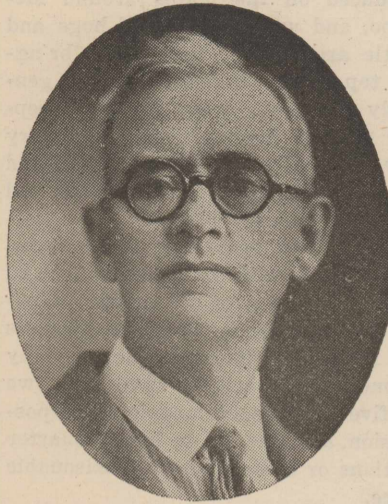
Utility

It is the most economical form of Power for the Factory

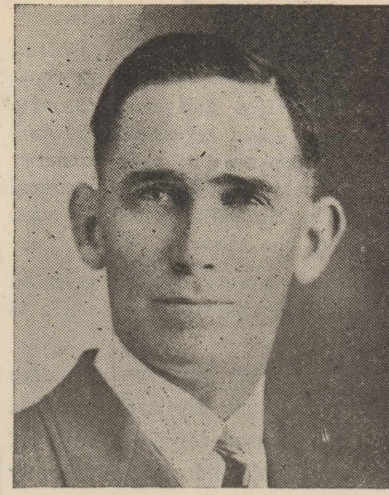
Webster defines Utility in this Sense of meaning: "Useful, Advantagous, Service."

"Your Electric Servant"
Spur Light & Power Co.

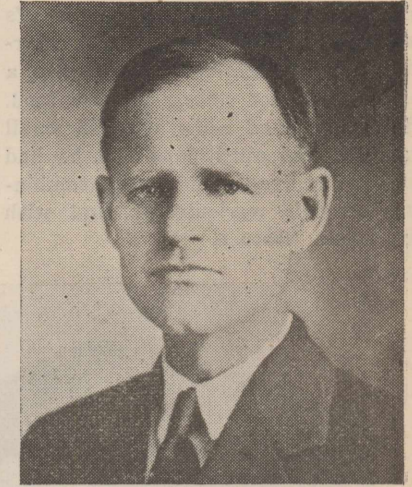
A Group of Officers Northwest Texas Fair Ass'n



Secretary, C. L. Love, Manager of the Love Dry Goods Company



President, V. C. Smart, An Official of Godfrey and Smart Sales Agency.

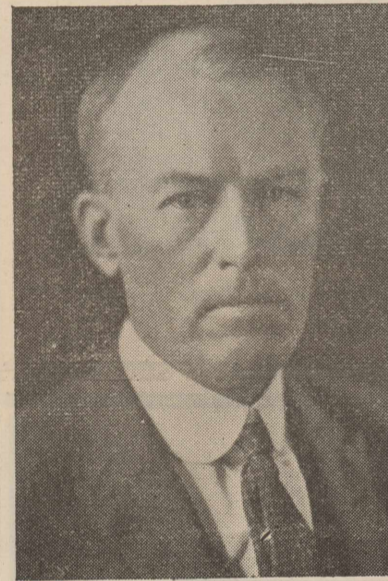


1st Vice-President, E. C. Edmonds, President City National Bank

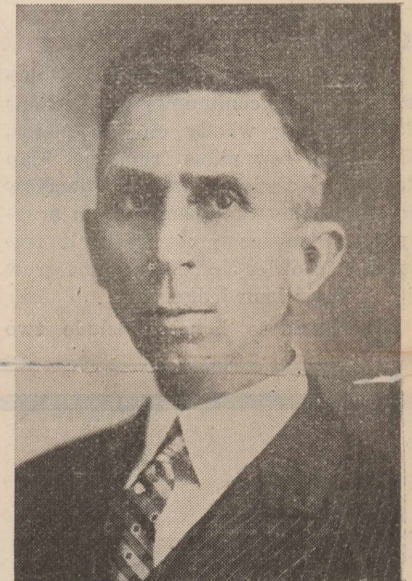


Treasurer, Faust Collier, Assistant Cashier of Spur National Bank

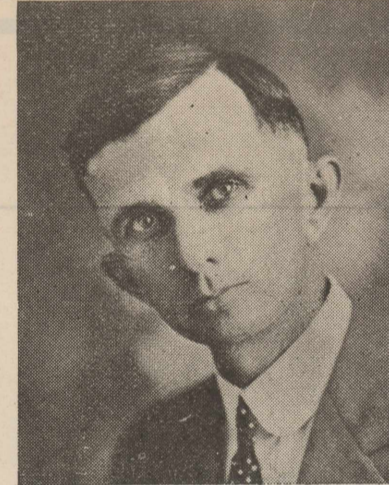
A Few of The Business Leaders of Spur



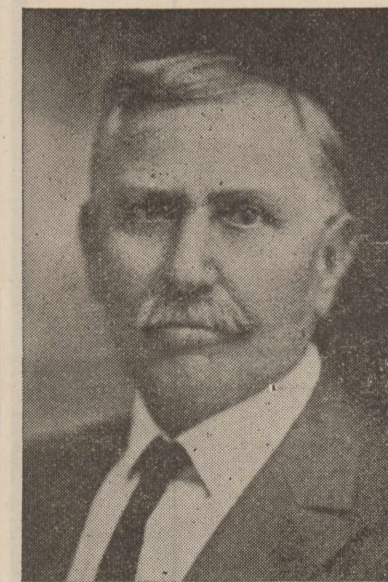
G. R. Elkins, Manager of the Red Front Drug Store.



W. B. Lee, Vice-President of the Spur National Bank



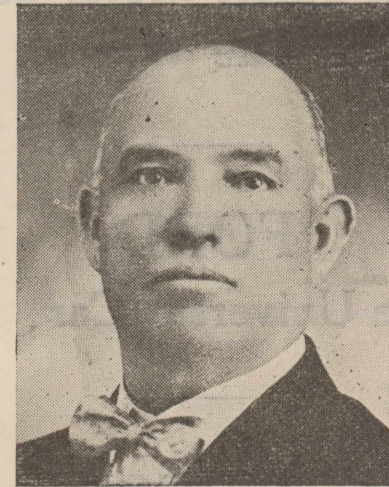
C. R. Edwards, Manager of C. E. Edwards & Company Dry Goods



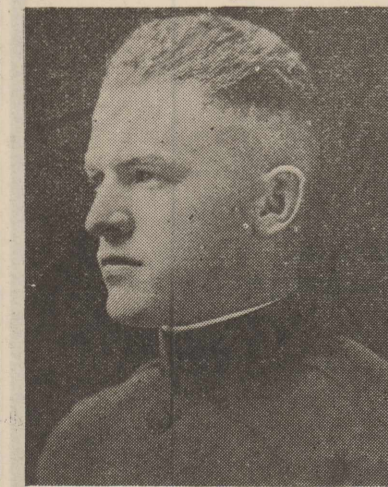
L. N. Riter, a resident of Spur since 1909, and member of the Riter Hardware Company.



Fred S. Reynolds, New County Agricultural Agent, began work Sept. 1.



Hill Perry. One of Spur's first business men and now manager of the Spur Hardware & Furniture Co.



Webber Williams, Secretary of the Spur Retail Merchants Association



Miss Kitty Powell, Assistant Cashier Spur National Bank

SPUR VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

The Spur volunteer Fire Company have served the interest of the town purely from a benevolent standpoint, and with that spirit of local pride that makes every citizen proud of them. When the fire-alarm is given

there are no slackers among the boys, but they all answer the summons as promptly as if they were receiving the greatest reward in America. In a way they do receive a reward—the reward of a satisfied conscience that results from a liberal service to humanity. The city owns a good fire truck and

several hundred feet of good hose which is under the control of the Fire Company. This is one of the best investments the city has ever made. The Fire Company with this engine and hose have saved thousands of dollars in property in the town. The saving in rate of insurance has more than paid for the engine and truck.

A Short Sketch of Dickens County Community Life

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DUNCAN FLAT—

Duncan Flat, sister community to Prairie Chapel and Afton, has the same splendid farming conditions, and nestles just at the foot of the plains, possessing, in addition to its wonderful farm land of great fertility and drought-restraint quality, a vast amount of rolling pasture land. Here are found some splendid small ranches, and much land can be had at a very reasonable price, combining splendid agricultural land with profitable pasture.

general merchandise stores, a drug store, three garages, blacksmith shop, cafe, post office and confectionary. Two gins operate day and night during the cotton season, a five-teacher High School is maintained, several trucks bringing children from a vast distance to the school.

