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## SPUR'S ANNIVERSARY MARKS AN EPOCH IN THE HISTORY OF TOWN BUILDING AND WESTERN TEXAS DEVELOPMENT

During The Past Two Years Spur Has Done an Immense Volume of Business, The Country Made Marvelous Strides in Development Progress and is Rapidly Becoming An Agricultural Empire.

On the first day of November Spur past its second anniversary, and while the day might not have been observed by many it marks an epoch in town building, commercial advancement and Western Texas development, and although the occasion was unheralded by either proclamation or celebration the event is one deserving the consideration of every citizen of Spur and the surrounding country, and the development progress consummated and the results attained during the past two years will be a lasting monument to effort and incessant labor and a most substantial tribute to an enlightened citizenship.

The first town lots were sold on the first day of November, 1909, practically every town lot within the townsite being sold at that time, the town turned over to home builders, commercial and business interests and from that day to the present time, without a day's intermission, construction work has been under way, business interests have been advanced and extended, commercial, educational and social relations have been established and a general survey of the town and its surroundings today will reveal a most satisfactory termination of two years of activity and a marvelous progress in town building and country development. No town and no country has advanced and developed in all lines of progress, civilization and education more rapidly and substantially than has Spur and the Spur country within the past two years.

Two years ago the Spur townsite was a raw cow range and virgin plot of ground undisturbed by the seemingly magic hand of civilization, while today it is transformed into a city of commercial prominence to the country and complete master of a vast trade territory unlimited in agricultural resources. Spur now has a population of twelve or fifteen hundred people, comprising some of the most progressive and public spirited men and best women on the face of the earth. In the resident section it has near three hundred and fifty residences, nice cottages and comfortable homes, while in the business portion it has more than one hundred business houses including some of the most handsome, substantial and

costly structures within the confines of any city of Texas. Doing business in the city today are three banks, five dry goods houses, six grocery stores, four hardware dealers, five hotels, one meat market, one bakery, two jewelry stores, two tailoring establishments, two tin shops, two millinery stores, two livery stables, two blacksmith shops, two wagon yards, two feed stores, two coal dealers, two furniture stores, two barber shops, one confectionery, five lumber yards, three real estate offices, three insurance agencies, one abstract office, one sanitarium, two telephone systems, one saddle shop, two shoe shops, two drug stores, three doctors, two lawyers, two laundry agencies, two restaurants, one sign painting shop, one second hand store, one photo gallery, two cotton gins, two cotton yards, electric light plant, five organized churches, one church house and three tabernacles, five temporary school buildings, a twenty thousand dollar school house under construction and nearly complete, and among other things only one newspaper in which is represented the principal firms which contribute to the general welfare, prosperity and possibilities of a city. The town has several miles of concrete side walks, mains laid for a septic sewerage system and twenty five hundred feet has been drilled on the artesian well to give the town an ample supply of pure artesian water.

The volume of business done by Spur during the two years exceeds a million and a half dollars, the merchants of the town

having supplied the trade territory with near one million dollars worth of general merchandise, the lumber men have sold approximately a half million dollars in building material to the town and country, and today, notwithstanding the cotton situation, the merchants and business men continue to do an immense volume of business in every line. The Spur Independent School District valuation of real and personal property now exceeds one million dollars, the assessed valuation exceeding eight hundred thousand dollars.

During the past two years and since the beginning of Spur, the Spur Farm Lands management alone has sold thirty six thousand acres of agricultural lands, 28,000 acres of which has already been improved and upon which have been built one hundred and fifty five new farm homes. At present there are sixty thousand acres of improved land and thirty five thousand acres under cultivation for agricultural purposes within the Spur trade territory. At the beginning of Spur there were only about twenty families settled in the Spur country, while today there are approximately four hundred farms immediately surrounding and tributary to Spur and from which it draws its trade at the present time and will continue to supply in the years to come, and which places the town in an enviable position with respect to commerce and complete master of a rich and vast territory. A state experimental farm station established near Spur and now doing demonstration work contributes much to the educational

advantages of agricultural interests and promotes an increased flow of immigration to this section by more fully demonstrating to the outside world the results of actual farming operations, the advantages, inducements and possibilities of the surrounding farm lands and the adaptability of our varied and rich soil to agricultural pursuits of every character and the superior value of latter day methods of soil culture.

The first year in the history of the town five thousand bales of cotton were marketed in Spur, and which brought financial returns of from fifty to ninety dollars per bale to the farmers of this section. This year it is estimated that from eight to ten thousand bales of cotton will be marketed in Spur provided the price of the staple advances to a sum consistent with the cost of production and the demands of the producers. Each year the feed crops were abundant and many farmers now have stored away enough feed stuff to run them two years and supply the many new settlers expected to locate homes within that time. The gins of Spur, Dickens county and this territory have ginned to date approximately five thousand bales with the principal part of the crop yet remaining untouched in the fields.

A large force of men have been employed during the past year in killing prairie dogs on all of the surrounding Spur farm land, the lands now being practically clear of these pests and which is no small consideration to the homeseeker, prospector and settler.

Aside from the farming interests there are a number of ranches surrounding Spur and which contribute considerable resources to the town, the Spur Ranch alone with a force of some fifty men has an expenditure of approximately fifty thousand dollars each year.

At the end of the required twelve months Spur was incorporated for municipal purposes under the commission form of government, and as a result of not only the sanitary ordinances adopted but by the will of the entire citizenship Spur is today and has been since the creation of the town one among the cleanest and most observant of the welfare of the general public of all of the new cities of Western Texas.

