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Red Cross Roll Call Opened; 1,000 Is County Quota

The Annual Roll Call for memberships and donations for the American Red Cross began Tuesday, November 11th, and will continue through November 30th. The very efficient Roll Call Chairman, Clyde Walthall, and his capable volunteer workers, numbering something like 50 in and around Spur, Dickens, Afton, McAdoo, Midway, Glenn, Croton and Highway, expect to reach the goal set of 1,000 members. This means that over \$1,000 will be needed, if the expectations of the National office are obtained.

Never since 1918 has the need been more apparent on account of the tense crisis confronting our nation and its relationship to other nations. One hundred cents out of each dollar goes directly to the cause. There are no salaries. The monies go to the nations who are helping in a humanitarian way and to local emergency relief. Besides the large standing army and navy, the largest since the World War, and the ever increasing expansion of these forces with the home ties that must be kept made indeed this hour most urgent. Over 200,000 units of blood plasma, something that was not to be had during the other war, have been catalogued and banked for immediate use by civilian need when falling bombs or other disasters may require it. Thousands of women are busy making hospital and soldier and civilian garments, and all sorts of emergency supplies. Only the material is paid for by the monies.

100,000 were killed by accident in the United States last year. 10,000, 000 suffered injury. Such disasters from a mere ordinary peacetime year require Red Cross assistance. Should war come to us these disasters would be many times multiplied.

Therefore, the National office has called for about 2 1/2 times as much aid as was given last year. This means that Dickens County who has steadily increased its gifts will have to give about double what it did in 1940. In 1939 Dickens County out of the 239 counties of the State of Texas numbered 97th. In 1940 Dickens County was 58th, or 55.3 per cent of chapter population enrolled.

At 3:30 Wednesday of this week Mr. Walthall reported that out of the 1,000 membership goal that 251 had been enrolled from Spur and that around \$270.00 had actually been paid in cash, which includes donations. Fully two-thirds of the population had not been seen at this time.

Ladies will be in the lobby of the post office and in the County Library every day through Saturday to obtain memberships or donations.

It must be further understood that a portion of the amounts received will be retained here for emergency relief. Surely no more worthy cause enabling all Americans to do things in the truly American way with the true spirit of the Master, who taught us all to help as did the good Samaritan, is the appeal of the Red Cross. If we love our country and our fellowman and our God let us "carry on."

Spur Schools Will Observe Thanksgiving November 20th

The Spur Schools will observe Thanksgiving November 20 and 21 this year.

Christmas holidays begin the afternoon of December 19 and school will be resumed the morning of December 29th. This arrangement will permit school to close May 26.

BRITAINS TO VISIT SON IN FT. WORTH OVER WEEK END

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Brittain will leave Saturday for Fort Worth to visit over the weekend with a son, Douglass, who is a naval recruiting officer with headquarters in Saint Louis.

Douglass has been in the service fourteen years, having left here to join in 1927. He has also seen some foreign service.

Another son, Cecil, also is in the naval service, now on the destroyer USS Concord at New Zealand.

County Library Will Be Closed From Nov. 18 to 23

The Dickens County Library will be closed from November 18th to 23rd.

The readers that have books checked out that are due between these dates will keep the books until the library opens again on the 23rd.

Several new fiction books are put on the rental shelf from time to time for your reading pleasure.

Uncle Bob Williams Celebrates 92nd Anniversary

R. D. (Uncle Bob) Williams celebrated his 92nd Birthday Anniversary the 9th of November at his home in the Highway community, with a large crowd present for the big dinner and celebration.

His wife and six children, and a host of friends were present. The children are: Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Williams, of Coahoma, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Bud Williams; Lucy Young; Tom Williams; Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jones; and Mrs. Ava Johnson.

Grandchildren: Doris and Glyn Jones, Leon Greer, Joe D. Williams, Joyce Adell Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Patterson and Peggie Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Elden McClain and son Charles, all of Spur.

Friends present were: Mrs. H. C. Peterson, Mrs. Mollie Walden, Mrs. Belle Martin, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. Nora Smith, Bill Greer, Earl Darden, Mr. and Mrs. Clarke Jones, Miss Francis Atkinson, G. H. Atkinson, Mr. and Mrs. Lem Walden, George Patterson, E. B. (Pug) Walden, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wyatt and children, and Mrs. Cecil Estep and children.

Mr. Williams received many gifts and best wishes on the occasion.—Rep.

MISS REGINIA LEE ONE OF GUEST ENTERTAINERS AT CAMP WOLTERS

Miss Regina Lee was one of the TSCW girls who were guest entertainers at Camp Wolters, Mineral Wells, one evening last week.

Miss Lee's picture appeared in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram Thursday of last week.

S. R. Bowman who has been seriously ill at his home here for the past few weeks, is reported as slowly recovering from a hemorrhage suffered several days ago.

Ballard Brothers Purchase Sunshine Service Station

Preston and Fletcher Ballard, who for the past several months have operated the Sunshine Service Station for C. H. Lodal, purchased the station last Friday.

Preston, who has been managing the station, indicated that there would be no changes made at present, and that although Mr. Lodal retained the wholesale agency for Sinclair products, it would still of office at the station and the fullest cooperation be maintained.

