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Spur FFA Boys Expect to Enter Contest

The Spur FFA boys are preparing now to enter the contests in crops, horticulture and poultry which will be held at Texas Technological College March 29. This will be the second division. The first division was held two weeks ago. The sweepstake winners will be decided, and Spur has a very good chance to win the sweepstake honors again this year.

At the contest held at Texas Technological College March 15, Spur team placed first in grading cream. This team was composed of Lane Ericson, Warren Cooner and Bobby Davenport.

The team on meats judging identification won third place at the meet. This team was composed of Winford Morrow, Clarence Ward and Robert Ward.

The cotton contest team won first honors in written examination of cotton production, and placed third in grading. The team was made up of Willie Smith, Glenn Hahn and T. C. Sandlin, Jr., Glenn Hahn was high point man in grading in the entire contest. The team placed sixth in all points in the contest, competing against 13 teams.

In judging of dairy cattle, Spur placed twelfth in a field of 59 teams. This is the first time Spur ever entered this contest. Morgan Blair, Troy Boothe and Buck Ballard made up the team. They were only 50 points below high point team out of a possible 1350 points.

In the district contest which was held at Spur one week before, the Spur team was low point team. However, in this area contest which was just one week later, Spur won over every team that defeated them in the district.

Stovall for Water Commissioner

Friends of Roy Stovall have announced his candidacy for the office of City Water Commissioner. Mr. Stovall is one of the big tax payers in Spur, and patronizes the City from every angle. He is at present Water Commissioner, serving his first term and has looked after the interests of the office in a fine manner. His friends feel he should be held in office another two years.

Enumerate the School Children

March is the month in which school children are enumerated. Parents should see that all children of school age are enumerated as it means about $22.50 in state funds to the county to carry on school work next year.

Any child who will be six years of age on or before September 1, 1941, and has not passed their 18th birthday before September 1, is eligible to be enumerated. A child who is 18 years of age September 2, 1941, is eligible to enumeration.

Trustees in the various school districts have authority to appoint their scholastic enumerator. Blanks for common school districts for this work can be obtained at the County Superintendent's office.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT MONDAY

The County Commissioner's Court will be in session next Monday in regular meeting. It is thought possibly that two days will be required to take care of this business at this meeting. The general routine of business will be attended to at the time.

ANNIE LEWIS—
WAS ASKED—

"Do you act toward you wife the same as you did before you were married?"

"Just the same. I remember when I first fell in love with her. would lean over the fence in front of her house and gaze at her shadow on the curtain, afraid to go in, and I act exactly the same way now."

New Machinery Co. in Business

The latest addition to Spur's business calendar is the Watson Machinery Company. This new business is owned and operated by Floy Watson and will include the sales and service of Allis-Chalmers farm tractors and farm machinery including grain combines.

The business is located at the Anglin Garage just east of the Spur Motor Company and just across the street from Musser Lumber Company. R. C. Anglin, an expert machanic in automobile and tractor work, will take care of the service department.

Mr. Watson is an experienced farmer and has been using the Allis-Chalmer tractors for several years. He became greatly sold on them because of the fine service he received from them on his farm, and for that reason he does not hesitate to recommend them to his fellow farmers.

Spur Trading Post Starts Business

Another new business in Spur is starting out this week and is to be known as Spur Trading Post. This business is located just south of the Western Auto Supply and across the street directly in front of Mrs. Smith's cafe.

The new business is owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Gilcrease who come to our town from Littlefield. They buy and sell, and if you have anything to sell, even to old clothes, they will dispose of it for you. They hold an auction every Saturday at two o'clock at which time they offer whatever collection of merchandise they may have.

If you have something to sell, see them. If you are in the market for something, you may profit by seeing them about that.

Directors Selected

The following list of citizens make up the directors for the Spur Round-Up Association. A meeting was held by the directors Tuesday night after the stockholders meeting and the directorate was completed. The list is E. S. Lee, L. E. Lee, Tye Allen, T. E. Milam, O. B. Ratliff, and A. C. Hull, added to the list of old directors—Clyde Walthall, Charlie Fox, R. L. Westerman and O. M. McGinty, making ten in all.

The directors definitely set June 20-21 as the date of the next rodeo.

Dickens County 4-H Club Boys to Stock Show in Ft. Worth

A delegate of 25 4-H Club Boys and Club Leaders will leave early next Monday morning for Fort Worth Stock Show. Reports of the trip will be in the paper next week.

March 10 has been set aside as 4-H Club day at the Stock Show according to the local County Agent, Mack Woodrum, and the boys are looking forward to the trip with much pleasure.

REV. STOKES TO PREACH AT KALGARY

Rev. A. P. Stokes, of Afton will preach a series of sermons at Watson Baptist Church at Kalgary, beginning Friday night, March 7, and continue through Sunday night, March 9.

The public is cordially invited to hear these messages.

WILL GIVE BOOK REVIEW

Mrs. Henry Gruben will give a review of the book entitled, "Random Harvest" by James Hilton, author of "Goodby Mr. Chipps," at the High School auditorium Tuesday March 18, at 7:30 o'clock in the evening. Mrs. Gruben will represent the 1917 Study Club in a series of Book Reviews sponsored by the City Federation of Women's Clubs.

The program is free, and the people have an invitation to hear this fine program. The Federation will greatly appreciate your presence.

Attention Farmers

The Farm Security Administration is preparing to extend its rehabilitation loan program to more small farmers in Dickens, Kent and King Counties, Rural Supervisor Jotha Winslar, Jr., announced today.

"These loans are made to help farmers to stay on the land and do a better job of farming," Mr. Winslar said. "Livestock and equipment, food, feed, seed and fertilizer are some of the things which are included in FSA loans in addition to general crop production.

"Any farmer, no matter whether he is a tenant or owner, is eligible for an FSA loan," he explained, "if he has a family-size farm on which he is now located or can find one, and can work out a farm plan to repay the loan over a period as long as five years." Loans are made only to farmers who cannot get the required financing from any other source.

The FSA supervisor said that this year farmers have been slower to take advantage of the FSA's loan service and that he wanted "every farmer in need of this assistance to attend an educational meeting, Tuesday, March 11 in the District Court room, Dickens, at 2:00 p. m.

Dalby Sells Freight Line

The Merchants Fast Motor Lines of Fort Worth have made a contract with Dalby Motor Freight of Lubbock for the line from Stamford to Lubbock. This deal has been made pending approval by the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington which will require some time to get through.

The Merchants are a big firm and have quite a long milage of lines east of here. Their newly acquired line will be the farthest extension into this section of the state.

The Dalby people have served Spur country in a fine way. E. M. Burchett, local representative, has made many friends for the Dalby people here, and the citizenship have a feeling of regret to see them leave our community.

Mr. Burchett will remain with the Dalby lines, but does not know where he will be located. He will be here for sometime yet.

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETS TODAY

The County Library Committee will hold a meeting in the Library Room this afternoon (Thursday) at two o'clock to take care of business about the County Library. The people are invited to attend this meeting if they desire.

Formby on Rural Aid Bill Committee

A young West Texan who used to walk nearly three miles to a three-teacher country school has been named Chairman of the highly important committee in the Texas Senate to handle $16,000,000 Rural Aid bill for 1942 and 1943. Senator Marshall Formby of McAdoo, of this senatorial district, is Chairman of the five-member sub-committee which will handle the bill in the Senate to dish out about $8,000,000 per year for the next two-year period.

Senator A. M. Aiken, Jr. of Paris also appointed on this Committee, Senators Clem Fain of Livingston, Claude Isbell of Rockwall, Vernon Lemens of Waxahachie, and R. C. Lanning of Jacksboro.

It is reported that all appropriation bills will be passed out of the Senate almost two months earlier than usual this year. The appropriations for the Judiciary already are ready for passage in the Senate.

The date has passed for introduction of bills in the 47th Legislature without special permission. The remainder of the Ssession will be taken up with consideration of the bills already introduced. More than 200 bills have been introduced in the Senate, and more than 600 bills in the House.

Revival at Church of Christ Starts Tomorrow

Evangelist C. C. Gobble

Clarence Gobbel, minister at Rotan, will do the preaching in a series of revival services at the local Church of Christ beginning tomorrow (Friday) night. Services will be conducted twice each day at ten o'clock in the morning and at eight o'clock in the evening, for a period of ten days. Mr. Gobbel is an outstanding evangelist is a noted writer, and a graduate of Abilene Christian College. You will enjoy his messages.

The song services will be in charge of local people.

The public is invited to all services and the local minister, officers of the church and the congregation will be glad to have you present.

Spur FFA Will Enter State Contest

The Spur FFA will enter the state milk contest which will be held at Fort Worth next Saturday, March 8. In this contest only one boy out of 1600 is allowed to enter. Spur's winning in the regional contest gives them an entry into this contest. The team that will represent Spur will be Lane Ericson, Bobby Davenport, Jimmie Vernon, and Glenn McDaniel.

Supt. Kelley Enjoyed NEA Meet

County Superintendent O. L. Kelley returned Saturday from Atlantic City where he spent three days at the National Education Association. He heard outstanding talks on such subjects as labor, capitol, government and education and the part that education can play in preserving the American way of life. He stated such men as Phillip Murray, president of C. I. O., Dr. Alexander Stoddard, superintendent of City Schools at Philadelphia; Carroll Reed, president of the National Educational Association; Hon. Harold E. Stasson, Governor of Minnesota; John W. Studebaker, Commissioner of Education; Congressman Byrnes, of Alabama, member of the Dies Committee; and many other distinguished speakers.

He stated he spent part of one day in New York City, and two days in Washington, D. C. where he heard the Lease-Lend Bill discussed. He said it is the opinion in Washington that the bill will become a law with just a few minor amendments. He stated that in Washington the picture in regard to war is just as dark as it can be.

Mr. Kelley has been invited to discuss features of his trip in a number of schools, and possibly other schools and organizations will etxend him invitations to speak in the near future.

Services at Upper Red Mud March 16

Rev F. A. Pope, of Anson, will preach at the Upper Red Mud church Sunday, March 16. Services will be held at eleven o'clock in the morning and at eight o'clock in the evening.

All members of the Upper Red Mud church are urged to be at these services. Other people have a cordial invitation to attend these services, and you are welcome.

—By a Member.

Clover Farm Ad On Page Two

The readers of the Times will be able to read the many bargains in groceries offered by the Clover Farm Store by turning to Page Two. The Clover Farm advertisement will be found on this page from week to week, and people can make out their grocery list by using the Times and be ready to make purchases when they get to town.

Your attention is called to their list of bargains this week.