Within the county fifteen new school houses have been built and first class schools established in every community, thus giving the Spur country and Dickens county exceptional advantages in educational facilities.

Taking everything into consideration within the two years Spur's progress and advancement has been unparalleled and the improvement and development of the Spur country and Dickens county has been marvelous and unprecedented since the beginning of Western Texas settlement, and within a very few years the indications are that this section will become an agricultural empire, densely populated by thousands of contented and prosperous farmers and supporting a city of prominence and a factor in the commercial and industrial world.

There are many acres of rich agricultural lands surrounding Spur now awaiting the coming of more farmers and which are being sold now at prices ranging from twelve to twenty dollars an acre. The time is rapidly approaching when improved farm land will sell for fifty dollars an acre and unimproved land will be a thing of the past.

The record made during the past is conclusive assurance of a great future for both town and country, and considering the conditions existing, the inducements offered and the possibilities of the future no man need hesitate to become one among a prosperous, progressive and contented citizenship.

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**ENTERTAINMENT**

Tuesday afternoon, from four until five o'clock Mesdames Hazlewood and Dunn entertained at the home of the former in honor of Mrs. W. S. Campbell, and in response to the invitations sent out quite a number of the lady friends of the hostesses and guest of honor were present.

The guests, upon their arrival, were received by Mesdames Dunn and Morris, and presented to the guest of honor, Mrs. Campbell, nee Miss Dora Williams, by Mrs. Hazlewood, after which they were ushered by Mesdames Griffin and McClure to another room, where each guest was permitted to register their respective wishes to the recent bride and guest of honor on this occasion. Misses Elnora Dunn, Kate and Nell Mahon, Mary Jane and Cal Smith and Iva Joplin, dressed in pink evening gowns, served refreshments of marmalade pappas with whipped cream and cake. From thence the guests were ushered into the dining room, where each was again refreshed with chocolate and whipped cream.

Candlesticks, bearing a number of candles, illuminated the darkened rooms, casting a halo over the occasion, and the bride was the recipient of many handsome and costly presents, as well as the congratulations and best wishes of all present.

At five o'clock the guests departed, thanking the hostesses for a most delightful and pleasant evening.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS**

Letters remaining in the Post Office uncalled for the week ending November 18, 1911.

Gentlemen  
Geo. W. Bradley, John Divila, Carnita Hernandez, C. Hernandez, Edgar Jacobs, Pantolon Maro, W. C. Reese, S. A. Severson, D. C. Nelson, Francisco Villarrel, Lour Wright, W. T. Write, Jim Walker, W. M. White.

Ladies List  
Mrs. M. King, Miss Bulah Nichols.

When calling for above letters please say "advertised."

Norton A. Baker, P. M.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Evangelist Wm. Pearn will preach on Sunday at 11 and 7:30 o'clock. Bible school at 9:45 a. m., Jeff D. Reagan, Superintendent. Everybody in Spur will be heartily welcomed to these services.

**MARRIED**

Williams—Campbell.—A home wedding unusually beautiful in its solemnization and prevailing sentiment was the marriage at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, of Miss Dora Belle Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Williams, and Mr. William Spencer Campbell of Spur, Texas.

The house was beautifully adorned for the occasion with southern smilax, fern and flowers. The ceremony which was witnessed by an assembly of interested friends and relatives, was performed before the improvised altar of graduated palms and ferns in the drawing room. In the dining room flowers and ferns formed an ideal setting for the table in the center, laid in florentine lace and flowers.

Mrs. Hal Jamison rendered the wedding march and Rev. M. F. Daniel read the impressive marriage ceremony.

The bride wore a beautiful going away suit of brown, with hat, gloves, and shoes to match, and carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley.

Following the ceremony and congratulations, refreshments were served, after which the bride and groom departed on the 5 o'clock train amid a shower of rice and good wishes, and will be at home in Spur after Nov. 20th.

The bride is a very attractive and loveable girl, endeared to a large circle of admirers and friends, and the handsome collection of wedding presents attested the popularity of the young couple.

Among the Houston relative guests who attended the wedding were Mrs. J. J. Sweeney, Mr. Will Giles, Miss Edith Heftie and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Williams. —The Angleton Times.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell returned last week to Spur and are now being congratulated by their many friends in Spur and surrounding country. At present they are at home to their friends at the Hisey residence.

**EXTENDING KNOWLEDGE**

Dr. Morris now has a two years certificate permitting the practice of pharmacy in every branch of the profession. The practice of pharmacy is not a requirement and is out of the ordinary in the medical profession, yet to be better prepared to handle medicines in various branches Dr. Morris is extending both his knowledge and qualifications to that end.

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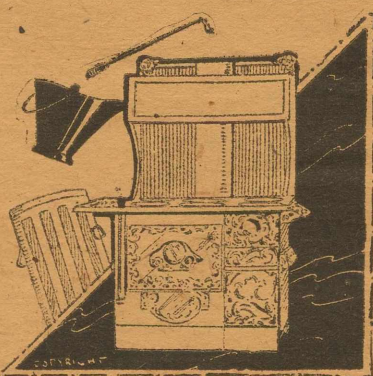
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**WELCOME ENTERTAINMENT.**

A most interesting and enjoyable time was had at the Methodist tabernacle Thursday evening, the occasion being a meeting given by the Women's Home Mission Society for the purpose of extending a welcome to Rev. and Mrs. Stewart, who had the honor of being given charge of the work here another year. And the welcome was a royal one. The welcome addresses, delivered by Messrs. Cole and Tyler, were most cordial, and were responded to by Rev. Stewart in a happy speech. The music on the violin and organ, furnished by Messrs. Edmonds, Edwards, New and Mrs. New was splendidly rendered, and the reading by Miss Irma Baker was among the most interesting features of the evening. After being served with refreshments, consisting of cake and coffee, and listening to more excellent music, the meeting came a close, all feeling that the evening had been most happily spent.