The town boasts of two splendid churches, and the community life is very pleasing. Sparkling, clear pure water comes from a reasonable depth, this section being unsurpassed for the quality of its water. Splendid gardens, lovely

yards and bountiful orchards are made possible by the inexhaustible supply of water, although there are many years when none of these things need irrigation.

The soil is a heavy clay loam, capable of wonderful production and its level nature makes it possible for a single family, in many instances, to cultivate from two to four hundred acres.

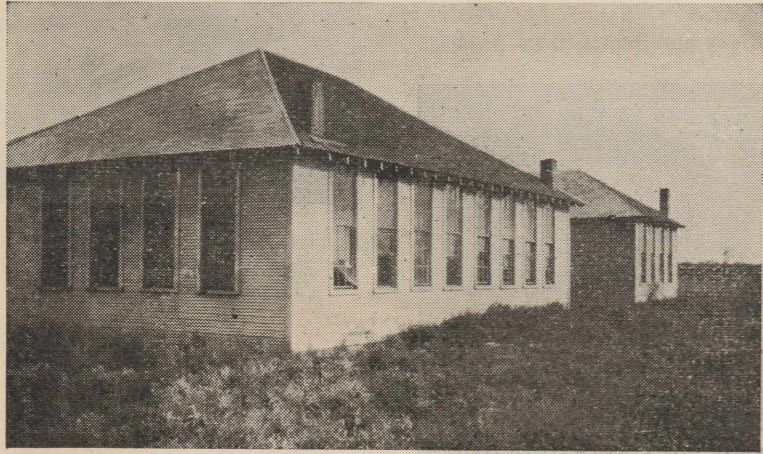
In addition to a wonderful amount of cotton and feeds, much wheat is produced on the plains around McAdoo, and vast numbers of hogs and cattle are shipped to market, bringing top prices. Diversification is generally practiced, many farmers keeping several hundred hens, and very few not possessing dairy cattle and hens enough for home use and to aid with the grocery bill.

Just a few years ago this country was dotted with buffalo herds, and now the homes of a thrifty, industrious, intelligent class of farmers dot the plains almost as thickly. Many farmers and ranchmen have from two to five sections of land in their possession, and this can be had in quarter sections or more at a very reasonable price.

MIDWAY (Postoffice, Elton)

Midway Community, located halfway between Dickens, the County Site and the town of Afton, has many advantages for the home-seeker. The soil is a sandy loam, and some of the best orchards in the whole county are found here, and the crops of grain sorghum and cotton yards and family gardens are seen at almost every farm home.

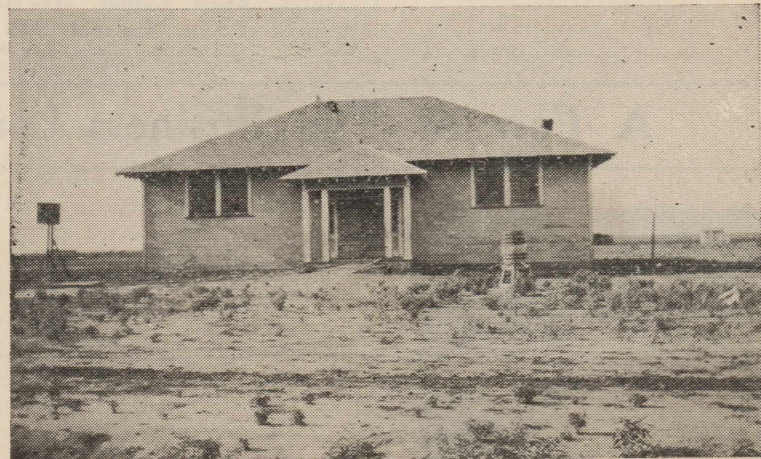
A splendid consolidated rural High School is maintained, employing the



Duncan Flat School, located in one of the best farming sections in Texas.

A good three-teacher school is maintained, religious services are held regularly, and the water in this community is unexcelled. The people are served with mail on a Rural Route passing from Afton to Roaring Springs, both of which places are within easy trading distance of the community.

yards and bountiful orchards are



McAdoo School Building, 25 miles northwest of Spur. A good School in a Good Country

McADOO—

McAdoo has the distinction of being the only community in Dickens County lying wholly on the plains. Situated a few miles from the "Cap Rock", this thriving little city is growing so rapidly that people from nearby communities must visit it frequently in order that it may not grow out of their knowledge.

The business houses include two

best of teachers, and community activities are pronounced.

Especially active in this Community is the Woman's Home Demonstration Club, under the leadership of Mrs. Lura Hollingsworth, Dickens County Home Demonstration Agent. This club has done much for the community sponsoring the exhibits at the County Fair, providing activities for the young people, and studying ways and means of improving the farm home and providing better supplies of canned fruits and vegetables for the family.

Church activities are pronounced, the little village boasting of two churches, and a number of different denominations holding services in them. A post office has recently been established, under the name of Elton, Texas. A good general store carries a complete line of hardware and general merchandise, and it is hoped to soon secure a gin.

DICKENS.

Dickens, the County Site, is an inland town, but few, if any, inland towns of the same size boast of as many conveniences.

The business houses include several general merchandise stores, dry-goods establishments, drug-store, confectionery, cafes, splendid hotel, theater building where the best of pictures are shown, several garages, gin and postoffice.

The town is beautifully located, nestled among a small range of hills, from which some large springs gush cold pure water in considerable volume.

One of the best High Schools in the West is maintained, with a corps of efficient teachers, and one of the best school spirits exists here that is to be found. Many of the teachers have taught continually here for several years, the Superintendent, Mr. Frank Speer, having been connected with the school for the past five years.

Mr. Speer is a Dickens County product, having been born and reared in the vicinity of Dickens. Mr. Speer is by no means an old man, but so marked has been the growth of the country that he remembers distinctly the location of the County Site at Dickens, and as a bare-footed lad, he played about the court-yard while the court-house was under construction.

As coach of athletics, Mr. Speer had his athletes to victory on several

occasions, his basket-ball boys and track teams having won District honors several times. The town of Dickens is fortunate to have Mr. Speer for a school man, and appreciates

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WELCOME TO C. R. Edwards Dry Goods Company

ONE OF THE MOST UP-TO-DATE STORES IN WEST TEXAS

We are now swinging into Fall in earnest with values such as we've never offered before.

All That's New In Fall Millinery

Every smart turn of the Mode, every desirable color, every new trimming in a word, all that's new for Fall in the Millinery is to be found in our displays.

LADIES, we are prepared to give you just that new frock you have been looking for. Our Ready-to-wear department is aglow with lovely new dresses of the latest styles.

New Fall Clothing

For the well dressed man of mature years—
For the Younger Man who is now climbing—
For the Youth of first long trousers age—

THE SHOPPING CENTER OF SPUR

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The Finest Motor Car
In The World

FORD
The Universal Car

FORDSON
—THE TRACTOR THAT MADE THE "OLD"
..... Aint What She Ust To Be"

VISIT OUR NEW BUILDING—LADIES REST Rm.
ICE WATER AND FORD SERVICE AND PARTS

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No Car meets
the Better BUICK in value
per dollar • and here's

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THE Better Buick steps far ahead of all previous standards of motor car performance.

75 Horsepower!
The Master Valve-in-Head engine now delivers 75 and more horsepower. And there is 60 and more in the Standard models.

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Three new seals for the famous Buick sealed chassis result in decidedly longer engine life, noticeably lower operating costs —an Air Cleaner—a Gasoline Filter—an Oil Filter protect the engine.

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Real sedans with Fisher Bodies. Upholstery and fittings according to Buick's luxurious standards. Real sedans ... at "coach prices."

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New beauty! The latest, smartest, most striking color and finish combinations for motor cars.

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And while Buick has raised Buick quality and performance even higher than before, it also has been able to make substantial reductions in prices.
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When Better Automobiles Are Built, Buick Will Build Them

BUICK MOTOR COMPANY, FLINT, MICH.
Division of General Motors Corporation

G. A. WELCH, Dealer

Come To Spur

The writer after many years of travel selling merchandise in ten different states, many points in Texas in the older portion, came to Spur in its early days; in fact before we had a store building within its border. I am truly glad of the move, for I believe we have the thriftiest class of farmers and townspeople I have had the pleasure of meeting in my experience.

We are sellers of merchandise of the better kind; and while we are asking your attention to our lines, we want to be of service to the prospective visitor or new comer who is interested in making a change to a land of more and better things of life.

We feel that this section presents one of the greatest diversified sections in the entire cotton raising regions of the south. Come to Spur—and come to our place of business for information, same will be gladly furnished, and we may be of some service in a way.

Love Dry Goods Co.