Both Messrs Ballard are enterprising, local citizens and have many friends here who wish them much success in their new business.

"Foot-Loose" Title Of Play Selected By Senior Class

"Foot-Loose," a domestic comedy in three acts, has been selected as the Senior Class play for 1941-42. Rehearsals under the direction of Miss Merle Lewis, dramatics teacher, are now in progress. The tentative date for production is Thursday, December 11.

JASPER COLE RECOVERING

Jasper Cole, who is receiving treatment for poisoning at a Stamford hospital, is reported to be recovering satisfactorily and may be returned to his home here the latter part of the week.

Dean J. M. Gordon To Fill Presbyterian Pulpit Here Sunday Nov. 16

Dean J. M. Gordon, the popular educator who has been with Texas Technological College, Lubbock, since its founding, will preach at 11 a. m. Sunday, November 16th, at the Spur Presbyterian Church. Dr. Gordon has recently been the Retiring Moderator of the Synod of Texas of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. He never fails to let his religion count, nor is he ashamed of it. His influence as a great Christian is known by all. He has been a power in the 1st Presbyterian Church, Lubbock, where Dr. J. M. Lewis has been pastor for over 20 years. Dr. Gordon's subject Sunday morning will be "What My Church Means To Me."

Master John Theodore Boedeker Is First Red Cross Enrollee In Co.

John Theodore Boedeker, 5 1/2 months old son of Judge and Mrs. E. H. Boedeker, Dickens Texas, is the first enrollment on the Annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross for Dickens County Chapter. This enrollment was made by Judge Boedeker, November 4th.

We heartily congratulate little John Theodore for his patriotism and fine public spirit in this great truly American cause.

Armistice Program At Dickens Tuesday Was Well Attended

The Armistice Day Program held at Dickens Tuesday morning, Nov. 11, was well attended by citizens of Dickens county and was, in every way, very successful.

The program began with the big parade in which the Texas Defense Guard, Boy Scouts, Pep Squad and McAdoo Choral Club marched to music of the Spur and Afton bands.

Speakers, in paying tribute to the freedom for which they fought, must be preserved... that our faith with them must be kept.

Defense Guard At Presbyterian Church Last Sunday

A fine representation of members of the Texas Defense Guard attended the 1st Presbyterian Church, Spur, last Sunday morning. They accepted the invitation extended them by the Session and which was signed by Fred W. Jennings, Roy Stovall, J. W. Meadows, and Cap McNeill. Three commissioned officers attended the services with the men. They were Major H. V. McClintock, 1st Lt. Jack Christian, and 2nd Lt. Lonnie Lewis. Major McClintock came all the way from Childress, which is his home, to the Special Services.

A. O. Lively, Director of the High School Band, and Mrs. Lively, Director of the Choral Club, attended with groups of students who ably assisted with the music. Mrs. Pauline Clemmons in her usual talented way presided at the piano for most of the selections.

Services Held Here Tuesday For Mrs. Della Lee Bowles

Funeral services were held at the Chandler Funeral Chapel Tuesday, November 11, at 2:00 p. m. for Mrs. Della Lee Bowles, who died here Sunday, November 9. Rev. Roy F. George, pastor of the Assembly of God Church, conducted the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowles and family have for the past month made their home on the W. W. Garner farm east of Spur.

Mrs. Bowles was born at Pilot Point, Denton County, Texas, August 11, 1905. She and Mr. Bowles were married at Pauls Valley, Oklahoma in 1922. She was converted to the Nazarene faith in 1926.

Surviving are: the husband, Frank Bowles; five sons, Garnett, George, Clarence, Hershell, and Jerry; two daughters, Eber and Christine; her mother, Mrs. Pete Baxter, and numerous other relatives and friends.

Bulldogs Will Play Annual Turkey Day Game At Floydada

The site for the annual Thanksgiving football game between Spur and Floydada has been changed to Floydada this year instead of Spur as originally scheduled. The game next year will be played in Spur.

ATTEND FUNERAL

Mrs. Clark Lewis and her mother Mrs. Jessie Hayes, returned to their home Sunday from Whitney and Clifton, where they were called last Thursday by the death of an aunt and sister-in-law, respectively, Mrs. Will Lacy.

Dragons Defeat Bulldogs 14 to 6

The Spur High Bulldogs lost a hard fought game to the Paducah Dragons, at Paducah, Tuesday, Nov. 11.

The Dragons began an early attack and scored midway in the first period; again in the third, making both extra points.

The Bulldogs rallied with a passing attack in the final quarter and scored near the end of the game but failed to make the conversion. The game ending 14 to 6 in favor of Paducah.

Judge G. B. Jopling is reported to be seriously ill at his home in the northeast part of the city.

Mesquite Eradication Is Being Studied At The Spur Experimental Station

(By C. E. Fisher, Assistant Soil Conservationist)

The encroachment of mesquite and other brush on pastures and Texas constitutes a real menace to the livestock industry of the State. It is the opinion of ranchmen that within the past 25 to 40 years, brush has spread rapidly until it now occupies much of the heavier and better areas of grassland throughout the Rolling Plains Region, one may see mesquite pushing its way into open areas as isolated shrubs and if allowed to continue, it will spread to form unproductive jungles of brush. The growth of brush in these areas frequently become so dense as to reduce the amount and quality of grass by competing for sunlight, moisture and plant food. It also interferes with handling of livestock and seriously handicaps the application of soil and water conservation practices and other range improvement measures.