**TEXAS WELFARE COMMISSION**

Commercial Secretaries Appoint Commission to Investigate Industrial Conditions.

The Welfare Commission which the Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association of Texas has organized will hold sessions in Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Houston and other cities in Texas and hear the views of men of affairs on the needs of Texas. The following are a few of the questions which the Commission will undertake to answer:

Sixty-eight per cent of the farmers of Texas do not own their farms. WHY?

We need 50,000 miles more of railroads in Texas and there is not a mile of road under construction in the State today. WHY?

We have 140,000 miles of unimproved public highways and during the past ten years we have permanently improved only 2,900. WHY?

We have 1200 miles of navigable rivers but no steamboat lines ply our waters. WHY?

We buy from other States \$75,000,000 worth of feed stuff annually. WHY?

According to estimates of the Farmers' Union it costs 12 1/2 cents per pound to raise cotton and it sells for a less price. WHY?

We owe \$1,100,000,000 to parties outside the State and will have to borrow ten billion more to develop our resources and yet large insurance companies and other sources of cheap money are not doing business in Texas. WHY?

The Farmers' Union report that they are paying 8 and 10 per cent for money loaned on cotton in their warehouses, although cotton is the best security in the world. WHY?

Texas cattle are rated by the Federal Agricultural Department at \$14.79 per head and Illinois cattle at \$28.92 per head. WHY?

**MOTHERS CLUB WORK**

November 19, 1910, the Mothers Club of Spur was organized by the ladies who were interested in the work of the Public School, and in the welfare of the children of Spur.

During the year ending in November, 1911, the club outlined a plan to collect books for a public school library, and have secured a number of good books. The Farm & Ranch made an offer of a school library, consisting of twenty six valuable books, to any person or organization securing a number of subscriptions to the Farm & Ranch, or to Holland's Magazine. The club has secured all of the required subscriptions but three for the Farm & Ranch, or six for the Magazine, which we hope to have at an early date, and get these twenty six volumes for the school library by the time the new High School building is ready for occupancy.

The club has provided books for three children, thus enabling them to attend school this year, and we will provide the necessary books and clothing for children whose parents are unable to send them to school otherwise.

The field for our work is extensive, and the active co-operation of all who are interested in our efforts is earnestly solicited. Our meetings are entertaining. Discussions of subjects of interest to the club are participated in by all who will express themselves, and many good thoughts are brought out in these discussions.

At the second annual election all of the officers of the club were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon, Pres.  
Mrs. Jeff D. Reagan, Sec.

Boys, bring us down your empty oat and bran sacks. We buy them.

Spur Grain & Coal Co.

An oyster supper will be had Friday night at the Prætorian lodge hall and given by that order.

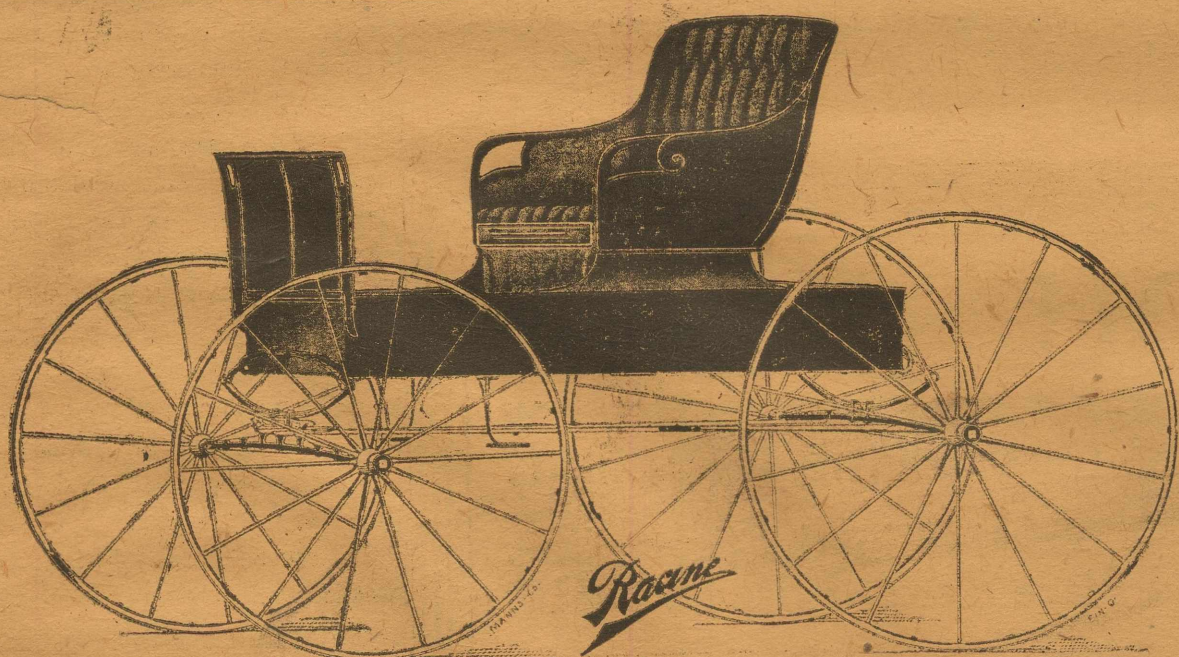
I still have a number of hats left. They are still going at cost. —Mrs. W. B. Griffin.