C. L. LOVE, Prop.

A SHORT SKETCH OF DICKENS COUNTY COMMUNITY LIFE

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The country around Dickens is very

The small but unusually productive section of country just East of Spur is known as the Wilson Draw Community, and it would be hard to find a more ideal strip of country for the man who wishes to diversify. The land

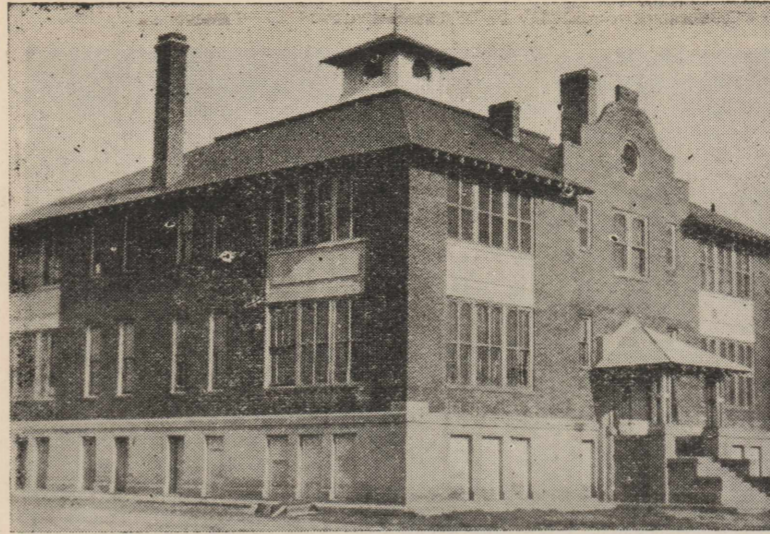
is sub-irrigated, alfalfa and sweet clover thrive, and some of the finest orchards and gardens in the West being found.

Alfalfa produces four to five tons to the acre, and the staple crops do well. A good rural school is maintained, and as the school house, which is the center of the community is only some five miles from Spur, the more advanced pupils may attend school there. Several good herds of pure-bred cattle and flocks of chickens are found.

RED MUD AND CAT FISH

A vast scope of country, much of it still virgin grazing land, but thickly settled in spots, lies to the West and South-west of Spur. This section, lying along the Red Mud and Catfish Creeks, is well served by small rural schools, among them being Red Top, Peaceful Hills, Spring Creek, and others.

Potatoes, vegetables, melons, glorious orchards and wonderful truck-crops are seen in the sandy, sub-irrigated section, while the tighter



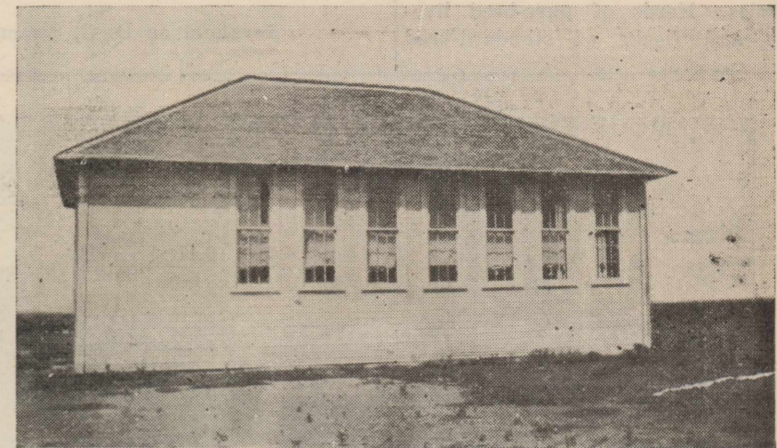
Dickens School Building, A Monument to Education

fertile, the little town drawing trade from many surrounding communities. Many old-time cow-men reside here, and the town is rapidly settling, as is also the surrounding country.

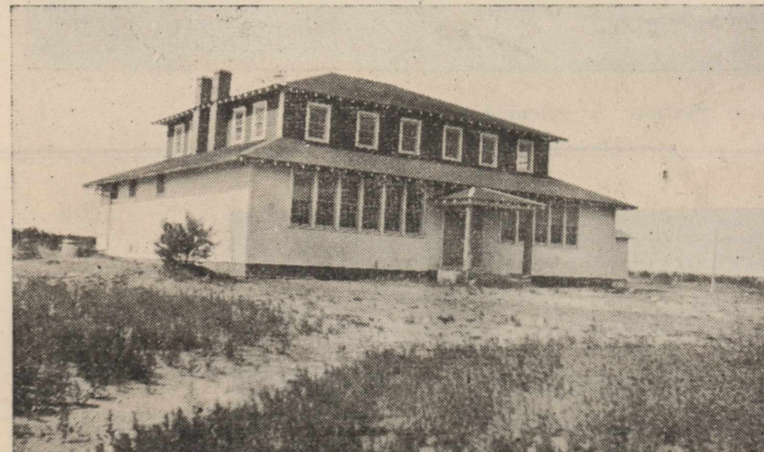
CROTAN, WICHITA AND DEER LAKE.

These three communities, recently consolidated for school purposes, are treated collectively, as the community life of the three is so closely intermingled that no one can say where the one ends and the other begins.

At Croton is found one of the best and most up-to-date High Schools to be found in any rural district in the State. Where a few years ago



Twin Wells School Building, A Great Community Educational Center



Croton School, Northeast of Dickens

Croton, Wichita and Deer Lake each supported a small and necessarily short and inefficient school, now is found an eight months school, employing five teachers, the building being modern in every respect. Additional rooms are provided for increased enrollment, and it is hoped soon that other teachers will be added, and a nine months term instituted.

Three comfortable busses, maintained by the school district, transport the children who live at a distance, a teacher boarding near the terminus of each truck-line, and seeing to the safety of the children on the drive to and from school. Not a single accident has occurred in the two years the busses have been running, and few indeed have been the days when the trucks did not run.

Church buildings are maintained, and regular services held, at each of the three community-centers, several denominations having pastors. The people of these communities are very active in community activities, and the opportunities for whole-people are unlimited.

Lying along the banks of Croton Creek, Little Croton, and Cottonwood Creek, the soil in this section is specially productive, that of Wichita Community and parts of Croton being mellow clay-loam, while the Deer Lake country and parts of the Croton section are of the deep sand variety which is well adapted to the growing of fruits, melons and vegetables. Very few people in these communities rent land, the most of them owning their homes.

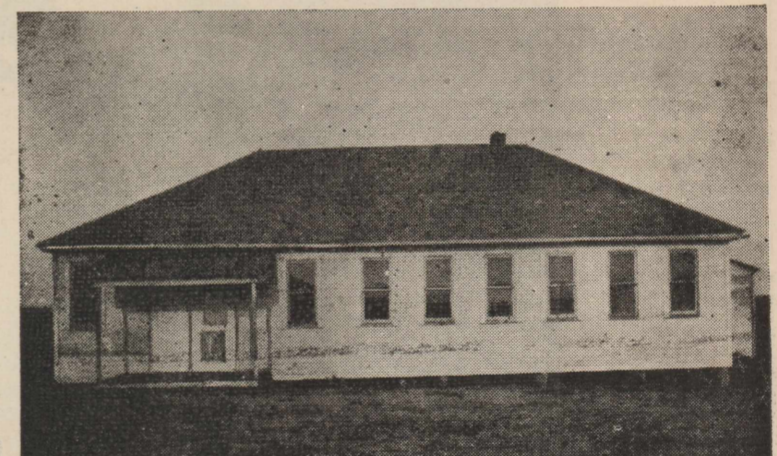
In many ways the location of this scope of country is very advantageous, the Croton School District joining the Dickens District, Dickens being the County Site, thus making this community well located with regard to the County Capital. Much land is still available for settlement, these communities embracing a goodly part of the North-east section of the county, and including parts of several large ranches, which are being opened for settlement.

TWIN WELLS.

Just South of Spur lies the Twin Wells Community, a small but active little place. A two-teacher school is maintained, and as it is only a few miles to Spur, it is convenient for the older and more advanced pupils to attend school in Spur.

The soil and products are similar to those mentioned in the above paragraphs.

WILSON DRAW.



Espuela School, located in a rich valley country

lands yield bumper crops of cotton and maize, sorghum Sudan and Kaffir.

Much land is still available for farming, and the people are of the hardy pioneer type, ideal neighbors in times of stress, and with the interest in their fellow-man which is unusual found in the some-what sparsely settled regions.

Many small churches serve the people in a religious way.

Most of the residents are stock-farmers, ranching and farming in an intelligent manner, never risking "their eggs in one basket."