Many reasons have been advanced for the rapid spread of mesquite on range and pastureland in Texas. It is thought that the movement of herds of horses and cattle from stock turned loose by Spanish explorers in Mexico and later, of cattle along "trails" did much to spread mesquite beans northward across the Rio Grande. Somewhat later, railroads and trucks moved cattle and horses rapidly from one region

to another and perhaps hastened the opportunities for spread of mesquite. Prior to the coming of ranchmen, frequent fires, large numbers of prairie dogs and competition from taller grasses were credited as checks hindering the establishment of young mesquite seedlings except along major water courses. These checks along with perhaps others, were largely removed as the region became settled and fenced and thus opened the way to further spread of mesquite.

Among the better known methods for eradication or control, grubbing probably one of the oldest and most widely used. It is expensive unless a cheap source of labor is available, the stand of mesquite light, and the wood obtained of some cash value. In an effort to develop a more economical method of eradicating mesquite, F. W. Alexander, ranchman near Albany, Texas, tried spraying the trunks of trees with kerosene and found it to be quite effective for killing rough bark mesquite. More recently, a few ranch operators have been rather successful in developing heavy power machinery to uproot mesquite trees and brush. Chemical methods investigated by the Arizona Experiment Station and the Southwest Forest Range Station

showed that sodium arsenite was effective for eradication of velvet mesquite, while variable results were obtained from the use of kerosene and other chemicals. Other methods of controlling brush, which have been tried by ranchmen and others, such as burning, shrubbing off the topwood or any treatments which fail to deaden the root system, give temporary control, but within a few years the second growth is more objectionable than original trees.

In the Spring of 1939, the Spur Station started experimental work in an effort to develop some simple and economical method of eradicating mesquite brush. Groups of 50 trees were selected in a dense stand of second growth "slick bark" wood

deaden the wood and preventing regrowth. Additional treatments have been made at monthly intervals during the seasons of 1939, 1940 and 1941.

Sodium Arsenite Effective

Of all the materials and chemicals tested sodium arsenite has been most dependable and economical for eradication of mesquite. This solution is easily prepared, highly effective, and cost of materials is less than labor involved. Approximately 92 per cent of 780 trees failed to produce regrowth when the topwood was removed near the crown and the sapwood painted with sodium arsenite. Treatments made at monthly intervals appear to be equally effective.

Treatment	Number of trees	Amount of sodium arsenite, gals.	Per cent kill
Removed topwood and painted sapwood of stumps	780	13	1.67
Girdled near soil* line and treated exposed sapwood	133	1.50	1.13
*Only rough bark trees free from basal brush.			
Total: ave per 100 trees			
A 2-inch paint brush was found satisfactory for applying the solution.			

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23 YEARS AGO

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

County Attorney B. G. Worswick came over Monday from Dickens, spending the day in Spur on business and greeting friends.

Jeff Smith, of the Dry Lake community, was among the prominent farmers doing business in Spur the latter part of last week.

J. B. Morrison was in the city the first of this week from his ranch home south of Spur.

Dick Sampson and wife, of Kent county, were in Spur Wednesday of this week.

County Farm Agent G. L. Crawford was in Spur Saturday from Dickens.

Chas. Perrin, substantial stockman and farmer of the Draper community, was here Tuesday of this week.

Jim Smith was in Spur Monday from his farm home in the Dry Lake community.

Judge B. D. Glasgow was able to come to town Wednesday after an illness of ten or fifteen days.

Judge A. J. McClain, prominent citizen of the Cat Fish community, was among the numerous traders and visitors in the city of Spur Saturday.

W. A. Craddock was in town Wednesday from his farm home west of Spur spending some time here discussing the varied interests of town and country.

J. H. Jones, of west of Spur, was among the number here Wednesday of this week.

Grandma Davis is visiting this week with Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Garner at the Prairie View Stock Farm northeast of Spur.

T. S. Lambert had business in town Wednesday, coming in from the Tap country.

Sheriff Bob Goodall, of Kent county, recently suffered a broken arm in cranking an automobile, and the result is that he has been carrying his arm in a sling. We hope that he will soon recover from the effects—especially since it is his "shooting" arm which is out of commission.

John Aston was in town one day during the week greeting his friends and buying supplies. There is one thing we do not understand, and that is that John received the nomination by a big vote in the primary election for the office of constable of this precinct and yet his name failed to appear on the general election ballots. We don't know whether or not this precinct needs a constable, but should it have occasion for one's services, John Aston would have fully met every requirement and demand of the office.

Mr. Matthews, of Stonewall county, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. C. Gruben, returned home Tuesday of this week.

A. C. George, a leading citizen of the Highway community, was in Spur Tuesday of this week, spending several hours here trading, shaking hands of friends and looking after business affairs.

E. B. Shaw, of the croton country was in Spur Tuesday and hauled out supplies to his farm and ranch.

Chas. Gunn, of north of Spur, was here Tuesday with cotton for the Spur Gin.