Mrs. E. L. Pass left Thursday for an extended visit to her parents at Blum.

A nice line of notions and neckwear just received at Mrs. W. B. Griffin's.

G. C. Pass and son made a trip last week to the Plains country.

Four Hillside lots for sale at \$162.50 each. —H. T. Burgoon.



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### TO THE BUSINESS CONCERNS OF SPUR

We, the Mayor and Commissioners of Spur, invite your attention to the following Ordinance relative to the use of fireworks adopted Monday, March 27, 1911.

"Any person or persons who shall fire off or discharge any sort of fireworks or combustions within the corporate limits of this town, except on his or her premises, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof shall be fined not more than Ten Dollars."

Now, considering the great danger from fires, we earnestly request that you will not handle or offer for sale fireworks during the Christmas or New Year holidays. Your compliance with this request will be appreciated by all property owners and by us.

George S. Link, Mayor.  
W. G. Sherrod, Com'r.  
E. C. Edmonds, Com'r.

### DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

At a meeting of the Directors of the Commercial Club held Monday, November 6th, C. L. Love, S. R. Davis and N. A. Baker were appointed delegates to represent the Spur Commercial Club at the third annual convention of the Texas Industrial Congress to be held in Dallas, December 20.

Jeff D. Reagan, Sec.

### STRAYED OR STOLEN

One blue horse, 3 years old, 15 hands high, unbranded, wire mark on outside of right fore ankle, strayed from W. J. Elliott pasture. \$500 reward for his return to S. Power at J. B. Morrison place, Tap Texas. 2tp

Jim Crump, of the Steel Hill community, was among the many visitors to Spur Saturday.

J. P. Gipson was in Saturday with a bale of cotton from his place in the Steel Hill country.

### GILPIN HAPPENINGS

Old Father Winter, bold and cold is here again, And here he'll linger too I'm told, 'til Spring.

But we don't care a "fig," the fact is, we're glad he's come. We hope however, that we will have a few more days of pretty weather, so the farmers can finish gathering their cotton.

Rev. J. V. Billberry preached an able sermon Sunday at Duck Creek School House. In spite of the cold weather there was a good crowd out, which speaks well for the people of Gilpin and Duck Creek.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brooks are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sampson. Mr. Brooks says that he may locate here in Gilpin, and his many friends are hoping that he will.

Rev. W. B. Bennett has returned from his trip to Jones county, and reports fine crops in the part he visited.

Mr. and Mrs. West and children attended church services at Duck Creek Sunday.

Mrs. Horace Estes visited her father and mother, grandma and grandpa Butts, Sunday.

Our school trustees went to Dickens Friday, looking after the interest of the school. Our school will begin the first Monday in December.

Remember Sunday School and church meeting, and don't forget the prayer meeting every Wednesday night.

Hurrah for the Texas Spur.  
Johnny Jump-Up.

Joe Allison, of Soldier Mound, way among the many visitors in Spur Saturday.

### WATCH DICKENS COUNTY DEVELOP AND PROSPER

Chas. Durham was in Saturday from his home south of Spur and brought in a load of chickens and brooms for sale to the people of Spur. Mr. Durham said that he had in about eighteen acres of broom corn this year and that from this field he has made many dozens of brooms of both heavy and light weight which has been selling for thirty-five and fifty cents each. We secured one of the heavy brooms and consider it as good as any broom we ever saw. It is a Dickens county product in every respect. The broom corn was planted, cultivated, grown, manufactured, sold and will be used in the county. In the years to come we expect to see the cotton crops of the country handled in the same manner. Watch Dickens county grow, develop and prosper.

### RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY TEACHERS DICKENS COUNTY

Whereas: The teachers of Texas are frequently unable to collect their salaries from two to five months after having rendered their services without being forced to heavily discount their vouchers; therefore;

Be it resolved by the teachers of Dickens county in County Institute assembled, That we request the State Teachers Association and the Conference for Education in Texas to take steps that will correct this evil.

Be it Resolved Further: That the State Teachers Association, the Conference for Education in Texas, and each of the papers printed in Dickens county be furnished a copy of these Resolutions.

O. S. Ferguson,  
Miss Ollie E. Clarke  
Geo. T. Barnes,  
Committee.

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### MARKETING COTTON

M. L. Blakely, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday with two bales of cotton which he sold on the Spur market at the prevailing price of near nine cents. Mr. Blakely also had his cotton ginned here and says that he with the many other farmers has been holding for a better price.

C. E. Pearson, general deputy of the Praetorians, is in the city spending several days in the interest of that order. The Praetorian lodge is one of the largest orders with respect to membership of Spur. A meeting of the Spur Camp will be had Friday night and all members are requested to attend. A number of new members are to be initiated and other business transacted.

Lola, Fay, Olen and Ivan Harris, who have been spending the past two months with relatives in Erath county, returned Sunday to their home in Spur.

### DICKENS ITEM

O. O. Love made a business trip to Spur Wednesday.

Mrs. M. L. Jones and Misses Ella Garner and Esther McKnight of Soldier Mound spent Monday night in town with friends.

L. W. Davis and family and Mrs. S. R. Davis and children of Spur were in town visiting Saturday night and Sunday.

Mrs. Viola Flowers and son, Franz, of Spur, were in town visiting relatives Wednesday and Thursday.

The Item is glad to announce that Mrs. Chas. Jaye is now at her home in Dickens, having recovered her strength and health sufficiently to be brought from the sanitarium at Spur last Monday.

H. J. Harvey of Wise county, was here Wednesday having a deed recorded to a quarter section of land three miles south of town. Mr. Harvey is making arrangements to have one hundred acres put in a farm, and is making other improvements.