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The Spur Paint And Top Shop

We Welcome You to Spur

If you come in an old car we can make it
look new. We make tops, curtains, reupholster, and heat covers

Burgeson & Lanier Proprietors

A SHORT SKETCH OF DICKENS COUNTY COMMUNITY LIFE

(Continued from p 5 this section)

SUMMARY:

The great Spur Country, offering every type of soil to the prospective farmer, with a wide variety of products, and the full assurance that every year the farming operations will show a profit, with thousands of acres yet untouched by the hand of man, what more can one ask?

With a good market for every type of produce, with trade facilities which would do credit to much larger cities, with strong and liberal banks which believe in the country and back the farmer in times of stress, and business men who are interested from an unselfish standpoint in the welfare of the farmer. Could any country offer more?

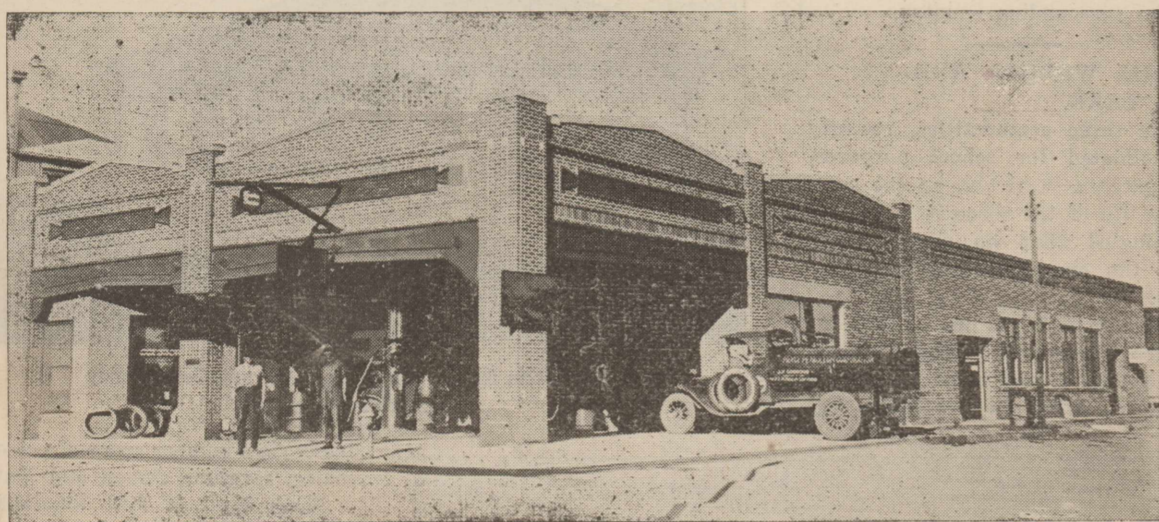
Land is comparatively cheap, and can be had on easy terms. Water is, in most localities, to be had at shallow depths and is excellent in most communities. Herds of pure-bred livestock and flocks of standard-bred

fowls make it easy for the new settlers to supply his wants in these lines, and last of all, every person in the County is interested in seeing

new settlers come among us, and will extend you a hearty welcome, and take a brotherly interest in your welfare.



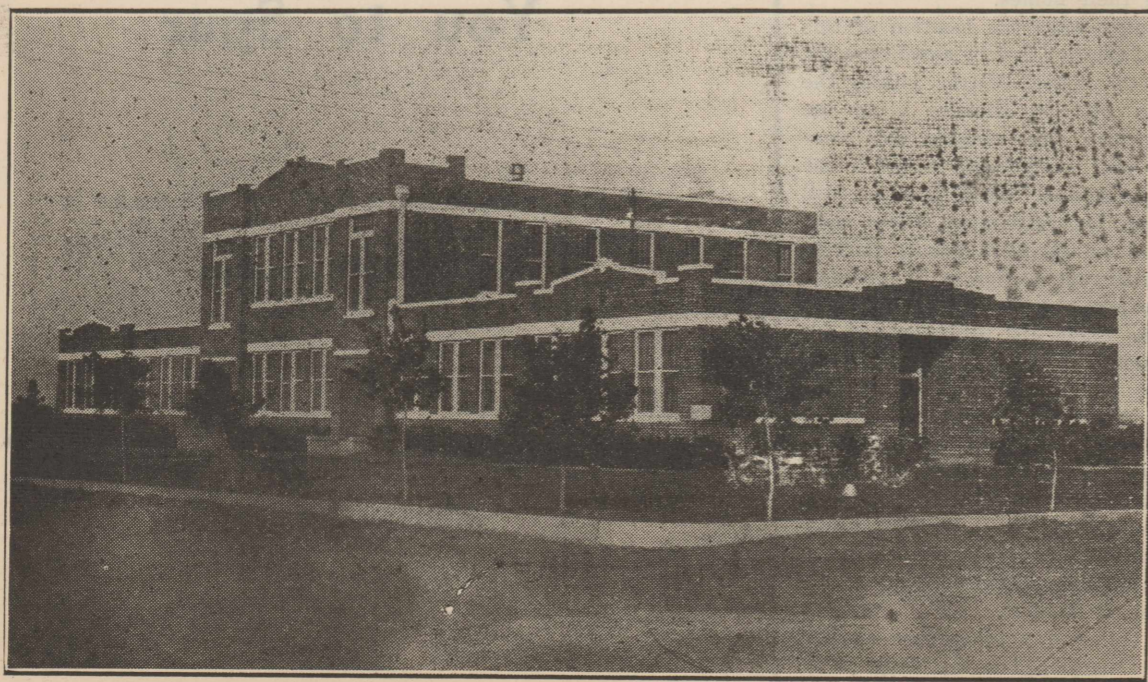
Sorghum on D. G. Simmons Farm. Duck Creek Valley



Pennant Service Station, A splendid building.



Miss Nell Higgins, teacher of Piano and Expression at Spur High School—Director of the Choir at M. E. Church.



Spur High School Building, Modern throughout.

People Are Coming to Dickens County

With the latest and best methods of farming. We are keeping pace with this advancement by having in stock the best lines of farm implements, farm machinery, wagons, etc.

The many new homes require many new things to furnish it. We have the famous Coleman Gas Stove for the kitchen and everything in cooking utensils needed in any home.

There is always found a good line of heavy and shelf Hardware in stock here.

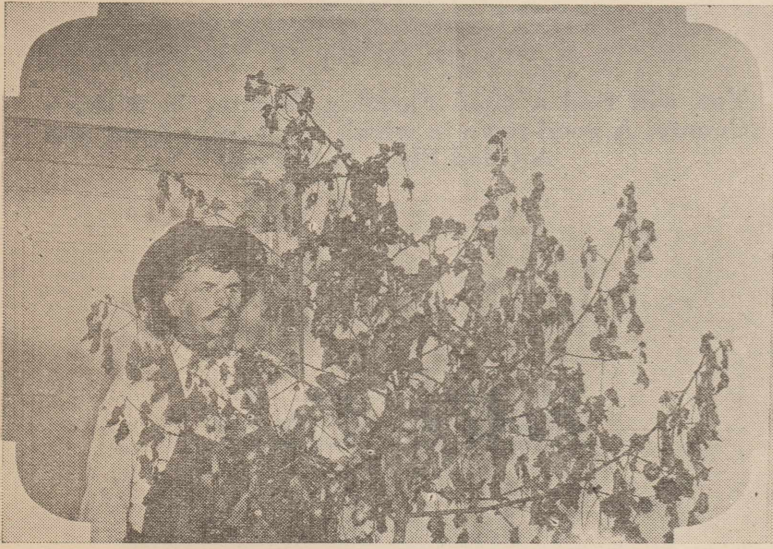
The seasons govern the farmers needs and we have what he needs at the season he needs it.

We desire to promote the success of Dickens County people by selling them the best in our line. As you come to this country, come in and let's get acquainted. You need us, and we need you.

Riter Hardware Company
THE FARMERS' SUPPLY HEADQUARTERS,
ON SPUR'S BUSIEST STREET.

The Pioneer Cattleman And Spur Farm Lands

The change of conditions on the once frontier from the old days of the buffalo and the Indian, to the present day, is full of romantic interest. It carries us through the first occupancy of the naturally fertile lands of what is now West Texas by prehistoric races, of which only vague traces remain, to the days when the Kiowa and the Comanche undisputed possession, and were hunted by the herds of buffalo, deer, antelope and abundant smaller game. Nowhere in the world have wild turkeys been more abundant than in the general country of which the great Spur Ranch later became a part; the massive cottonwoods along Duck Creek were heavy with them at roosting time.