Paul Douglass and wife, of Goree, arrived Monday in Spur and are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

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MESQUITE ERADICATION—

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tion to the stumps. Considerable care was taken to remove the topwood well back to the main portion of the stump and to treat immediately all exposed sapwood. Rough cut surfaces held the poison better than smooth cut stumps. Treating cut ends of limbs and sprouts extending some distance from the stump was less effective in preventing regrowth especially on trees with a high percentage of dead wood. Hacking trees with an ax or treating only one of a number of limbs arising from the stump was not effective unless large amounts of poison were used.

On large rough bark trees, free from basal sprouts, girdling through the sapwood near the soil line and placing sodium arsenite in the groove gave complete control of sprouting. This treatment appears to be slightly more effective probably because the groove made by downward strokes of the ax held a larger amount of the poison on the sapwood. Unfortunately, this method does not lend itself to treating brushy mesquite because of excessive amount of labor required.

The cost of eradicating mesquite with sodium arsenite will depend upon the amount of labor and poison required to treat different types of growth. On heavily branched growth used in these experiments, an average of 60 trees was treated with one gallon of solution while on an adjoining pasture, one gallon of sodium arsenite was sufficient to treat 950 small trees and seedlings. These two instances probably represent extremes but do show something of the variation which may be expected. In some preliminary studies to determine the cost of eradicating mesquite under pasture conditions 20 acres of brushy mesquite with an average of 182 trees per acre was cleared at a cost for labor and poison of \$1.91 per acre. One gallon of poison was used per 200 trees.

Since sodium arsenite appeared so effective in destroying growth of mesquite, further work was undertaken to learn something of the movement of this material within the plant. Studies made with methylene blue revealed that penetration is primarily upward and downward from the point of application with but little or no lateral movement in the sapwood of the tree. Therefore, it is essential to poison all sapwood of the stumps. Chemical analysis of the root system of a mesquite stump one year after treat-

ment showed that arsenic penetrated the taproot to a depth of 4 feet and also spread well into the lateral roots. In another instance ten days after applying sodium arsenite to the sapwood of a tree, large amounts of arsenic were found not only in the roots but to a height of seven feet in the topwood.

The solution of sodium arsenite found to be most effective for eradication of mesquite was prepared from commercial grades of white arsenic and caustic soda (lye) in the following manner:

Formula	1 1/2 gals.	4 gals.
White arsenic	16 lbs.	40 lbs.
Caustic soda (lye)	4 lbs.	10 lbs.
Water	6 qts.	15 qts.

Mix the desired amount of dry arsenic and lye in a steel drum or galvanized vessel which is large enough to hold approximately twice the amount of solution to be made. When thoroughly mixed, add 1-4 the water and stir with a wooden paddle. The chemicals will promptly react forming heat. Add the remainder of the water gradually, keeping the mixture actively boiling. Too violent boiling will cause spattering, while addition of too much water may give incomplete solution of the arsenic. If incomplete solution of arsenic occurs, artificial heat will be necessary. It is advisable to use hot water when small amounts of the solution are to be made.

The finished solution should be heavy, syrupy and free from undissolved particles. This solution is sodium arsenite and is very poisonous to vegetation and animals, and should be handled with care. Since poisonous fumes arise from the hot mixture, it is desirable to prepare this solution in the open or under conditions of good ventilation. The approximate cost of sodium arsenite made in the above manner will vary from 65 to 75 cents per gallon, when ingredients are purchased in 100 pound lots. Sodium arsenite is also available commercially and should be equally effective if the concentration of arsenic per gallon of solution is the same. In these studies concentrated stock solution was used for poisoning of stumps. It is possible that more dilute solutions may be equally effective, however, additional information is needed before definite statements can be made.

Kerosene Treatments

Kerosene, in most instances, whether applied to the trunks of trees or to stumps after the topwood was removed gave variable results. As an average of all treatments, 95 to 100 per cent of the wood above the ground was killed, but within a few months to a year later, new growth occurred around the base of 56.1 per cent of 1308 trees. Kerosene was applied with a 3-gallon compressed air sprayer fitted with a nozzle to emit a small jet like stream, and sufficient amounts used to saturate the bark and soil around the base of the trees.

Treatment	Number of trees	Amount of Kerosene, gals. Total:	Per 100 trees	Per cent kill
Sprayed stumps				
Single rate	475	96	20.3	50.9
Double rate	280	98	35.0	75.0
Sprayed trees				
Single rate	974	188	19.3	50.3
Double rate	474	146	30.8	70.2

Removing the topwood and spraying the stumps or making applications to the lower 6, 12, 18, and 24-inch portions of the trunks did not affect the percentage of trees killed. The most important factor affecting regrowth was the amount of kerosene applied at the base of trees. Doubling the amount used from an average of 20 to 35 gallons per 100 trees increased percentage kill from 50.8 to 75 per cent in case of stumps and from 50.8 to 70.2 per cent in case of trees. The addi-

Rev. Ramsay To Preach 50th Anniversary Sermon At Big Spring

Rev. John C. Ramsay will preach by invitation the special sermon next Sunday, November 16th, at 11 a. m., at the 1st Presbyterian Church, Big Spring. This is the 50th anniversary of the founding of this church. Dr. M. E. Sentelle, Professor of Bible, Davidson College; Dr. Lowry Owen, Supt. of Home Missions, Houston, Texas; Dr. Frank Henderson, former pastor of Central Church, Houston; Rev. J. M. Harrison, and all others who have been pastors, along with their families are invited. Mr. Ramsay was pastor there 22 years ago.