C. H. Holland of Haskell county, was in town Monday looking after his land interests in Dickens county. Mr. Holland owns quite a lot of land in this county and will improve some of it next year. He has bought a residence in Spur and will move his family there in the near future.

B. C. Palmer, of five miles northwest of Spur, was in one day last week and paid us a dollar for a year's subscription to the Texas Spur for which he has our thanks. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section.

### PREPARING FOR HOLIDAYS

Mrs. C. H. McDonald returned last week from Dallas where she spent several days attending the fair and also buying holiday goods for the McDonald confectionery business. From all indications Spur will have an exceptionally large and well selected stock of holiday goods this season and the people of the surrounding country are assured of being supplied with anything desired in holiday goods.

John Luce and wife of the Soldier Mound country, were in the city Saturday trading with Spur merchants.

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W. J. Lewis, Mgr.

Calico is cheaper than silk  
Some flour is cheaper than Light  
Crust. Bryant-Link Co.

Bud Broyles came down Sunday from the Plains and spent some time in Spur.

FOR SALE--60 head of hogs seedlin or buded fruit trees. If you want anything in this line see E. B. Shaw at Draper, Texas.

Sam Smith, of near Tap, was in the city Saturday and reports everything in his section in the finest shape.

We want every lady that makes ligh bread to know we keek Split tilk, a flour for light bread only.

Brvant-Link Co.

T. E. Rucker, of Afton, was in Spur trading Saturday. He reports everything moving along nicely in his section.

Mrs. W. N. Blackwell, we are sorry to note, has been quite sick of typhoid fever the past several days. We hope soon to report her complete recovery.

J. R. Rone, who has been assisting in the construction of a fine residence for J. O. Wooten in the Wake country, returned this week to Spur.

Misses Wooten of the Wake country were in the city Saturday and while here were pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office

Did your wife ever tell you to buy a pretty good sack of flour. If she did don't buy Light Crust for its the best.

Bryant-Link Co.

# SPUR FARM LANDS

We Offer You a Choice From 673 Square Miles of Texas' most productive Territory

Sold direct to the homeseeker, perfect title, no selling commission. We give full value for every dollar.

**\$12 to \$17.50**  
Per Acre

With some additions when close to town

## THE FARMERS' OPPORTUNITY.

To Secure a **HOME.**

### STATE EXPERIMENTAL FARM STATION AT SPUR

Recognizing the great possibilities and wonderful future of Spur Farm Lands, the state is now operating an Experimental Farm Station at Spur. This will be a great benefit to the settlers in this region, showing them by actual demonstration on the lands what crops can be most profitably raised; best methods of cultivation, and assisting in all the problems of the farm. This decision was reached after a visit to the lands by Judge Ed. R. Kone, Commissioner of Agriculture, and Dr. H. H. Harrington, Director of Experimental Stations, who recognized the unusual farming value.

To the first comers, ready to develop, we are willing to sell one-half our holdings of 673 square miles on easy terms and reasonable price. We reserve the other half for big increase sure to come with development. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the homeseeker. Cotton, no boll weevil, corn, alfalfa, all feed stuffs, grains, fruits, melons, vegetables. Great hog country—no cholera ever known. The hog farmer is king, and nowhere can hogs be marketed so cheaply. Quick run to Fort Worth market. Delightful, healthful climate—altitude 2000 to 2,500. The greatest extent and variety of land insure the homeseeker such range of selection that the man early on the ground can find exactly what he wants. For further information as to land and lots, with free illustrated pamphlet, see

**Chas. A. Jones, Manager for S. M. Swenson & Sons,**  
SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

#### PREPARING FOR WINTER

M. A. Jordan and J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill country, brought us in two big loads of wood Monday and now we are prepared for the winter weather. However, if there are others who desire to swap us wood for subscriptions or accounts we stand ready to receive several more big loads.

#### WELL OF SNAKE BITE

Y. C. Carpenter, a prominent citizen of near Dumont, was in Saturday and called at the Texas Spur office having his name added to our list of subscribers. Mr. Carpenter reports that his wife, who was recently brought to the Standifer Sanitarium for treatment of a Rattle snake bite, is now recovered and is doing nicely. One of his children who was also recently bitten by a spider is now recovered.

#### NICE RESIDENCE BUILT.

W. H. L. Ward, who has been building a residence for J. O. Wooten in the Dickens country, returned last week to Spur, having completed his contract. He says that Mr. Wooten had a nice residence built, which is substantial evidence of both progress and prosperity.

#### MAKING FINE CROPS

Jim Robertson, of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday and spent some time here on business and greeting his many friends in the city. Mr. Robertson formerly lived in Spur, moving last year to the Afton country where he purchased a farm and is now engaged in agricultural pursuits. We understand that Mr. Robertson is making fine crops this year and we wish him continued success and prosperity.

#### ANOTHER DEMONSTRATION OF ADVERTISING RESULTS

Mr. Dopson, who has been spending several weeks here building a new residence on his place a few miles west of Spur, returned last week to his home at Harrison, Arkansas. At present Mr. Dopson is county and district clerk of his county, but at the expiration of his term of office he will move with his family to the Spur country and make this his permanent home. We extend Mr. Dopson and his family a cordial welcome to this country and wish them a most pleasant and prosperous home here. Before buying a home here Mr. Dopson looked over a considerable portion of country and says that he considers the Spur country ahead of them all. Another thing he said was that his coming here was a direct result of advertising, since he read considerable advertising matter concerning this section, and upon coming to investigate he found that such advertising as he had received did not over-estimate the actual conditions now prevailing, nor fully express the future possibilities of progress and development. The Stamford & Northwestern Townsite Company, under the management of Chas. A. Jones, is not only one of the most extensive advertisers of the country but is among the most conservative of the Western country.