G. Brown, showing cotton raised by him in "Paradise Valley" not "Poverty Flat"

The cattle raising era began in August, 1878, when Jim Hall brought in some 1900 head of cattle branded Spur, (-) from Refugio County; and soon thereafter he brought down from the Cimmaron, New Mexico, country, his share of the "Cross L" herd, in the division between himself and his brothers, Nathan and William. Up to that time, the theory of communication of Texas fever was unknown to the cattlemen of the coun-

try; and Hall, thorough old cattleman that he was, received the first bitter lesson. His New Mexico cattle died like sheep with the rot, the coast country cattle inoculating them. Soon thereafter, however, the tick theory was understood, conditions met, and the Spur country is now well above the quarantine.

Jeff D. Harkey came into the country with the southern cattle, with an outfit of eleven men, including the cook and the horse rustler. He is still a resident of Dickens county.

Jake Raines came down with the "Cross L" outfit; and he is to this day working with Spur cattle, having been continuously on the Spur range through all the changes of administration. It has been jocularly said that he engaged himself for life when he first entered the Spur employ, and there is a pleasant fiction that he carries the Spur brand on his left hip, and that he wears his hair

There is no more characteristic picture of the early cattle life than the line-rider trying to hold back cattle drifting South in the northers and turning into his lonely camp at night at the end of an exhausting day's work, himself half frozen, and knowing that by morning his cattle, driven in the face of the fierce wind that is tattering his tepee-tent will be miles below his line. But he has done what he could, and shivers in his blankets until morning, when his work can be resumed. It would seem that such a life would kill most men; but instead, it has developed a hardy type of man-

a "K", but his strong native intelligence, matured by years of hardship amid the exigencies of the frontier life, overbalances the want of the superficial educational graces and makes him the same dominant factor in the business life of the new West that he was under the old conditions.

When the lands of the Spur country were first surveyed, the instrument men had to keep one eye on the compass and the other on the Indians; and the inaccuracy of the first surveys was therefore excusable. The property lines have since been carefully adjusted, and they now stand



Team on Meador's Farm east of Spur where Cotton Grows rank

hood, unequalled anywhere. The Texas cattleman of the early days is now generally retired from his work with rope and spur, and you find him still hugging the frontier as nearly as its fast vanishing lines will allow with beautiful homes, in small but thriving towns, often a banker or merchant in his chosen place, near his old haunts, watching his children advance in the educational advantages which were denied him. He often has his name cut in the stone over the entrance of the best brick or stone building of the town. He does not seek the cities, or if so, soon deserts them, as he must keep in touch with his loved prairies and his old compadres of the range. Still wearing his broad-brimmed white hat, bronzed of skin, clear of eye, with muscles of steel, and rich, red blood flowing through his veins, he keeps his youth till death. He may not have originally known much but cow and may have spelled that with

firmly fixed, stamped with the approval of the Land Commissioner. The lands were originally surveyed under railroad land grants, alternate sections being reserved as school lands.

The first attempt to solidify the body was in the early eighties, by Britton & Lomax, who bought the Spur brand and range claim from Stephens & Harris, who had purchased from Hall in 1882. They purchased the railroad lands, and so far as was possible, the intervening alternate sections, from settlers who had taken up school lands. They organized the Espuela Land & Cattle Co., Espuela being the Spanish word for Spur. They sold, retaining an interest, to a Scotch syndicate, who added the word "Limited" to the title. Of this company, Lomax became the first manager.

He selected the beautiful Spur Ranch headquarters about 1883. The (Continued on next page)



View of the Spur Inn

WEARTEX HOSE

FOR EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY

NO BETTER
FOR WEAR

We Handle Everything

Cash Variety Store

J. T. McCulloch

Spur

Texas

Welcome Fair Visitors

SPUR IS YOUR TOWN; MAKE OUR STORE YOUR STORE. DO NOT HESITATE TO CALL ON US FOR ANY ASSISTANCE OF INFORMATION. WHENEVER YOU ARE IN OUR STORE DO NOT FEEL OBLIGATED. WE ARE ALWAYS GLAD TO SHOW YOU AROUND EVEN AFTER YOU MAKE A PURCHASE, SHOULD YOU LATER DECIDE YOU CAN NOT USE THAT PARTICULAR ARTICLE, BRING IT BACK TO US AND WE WILL REFUND YOUR MONEY.

Our Store Is Chuck Full of New Merchandise

**We handle: Miller Bros. Inc. Hats For Men, Kirchbaum Clothes For Men
Pictorial Review Patterns. Also several lines of Exclusive
Ladies' Read-to-Wear, Purchased in Eastern Markets**

When it comes to Staples, Blankets, Underwear, Sweaters, Men's Work Clothing, Gingham, Domestic, etc. Our prices are uncomparable, not even out of the Catalogs. Why order? Do your business in Spur, Come to us with your Dry Goods Troubles, We will help you solve them.

SALEM'S

THE PIONEER CATTLEMEN AND SPUR FARM LANDS

springs and natural beauty of the surroundings mark these headquarters as among the most beautiful in the cattle world.

W. C. Dockum was the first independent settler in this country. He established a sheep ranch near Dockum Springs, on the creek of the same name, having a store and acting as Postmaster. The mail came in from Fort Griffin "every once in a while." Later, a stage was run with more or less regularity, from Colorado City.

Mr. Fred Horsbrugh became manager about 1888 and pursued a far-sighted policy of additional land purchases.

In 1906, the unusual quality and extent of good farming land in a pasture which had heretofore been considered only from a cattle standpoint, came under the observation of S. M. Swenson & Sons of New York; and negotiations were commenced for themselves and associates, which ended in their taking possession on February 20th, 1907. This put them in possession of 673 square miles of land, in Dickens, Kent, Garza and Crosby counties, a large percentage of which is conceded to be the best all-purpose farming land in West Texas.

These lands are not on the plains; and they are peculiarly adapted to cotton growing. The boll weevil does not exist here; it cannot propagate. This removes the greatest cause of fear from the mind of the cotton farmer. The crop has never failed; and it has been tested for the last twenty years. Further, the upper Brazos country grows an especially long staple, increasing the price per pound. Instances are authenticated where 1 1-4 to 1 1-2 bales per acre have been raised about here, in measured acres, while the acreage planted in the last ten years has averaged a yield annually of over half a bale to the acre.

There is no better hog country anywhere. Cholera is unknown. Hogs can be brought to a weighty maturity cheaply.

The present high prices of cotton and hogs are a mighty incentive to bring farmers to a country where either can be reliably and cheaply produced. However, there is no necessity for restriction, as a wide range of products can be grown. On lands adapted to them, Indian corn, alfalfa, kaffir corn, maize, wheat, oats, sorghum, peanuts and potatoes thrive abundantly. Excellent fruits and vegetables have always been grown by the early settlers. Poultry for market is an attractive business.

S. M. Swenson & Sons brought this largely undeveloped country to the attention of the Colorado & Southern Railway officials, with the result that the Wichita Valley was extended practically to the center of the Spur farm lands, terminating at Spur.

S. M. Swenson & Sons were the first among the great land owners who sold their cattle and placed their lands on the market, thereby opening the way for the many people to find homes here. The sale of their lands began in 1908, the first purchaser being L. M. Hamilton, of Anaheim, California, who became the owner of a tract August 17 of that year. There were a few other sales that year and the early part of 1909. The greater part of the sales really began with the opening November 1st, 1909.

The sale of these lands and the information given concerning them by the Swensons was not a mere theory. There were a number of people who had scattered sections of school lands all through these pastures. They devoted some time to agriculture and the great crops they raised was startling even to the great ranchmen. The people who were in possession of the Spur Farm Lands saw that it was a great opportunity for opening a new country to a great industry. They said if these farmers can raise these great crops, others coming into the country can do the same thing. Their lands went on the market in that great benevolent spirit of prosperity that has so characterized the Swensons.

The people came and are still coming, and today there are no happier people than those who purchased homes from the Spur Farm Lands. They have prospered, made money and paid out their homes. Today approximately eighty per cent of all claims are paid in full. A large number of farms were paid out from the earnings of one and two crops.