Interscholastic League Meet Next Week

The annual meeting of the County Interscholastic League for literary events will be held Friday, March 14, and for tennis, and playground ball, Saturday, March 15. General assembly will be in the high school auditorium Friday morning at nine o'clock.

Track and field events will be held at Spur Saturday March 22, beginning about nine o'clock that morning.

One act play contest will be at McAdoo Thursday night, March 13. Mrs. George M. Archer is director of the contests.

Volley Ball events will at Patton Springs Tuesday night, March 18, M. B. Bivens will be in charge.

Choral singing will be held at Dickens Friday night, March 21. Miss Ina Bascom will be in charge.

Ribbons will be awarded for every event except choral singing, volley ball and one-act play for which trophies will be awarded.

Playground ball, music memory and picture memory winners will receive pennants.

A complete schedule of events will be published next week.

The District meet will be at Lubbock, April 4 and 5th.

May Get into Race

People continue to talk to Dr. M. H. Brannen about making the race for Mayor of Spur. There has been quite a lot of talk about him making the race, and a number of friends have approached him on the subject. He has not made up his mind yet to enter the race. However, if friends continue to talk favorably to him, he probably will consent and give his statement to the public next week.

Mother Reunited With "Dead" Son

Through efforts of the American Red Cross, a mother has been united with her son whom she thought dead 12 years.

In 1926, Ora Brewer went to live with his grandmother when his mother became Mrs. Frank Whittaker by her second marriage. In 1928 Mrs. Whittaker received information that Ora had died.

Last month Ora was in the Army, stationed at Fort McClellan, Ala. He conferred with the Red Cross field director there, asking advice on how to find his mother. The Red Cross located her in Chicago and arranged for him to take a furlough to visit her.

A Valuable Book to County

A general index to all birth records has just been completed by County Clerk Ousley. The index has been brought up to date by Mrs. Nettie Littlefield and consists of 5,118 names. There are many interesting things in regard to recording births. This new volume, and it is a large one, enables any one to look up a record in avery short time. It contains the name of the child, if named, the date of birth, the names of the parents, and shows the volume and page in which the complete record has been made.

Dave Taylor, who is in the Veterans Hospital at Amarillo, is having a rather difficult siege of sickness.

Elections of Trustees, April 5

The various school districts in the county, including independent school districts, will elect members to the boards of trustees Saturday, April 5. The law specifies trustee elections shall be on the First Saturday of April each year. Common schools in the county will elect trustees as follows:

Duck Creek, District 3, the term of I. S. Clower will expire. He, or sone one else will be elected to this place.

Red Mud, District 4, will elect a trustee to complete the board.

Dry Lake, District 7, the term of L. L. Delisle expires.

Highway, District 10, the term of Willie Smith expires.

Wichita, District 11, the term of J. L. Beechly expires.

Peaceful Hill, District 13, the term of W. B. Reid expires.

Spring Creek, District 16, will elect one member on the board. Vacancy.

Wilson Draw, District 20, will elect one member. Vacancy.

Patton Springs, District 22, the terms of V. S. Ford and D. W. Hughes expire.

Dickens, independent, the terms of T. L. Williams and Johnny Reynolds expire.

Father of Mrs. O. C. Thomas Killed

A message was received early Sunday morning by Mrs. O. C. Thomas which stated that her father, Dr. Thomas of Coolidge, had been killed in an automobile accident. It appears that Dr. Thomas was making a call about two o'clock in the morning when a collision resulted. He received injuries which caused death before he could be taken to a hospital.

The message of his death was received here about three or three-thirty o'clock Sunday morning, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas left about four o'clock for Coolidge.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at two o'clock at Mexia.

Mrs. Thomas is remaining with her people for a few days but Mr. Thomas returned Wednesday evening.

Rabbit Drive at Steel Hill Tuesday

The citizens of Steel Hill community are fostering a rabbit drive next Tuesday beginning at 8:30 o'clock in the morning. The people will assemble at the Steel Hill Church and from there will start the drive. J. E. White and Malcolm Brasher will be captains of the drive and will direct the work.

At the noon hour lunch will be spread at the home of E. W. Yeakley where everybody will enjoy a good repast .

People are invited to this drive. The hardware dealers will be there and have plenty of guns to loan and ammunition to sell.

MATTRESS PROGRAM

March 15 has been set by the County Committee as the closing date for accepting applications for mattresses under the Cotton Mattress Program. See any member of the County Committee, the County Agent's Office or the County Home Demonstration Agent and secure an application blank, or get an application blank in any manner you can and fill it out. Return this blank either to the County Agents Office of the County Home Demonstration Agent for approval.

If the application is approved you will be notified of mattress making dates.

Jerry Bell, who is a patient at the Veterans Hospital at Amarillo, is reported improving.

GOSPEL MEETING

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Evangelist C. C. Gobbel Preaching Daily at 10 a. m. and 8. p. m., March 7 to 16.

You are invited to attend.

Round-Up Ass'n. Meets for Business

The Spur Round-Up Association stockholders held a meeting Tuesday evening and discussed business matters relative to the annual rodeo. Among other things were some changes in the Constitution and By-Laws which would enable the association to better look after business.

O. M. McGinty made a motion that the Constitution and By-Laws be so changed to allow the Board of Directors to fill vacancies on the Board and in the official family when occuring during the year. This was second by George Sloan and passed unanimously.

T. E. Milam offered a resolution to the effect that the stock-holders at that meeting invest authority in the present members of the Board of Directors to appoint additional members as they feel is needed to complete the Board not to exceed 15 in number in all, and that this authority be granted for the remainder of Round-Up year which closes when the annual rodeo is over this year. This resolution was seconded by George Sloan and carried. Formerly all directors had to be elected by the stock holders and no provision was made for filling vacancies except by a stockholders meeting which required a majority of the stockholders present before they could do business.

The Directors were asked to go forward with the work of the rodeo and select additional directors and as many committees as needed.

C. R. Walthall offered an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws to the effect that in case of a stock-holders meeting, that all the stockholders be notified in writing of the date and purpose of such meeting, and then at the meeting whatever number of stockholders present would have authority to transact business for the association. The rule had been that a majority must be present, and up to date a majority of the stockholders had never been present in person. The privilege to attend to business by those interested had been greatly handicapped by that part of the Constitution.

Dates were discussed for the rodeo, and the Board of Directors were asked to investigate and if possible, set the rodeo this year for Friday and Saturday, June 20-21.

A representative of a company who handles rodeo stock was present and told the association the type of stock they could furnish.

Other business of the association was left in the hands of the directors unless the president felt that a special meeting should be called.

Area Stock Show March 15

The Dickens-Kent County FFA and 4-H Club Livestock Show will be held at Spur Saturday, March 15. The exhibits will be at the rodeo ground just across the hill north of town and will start at ten o'clock in the morning. Entries from the FFA Chapters at Jayton, Patton Springs, McAdoo and Spur will be made, and entries by the 4-H Club boys from both counties will be in the show.

Prizes will be awarded in the contest.

Not Many Marrying

In addition to those which have been reported only two marriage licenses have been issued during February.

February 20 a marriage license was issued to W. B. Flanagan and Miss Dorothy Hatfield. They were united in marriage in the Courthouse, Judge Boedeger reading the rites.

February 27 Dee Sharp and Miss Gwedelyn Smith presented themselves for a marriage license. They were married in Dickens. Mr. Simmons, a Church of Christ minister, performing the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Godfrey returned Tuesday from Galveston where they had been visiting relatives and friends.

51,000 WEST TEXANS DEPEND ON PETROLEUM

"Figures gathered from individual operators an dcompanies in the 48 counties comprising the two West Texas proration districts show that 51,560 residents of this section depend upon the oil and gas industry for their livelihood." Hamilton McRea, vice president of Mid-Continent Association said. "This is based on the employment of 12,890 West Texans in this industry and using an average of 4 persons to a family.

The wage-earners of this group receive the huge sum of $15,914,700 almost $16,000,000, a year in wages and salaries. West Texas ranchers and farmers, however, get even more than this in lease and royalty payments which total $27,730,427 additional. Together, West Texas workers and land owners receive the huge sum of $43,645,127 a year, virtually all of which is spent an drespent with West Texas merchants, professional men, insurance and savings agencies, landlords and others of our section.

"In addition,, the West Texas petroleum industry pays out $10,290,679 a year in State and local taxes as it does for wages and salaries in West Texas. Counting Federal taxes an dthe re-investment of the industry in field developments an dplant expansions, the petroleum industry spent in West Texas the tremendous sum of $86,000,000 a year. That's more than $7,000,00 a month fo revery month in the year."

Want Ads Get Results

Western Wholesale Market at Lubbock March 15-17.

The 22nd semi annual Western Wholesal Market dates have been set for March 15, 16 and 17 at Hotel Lubbock, I. A. Stephens, President, has announced.

Wholesale exhibitors from leading style centers of the nation are already makin greservations for sample room space and it is expected that more than 100 will display the lastest creations in ready-to-wear, lingerie, hose, millnery, shoes and men's and boys' clothing.

Coming shortly before Easter, the market this year is expected to be one of the most successful in the history of the Association, as retailers over the territory will have an opportunity to restock for Easter buying and before the sale of spring and summer merchandise is over.

An elaborate evening of entertainment is being planned for Monday, March 17, and free tickets will be distributed to the retail merchants attending the market.

D. P. Smiley and dauhter, Miss Goldia, of Duncan Flat, were in town Saturday greeting friends and trading.

A. M. Rasberry, of Croton, was greeting friends and transacting business here Saturday.

W. A. Harris, of Espuela, was talking with friends and looking after business affairs here Saturday.

W. A. Harris, of Highway, was greeting friends and attending to business matters in our city Saturday.

W. R. Ferrell, of Foreman Chapel, was transacting business and chatting with friends here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hahn, of Highway, were trading and visiting with friends here Saturday.

Ott Denson, of Highway, was in town Saturday attending to business matters.

Cost Of Texas Government

In a figure - crammed , 304-page report, State Auditor Tom C. King today said it cost more than $165,000,000 to run the state government last year.

The audit, covering the fiscal year ending Aug. 31 was of prime interest to Texas' 181 lawmakers who face the task of determining how much and on what the government should spend taxpayers money the next two fiscal years.

In 1900, the cost of state government was but $8,000,000 and expenses have grown with the increasing population and that populations demand for good schools fine highways, regulation of industry ,enforcement of laws and pensions for oldsters.

While outgo was more than $165,000,000, state government income during the year totaled slightly over $187,000,000 — the difference being tucked away in a large number of the treasury's 102 funds as balances.