A committee has been making these extensive arrangements for several weeks. Mr. Ramsay was mentioned prominently to succeed the late Dr. T. M. McConnell, who died in March.

The fine church building cost over \$60,000.

Mrs. Ramsay will accompany Mr. Ramsay.

Mrs. Jaison Lawrence and daughter, Katherine, of Marshall, arrived in Spur Sunday to spend this week with her mother, Mrs. John K. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Higginbotham, of Post, were in Spur Nov. 11th to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hogan and Pat.

ional amount of kerosene used in the double rate of application for the most part penetrated deeper into the soil around the roots of the plants. More recent studies show that kerosene kills only at the point of application but does not penetrate into the root system. To obtain complete control of regrowth, it is necessary to use sufficient amounts of kerosene at the base of the trees to penetrate 6 to 8 inches deep in the soil around the roots. On young seedlings and rough bark trees free from sprouts, this treatment is effective and not too costly, but in the case of heavily branched second growth wood large amounts of kerosene are required. Removing the soil from the base of brushy mesquite and applying kerosene to exposed tap root gave control of sprouting, but this method is often laborious and quite expensive.

Even though the findings in this preliminary study appear highly promising from the standpoint of coping with the vast brush problem of the State much information yet remains to be developed. A cheaper and easier method of eradicating and controlling brush is needed. Reinfestation of land once it has been cleared is another important problem in brush control work. During years with favorable moisture conditions such as 1941 mesquite seedlings often appear by the hundreds not only on land infested with brush but on land that has been cleared anywhere from one to 10 years.

Realizing the importance of the brush problem in certain areas of the State the Associations of the

Marine Corps Celerated 166th Birthday Nov. 10

On November 10th in the year 1775 the log book of the United States Marines begins. The very first entry shows the authorization of the Continental Congress to enlist two battalions of "soldiers to serve by sea." Tun Tavern, Philadelphia, was the first recruiting station, and men of the waterfront clamored for the chance to enlist. The proprietor of Tun Tavern, Robert Mullan, dispensed much good cheer to his guests and spoke long and loud for the new branch of the service. In short time he was made captain and Samuel Nicholas, a Quaker gentleman of dash and spirit was the first Marine leader.

The first expedition of these Continental Marines met with great success. They landed in the Bahamas in 1778 and captured ammunition and supplies. It was the prophetic beginning of a brilliant career of colorful and successful exploits all over the world. The Marines have landed in every port of call and have title to the most colorful branch of the service of the United States.

In 1805 the Marines made their first trans-Atlantic trek, and met with pirates in Derna. They con-

quered them and hoisted the American flag in Tripoli, the first time the Stars and Stripes flew over a fortress of the Old World. They once again carried our flag to foreign soil in the Mexican War of 1847, when they stormed the citadel of Chapultepec. That was the decisive battle of the war.

The Marine Corps was first established as men who would be soldiers of the sea. But their wide experience and the training given today makes a modern Marine the soldier on land or sea, and in the air. Men between the ages of 17 and 30 are informed that the lid is off, there is no limit to the ranks of the Marine Corps today. Contact your nearest recruiting office in Dallas, Fort Worth, Waco, Abilene or Tyler. You can enlist in the Reserves for the actual duration of the emergency, or in the Regulars for four years.

Miss Winifred Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawis Lee, spent the week end in Spur with her parents. Miss Lee is a sophomore student in Tech this semester.

Mrs. Virgil Smith spent from Sunday to Tuesday in Lubbock with Mr. Smith.

About 150,000 pounds of aluminum-wings and leg bands for poultry in the United States.

Examinations For Border Patrol Are Announced

The U. S. Civil Service Commission will hold examinations for Border Patrolmen, U. S. Department of Justice, within the next few months, and this service desires to have a large number of qualified applicants. The position has a salary of \$2,000 per year.

The applications to participate in the examination must be on file with the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. by November 28, 1941. Application forms and information may be obtained at any post office where civil service examinations are held.

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Social Happenings

Sullivan-Melson Rites Read In Abilene November 6th

A marriage of interest to Spurites was that of Spencer Sullivan, son of Mrs. Fannie Sullivan of Spur, and Karla Melson, of Abilene, which was solemnized November 6 at 5 P. M. in the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. M. A. Jared, 1216 South 7th Street, Abilene.

The single ring ceremony was impressively read by the Rev. Strauss Adkinson, Baptist Ministerial student of Hardin-Simmons, and a close friend of the family, before an improvised altar of autumn flowers and ferns, in the presence of the immediate family and a few close friends. The couple was unattended.

The bride wore a fitted fur trimmed costume suit of brown rabbit fur cloth with matching accessories in acorn brown.

The bride is well known over Texas having been connected with Baylor University and Hardin-Simmons for the past few years.

The groom, son of Mrs. Fannie Sullivan of this city, was reared in Dickens county, and for several years was in business in Spur. He is now connected with a tailoring company in Lubbock.

After a brief honey-moon the couple will be at home at 1605 Ave. R. Lubbock.