The Swenson people are offering very liberal terms on these lands. It has not been their purpose to sell lands under high pressure advertisement and recommendations, neither do they agree to sell you land without some consideration. As a result of their methods, they have secured a practically permanent population that has made a success and are satisfied with their purchases. One must have a small amount of means with which to start, and then they see that he

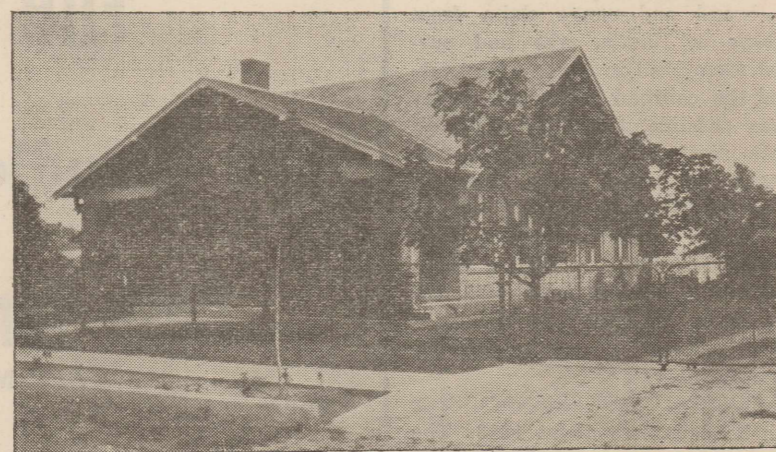
gets through all right if he proves worthy.

There is yet more than 200,000 acres of these fine lands to be sold to settlers. There is practically every variety of good soils found on these lands. These are among the best class of soils found anywhere in the West. Duck Creek and Dockum Creek valleys are as productive as any in the state under reasonable conditions. In fact, there never has been a failure in this country since the opening sixteen years ago.

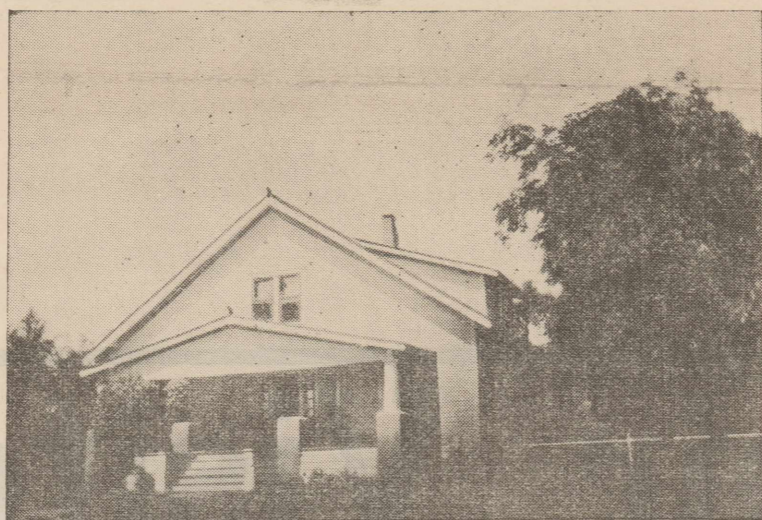
These lands can be bought by paying one-fifth of the purchase price down. The remainder can be paid in six equal annual payments, which are secured by vendor lien notes bearing eight percent interest.



W. R. Stafford, An old Pioneer Settler



C. L. Love Home



Mrs. Sam H. Kelsey Home on Hill Street

However, all or any part more than one fifth of the purchase price may be paid when the land is bought if the purchaser so desires. Information regarding these lands can be secured by writing Mr. Clifford B. Jones.

There are no boll worms in this country, and farm crops are damaged but very little if any from other farm pests. There have never been any appreciable damages incurred in this manner.

Any one desiring to come to this country will do well to investigate conditions before they buy property here. The country will bear investigation both to the delight of the people here and those making such investigation.

SPUR'S BAND

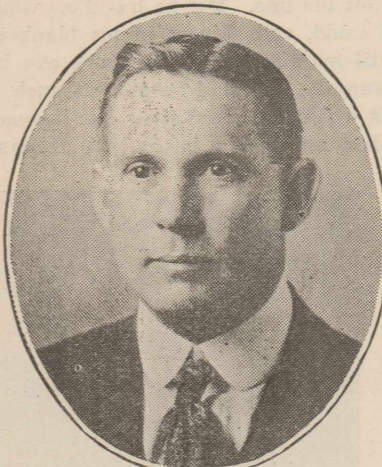
This is one of the best organizations of the town. Starting less than eight months ago with only eight members and the director. It has grown until it now has more than twenty. The Spur Band has been giving concerts on the streets for many months, and time and again it has been asked to play special occasions in other places.

C. B. Cook had the dream of organizing this Band and was its first business manager. The director is J. B. Walkerton.

Get in the Road that leads to Spur. Great times here, October 7-8-9-10

THE EDITOR'S COMMENT

The Editor of the Times and his good wife are grateful indeed to the people of the town of Spur, and of Dickens and Kent Counties for their encouragement. In 1924 he came to Spur and began publishing the Dickens County Times. There has been no



W. D. Starcher, Editor

country paper that has enjoyed more pleasant environment than the Times has enjoyed since it was started one year ago. The publication was



Mrs. W. D. Starcher, Business Mgr. started with 235 paid subscriptions. There has not been a campaign instituted nor has there been an agent in the field to solicit, yet the list has grown more than 1000 since the publication began.

The editor's wife is the solicitor and business manager. It has been through her untiring efforts largely that the people of Spur and Dickens County, business has the prosperity that it has. She resigned her position with

the First State Bank at Roaring Springs and became associated with the business February 1, of this year.

She is responsible to some extent for the scheme and plan of this special edition of the Times. Working in conjunction with her husband she has been faithful in the collection of the material and subject matter for it, as well as for the business it contains.

To say they are grateful to the people of Spur and Dickens County, would be expressing their feelings in mild terms. They know they are

working with the greatest people in the west for they have proved them out.

They trust this issue of the Times will be instrumental in inducing people from elsewhere to come to the greatest country in the west. If you come, you will be glad, and this editor and his wife will be glad to welcome you.

Fair Dates 7-8-9-10

WHEN WEST TEXAS PEOPLE COME TO TOWN
THEY ENJOY DINNER AT

The Bell's Cafe

Just west of Spur National Bank

When New People Come, Our friends tell them about us, and they enjoy Dinner, Too.

You will find a good Farming Country in Dickens County, A good town in which to trade at Spur, and A Good Place to Eat at

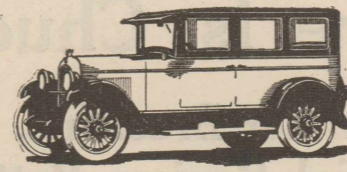
Bell's Cafe

Chrysler Record

Speed: 1000 Miles in 786 Minutes

PRODUCTION OF CHRYSLER QUALITY CARS, THE SIX AND THE FOUR IS NOW PROCEEDING AT THE AMAZING TOTAL OF 800 PER DAY.

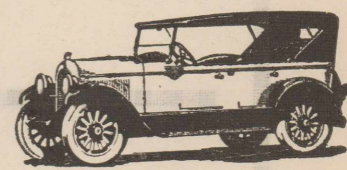
Phaeton Six



\$1395

Eager America forced the Chrysler Six to achieve by far the greatest sales success ever recorded by a motor car company in its first year. Over fifty million dollars is the sum the public enthusiastically paid last year for Chrysler cars, and the demand was never satisfied.

Touring



\$895

No other four but the Chrysler Four gives such a smooth flow of power, such sustained speed, such lightning pick-up and almost incredible fuel economy. This is the result of the same fine engineering which produced the phenomenal Chrysler Six.

COME IN—WE ARE EAGER TO DEMONSTRATE TO YOU THE BEST CAR ON THE MARKET

E. L. CARAWAY, Dealer

SPUR,

TEXAS

You Can Rely

On Our Prescription Department

We use only standardized ingredients and every prescription is filled by registered men only.

Our Sundry Department

Is Complete, your ever want can be filled at any time.

Our Soda Fountain

Will please you. Competent and Courteous men on daily.

We also have Jewelry—Art Glasses—Silverware—Kodaks and Edisons.

Red Front Drug Store

A Brief History of The Town of Spur

The location of the town was secured largely through the influence of Mr. Chas. A. Jones, who at that time was manager of the Swenson interests here. In this he had to appeal to higher railroad officials and was able to carry his point even though it was not in harmony with the civil engineer who was supposed to survey out the plat. The present location just shows his far-sightedness in the matter and places the town in an ideal location.

The opening of the town was on November 1, 1909, and more than 400 lots were sold that day. These lots were sold to persons desiring to get a foot-hold in this great country, for business development and for homes. The rapidity of growth was great, and within a few days in a wild prairie country a city was built.