Despite an over-all balance of some $19,000,000 which the treasury books consistently reflect, the general revenue fund stands currently about $24,000,000 in the red. The deficit grew by $4,300,000, over the year previous.

King stated recorded funds assets showed an increase of $24,260,000 of which $2,200,000 was in available cash, $13,000,000 in unemployment compensation funds, $6,900,000 in investments and a decrease of $1,900,000 in state relief bonds.

Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel has asked consolidation of some of the treasury accounts and an increase of $50,000,000 in taxes with which to pay bigger pensions, match teachers retirement contributions, finance aid to the blind and dependent children, retire the general revenue fund deficit and for other purposes.

More than two-thirds of the government costs, however, are for public education and highway-building and improvement. King pointed out schools go in excess of $47,000,000, last year, $1,200,000 of which came from the federal government, but reflecting a jump of $11,800,000 over the year before. With state college expenses, the amount totaled over $58,000,000.

Highways cost some $53,700,000 while public welfare, including pensions for the aged and the confederate veterans, totaled nearly $30,000,000. Highway costs are partially borne by the federal government but the money still comes from taxpayers.—Abilene News.

United States Civil Service Examinations

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced that applications will be accepted at its Washington office for the positions listed below not later than the closing dates specified. Where two dates are given, the first applies to applications received from States east of Colorado, the second to those from Colorado and States westward. The salary in each case is subject to a 3 1-2 percent retirement deduction.

Engineering draftsman, various grades and optional branches, with salaries ranging from $1,620 to $2,600 a year. Applications will be rated as received until December 31, 1941.

Junior communications operator (high - speed radio equipment), $1,620 a year, Signal Service at Large, War Department. Applications may be filed until further notice.

Inspector (subsistence supplies), various grades, with salaries ranging from $1,620 to $2,600 a year, Quartermaster Corps, War Department. Applications will be rated as received until further notice.

Assistant home economist, $2,600 a year, in the following fields: Food economics, clothing economics' family economics, family economics writer, and assistant in home economics information. Home economics specialist in food utilization, various grades, with salaries from $2,600 to $4,600 a year. Associate home associate in food eonomics and associate in food composition, $3,600 a year. Clsing dates are February 17 and 20, 1941.

Medical guard - attendant, $1,620 a year; and medical technical assistant, $2,000 a year. Division of Mental Hygiene, Public Health Service. Closing dates are February 17 and 20, 1941.

Physiatherapy aide, $800 a year; and junior physiatherapy aide, $1,620 a year. Closing dates are February 17 and 20, 1941.

Psychiatric nurse, $3,200 a year. Division of Mental Hygiene, Public Health Service. Closing dates are February 17 and 20, 1941.

Junior veterinarian, $2,000 a year, Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture. Closing dates are February 17 and 20, 1941.

Full information as to the requirements for these examinations, and application forms, may be obtained from G. W. Grimes, Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners at the post office in this city, or from the Secretary of the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at any first or second-class post office.

All Texas Special Allotments Up

All state allotments for special crops under the 1941 AAA program have been increased slightly over the allotments for 1940. B. F. Vance, administrative officer in charge of the AAA in Texas, has announced.

The total cotton allotment, not including new-grower allotments, in 1941 will be 9,880,197 acres, an increase of 4,072 over last year's 9,876,125 acres.

The peanut allotment has climbed from 238,151 acres in 1940 to 243,437 acres in 1941.

The rice allotment for 1941 will be 199,766 acres as compared with 194,546 acres in 1940.

Already announced was the wheat allotment of 4, 232,822 acres as compared with 4,182,923 acres in 1940.

Only allotment taking a cut was the general crop allotment which fell from 14,412,173 acres in 1940 to 13,538,212 acres in 1941.

Generally speaking, cotton allotments in the various counties in the state remained about the some Vance said, although some county allotments increased slightly, while others decreased. Cotton allotments are computed by a set formula as provided by the Agricultural Adjustment Act passed by Congress, the administrator pointed out, and are not subject to the discretion of AAA officials or committees.

A. & M. COLLEGE ON DEFENSE WORK

As it enters the spring semester of its sixty-fifth year, the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas again has demonstrated its ability to adjust itself and quick-step in line with all national emergency measures. Strictly a military institution since its establishment in 1876, A & M College has done its bit in supplying officers and trained civilian personnel in every natonal emergency since that time.

As the spring semester begins more than 1000 students are taking advanced military courses which will lead to Reserve Oficers' commissions upon graduation. The college furnished 2200 officers for the World War in 1917-18. Since that time 4600 have obtained reserve commissions and 450 more will be granted next June.

For the present National Defense program the college is taking a leading role. Its president, Dr. Thomas Otto Walton is a member of the steering committee, representing the Southwest, on the committee for Education in National Defense of the National Education Association and the American Council on Education. This committee represents 55 state and national educational agencies.

Rev. J. B. Baker, of McAdoo, was in town Saturday looking after business matters. He is pastor of the Methodist Church at McAdoo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Legg, of Croton, were shaking hands with friends and doing some trading here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Benham and children, of Afton, were here Saturday trading and meeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Parsons and children, of Kalgary, were in town Saturday enjoying friends and doing some trading.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Dodson, of Stamford, spent Saturday and Sunday here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dodson.

SCOREBOARD OF TEXAS HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS

The following information has just been released by the Texas Safety Association relative to the Texas highway accidents for the year 1940.

Deaths:

Every 5 hours, one person killed

Every week, 34 persons killed

For the year, 1,757 persons killed

Economic losses:

Cost per minute _____$95.00

Cost per hour _____5,712.00

Cost per day _____137,088.00

Cost per week _____959,615.00

Cost for the year 49,900,000.00

The cost of highway accidents —the economic loss to Texas by reason of such accidents—during the past year amounted to more than a month's earnings for 500,000 people at a salary of $95.00 per month each.

It is not much wonder that 21 state organizations at this time are trying to secure the passage of a standard driver's license law. A bill is now before the Texas Legislature to bring Texas driving requirements to a part with other states. It has many features that are an improvement over the old law. The careless driver is cost ing Texas quite a lot in both life of human beings and property costs.

Mrs. W. E. Ball, of Espuela, was in our city Saturday doing some shopping.

Joe M. Rose, of Duncan Flat, was in town Saturday talking with friends and transacting business.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Eldridge, of McAdoo, were in town Saturday visiting with friends and trading.

C. E. Goodwin and daughter, of Glenn, were greeting friends and doing some trading here Saturday.

D. W. Hughes, of Duncan Flat, was looking after business matters and talking with friends here Saturday.

W. A. Drennon, of Wichita, was talking with friends and looking after business matters here Saturday.

ATTITUDE ON LEASE-LEND BILL BY BUSINESS AND INDIVIDUALS

In future years, historians will record the swift changes that took place in the temper and attitude of the American people and their leaders during 1940 and 1941. Looking back now on the months that followed the outbreak of World War II, it seems as if we lived then in another world. The majority of the people wanted neutrality—and they wanted no part of Europe's newest mess. They wanted to avoid the risk of war at all costs. And the statesmen who presented them felt the same way.

Today the polls show that we still want to keep out of war—but that a considerable majority, despite that, favor helping England to the fullest extent even if it involves the risk of our being drawn into war. No one talks of neutrality—it is as dead as Moses. The cash-and-carry policy has been vitrually forgotten—it is perfectly clear that every financial resource will be used to help arm Britain no less than ourselves. The American people, in short, are violently partisan, and the American nation is definitely and irretrevably involved in the war.

What has caused this change? It took us almost three years in the become really anti-German in the last war—it took us less than a year this time. Better communication, both verbal and visual, has been a factor. So has the amazing courage of the British people—the Americans like and respond to any display of bravery against odds. Most important, in all probability, has been the fast-growing feeling that our destiny and Britain's are intermixed and inseparable ,and that if Britain fails we will be in grave danger.

There are those who stoutly belie this doctrine, but they are much in the minority. The President obivously thnks that Britain is fighting for us as well as for herself. So do most members of Congress. So do the bulk of the leading commentators. So does a long list of principal daily newspapers. That is why opposition to the lend-lease has made so little progress. There just isn't enough support behind it.

Last chance of defeat or seriously modifying the bill—and, at best, it was an extremely frail chance—died when Wendell Wilkie took the stand. Mr .Willkie received 22,000,000 American votes last November, only 4,000,000 less than the President. His trip to England, in which he crammed months of visiting, talking and investibating, into a few days and nights, was a dramatic pilgrimage. He made a fine impression abroad. While he was lost some of his past supporters, he has gained new friends and followers. So when Wilkie said he was 100 per cent in favor of the bill, with certain modifications, and went even farther than the President in some respects (by suggesting that we give Britain outright destroyers and Army bombers) the die was cast.

The two men who were given the votes of close to 50,000,000 Americans in their race for the presidency, and ho stand out head and shoulders above any other national figures of this day, believe that England's fate and our fate cannot be separated. There is no doubt of their sincerity—even as there is no doubt of the sincerity of those who still hold to a different and opposed point of view. And there is no doubt that this country is committed to the hilt to the policy for which Roosevelt and Wilkie stand.

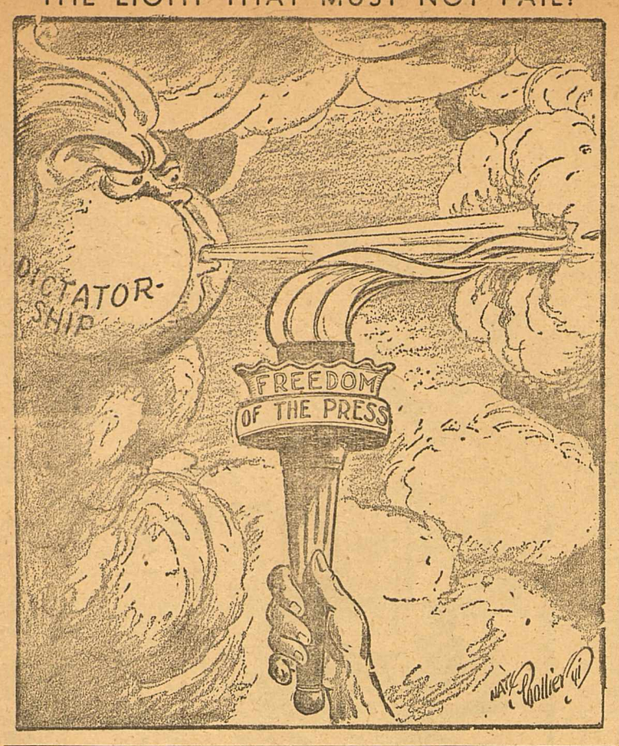
Today millions of Americans hate Hitler and what he represents with an almost personal hatred. For Mussolini they have contempt and laughter. These millions of Americans feel that the dictators are their enemies, just as they are Englands enemies. The old crimes and mistakes of imperial England have been forgotten. And in the opinion of many a thoughtful student, we ourselves are about to embark, from necessity, on an unprecedented imperial policy of our own.