Mrs. W. A. McAlpine Entertained 1925 Bridge Club

Mrs. W. A. McAlpine entertained the 1925 Bridge Club Friday night in her home, 1013 W. Harris Street. The party rooms were decorated with lovely arrangements of yellow chrysanthemums.

Members attending were Mesdames M. C. Golding, F. W. Jennings, Della Eaton, Henry Alexander, C. L. Love, T. E. Milam, Nell Davis, A. C. Hull, J. F. Hughes, and Miss Julia Mae Hickman. Guests were Mesdames E. D. Engleman and G. B. Wadzeck.

Mrs. Hull received the club prize for high score and Mrs. Engleman was presented the guest prize.

MISS MARTHA NICHOLS PLEDGES CLUB AT TSCW

Denton, Nov. 12—The Chaparral club, campus literary and social organization at Texas State College for Women, has recently pledged Miss Martha Nichols of Spur to its group.

Daughter of Dr. and Mrs. P. C. Nichols, Miss Nichols is a junior majoring in interior decoration. Membership in the Chaparral club is by invitation only, and good scholastic and citizenship standing are requirements for pledging the organization.

Formal initiation services for all social clubs recently have been completed, and Miss Nichols is now a member with full privileges.

Miss Lynn McGaughey, of Lubbock, spent the past week end with her parents in Spur.

Soldier Mound H. D. Club Met With Mrs. John Aston 6th

The Soldier Mound Home Demonstration club met with Mrs. John Aston, Thursday, November 6. A most entertaining afternoon was enjoyed by all with the demonstrators giving their reports for the year.

Mrs. Bill Ballard was pantry demonstrator and reported she had canned about 300 jars of varied foods.

Mrs. Leland Wilson was living room demonstrator and reported great improvements. She added a new rug, divan, and piano to her living room; re-covered two chairs and polished her floors.

Mrs. Floyd Barnett was food demonstrator and the club will see her work when they meet at her home December 17. The Christmas tree will also be at that time.

The officers for the coming year were elected:

Mrs. Paul Loe re-elected president
Mrs. H. Condron, vice-president
Mrs. Bill Ballard, secretary
Mrs. Dan Pritchett, treasurer
Mrs. Pete Gannon, reporter
Mrs. Elza Armstrong, council delegate.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Bill Ballard, Thursday, November 20.

The hostess served a delicious refreshment of cocoa and cake to: Mesdames Preston Ballard, Wilson Justice, visitors; and members Mesdames W. M. Allen, H. Condron, Bill Davenport, Bill Ballard, Pete Gannon, Dan Pritchett, Charley Allen, Elza Armstrong, Ollie Hindman, Floyd Barnett, Paul Loe and Leland Wilson.

Mrs. M. C. Golding Hostess To Thursday Luncheon Club

Mrs. M. C. Golding entertained the Thursday Luncheon Club at the Spur Inn Thursday noon.

Bronze and dark red chrysanthemums were decorations for the table and reception rooms. Hand painted talleyes were used.

Those attending were Mesdames W. T. Andrews, F. W. Jennings, C. H. Elliott, Jack Christian, Neal A. Chastain, Carl Hall of Lubbock, Ty Allen and the hostess.

Mrs. Chastain was awarded high score prize and Mrs. Jennings received second high award.

MRS. J. O. WINSLAR HOSTESS FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. J. O. Winslar entertained Friday afternoon of last week with two tables of bridge at her home.

A lovely salad plate was served to Mesdames Gilbert Carlton, Ralph Rosamond, James Crump, Horace Hodge, Lee Snodgrass, Daymon Simmons, George Glover, and Bill Walton.

Mrs. Simmons won the prize for high score.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simmons and family attended the football game at Paducah Tuesday.

STRAIGHT FROM NEW YORK



THE LONG TORSO
The long-waisted look is important this season, especially as emphasized in this New York creation with wide banding hugging the hips. Subtle shirring gives the desired molded and slimming effect. The gown is of filmy white chiffon jersey with full skirt hanging straight. The matching scarf can be draped in a variety of ways.

Afton Girls At Texas U. Help To "Put Over" New Organization

A motto of "fun for all" has attracted more than 400 University of Texas co-eds to membership in the Women's Independent Campus Association, a social club for "independents," or non-sorority members.

Though feeling between "Greek" and "independents" on the University campus is not bitter, there has been enough agitation for organization of the independents to make WICA, as the co-ed club is usually called, and MICA, a corresponding group for men, tremendous successes.

Bobbie Randolph and Helen Juanita Kelly, both freshmen from Afton, helped to put the WICA membership drive "over the top." The organization's original goal was only 300.

Formed late last spring, WICA has followed rather closely in the footsteps of the men's organization, which is several years older and boasts a membership list of nearly a thousand. The two collaborate in sponsoring picnics, dances, and intramural sports for their members.

Besides their purpose of getting students who may not otherwise belong to a club into the "social swim," WICA has the more serious aim of giving its support to University projects. The group's first step in that direction has been to line up behind the campus Community Chest drive, out to make the student contribution the largest in history.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Walton were overnight guests of friends in Paducah Monday night and attended the game there Armistice.

Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Henry, of Duncan Flat, were visiting and trading in Spur Wednesday.

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Especially do we want to thank Mr. W. W. Garner, Mr. E. L. Smith, and those that so kindly helped with the arrangements.