The election for the incorporation of the town was held February 4th., 1911. The returns were approved by the County Judge February 7th., 1911, and the town was duly authorized to organize its own government. A commission form of government was instituted and has been in force ever since. Geo. S. Link was the first Mayor of the town. The first commissioners were W. G. Sherrod and E. C. Edmonds. The following were the other officers: Secretary and City Recorder, Oscar Jackson; Marshall and Tax Collector, J. N. Neely; City Health Officer, Dr. J. E. Morris.

The first water works bonds were voted June 1st., 1913, under the administration of the above named officers. Spur started off progressively and has not slackened its pace.

In the April election in 1915 F. W. Jennings was elected Mayor and took charge of the town affairs, Mr. Link having served for four years. The Commissioners were T. A. Tidwell and Clifford B. Jones. Oscar Jackson continued as City Secretary and assumed the duties of Tax Assessor and collector. G. L. Barber became City Marshall. About this time B. D. Glasgow was appointed City Attorney and was the first man to officially fill that office.

During the administration of these officers there was a great deal of street improvement made.

In the April election of 1917 there was a change in the City Officials, the old officers not desiring to serve longer. Clifford B. Jones was elected Mayor, and W. F. Godfrey and Geo. S. Link were the Commissioners. E. J. Cowan became City Secretary and still retains that office, being the second person to hold it. B. E. Morgan became City Marshall. He resigned the office in 1918 and L. N. Stevens was invested with the duties.

During the administration of these officers there was another bond issue to extend the city water works. There was many other improvements for the town during these years. Records show that J. I. Mecom became Water Superintendent, probably the first officer of that kind for the town. M. E. Manning was invested with the duties of City Treasurer also.

In 1918 Mr. Jones offered his resignation as Mayor to the City Commission. His personal business required too much of his time and he was not able to serve the town as he felt it should be served on account of his other duties. W. D. Wilson was appointed to fill out the unexpired term and assumed the duties July 30th. of that year. In 1920 Mr. Wilson resigned the office and E. C. Edmonds assumed the duties June 28th of that year, faithfully executing the duties the remainder of the term.

In the election in April 1921 Sam T. Clemmons was elected Mayor; J. B. Richbourg and Ned Hogan, Commissioners. L. N. Stevens was Water Superintendent and City Marshall. W. T. Andrews, Jr., was treasurer and J. E. Norris became City Health Officer again after Dr. Grace had cared for the duties of that office for some time.

June 23, 1923, the town suffered a great sadness by the death of its Mayor, Sam T. Clemmons. He was an efficient officer and was loved by Spur people.

John L. King was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of the deceased Mayor, and is now the present Mayor. He was elected in April of this year to serve his first term by election. G. H. Snider and G. R. Elkins are the new City Commissioners.

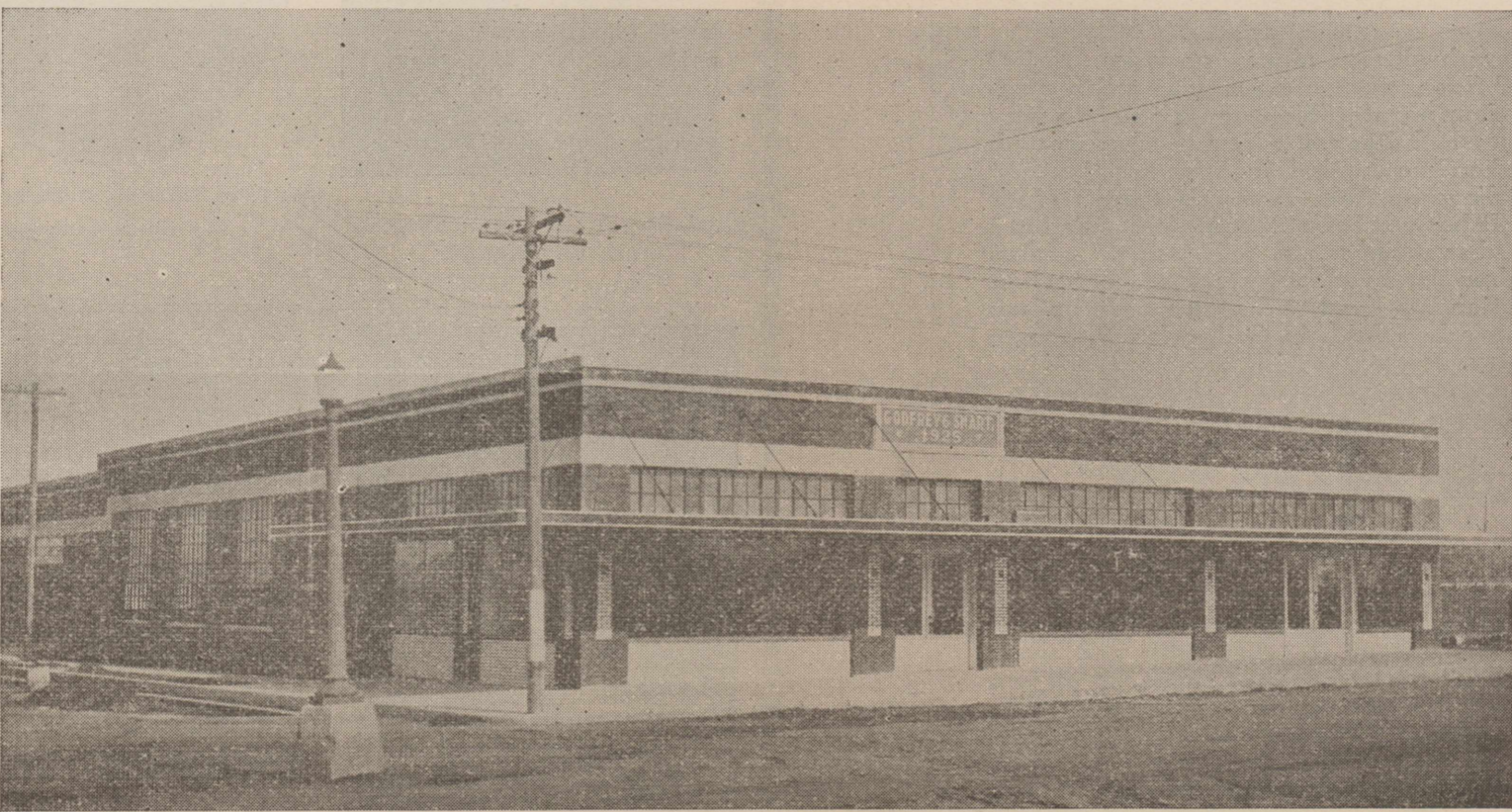
In December of last year the city voted \$33,000 in bonds for a sewer system, and \$25,000 addition in bonds to extend the city water system. There is no part of the city but what has access to both city water and sewer service. There are several miles of line in each of these, and marks one of the greatest steps in progress the city has made.

From all of the above improvements

many people might think that city rate has been about 70c. By installment has forced the Commissioners to year and very probably it will not be taxes are unreasonable but such is ing the sewer system and making raise the taxes a little for this year, long until taxes will be back to the not the case. Until this year the the improvements on the water sys- but they will be lowered again next old rate.



Interior view of the "M" Grocery Store on Harris Street



The New Home of Godfrey & Smart, on Burlington Ave., Ford Dealers



The New Home of THE TRI-COUNTY LUMBER CO.

BELIEVING IN THE FUTURE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTRY, WE HAVE BUILT SO AS TO ENABLE US TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PRESENT AND FUTURE NEEDS.

"EVERYTHING TO BUILD ANYTHING"

Lumber—Shingles—Sheet Rock—Builders Hardware—Brick—Lime—Cement—Barbwire—Posts and

"NIGGER HEAD COAL"

Tri-County Lumber Co.

PHONE 11

One officer has had much to do with keeping taxes equalized and he is our present City Tax Assessor and Collector, G. B. Joplin. He was appointed to the office in 1923 and has held it ever since. He has been diligent in securing a rendition of all property for taxes. Then, through his courtesy he has been very successful in securing payment of the taxes.

Spur has an excellent light plant and ice plant. The light plant was first established by J. E. Johnson in connection with his gin business, and was run with a 25 H. P. engine. Stovall and Grogan bought the plant from Johnson and installed a 75 H. P. engine. In 1923 M. A. and R. E. Lea bought Grogan's interest in the plant and in August of that year installed a 100 H. P. engine as additional power. In May of 1925 the company installed a new 200 H. P. Fairbank-Morris engine to serve the city. They have retained their 100 H. P. engine and feel that they will need all their power for the business this winter.

The ice plant was established about one year ago, and was adequate at that time to take care of the needs of the town. However, this plant will have to be more than doubled in capacity to take care of the demands by another year. Arrangements are being made for 12 ton addition to be installed before Spring.