Bill Rucker, of Guthrie, one of the old time cowhands, was here Saturday greeting old friends and looking after business.

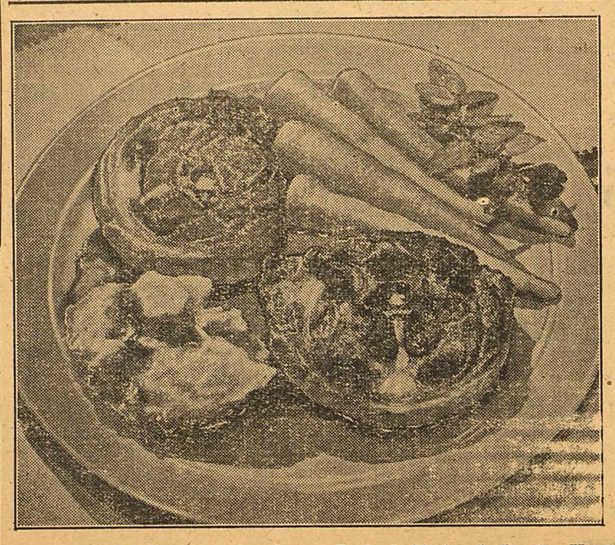
Mrs. Granville B. Whittle, of Madill, Okla. spent last week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bowman.

W. R. Baker, of Gilpin, was transacting business here Saturday. Says he wants to rent a farm and buy the farming equipment on it.

THE LIGHT THAT MUST NOT FAIL!



Get Next To Neck Slices of Lamb



DO you neck? Hope you do when it comes to meat-marketing, for the little-known thrifty neck slices of lamb are well worth trying. Keep it a secret between you and your meat man if you must (not all the girls know about these cuts) but ask him to cut neck slices of lamb for you. Then take them home, braise them with directions that follow and serve with vegetables—like those whole carrots and potatoes—to cries for more!

Braised Neck of Lamb: Have neck-of-lamb slices cut ¾ to 1 inch thick. Wipe meat with cloth. Sear meat on both sides in hot frying pan. Place in casserole or baking pan, sprinkle with salt and pepper, cover with ¼ cup of water. Bake in moderate oven (375° F.) about 40 minutes, turning occasionally, until meat is thoroughly browned and cooked through. Allow 2 neck-of-lamb slices for 4 servings.

The Excess Land Tax

A tax on wealth—Not a tax on poverty)

In view of the great need for additional State funds for Old Age Pensions and other worthy causes which must be raised by new taxes, the suggestion has been made that a new tax bill be passed by the Texas Legislature, to be called THE EXCESS LAND TAX.

Briefly, this proposed bill would impose a sur-tax on any lands owned by an individual or corporation in the State of Texas in excess of 300 acres of cultivated land and 5,000 acres of ranch land. Regular State taxes would be paid on the first 300 acres of farm land and the first 5,000 acres of grazing land, but any lands in excess of this quota would be taxed progressively by the State in the same manner as the Federal Income Tax. The more land owned by an individual or corporation, the higher the rate of State taxation for the excess above the quota. The sur-tax on excess lands would be figured on a percentage basis, using the valuation of the county assessors.

The Excess Land Tax would Not deprive an individual or corporation of the right to own excessive amounts of land, but it would make them pay additional taxes for the privilege with subsequent benefit to the State. These taxes would be paid by those who are best able to pay, the land owners in the higher income brackets, as it is a well-known fact that the large land owners do not pay as much taxes per acre proportionately as do the small land owners. This proposed bill if enacted into law would be of inestimable benefit to the small land owners as it would put them more on a parity with the large land owners. England has used this enlightened system of taxation to obtain much needed revenue and to break up the great fewudal estates in that country. Unfortunately, too much of our land in Texas is owned by a small percentage of the population with ranches and farms of 50,000 to 1,000,000 acres not uncommon.

The Excess Land Tax would discourage banks, insurance companies, corporations, and individuals from accumulating excessive amounts of land, as it would tend to force them to sell these lands when acquired to small land owners and prospective land owners rather than to hold them for speculative purposes. The extent to which insurance companies alone have taken over the farm lands was revealed recently by Secretary Wickard of the U. S. Department of Agriculture when he reported that during the last fiscal year nine insurance companies were paid a total of $1,978,654 in agricultural payments under the AAA. Corporations making loans on land would be more lenient about fore-closing on farms and ranch mortgages under The Excess Land Tax as it would make it unprofitable for them to acquire excessive amounts of land.

The Excess Land Tax would help to solve our agricultural problem because it is the large land owners with their mechanized equipment, cheap labor, unlimited resources, and vast acreage who pile up the huge surpluses that we have at present, and which cannot be sold at a fair profit.

If this proposed legislation, The Excess Land Tax, meets with your approval, write or wire your State representative and senator to support this bill if and when it should come before the Legislature.

—A Texas Citizen.

J. L. Koonsman, of Dickens, was attending to business affairs here Saturday and talking with friends.

Gene Fry, of Catfish, was in Saturday talking with friends and looking after business matters.

S. L. Porter, of Croton, was transacting business and greeting friends in our city Monday.

George Erath, of Steel Hill, was in town Saturday enjoying friends and doing some trading.

A Good Resolution If Executed

New Year's resolutions may be a lot of nonsense, but thede's one resolution that every farmer (and ranchman) in Dickens County would do well to make and keep.

"I resolve to go the limit in soil conservation work in 1941, to earn every penny of my soil-building allowance, and even to dig down into my own pocket to carry out additional practices and thus to enrich my land as much as possible."

Every member of the Dickens County AAA committee has made this resolution and intends to keep it, Joe M. Rose, committee chairman, points out. He is urging all community committeemen to make every effort to impress on farmers in their communities the importance of taking full advantage of the soil-building practices under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration program.

In 1939 the county fell short of earning the full amount available for soil-building work. Some improvement was made in 1940, but still some farmers failed to go the limit in conservation.

In the 1941 AAA program still greater emphasis has been placed on soil conservation, and county committees have been given more authority and latitude to encourage conservation work.

Soil-building practices especially valuable in this county include the following:

1. Construction of standard terraces—75c per 100 linear feet.
2. Contour listing and farming cropland—20c per acre.

Plea For Safer Texas Streets and Highways Sent To Lawmakers

A joint appeal to the Senate and House of Representatives for the enactment of legislation to make Texas streets and highways safer was delivered to the Legislators Wednesday by the Texas Safety Association and 20 co-operating organizations. The appeal was signed by presidents of the statewide- organizations.

"Today," the message to the Legislators read, "there are more drivers, more motor vehicles on our roads than ever before. With military, commercial and civilian traffic increasing daily under the National Defense Program, the use of our streets and highways has expanded to an all time high.

"Unless modern traffic control laws are passed by this session, man-power and economic resources will continue to be squandered through automobile accidents in the hour of the Nation's greatest crisis."

Despite unprecendented safety efforts on the part of civic organizations and public officials, it was pointed out that since the 46th Legislature convened in 1939, the traffic accident toll in Texas has resulted in 3,300 deaths, 100,000 persons injured and an economic loss of $90,000.00.

The appeal asks passage of the 5-point legislative program sponsored by the 21 state-wide organizations representing a membership of over a million Texans. The enactment of similar laws in other states has helped reduce the traffic deaths by as much as 35 per cent.

The legislation requested is: A standard driver's license law; an increased Texas Highway Patrol; a strengthened drunk driving law; a revision of the obsolete 'speed law; uniform reporting of serious accidents.

W. M. S MET MONDAY

W. M. S. met Monday at 3 o'clock in the Round-Up. Miss Gilbert opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. McCully had charge of the business.

The lesson was the last chapter of the study of Jesus and Social Redemption.

Those on the program were Mrs. McCarty, Mrs. Conditt, Mrs McCully, Mrs. Barrett.

Members present were: Mmes: Conditt, Perry Bell, Barrett, Etta Fite, Gilbert Payne, Ensey, Lea, Lester Ericson, Carlisle, Clark Lewis, McCarty, Atchison and McCully.

Several committees made reports. —Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Twaddell and daughter, Miss Lorelle, of Amarillo, spent the week end here with Mrs. Twaddell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bowman.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Allen and daughter, northwest of town, were in Saturday doing some trading.

1931 STUDY CLUB MEETING

The 1931 Study Club met in the home of Mrs. E. D. Engleman March 4, with Mrs. C. M. Cravey as hostess. The theme of the program was "Texas Day" and a very interesting program was given.

History of ranching was discussed by Mrs. Jack Barton.

An interesting talk on pioneer memories was given by Mrs. J. A. Koon as guest speaker.

The story of the song, "Home on the Range" was given by Mrs. John King, Jr. John E. Berry, Jr., sang the song wearing true cowboy attire, and accompaning himself on the mandolin.

The entire Club sang "The Eyes of Texas" led by Mrs. King.

A delicious refreshment plate was served to the following:

Mrs. J. A. Koon, guest; Miss Mary Nelda Vaughter, Mrs. S. M. Newberry, Mrs. Jack Barton, Mrs. Vernon Campbell, Mrs. E. D. Engleman, Mrs. C. O. Fox, Mrs. Geo. Glover, Mrs. John King, Jr., Mrs. Carl Eminger, Mrs. C. M. Cravey, Mrs. L. E. Standifer, Mrs. E. E. Sullivent, Mrs. H. B. Thompson, Mrs. Mack Woodrum, Mrs. Horace Wood, Mrs. Marion, guest.

—Reporter.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. King and children, of Girard, were in our city Saturday trading and enjoying friends.

Tom A. Bailey, of Girard was attending to business affairs and talking with friends here Saturday.

N. V. Cypert, of McAdoo, was greeting friends and looking after business matters in our city Saturday.

Mrs. J. D. Gibson and daughter, of Haskell, were visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Robertson at Afton the first of the week.

3,900 Die of T. B. In Texas

"Tuberculosis, like cancer, may be called an undercover disease. Its ability to harm and kill is based on the amount of time it has as its disposal to undermine the system before it is discovered. This factor, which only in part can be influenced by public health measures, is one of the biggest stumbling blocks in a further drastic reduction of tuberculosis deaths," states Dr. George W. Cox, State Health Officer.