Frank Bowles and Children

According to census figures, the average acreage per farm in the U. S. in 1940 was 174 compared with 154.8 in 1935 and 156.9 in 1930.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Morgan and children, of Austin, were visitors in Spur and in the home of Mrs. Morgan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Harris of McAdoo over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Minyard Ensey, Lubbock, spent Nov. 11th in Spur visiting relatives and friends and attending the Spur-Paducah football game.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Marsh, Ray Marsh, Abilene, and Mrs. Alton Barker, of Lubbock, spent the week end in Spur this week.

Mrs. Malcom Brannen and children, Mack and Jane, and Mrs. R. Wooten, left last Friday for Charco to visit Dr. and Mrs. Young, a sister of Mrs. Wooten. Mrs. E. L. Caraway, who has been in Charco the past month visiting her sister returned to Spur with them Wednesday.

Miss Ruth Meyers, of Lubbock, spent from Friday to Wednesday in Spur visiting her sisters, Miss Pearl Meyers and Mrs. Thelma Morgan.

Miss Sammie McGee, student in Texas Tech, spent Nov. 11th with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. McGee in Spur.

Rev. R. C. Joyner left Monday for Abilene to attend the Baptist Conference there this week.

Mrs. E. J. Cowan and daughter, Emily, were visiting friends in Spur November 11th.

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Behind The Scenes In American Business

By JOHN CRADDOCK

NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—TRIM THE TRIMMINGS—Curtailment of peace-time goods production to save materials for arms is moving into a new phase, with attention being directed to leaving off non-essential features of basic articles. Autos of course, shed their "bright work" come December 15. Electric stove makers face somewhat similar problem: either simpler and smaller models—or smaller unit quota allowed. Candy industry is trying to meet OPM requests to cut down by 25 per cent on amount of paper used, by less pretentious boxes, fewer dividers and trays, etc. . . . Even for household replacements like electric switches, pipe and eave-troughs we may eventually have to sign slips at the store certifying the article is needed for replacement only . . . However, restrictions against use of copper sheet, strip and screen in private building have been postponed to January 1; after that, manufacture in those forms for that purpose will be prohibited.

WASHINGTON — Kicker of the "outlined" brand-new \$5,000,000,000 tax bill mentioned last week proved to be the 15 per cent "withholding" income tax, to go on top of already steepened income tax rates. Congress shows signs of balking violently at putting through that drastic a sock, especially at doing it in the big time of two months. But most agree that, whatever new taxes are enacted, they should be of the "deduct at source" type. It was emphasized that Secretary Morgenthau did not submit his new tax ideas as "proposals" for action—just as an "outline." Since a prime motive for the new taxes is to guard against inflation, Congress may try to achieve the same end, in part, by stiffening the price ceiling legislation now in the works, thus partially easing the pressure for making new taxes as severe as those outlined.

PIONEERS — A new angle for history books of the near future is indicated by a precedent set by the New York State Historical Association in dedicating a monument to the memory of Benjamin Franklin Goodrich, who is credited with having founded this country's \$2,500,000,000 rubber industry. Speaking on the 100th anniversary of the industrial pioneer's birth in the little town of Ripley, N. Y., Clifford L. Lord, director of the Association, made a striking point. "Men with the vision of Dr. Goodrich, Cyrus McCormick, Andrew Carnegie and others who contributed ideas and energy to what is now the 'arsenal of democracy' stand out in perspective, today, as figures of equal historical significance in the rise of modern America with our statesmen, writers and educators," he declared. Coming at a time when the democratic world is dependent upon the products of industries created

by such men, Mr. Lord's evaluation is itself worthy of historical note. * * * BITS O' BUSINESS—With cooler weather, the nation's department store sales for the week ending Nov. 1 bounced up again, hitting 18 per cent above same as week of 1940 . . . An accordion maker got an allowance of 150 pounds of aluminum, enough to last him many months, on the plea that music is necessary to morale . . . Sewing machine makers may get priority on the grounds that home-sewn garments for soldiers are morale-builders, too . . . with the opening of a new plant at Martinsville, Va., du Pont hopes to add a million more miles (yes, miles) of nylon yarn, per day, by mid-1942; that would bring a total equal to 40 per cent of all nylon needed for women's full-fashioned hose . . . Competition between oleomargarine and butter for low-income markets is flaring again. * * *

THE WOMEN can and should take an important part in protecting the nation from economic chaos. So said S. F. (for Sylvia) Porter, noted woman financial columnist of the New York Post, at the Stephens College forum on "The American Woman And Her Responsibilities" at Columbia, Mo. As keeper of the family pocketbook and manager of the home, Miss Porter said, the American woman will play a crucial role in deciding: Whether inflation does come; whether the Defense Bond sale is to be "the success it should and must be;" whether our lawmakers are able to put through the tax laws, and the price—and wage—restrictive laws that are "essential to our economic democracy;" whether our industrial inventive geniuses are to succeed in helping us maintain our standard of living through the use of substitutes for scarce goods, and simplification of product design and styles. She particularly warned against hoarding of goods, against "being scared into runs on the stores to stock up on commodities like silk stockings and sugar." * * *

THINGS TO WATCH FOR—Pencils with plastic eraser-holders (du Pont estimates such a switch will release some 150,000 pounds of metal, mostly brass, for defense uses) . . . a new kind of glossy-finish wall-board by Johns-Manville, especially for kitchens and bathrooms because of resistance to steam and water . . . a gas-fired air conditioner for small homes—as a warmer in winter and a cooler in summer—using a system which entirely eliminates need for pumps, valves or other moving parts . . . larger-size food packages, both in the cardboard and the tin can fields—"family-size" packages argue as an economy step, and also in interests of conserving tin plate and fiber board.