The Spur Compress & Warehouse is another industry just added to the town. The plant is now ready to take care of this year's business, and is owned and managed by T. P. McGraw who is experienced in that line.

Spur has a nice little laundry which is growing. In this industry there is a great future, and before long this plant will have to be enlarged to care for the business.

SPUR'S C. OF C. PROMOTES TOWNS AND COUNTY GROWTH

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and the building of a new bridge across Duck Creek west of the town of Dickens.

11. They secured the re-routing of State Highway No. 4 to pass through Spur.

12. They paid one-tenth of the amount necessary to make a permanent repair to the bridge across Salt Fork in Stonewall County.

13. They assisted the County Demonstrator with the expense of sending Dickens County Club Girls who made the best home records to the A. & M. College to the short course in Home Demonstration Work.

14. They have sent a number of exhibits from Dickens County to the State Fair at Dallas which secured the county a great name.

15. They paid for the erection of eight street lights on Burlington Avenue in the town of Spur.

16. They assisted the Denver Railroad and the A. & M. College in conducting a Poultry School in Spur.

17. To some extent they were influential in getting S. M. Swenson & Sons to rebuild the Spur Inn after its destruction by fire in 1923.

18. They sent a Dutches and Maid of Honor to represent Spur at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention at Brownwood in 1924.

19. They instituted a Feeding Contest, and in conjunction with the County Agent and merchants of Spur a Club Boys' Five Acre Cotton Contest.

20. Secured an ice plant for Spur which has been invaluable to the town.

21. They were instrumental in securing two new gins in Spur.

22. They raised a relief fund for the benefit of those stricken by the storm near Spur in May 1924.

23. Secured the bakery for Spur.

24. Helped to secure the laundry in Spur.

25. They furnished the money for making temporary repairs to the bridge across Duck Creek west of Dickens.

26. Assisted Dickens and adjoining counties in securing cotton pickers last year.

27. In response to the numerous inquiries being made, they sent out information and literature regarding Spur and Dickens County.

28. In co-operation with merchants in Spur they made donations toward extending the bridge across Cat Fish twenty miles southwest of Spur, in Crosby County.

The Spur Chamber of Commerce works as unit on any problem for the betterment of the town and the county. In the past year the officers and directors, fourteen in number, have collected and judiciously expended more than \$5,300.00.

Any one anywhere desiring to know about Spur or Dickens County, will receive a prompt reply if they will write the Spur Chamber of Commerce. Any one will receive a courteous reply to their inquiries.

A Group of Officers and Directors Spur C. of C.

BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

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"An institution with a purpose," an organization with a soul principle. Distinctively a West Texas business, born over forty years ago in the then little town of Anson. At its birth, it was a small hardware store in a plank shack with a stock of five or six hundred dollars. From that small beginning, it has grown to an institution that has fifteen stores located in as many prosperous West Texas towns. Many of our employees are stockholders and all work together as one big family.

E

The Spur business, alone, occupies 20,000 square feet of floor space and employs on an average of twenty four people. We do at this store a very large business, which has come by a gradual growth since 1909 when we landed in Spur on the first train. We believe in West Texas, Dickens County and in Spur. It has not been all sunshine. We have experienced disappointments. Drouths, panics, pests, low prices for products, etc., yet through it all this institution has lived and grown. We believe because we have had faith in God, our fellow man and this country.

L

Every Country has its advantages and disadvantages. We have learned it takes faith and work combined to succeed in any line of endeavor. If you are a citizen of this county, we will appreciate a liberal share of your business. If you are a new comer, come in and get acquainted with us. You will like us if you really know us. We have lots of good competitors. We want to see them prosper too; so we do not expect to do all the business.

C

Our buying power is greater than most merchants, because of having so many stores. We do some credit as well as cash business, which gives us a large volume of business and cuts down our overhead expense, so we are in better position to give you real values than the merchant who tries to sell for cash only. We only have one price and to our friends who want extensions, we add a percent, so do not think you pay the losses of hard paying customers. This is overcome by the percent added to the charge accounts.

O

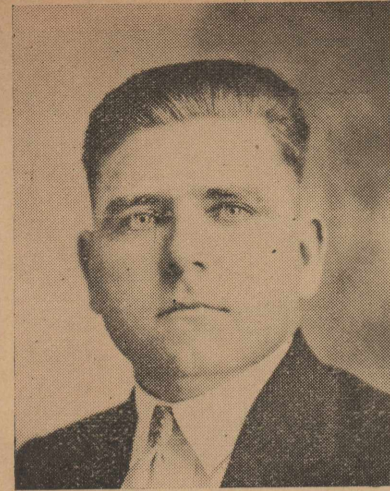
Our store is a department store, we think the best one that can be found in Texas in a town the size of Spur. Here you can find under one roof dry goods, Ladies Wear, Millinery, Gents Furnishings, Hardware, Furniture, Farm Implements, Willys Knight and Overland Cars.

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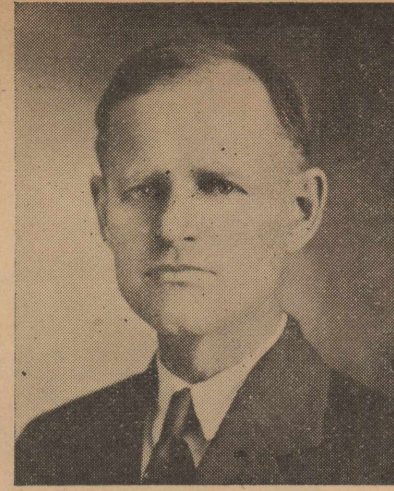
Come on with the crowd and don't forget to bring the children.

To The Fair

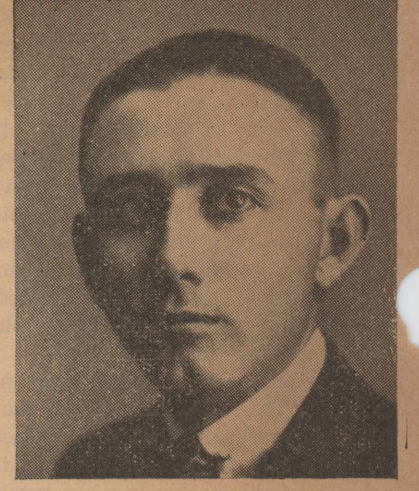
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Vice-Pres., E. C. Edmonds, President of City National Bank



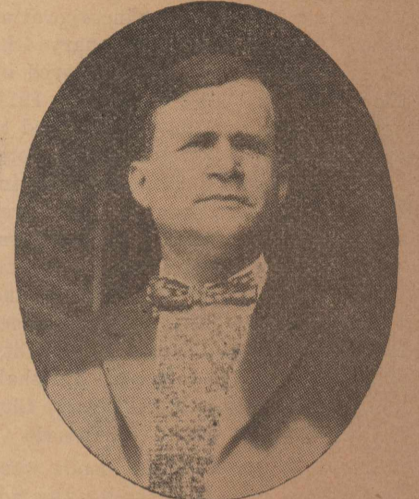
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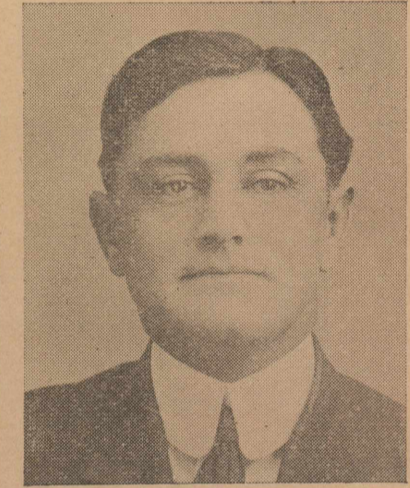
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S. H. Twaddell, Director, Manager of Spur Grocery



C. Hogan, Director, Manager of C. Hogan & Company.



W. F. Godfrey, Director, Member of Godfrey & Smart Ford Sales Agency



Geo. S. Link, Director, Manager of Bryant-Link Company



F. W. Jennings, Director, Manager of Brazelton Lumber Company

7-8-9-10
Fair Days in Spur

Huie, The Tailor

Has a welcome for all People coming to Dickens County

We can Keep you Looking nice

The Electrically Equipped Tailor Shop in Spur

Northwest Texas Fair at Spur
October 7-8-9-10

Welcome To Spur

Dress Up New While You're Here

See our New Suits, Hats, Ties and Shoes

We Shall Be Pleased to Place Our Service At Your Disposal.

Hogan & Patton

THE MAN STORE

7-8-9-10
of October
Are the Big Days
Don't fail to be here