Formerly, tuberculosis occupied the unenviable position of number one in the causes of death. Through the years it has gradually relinquished its preeminence, and in Texas now is in sixth place. However, between the ages of 14 to 45 it still holds first place. Even at that, this means that during 1939, latest year on which complete Texas mortality figures are available, 3,911 people in the state were its victims; and this, despite the fact that never before has science been so well equipped to fight tuberculosis successfully as it is today.

The majority of persons suffering with undetected tuberculosis usually have themselves to blame for their ignorance of their illness because, despite consistent loss of weight, faulty digestion, poor appetite, and loss of strength or the existence of a tired feeling in the afternoon, they fail to bring their condition to the attention of a physician. Not only is early detection the best guarantee of arresting the disease, but it also serves to protect others in the family by removing the dangers surrounding the unrecognized contact case.

Modern tuberculosis treatment in homes and sanatoria has been a boon to thousands and a protection against the disease to thousands more. However, personal cooperation, in the form of taking one's earliest suspicious symptoms to the family doctor for a check-up, needs to be more generally applied if the fight against this devastator of life is to show marked progress.

The medical profession, public health officials, and lay agencies are doing their best to prove the value of this point upon every one. It is hoped that in the not too distant future it will be more widely accepted.

E. B. Buckner, of McAdoo, was in our city Saturday transacting business and chatting with friends.

Leon Robertson, of Afton, was mixing with friends and trading in our city Saturday.

C. R. Bennett, of Gilpin, was in our city Saturday meeting friends and looking after business affairs.

Mrs. B. F. Middleton, of Afton, was in our city Saturday doing some shopping.

Mrs. C. E. James of Girard were in our city shoppin and visiting friends Saturday.

Mrs. P. E. Hagins, of Gilpin, was visiting friends and doing some shopping here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shugart, of Red Hill, were in town Saturday trading and visiting with friends.

John Callahan, of McAdoo, was in our city Saturday meeting friends and doing some tradng.

ATTITUDE ON BILL BY BI[illegible] Present [illegible]day, Mar. 7

[illegible] Sleeves, a three-act do[illegible]edy by Charles Quimby Burdette, will be presented by the Junior Class of Spur High School, Friday evening, March 7, at 7:45 at the High School Auditorium. Shirt Sleeves is a play that combines worthwhileness, with unquestioned entertainment.

The Rands, a family who have maintained a dangerous balance between the dollar aristocracy above and the hand-to-mouth strugglers below, find themselves suddenly stripped of their material possessions. However the courage, but the strength that have de[illegible]led in the family with [illegible] passing of several generations of Rands prove sufficient to carry the family through the crisis.

The cast for Shirt Sleeves is: Frankland Rand (Joe Ericson), the father who is strong and tolerant but not perfect; Julia Rand (Betty Woodrum), the mother who is spoiled by a life of comfort and ease; Diana Rand (Idalee Golding), the socially ambitious daughter; Esther and Theodore Rand (Louise Ince and Billy Ray Barrett), the fifteen year old twins who are mischievous but strong in character; Donald Rand (Stephen Barclay), the twenty year old son who is good at heart but somewhat of a social rebel; Margie Scanlon (Dorothy Kelley), the girl whom Donald loves much to the consternation of his family; Kitty (Johnny Phillips), the maid of the Rand household; Elmer (Lewis Ray Smith), the milk-man whom Kitty adores; Clarissa and Midge (Ouida Lisenby and Mildred Neaves), friends of Diana; Norman Aldrich (James Victor Allen), one of Diana's admirers who is an unenthusiastic, mediocre sort of person; Richard Crandall (Bob Weaver), a rascally business associate of Franklin; the baggageman (Jack Powell and Homer [illegible]ay Smith); the auctioneer (Boyd [illegible]ll); Alpha and Omega (Margie [illegible]ll Russell and Bonnie Doyle [illegible]rpen), two women who come to [illegible]ion; and the cashier (Mat[illegible] Gruben.)

The student staff is composed of Wade Gilbert, Ouida Lisenby, Maxine Sandlin, Bonnie Doyle Turpen, Jack Powell, Mathew Gruben, and Charles Ensey.

—Contributed

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Girl Scouts Entertain Mothers

The Girl Scouts of Spur entertained their mothers with a banquet at the First Methodist Church Friday night, February 28. It was the first birthday party for this troop as it was organized in February, 1940.

Tables were decorated with lighted candles. The place cards carred out the theme of the Girl Scout program, for they were in the shape of the trefoil.

Mrs. E. W. Mars, chairman of the local troop committee presided during the program which followed the banquet. She gave the history of this troop of Girl Scouts since it was organized last year under the direction of Miss June Lisenby. She introduced the present leaders: Miss Nell Francis, Mrs. C. C. Latham and Miss Hazel Watson.

Mrs. Mars particularly stressed the troop committee's appreciation for the donations of five dollars each from the 20th Century Study Club and the 1931 Study Club.

Miss Nell Francis explained the program and plans of the troop.

Helen Virginia Mars gave a pi[illegible] [illegible]lions of [illegible]ector, leader of the dictators [illegible]rol, talked on "Why I as they [illegible] Birl Scout."

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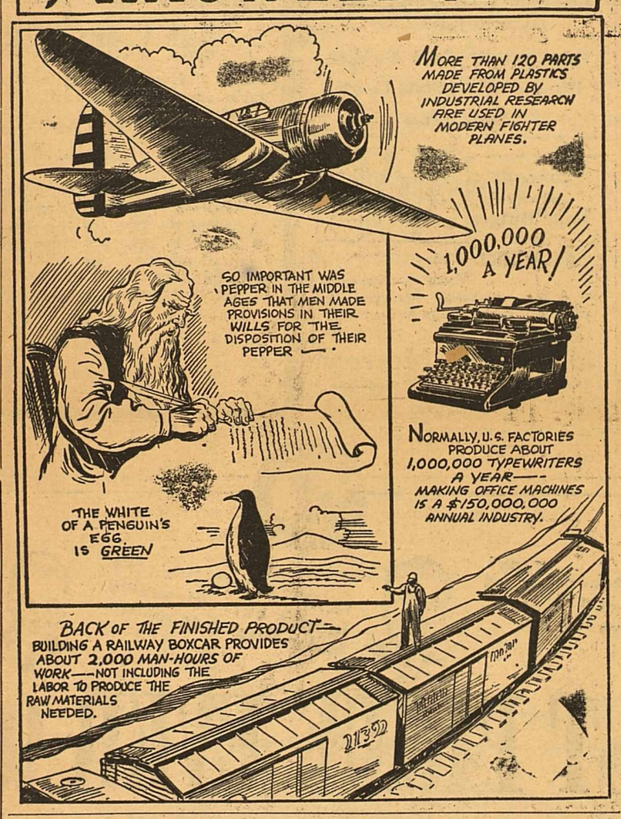
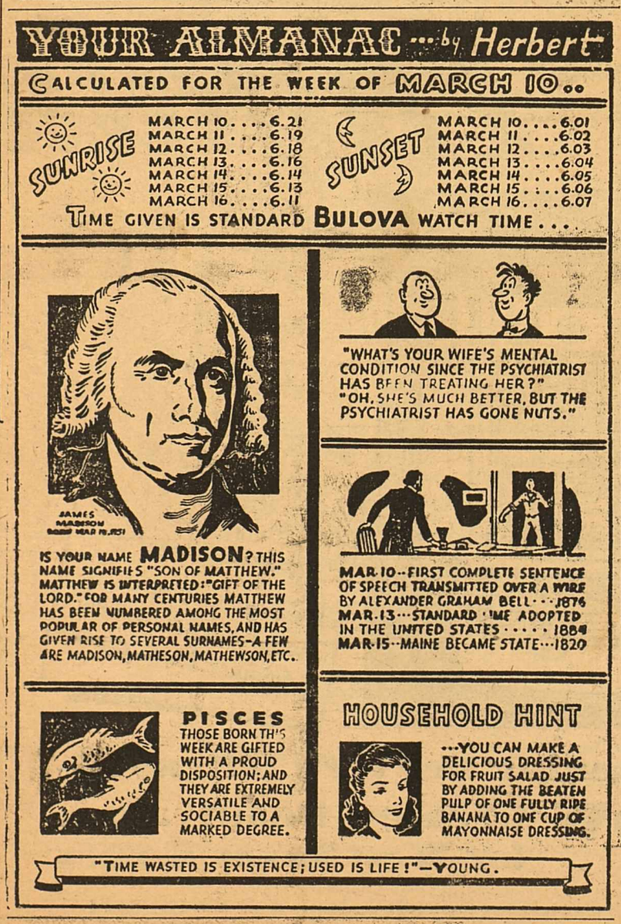
[illegible]sity, on an [illegible]sive invenstureserpolicy of ou[illegible]. Twelve girls and [illegible]eaders became tenderfoot [illegible]s. Each of these received her Girl Scout pin. Those invested were: Miss Nell Francis, Mrs. C. C. Latham, Autry Nell Dyess, Jean Arthur, Patricia Ann Mars, Jackie Rector, Mildred McCombs, Marion Speer, Pearl Jean Vaughn, Billie Jean Woodrum, Forestine Mecom, Dorothea Belle Karr, and Jane Brannen.

Fifty seven mothers, daughters and Scout leaders were present at the banquet.—Reported.





Mr. and Mrs. F. W. McAteer and two children, who had been visiting his mother, Mrs. W. L. McAteer, and brothers, R. J. and David McAteer, left Saturday for their home in California.

Frank Forbis, Afton, was talking with friends and transacting business in our city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slayden, of Dickens, were doing some trading and meeting friends here Saturday.

Sponsoring Party

The Homemaking Department of the Dickens Schools are sponsoring a 42-Party at the High School next Tuesday night. Pupils report they want everybody present. A small permit charge will be made. The money will be used in the interest of the department.

The Homemaking Department are making plans for the Mother-Daughter banquet which will be sometime in April. This is a great event and is annual.

At the meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association Founders Day was observed at Dickens. Two trees were planted and one was dedicated to the past presidents of the organization for their work, and one was dedicated to Fred Arrington for his community spirit.

VISITING PARENTS

Mrs. E. H. Boedeker is at Mineral Wells visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. Baker. It appears that the Baker homestead there is being taken over by the Federal government for an army camp grounds, and the family are having a reunion at the old home for the last time.

Judge Boedeker stated Tuesday that it left him a bachelor temporarily. He seems to be getting along fine and has the same pleasant disposition.