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23 YEARS AGO—

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C. C. Haile, of Afton, was a recent business visitor in Spur, spending several hours here trading and on other business. —23—

S. B. Scott, of several miles west of Spur, was one among the many business visitors in Spur during the past week. —23—

A. J. Richey and wife, of the Croton country, were recent visitors and shoppers in Spur. —23—

Al Sullivan, of the Duck Creek country, was in town the latter part of the past week trading and on other business. —23—

W. D. Blair, one of the best and most successful farmers of the country was in town one day this week from his farm home just east of the city. —23—

W. R. Stafford returned to the city this week after an absence of several days. —23—

Mrs. C. D. Copeland, of eight miles east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday of this week. —23—

Dr. and Mrs. Blackwell came over from Dickens Wednesday and spent some time here visiting and greeting friends. —23—

J. F. Speer of near Dickens, was in Spur Monday. —23—

Frank Hale was in the city one day the past week from his ranch home over in Kent county. —23—

Tol Merriman, of five miles south of Spur, came in Tuesday of this week spending the day here greeting his friends and looking after other matters. —23—

Mrs. R. C. Forbis entertained the Friday Afternoon Club at her home Friday the 8th. After a number of interesting games of forty two the guests were served with a most delightful luncheon, a large number of the membership and other invited guests being present and enjoying the occasion. —23—

Ralph McLaughlin and family, of McAdoo, were in Spur recently trading with Spur merchants and on other business. —23—

Mrs. T. A. Tunnell entertained the teachers of the school and a few other invited guests Saturday afternoon at her home in the north part of the city. —23—

J. L. Karr, a leading citizen and one of the best farmers of the country was in town one day the past week from his home near Espuela. —23—

John D. Hufstelder of the North Docket Valley Farm, came to town Wednesday, spending a few hours in the city trading and conversing with his friends. —23—

J. E. Sparks, of the Tap Country, was in Spur Wednesday of last week. Mr. Sparks has been "out west" with his stock which he is now grazing on the good grass of the plains country further west. He states that his stock are now doing fine. —23—

A. Lollar, of a few miles east of Spur, was among the number in the city Tuesday of this week. —23—

J. C. Davis came in Wednesday of this week from his ranch home northeast of Spur, spending several hours here greeting friends. —23—

Mrs. S. H. Twaddell, of Amarillo, is in Spur spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Bowman, during the illness of her father.

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Damage Caused By Rains Lowers The Quality Of Cotton

The grade of cotton through Oct. 1 to 17 in Texas and Oklahoma was lower than for any recent year, and for the period October 1 to 17 about one bale in every 12 ginned in Texas was reduced one or more grades because of rough preparation, according to J. R. Kennedy of the U. S. Department of Agriculture's Marketing Service in Dallas, Texas.

With continued light to heavy rains, picking and ginning are making slow progress. The proportion of the estimated production for Texas that was harvested through October 17 was the lowest in more than 15 years.

Cotton is damaging in the fields and growers are naturally anxious to harvest their crops, but if picked and ginned in a wet or damp condition further losses will result. Some cotton improvement groups must be reduced from Strict Low or Low Middling to Below Grade because of rough preparation. Losses may run as high as \$25.00 per bale. Cotton is also damaged in the bale when allowed to remain unprotected on gin yards or elsewhere during heavy rains.

Growers are urged to let their cotton dry in the field, if possible, before pulling or picking, particularly if the gins are not equipped with driers, and when ginned out, put their cotton either in a waterproof building on their farms or in a warehouse where it will be adequately protected.

Large animals that lived in Texas during the later periods of prehistoric time included elephants, mastodons, horses, camels, bison, ground sloth, giant wolf, giant armadillo and saber-toothed tiger. In earlier geologic time, there were many other animals, including the dinosaur.

Bill Berry, of Wichita Falls and former citizen of Spur, was greeting friends here Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Alton McCully spent the past weekend in Spur with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. McCully, before leaving for Jacksonville, Florida where he will enter the naval air corps training school.

Mrs. Raymond Davis, of Burbank, California, who has been visiting her parents in Abilene, visited in Spur this week with Mr. and Mrs. Joe Watson and other friends.

Mrs. Bill Simpson, of Lubbock, was in Spur November 11th attending to business and visiting friends.

Misses Joyce McCully and Helen Patterson were guests in the C. H. McCully home over the week end.

Miss Lucille Stephens spent Nov. 11th in Knox City visiting her parents.

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To the parents



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Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Dodson, of Brady, were week end visitors in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. E. Dodson, of five miles east of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Sullivan, of Lubbock, spent the 11th in Spur with his mother, Mrs. Fannie Sullivan, and Davis Sue and Burnice.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THOMAS J. ESTEP, DECEASED

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

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