See L. W. Davis for Cotton Insurance. tf

#### BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH

T. A. Smith, of Red Mud, was in town the latter part of last week and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and handed us two dollars for the paper two years and for which we are very thankful. We have heretofore said and again repeat that the Texas Spur subscribers and readers are among the best people on earth. They pay us without urging and thus give substantial encouragement in our efforts to publish a newsworthy, readable paper.

J. W. Hodges left the latter part of last week for Sulphur, Springs on account of his health. Mr. Hodges suffered a recent stroke of partial paralysis and it is hoped that his trip to Sulphur Spring will result in much benefit to his present condition. During his absence Mr. Leonard has charge of his grocery business.

#### NEW HOPE.

On account of cotton picking Mr. Blaine Speer has postponed the beginning of the Liberty School until the 20th—third Monday in this month.

Will Duncan has bought the W. L. Law ranch.

Next Sunday there will be new officers elected for the Sunday School. A full attendance is desired.

Mr. Billberry, a cousin of Alvin Billberry, and Prof. King, both of Stonewall county are in our midst.

Chas. Hunt, and Ed D. Smith, cattle buyers, have been in the New Hope community.

J. L. Law has sold a span of workmules.

Dock Edwards was visiting his brother Larry last Sunday. Onion.

## The Spur Hotel

W. N. BLACKWELL, Prop.

RATES: \$1.50 Per Day.

See me for Weekly Rates

Nice, Clean Rooms and the Best Table the Market Affords.

Buy Your Lumber, Paints and Oils

FROM

**BRAZELTON-PRYOR COMPANY**

SPUR, TEXAS

## All Kinds of Feed Kept

WE HANDLE HIGHEST GRADE & MAKE THE LOWEST PRICE.

See me Before You Buy. First-class Wagon Yard Accommodations Plenty water and good camp house. 1 Block west of Spur Hardware

**J. B. CONNER**

## Horse Dentistry!

W. H. Teague is prepared to pull or cut horses teeth, treat all diseases and prescribe for horses and cattle. Office at Teague's Blacksmith Shop, Spur, Texas.

**E. J. Cowan**

Abstracts Procured.  
Notary Public.

REAL ESTATE, FIRE, TORNADO  
LIFE & LIVESTOCK INSURANCE

Agent Union Central Life Insurance Company.

## CENTRAL MEAT MARKET

FITE & KIESTER, Props.

Fresh and Cured Meats

Call or Phone us Orders. Your Patronage is Solicited.

## Luzon Telephone Co.

Spur, Texas.

Best Local and Long Distance Service and Connections

THE VERY BEST SERVICES EXTENDED TO PATRONS AND THE PUBLIC.

Let us put a 'phone in your home or place of business.

### OPENING NEW ROAD

Secretary Jeff D. Reagan made a trip last week up in the Draper country with a view of opening up a new road from that country to Spur and also to survey a more direct route. It is said that the new road will not only shorten the distance to Spur but will be a much better road than is now being used for the travel of that territory. More roads and better roads is an advantage

to every individual, increases the value of adjacent property and is a real substantial asset to any country and community. To build good roads is to build not only for the present but future generations. Let the good work go on.

J. B. Morrison, of the Cat Fish country, was in the city Monday on business and spent several hours here.

# COTTON

## SELLING AT 8 CENTS A POUND

Is a sad thought indeed, but it is a great deal worse to raise 8 cent cotton and buy from the wrong store. Consider well before you buy your supplies and patronize the firm that looks to your best interests.

### QUALITY AND PRICE

We have the best brands of goods offered for sale. We sell at the right prices and we look after the interests of our customers at all times. Ask the customer who knows.

#### KNIT GOODS

In our Knit Goods Department you will find the best values ever offered in Sweater Coats and we can fit every member of the family from dad down to the little ones.

#### CLOTHING.

We have some exceedingly good values in Mens and Boys Suits. Don't buy elsewhere until you see our lines.

#### RUBBER SHOES

You find by experience that you can't always get what you want in an overshoe. Our line of Rubbers and Arctics is complete. Better be fitted before it's too late.

#### GLOVES

We carry the best stock of Gloves in West Texas. Come see

#### SHOES

We sell the Famous STAR BRAND SHOES and our stock is always complete. See that every member of the family WALKS ON STARS.

#### GROCERIES

If it's in the Staple or Fancy Grocery Line, we have it. We invite you to see us.

# SOL DAVIS

"THE BEST IS CHEAPEST"

## FACTORS IN PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT PROGRESS

Editor Selden of the Dickens Item was in the city Tuesday and while here was a fraternal and pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reported the capital city moving along nicely, and conforming to the characteristic of all western newspaper men, he was optimistic concerning the prevailing cotton situation and the resultant conditions existing. Newspapers and newspaper men as a whole contribute more to the promotion of progress, prosperity and stability of our country than any and all the combined interests seeking to substantiate, build up and prosper an agricultural, commercial and educational empire within the confines of Western Texas, and with the cooperation and encouragement of an united, prosperous and enlightened citizenship such efforts are being fully consummated and crowned with abundant and triumphant success.

### IN JUSTICE COURT

The horse case tried in Justice court Monday resulted in a verdict for the defendant, W. H. Stephens. The case was one in which Mr. Baker, a resident of New Mexico, claimed a horse now owned by Mr. Stephens, alleging that the horse had been stolen from him more than two years ago. The case will be appealed to the county court and will probably be again heard at the regular term of that court. Atty. [B. D. Glasgow represented Mr. Baker, while Attorney Holman represented Mr. Stephens in the trial.