WESTERN WHOLESALE MARKET OPENS MARCH 15

Buyers for retail stores of the South Plains will be able to purchase the very latest Spring and Summer merchandise at the Western Wholesale Market to be held at the Lubbock Hotel, March 15, 16, and 17.

Reservations for the market closed March 1, and according to I. A. Stephens, President of the Association, more nationally known exhibitors are registered to participate at this showing than at any previous Spring market. The buyer's guide, listing all exhibitors will be mailed to retail merchants over the area on March 11.

TWENTIETH CENTURY CLUB MEETING

The Twentieth Century Study Club met with Mrs. Emma Lee Tuesday, March 4. Mrs. O. M. McGinty, vice president, was in charge of the meeting.

The program was on Texas with Mrs. F. B. Crockett as leader. Roll call was answered with facts about Texas. Mrs. B. F. Hale talked on "Texas Composers and Musicians." Mrs. D. P. Conditt gave the "Future of Music in America."

The Club was entertained with a playlet given by Miss Aycock's speech class.

A delicious refreshment plate with white carnations as favors was enjoyed by the following members and guests:

Mesdames T. H. Blackwell, E. L. Caraway, W. S. Campbell, D. P. Conditt, F. B. Crockett, B. F. Hale, O. L. Kelley, E. S. Lee, O. M. McGinty, L. D. Ratliff, A. M. Walker, Cliff Bird; Misses Winifred Aycock, Margie Bell, Lavorise Lee, Jean Engleman Messrs Lester Ball, B. Barclay, Dalton Moss, and the Hostess, Mrs. Emma Lee—Reporter.

A. E. Drake, of Abilene, General Divisional Agent; and Y. E. Juge, of Fort Worth, General Assistant Freight Agent for the Burlington Lines, were in our city Wednesday in the interests of their company. The railroad to Spur is part of that great system.

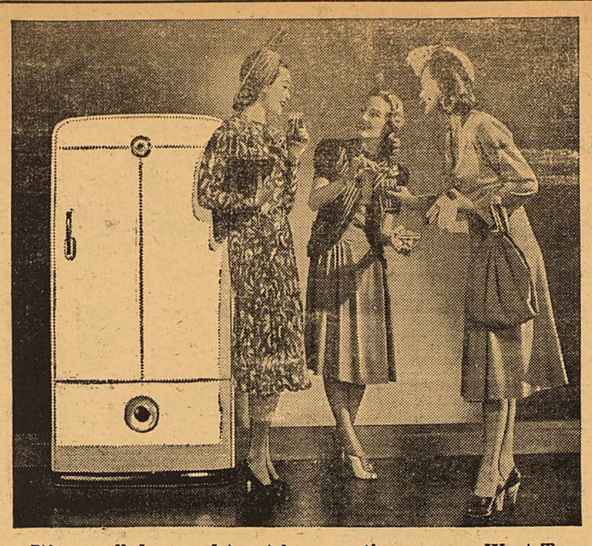
Clarence Forrest Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Martin of Spur, is among the 201 new students to enroll in East Texas State Teachers College for the second semester which ends May 30.

Henry Harris, of McAdoo, was attending to business matters in our city Saturday and greeting friends.

Fred P. Dawson, of Roaring Springs, was greeting friends and looking after business matters here Saturday.

Leon Anderson and mother, Mrs. Pat Anderson, of Aspermont, were in our cit ySaturday trading and visiting with friends.

A Toast (Fruit Juice) to the West Texas Home



It's a well-deserved toast because the average West Texas home, compared to average homes throughout this country and in war-torn nations abroad, enjoys greater comforts, conveniences, and beauty than do average people in any other part of the world today.

West Texas boasts stylish womenfolk, stylish kitchens, and more leisure time from kitchen drudgery—and it's primarily because the average West Texan uses considerably more electric service, so cheap has it become.

Pictured here are three new styles in women's dresses, given an all-American flavor due to the growing supremacy of American designers who also designed the new 1941 Frigidaire to blend into a beautified kitchen for West Texas homes.

The West Texas Utilities, where the new Frigidaires are now on display, points out that the trend toward beautification is even more pronounced in 1941 models, and that "style plus service" is a valuable feature this year.

T. J. Harvey, who had been in the Hendrix Memorial Hospital for several weeks, was able to be brought back home the last of the week and is getting along very well. Mr. Harvey is suffering from a broken hip.

Mrs. Horton Barrett, of Santa Fe, N. Mexico, arrived here Sunday to visit her son, Marvin, and other relatives and friends.

COUNTY B. T. U. MASS MEETING IN DICKENS

There will be Baptist Training Union mass meeting held at the Baptist Church in Dickens Sunday afternoon, March 9. The meeting will be called to order at 2:30 o'clock. The following is the program outline.

The theme of the meeting is: The Bible His Witness.

The meeting will be opened with a song and prayer, and a devotional service led by Matt Dawson using Isaiah 55:1 as a scripture.

A short business meeting will be conducted, and a roll call of the organization.

Prof Melvin Bivens, a teacher in Dickens City Schools, will discuss the subject, "Winning the Lost."

Mrs. R. C. Alexander, of Afton, will talk on the merits of the "Training School." This to be followed by special music arranged by Mr. Hext of Afton.

Rev. Carl Lamb, of Plainview, will discuss the subject, "The Power of the Word."

Thurman Tooke has as his subject "The Purpose of the Study Course."

A special invitation is extended the public to hear this program.

Legislative Finance Committee to Visit West Texas Tech

Sub-groups of the Senate Finace and House Appropriations Committees, dealing with the higher educational budget, will arrive in Lubbock by plane, Friday, March 7, to look into the needs of Texas Technological College.

Following are those who will make the trip:

W. O. Reed, Chairman of the Appropriations Committee; Homer Leonard, McAllen, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Senators R. C. Lanning, Jacksboro; Joe Hill, Henderson; Houghton Brownlee, Austin; Penrose Metcalfe, San Angelo; Claude Isbell, Rockwall; Representatives W. T. McDonald, Joe Skiles, Denton E. J. Cleveland, Buda; Woodrow Bean, Ft. Hancock and Hop Halsey, Lubbock. Senator Marshall Formby, Dickens, also will accompany the group. There will be a total of 20 in the group, 10 from the House and 10 from the Senate.

The sub-committee will hold a joint meeting on the campus of the college Friday afternoon, at which time they will discuss the budget for the next biennial. Saturday morning they will make an inspection tour of the college and interesting places in Lubbock and will leave for Austin by way of Fort Worth Saturday afternoon.

Orville Boothe, who has been working at the carpenter trade in Abilene, returned home the last of the week. He seems to think the rush is about over at Abilene.

REV. STOKES RESIGNS AS ASSOCIATIONAL MODERATOR

Rev. A. P. Stokes, who has been moderator of the Dickens County Baptist Association fifteen years in succession, has tendered his resignation to become effective at once. Rev. Stokes was one of the organizers of the association which is now in its thirty two years and has been one of the officers every year since its organization.

The following resolutions have been adopted by the association showing appreciation for the work Rev. Stokes has done for the organization:

Whereas, Bro. A. P. Stokes has resigned as Moderator of the Dickens County Baptist Association, and

Whereas, Bro. Stokes has been connected with the leadership of this Association ever since its organization,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, We take this method of expressing to Bro. Stokes our grateful appreciation for his long, faithful, and wise leadership through these many years, and shall pray the Lord may continue His blessing upon him, and that he may have many more years of useful service; and

BE IT RESOLVED That, a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the West Texas Baptist at Abilene, Texas; also, a copy be printed in the Dickens County Times.

By the Committee:
J. V. Bilberry
Walter Jackson
A. K. McAlister
C. R. Joyner.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Orand, of Red Mud, were in town Saturday meeting friends and trading.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Duncan, of Highway, were in town Saturday visiting with friends and trading.

Jinks Wilson, of the Pitchfork Ranch, was in our city Saturday greeting friends and doing some trading.

AFTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School, 10 a .m.
Preoching, 11:00
B. T. U., 6:45
Preaching, 7:30.
Everybody cordially invited to attend thees services.

W. F. Pool, Pastor,

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Hawaii Poplar With Marines

Famous in song and story, the Hawaiian Islands are decidedly popular with the U. S. Marines and bluejackets, according to hundreds of them who at various times have been stationed at Pearl Harbor, about eight miles from the city of Honolulu.

There are definite reasons for their popularity. Not only has the charm of the islands intrigued many tourists as well as the marines, but the climate is said to be the most equable in the world. Since the days of Captain Cook the archipelago has been a focal point of romantic interest.

Members of all branches of the service are stationed on the island of Oahu and there is some lively competition among them in boxing baseball and other sports.

About one hundred years ago, in 1840, Pearl Harbor was surveyed by Commodore Charles Wilkes of the U. S. Navy, who recommended the site as a naval base. A few years later Lieut. J. W. Curtis of the Marine Corps also recommended the harbor as a proper site for the defense of Honolulu.

Naturally neither officer could foresee that Pearl Harbor eventually would become an important naval base, even though its possibilities as such were recognized.

"If the water upon the bar could be deepened, which I doubt not can be affected," wrote Commodore Wilkes, "it would afford the best and most capacious harbor in the Pacific." Wilkes also wrote that the locataion was so named because it was the only spot where "pearl oysters" could be found in the islands.

Units of the Marine Corps have been stationed at Pearl Harbor since 1904 .Nearly all of them seem well pleased with their tour of duty in the "Paradise of the Pacific."

Buck Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Martin, is with the Marines at Pearl Harbor. Recently he sent his parents a menu of the Christmas dinner they enjoyed, and it was enough to make any one wish they were in the Marines.

NOTICE

1941 offices dates of Dr. Fred R. Baker, Optometrist , Hotel Wilson. January 13 an d14. February 10 and 11. March 10 and 11. April 14 and 15. May 12 and 13.

YOUR FAVORITE CARTOON 'LI'L ABNER"

Playing at the Palace Theatre, Friday and Saturday, March 7th and 8th, on a double program with Hoplong Cassidy "In Old Colorado".

What Boys May Take To The Army

The following is an excerpt of instructions given the County Draft Board relative to the supplies a soldier may take from home to the army.

Baggage—Only a minimum hand baggage should be taken. There is no provision for transporting or storage of trunks. Barrack bags will be issued at reception centers and foot lockers will be issued when Selectees arrived at their organization.

Shoes—One pair of comfortable and serviceable shoes in good state of repair is essential.

Private automobiles prohibited.

Selectees are encouraged to bring any athletic equipment they have.

Musical instruments, such as guitars, banjos, etc., are welcomed.

Small photographs permitted, but there is no place for large pictures in the barracks.

Fire Arms and Weapons— Are not permitted and will be returned at the Selectees expense.

Liquor—Not allowed in any manner. If brought along, will be confiscated.

Visitors — Facilities are very limited at reception centers.

Money and Valuables — Safe keeping will be the responsibility o fthe men.

Books and Periodicals — Good libraries and reading rooms at reception centers. Books and period icals may be forwarded to Selectees after arriving at their organization.

Post Cards—These will be furnished Selectees at reception centers to notify relatives and friends of their arrival. Similar cards will be furnished when Selectees are transferred to their final stations in order that permanent address may be known.

Toilet articles, towels, and a limited amount of clothing in addition to that worn, such as shirts, underwear ,socks and handkerchiefs are desirable. Uniforms and clothing will be issued to Selectees within 24 hours after arriving at reception centers.

The above instructions were given under authority of Major G. S. Armes, Assistant Adjutant General. and were released to the press by the County Draft Board. Hence, these instructions must be about correct.

Santa Fe System Makes Profit

The Santa Fe Railway System's net operating income for December was $3,431,666, according to a statement released by President Edward J. Engel today. This is an incdease of $1,630,743, compared with December, 1939.

Gross for the System was $15,-844,924, an increase over December, 1939, of $2,355,745, or 17.46 per cent.

Operating expenses were $11, 561,160, an increase of $990,808 od 9.37 per cent over the same month of 1939. Railway tax accruals were $920,721, a decrease of $173,016, or 15.82 per cent.

Total income for 12 months of 1940 was $24,017,625.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Guyear, of Croton, were in town Saturday meeting friends and trading.

Miss Merle Lewis, teacher in the Dickens schools, was in our city Saturday doing some shopping.

J. L. Beechley, of Wichita community was greetind friends and looking after business affairs here Saturday.

Mark-Up Mix-Up

Last fortnightin Denver 150 members of Colodaro's Food Distributors Association assembled and resolved to do their best to help the government keep prices down. Concurrently they resolved to increase the minimum mark-up allowed under the state unfair practices law from 9 percent to 12 percent above cost.

This anomalous situation has been brewing ever since 1937 when the state's legislature enected a law prohibiting the sale of goods for less than cost plus the cost of doing business. The law further provided that the trade might make cost surveys and set the actual amount of the mark-up accordingly. Fothwith the Colorado grocers organized themselves into the Food Distributors Association, which then worked out a 6 percent mark-up for retailers, a 3 percent mark-up for wholesalers.

Within a year the association met again and raised the retail mark-up to 9 percent eliminating the 3 percent wholesale mark-up. Since then resolutions which would have put mark-up still higher have been twice defeated. Besides setting a minimum retail mark-up of 12 percent, the resloution finally adopted last fortnight calls for an extra 2 percent mark-up for retailers who operate their own warehouses or buy direct from manufacturers.

Upon hearing this news, T. W. Henritze, Safeway's Denver divisional manager, bounced out of his seat, read off a resounding statement and went home. Said he: "Safeway is emphatically against any increase in this mark-up. The company believes a higher mark-up goes beyond the sound purpose of the la and represents an attempt to use the law as an instrument to fix prices . . . Safeway is forced to resign from the Food Distributors Association because it believes that the course being followed by this associotion is economically unsuond, contrary to public policy in the face of a national crisis, and is in undue restraint of fair competition. Our company will do what it can . . . to inform the producers and consumers of Colorado of all the facts that have brought about this increase in prices."

G. W. Scott, superintendent of City Schools at Dickens, was transacting business here Saturday.

John Goodall, of Girard, was in our city last of the week attending to business matters and meeting friends.

Fete Gunnell, of Croton, was transacting business in our city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haile and daughter, of Abilene, spent the first of the week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Haile, of Afton.

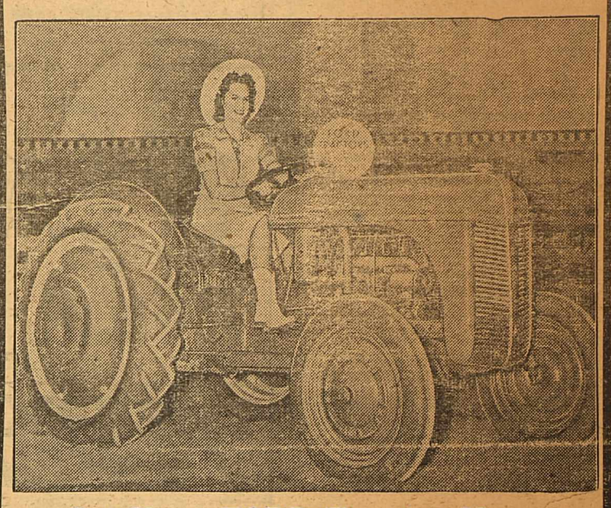
T. S. Lambert, merchant of Wichita, was in town Monday securing new merchandise for his store and greeting friends.

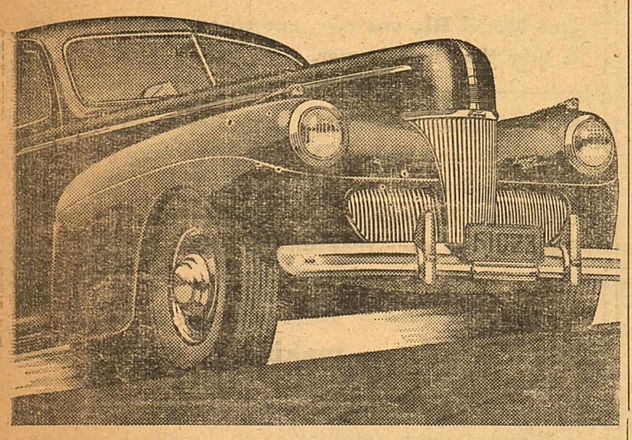
John Youngblood of Croton, was in town Saturday looking after business matters and greeting friends.

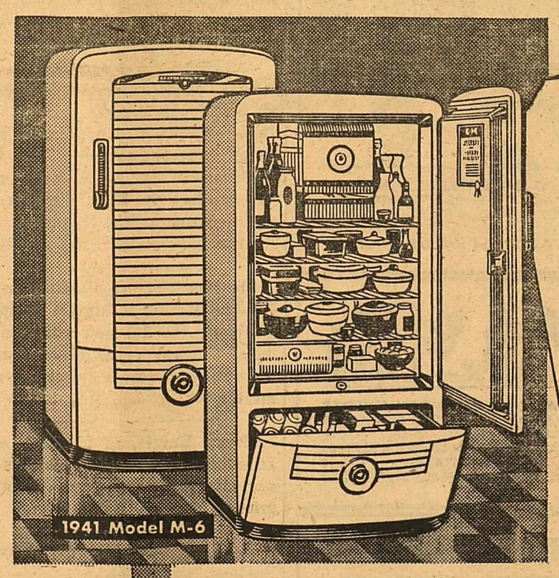
G. F. Smith, of McAdoo, was transacting business in our city Monday.

R. J. McAteer, of Wichita, was greeting friends and transacting business here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Eldridge, of McAdoo, were in our city monday doing some trading.



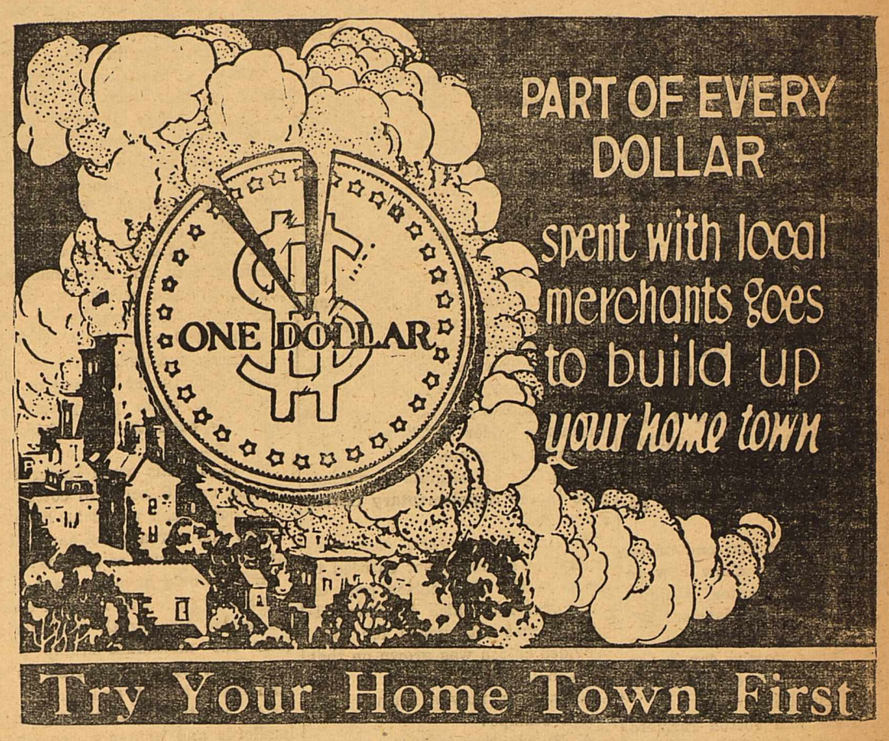




PART OF EVERY DOLLAR

FLASH LOCAL PAYROLLS STEADILY DECREASE
INSURE YOUR SALARY BUY WHERE YOU EARN
WHEN YOU BUY AT HOME YOU HELP YOURSELF

Community property depends on protential wealth and earning capacity of its citizens–Community progressiveness depends on the citizens support. By the theory of all historical progress a community progresses only as how much is put back into the development attained, only by the support of its local trade area. More business creates more jobs–More jobs creates greater earnings–Greater earnings creates more spending–More spending creates better business, around and around it goes, unless, the earnings are sent off ot the big cities where they would naturally go to support the payrolls of the cities. Protect your payrolls, trade where you earn, with your local firms. Demand that the local merchant keeps within a reasonable price range, that will meet competition elsewhere, and maintain a stock that will take care of a great percentage of your wants. Give your merchants this opportunity and by all the laws of distribution and economics payrolls will increase for your home town, your community will be wealthier and the value of your properties will be greater.



TRY YOUR HOME TOWN FIRST

City of Spur

BUYING AT HOME INCREASES LOCAL PAYROLLS

Spur Civic Club

How To Earn Cotton Order Stamps

Pointing out the benefits to be derived by individual farmers from the new supplementary cotton program and the special home food conservation program to be administered by the Agricultural Administration, Chas. A. Taylor, Administrative Officer of the AAA in Dickens county this week begins a series of question and answer articles on the program.