### DAMAGE TO COTTON

T. J. Harrison was in Spur Tuesday from his home several miles above Dickens and reports that the high winds of last week did considerable damage to the cotton crops of that section in that the greater portion of the staple was blown from the stalk and will now have to be gathered from the ground within a limited time and with an inadequate force of workmen.

### NOTICE

All parties are hereby notified that hunting on any of my land is prohibited. J. N. Self, Spur

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Powell are now extending their congratulations upon the arrival of a fine, 11 pound boy in that home Monday, November 13th.

## EVIDENCE OF PROSPERITY BY DIVERSIFIED FARMING

J. H. Edwards, of the Croton country, was in the city the latter part of last week after more building material with which to complete his new residence on his place. The improvements being made in that section of country is evidence of prosperity. The people of that section are all making and gathering the finest crops grown anywhere in any section. However, Mr. Edwards says the evidences of prosperity on his part is the result of not fooling with cotton and devoting more of his time to "diversified" farming on his place. The diversified farmer is no doubt the coming man of the country and we congratulate Mr. Edwards on adopting such methods and principles in his farming operations.

## COAL WE HAVE IT NOW

Did you some of our last car?  
If not, phone us your order  
Now and save fifty cents per ton.

### ARRIVING AND IN STOCK WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING FEEDSTUFF

Pure Bran, Corn Chops, Shorts, Best Oats, Shelled Corn, Screened Cake for "Range Cattle", Meal Hulls and Pressed Cake for Milk Cows, Special Horse Feed, Alfalfa and Prairie Hay, Seed Wheat, Best Winter Turf Seed Oats, Rye Johnson Grass, Millet, Threaded Maize, Blacksmith and Large Lump Coal

We have a complete stock and would appreciate your business

### Terms Strictly Cash.

We buy Hides, Skins, Furs, Oat and Bran Sacks. Weighing for public solicited

## SPUR GRAIN & COAL COMPANY.

## The Spur National Bank

Capital, 100,000.00

Prompt and Reliable Banking Service

## MAKE OUR BANK YOUR BANK

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W. G. SHERROD

Don't buy cheap flour its false economy. The best is cheapest. What is best? Light Crust. Bryant-Link Co.

Miss Jim Blackwell, who has been very sick of typhoid fever, is now reported doing nicely and rapidly recovering.

Rev. William Pearn will preach at the First Christian church next Sunday morning and evening.

The White Front Grocery Store was sold this week to Messrs. Hinson and Poole who will assume the management of the business during the next week.

### EXTRAORDINARY WIND

L. C. Arrington, one of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday with cotton which he sold to the buyers at a price of near nine cents. Mr. Arrington said that the winds last week picked out most of the cotton in his territory and as a result they now only had to rake the staple from the ground. He further said that he had been in seventeen states and three territories and that during all of his experience he never before saw just such a wind storm as visited this country last week.

# Groceries!

## ARE THE NECESSITIES OF LIFE

And in the purchase of anything necessary to life, health, happiness and peace one should give the most careful consideration, buying only such articles as are of highest quality and purity. In buying our groceries we select every item from the highest and best grades and brands on the market and in retailing such goods to the trade in Spur and surrounding country we may not make special red hot prices on occasions but we sell goods every day in the week at prices which cannot be beat by any substantial house which considers quality rather than quantity.

### HIGHEST GRADE GOODS

### At The Lowest Price.

We carry a complete line of both Staple and Fancy Groceries and are prepared to accommodate the public and supply the trade in every respect and on short notice.

## Hisey Grocery Co.

# MORRISON'S BIG BARGAIN CARNIVAL CONTINUES!!

Special Values Affording Great Savings in All Departments of The Store

## Read Our Big Red Circular For Prices

COME AND DO YOUR TRADING NOW, AT A TIME AND PLACE WHERE YOU CAN SAVE MONEY

# R. R. Morrison, Spur, Texas

I wish to let the people of Spur and Dickens county know that I am agent for the Lone Star Insurance Union and Burial Association. I will call on all I can. Any one wishing information in reference to either will call on me at my home or Mr. A. T. Odeneal at Barber & Hancock's Hardware store.

2t Mrs. A. T. Odeneal.

Uncle Tom Gilmore was in from the ranch Tuesday and while here handed us a dollar to be credited to his subscription, and which we are glad to do.

Jeff D. Harkey and wife, of Dickens, were visitors in the city Tuesday.

See L. W. Davis for Fire, Tornado and Cotton Insurance etc.

I wish to let all know that I am now the local agent for the Vine Hill Nursery Co., and anyone wanting fruit trees, berry vines, grape vines, or flowers of any kind, will come and see me at Barber & Hancock's Hardware store and save money. A. T. Odeneal, Watchmaker & Jeweler, Spur, Texas.

Did you have good buiscuit this morning? If you didn't don't fuss at your wife, just buy a sack of Light Crust.

Bryant-Link Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Swarengin, of Gilpin, spent Monday and Tuesday in the city at the home of Mrs. Z. V. Smith.

See those new patterns of Mattings at Texas Furniture Co. 20c per yard.

### HENSON & POOLE

We have bought the stock and fixtures of the White Front Grocery Company and are now receiving new goods daily. The trade and influence of the people of Spur and surrounding country will be greatly appreciated. Prompt delivery to any part of the city. Both phones 28.

Duke Henson & A. L. Poole.