"Now that the war has closed many foreign markets, the need for holding down the already huge surplus of cotton continues to be acute," the AAA official said. "With this reduced outlet for cash crops, it is more necessary than ever that farm people produce more food and feed for home consumption."

The supplementary cotton program puts added emphasis on the efforts to reach the objectives of the nationa farm program through special payments. A total of $25,000,000 worth of cotton stamps will be made available by the Surplus Marketing Administration for distribution by the AAA to cooperating farmers. In addition, $3,000,000 in cash payments will be added to encourage additional food production an storage for home use.

This week's question and answer articles seek to show how to earn the cotton order stamps, which will be issued farmers for voluntarily reducing their cotton acreage. These stamps can be ex changed at local stores for cotton goods and clothing.

1. Q. How will cotton farmers be compensated for making an additional voluntary acreage reduction in 1941?

A They will receive cotton order stamps, which can be used to purchase cotton goods. These stamp payments are in addition to the regular payments provided for under the 1941 Agricultural Conservation Program.

2. Q. Will underplanting of the 1941 cotton allotment affect the farm cotton allotment in future years?

A. No. Underplanting of the cotton acreage allotment on any farm in 1941 will not affect the cotton acreage allotment for that farm in 1942 or subsequent years, except in case no cotton is planted in 1941 on a farm on which no cotton was planted in 1939 and 1940.

3. Q. Does participating in the Supplementary Cotton Program affect payments under other phases of the Triple-A-Program?

A. No. The Supplementary Cotton Program provides for additional payments and does not affect payments under other phases of the AAA Program.

4. Q. Who is eligible to participate in the Supplementary Cotton Program?

A. Any farm owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper entitled to share in the 1941 cotton crop on any farm for which a cotton allotment was established for 1941, provided cotton was grown on that farm in 1940.

5. Q. How may a farmer earn cotton stamps?

A. By planting in 1941 an acreage of cotton less than the 141 farm cotton acreage allotment or 1940 measured acreage for the farm, which ever is smaller.

6. Q. Is there any exception to this provision?

A. Yes. If the County Agricultural Conservation Committee finds that the acreage of cotton as measured in 1940 was reduced because of drought, flood ,hail, insect pests, or any other natural cause beyond the control of the operator, the 1941 cotton acreage allotment shall be used to determine the acreage voluntarily reduced under this program.

7. Q. Is it necessary for every farmer to give advance notice of his intention to participate in this program?

A. Only the operator of a farm, on behalf of himself and all others interested in the cotton crop, must sign a prescribed form before June 15, 1941, showing the number of acres he intends to take out of cotton production as well as other pertinent information.

8. Q. What will be the result if the 1941 cotton acreage is reduced by more than the amount set forth in the intentions?

A. Stamp payments will be made only for the amount of reduction set forth in the statement of intentions.

9. Q. What will be the result if the 1941 cotton acreage is reduced by less than the amount set forth in the intentions?

A. Stamp payments will be made only for the amount actually reduced.

10. Q. Will there be any penalty for failure to carry out expressed intentions o facreage reduction?

A. No. The Supplementary Cotton Program is entirely voluntary.

11. Q . What is the basis of payment for voluntary reduction of cotton acreage?

A. A farm payment in cotton stamps will be computed at the rate of ten cents a pound times the normal cotton yield determined from the farm under the 1941 Agricultural Conservation Program times the acreage reduced for stamp payment.

12. Q. How would the cotton stamp plan work in the case of a farm operator with no tenants who planted ten acres of cotton in 1940, has a 10-acre allotment in 1941, and has a normal yield, as determined under the 1941 Agricultural Conservation Program, of 250 pounds per acre?

A. This farmer, if he wished to participate in the supplementary program, could reduce his cotton planting by one acre, leaving him a total of 9 acres. For the acre coluntarily reduced, he would receive cotton order stamps at the rate of 10 cents per pound for the 250-pound normal yield, or $25 worth.

13. Q. If this same famer had planted only 8 acres to cotton in 1940, how much would he have to reduce his acreage to earn his maximum amount of stamps?

A. He would have to plant only 7 acres of cotton in 1941, in order to receive $25 worth of stamps. (For the maximum stamp payment that can be received by a landlord or tenant, and for the division of stamp payments among landlords and tennants, see Questions 14 and 16)

14. Q. What is the maximum amount of cotton samps that may be earned?

A. Each producer may earn a maximum of $25 worth of cotton stamps on one farm, except that producers interested in more than one far or an operator of a farm with two or more tenants or sharecroppers may earn up to $50 worth o fstamps. No one may receive more than $50 in cotton order stamps.

15. Q. What is the minimum stamp payment that will be made?

A. The minimum amount of stamps any eligible producer can receive is 50 cents worth; however no payment will be made to any producer on any farm for which the computed payment for the farm is less than $5.

16. Q. How are cotton stamp payments to be divided among tenants and landlords?

A. The computed payment for the farm will be divided in the same manner as the payment with respect to the cotton allotment is divided.

17. Q. When will cotton farmers who take part in this program get their cotton stamps?

A. As soon as possible after cotton on the farm has been measured and performance certified by the AAA county committee.

DICKENS SCHOOL NEWS

Teachers and pupils of the schools are going through the ordeal of six weeks tests. Everybody is doing their best to make good on paper at this time.

Wade Banowsky, High School Principal, accompanied a number of students to Lubbock the last of the week where they studied a number of industries in the city. They visited creameries, iron works the newspapers and many other industrial activities to learn what they could.

Most of the energy of the schools is being placed on preparation for the County Interscholastic League Meet, of which some events are held next week. They expect to feature in declamation, typing, one-act play and high school spelling. Also, they will have entries in track and field events and baseball, including both boys and girls teams.

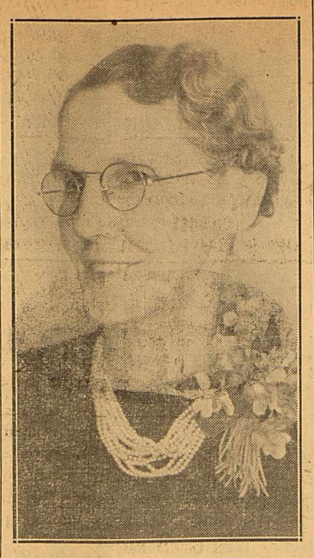
LAND USE PLANNING

The Dickens County Land Use Planning Committee met in Dickens on February 4 and decided to elect some new members. To accomplish this they asked the County Home Demonstration Agent and County Agent to hold a series of entertainment meetings in the different communities of the county. As a result of this, eight meetings were held during the month at which fourteen members were elected for the Land Use Planning Committee.

These new members along with the old members will be called into a general meeting during the early part of March.

Lee Randall, of Steel Hill, was tranacting business and greeting friends here Saturday.

MRS. ELLA KELLUM BENNETT



Author of the "Story of Washington Told In Rhyme" and "My Pilot," announces to her friends that she has several copies of the last named work in her home which she would like to sell at this time. The price has been reduced on the copies she now has.

Any person reading "My Pilot" would learn enough of the New Testatment to practically master the first four books of it. Bible scholars say it is the best account of the life and works of the Savior they have ever known outside of the Bible. The story is concise and to the point and the facts are told with a few words. Yet, it is fully explained.

The Story of Washington Told In Rhyme has been adopted by Texas as a school library book because of it authentic basis and clearness of thought. Also, it has many other poems which the state educational authorities feel will be good for the children in our schools to read.

See Mrs. Bennett at her home and get a copy of her books.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

John C. Ramsay, Minister

10 a. m., Sunday School, J. C. (Cap) McNeill, Superintendent.

11 a. m. Morning worship and the Word. Sermon: "Known to God."

6:30 p. m. Kingdom Highways League.

7:30 p. m. Evening Worship and the Word. Sermon: "Life Consisteth not in Possessions."

Mid Week Prayer Meeting, Wednesdays.

Woman's Auxiliary on Mondays, Mrs. Pauline Clemmons, President.

All members of this Congregation are asked to reserve Wednesday night, March 19th, as a Big Night. Watch for Announcement.

This is the church where you are never a stranger but once.

Charles Senning, freshman arts and sciences student at Texas Technological college, recently was initiated into Alpha Omicron chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi, national band fraternity.

Charles is the son of Mrs. Adelaide Senning of Spur.

J. W. Jones, of McAdoo, was transacting business in our city Tuesday.

CLARK GABLE

In "Gone With The Wind" playing at the Palace Theatre Sunday and Monday, March 9th and 10th at reduced prices, nothing cut but the prices.

WANT ADS

BARGAIN: 1937 Tudor Ford with Radio and Heater $325.00.
1937 Chevrolet Coupe --$310.00
1930 Chevrolet Coupe ---- $75.00
H. S. HOLLY, Agency

SPUR TRADING POST—Across Street from Mrs. Smith Cafe—We buy, sell and trade furniture. Don't miss our auction sale each Saturday at 2 p. m. 3-13-tn

FOR SALE—Upright Piano, $50, excellent condtion, see Syble Clay. 2-20tn.

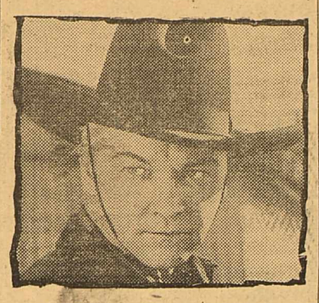
Senior Scouts Present Play

The senior scouts of Troop 36 presented their play, "Jerry's Job" at Girard Friday, February 28. They also had some other acts such as: musical numbers, hot news and others.

The cast of "Jerry's Job" is as follows: Hamilton (Junior McLaughing), Tommy (James Fox), Mr. Morton (James Franklin), Jerry (Johnny Peacock), Jenkins (Tommy Burger), general clean up man and curtain manager (Virgil Murray). Girard has just recently started a troop, and the scouts of Troop 36 are going to ad them all possible.

S. W. Stephenson, of McAdoo, was in our city Saturday transacting business.

HOPOLONG CASSIDY



At the Palace Theatre Friday and Saturday, March 7th and 8th, on the same program with "Li'l Abner."

J. A. Marsh, who has been working at Camp Barkley for several weeks, returned home the last of the week. He stated the carpenter work at Camp Barkley is about through.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Teague, of Highway, were in town Saturday doing some trading.

G. F. Harris, of McAdoo, was circulating among friends and trading here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks and son, Jimmie, of Highway, were in town Saturday doing some trading.