With the possible exception of brown, the predominating color in suits for men and young men, this season, will be gray, and without any exception the most popular shade of gray will be the Quaker gray. We have them.

Spur Tailoring Co.

Will sell Kings Chocolates also Sparrows Empress Chocolate, both arrive fresh by express, and are the best at any price. Make all kinds of candy, wholesale or retail.

C. H. McDonald.

Mrs. Rodgers, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. G. VanLeer, returned recently to her home at Tolar.

Bring us your clothes to clean, we do it under the newest methods. First door north of Red Front Drug Store.

Spur Tailoring Co.

J. N. Zumwalt, a prosperous farmer and ranchman of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday.

Our fabric assortment includes worsteds, fancy serges, tweeds and worsted chevots, and silk mixtures in blues, correct browns and grays, in just the quality you wish to select.

Spur Tailoring Co.

I have made arrangements with diamond Merchants to sell diamonds on the installment plan. Do you want one? if so see me.

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A. T. Odeneal

Wanted - A good, young work animal. A sorrel mare preferred, and will pay value received. - I. S. York, Spur Experimental farm

W. E. Strickland made a business trip this week to Waco.

I have just received and opened up a nice line of pretty holiday goods. There is everything, from a doll and toys to the finest china. Come in and bring the baby, your wife and sweetheart, and examine my line. - W. B. Griffin.

You will have absolute assurance of smart, correct style, fabric exclusiveness and standard excellence of tailoring when you purchase of us.

Spur Tailoring Co.

You can't afford to miss securing one of those new patterns of Matting at Texas Furniture Co. 20c per yard.

## Henson & Poole

STAPLE & FANCY  
GROCERIES

Successors to The White Front Grocery Store.

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SPUR, TEXAS

## W. C. BOWMAN

# Lumber Comp'y

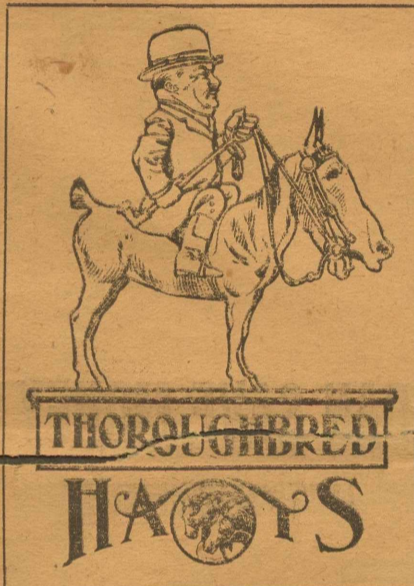
LUMBER, SASH  
DOORS, PAINT,

And All Kinds Building Material

Only A Few More Days in Which to Take Advantage of Our  
**BIG NOVEMBER SALE!**

We are highly elated with the enormous business we have had this month up to date. It's been the largest in the history of this store, yet we are not satisfied because we realize that many people in Dickens County today are paying more for the same merchandise than is charged for same by us. Hence we make a strong appeal for those of you who have not visited us lately to come now and see the enormous stock of well selected stock of goods.

**We Have The Goods and Need the Cash.  
 Extraordinary Values For Your Money!**



**COME EXPECTING SOMETHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY**

Just in a big lot of Ladies, Misses and Childrens Coats, bought for cash at much under regular price. You can only realize the Great Values by looking them over. Every Man's Suit of Clothes in the store at Manufacturers Cost. Special prices on all Boys Suits, Mens Odd Pants. All Mens 3.00 Hats for 2.65; 2.50 ones for 2.05. All Wool Dress Goods at from 10 to 33 per cent under regular price. We are also selling shoes from 10c to 75c a pair under price. New line of Sweaters for Men, Ladies and Children. Just received also Wool Shirts, Underwear and many other new items, including Fringe for trimmings in all shades



This Sale Means Dollars to the Buyer and helps to relieve our burdens by turning goods into cash. Bring the family here to look, we are anxious to show you how bad we want to sell our goods.

**J. A. Lambdin & Company,**

ASK FOR TICKETS ON OUR PREMIUM OFFER.

SPUR, TEXAS

WE ARE SAVING YOU MONEY ON ALL PURCHASES

**MOVING TO THE WEST IS  
 A BUSINESS PROPOSITION**

S. R. Bowman and family, one among the most prominent families of Hill county, moved this week to the Spur country and will make their permanent home here in the future. Mr. Bowman recently purchased two quarter sections of land, one of which is the C. A. Jones improved place, the other adjoining this on the north and which will be improved in time for another crop year. Mr. Bowman comes well prepared to meet the demands in the agricultural progress, he, among other things, having shipped a full car load of farm implements and no doubt he will become one of the most successful farmers of the developing West. Mr. Bowman did not leave Hill county on account of unsuccessful farming operations, but realizing that just as rich and productive lands could be bought here at a much cheaper price he sold his property there at the prevailing high price and with the proceeds of such transaction he no doubt can buy double the acreage here and

which will produce as abundantly and in as great variety, acre for acre, as any land anywhere in the state. It has always been a mystery to this writer why many more of the intelligent, business farmers of the more congested sections do not make similar moves. It's a business proposition

**SOCIALIST MEETING.**

At the meeting of the Socialist camp Saturday night a full attendance was present and two new members were added, making a total membership of 22 in this camp. The membership is very enthusiastic, and request a full attendance at the meeting next Saturday night and extend an invitation to others to attend. Mrs. W. D. Clay is secretary and treasurer and reports an interesting program for the next meeting.

**NOTICE**

All parties who know themselves to be indebted to J. A. Lambdin & Co. will please make arrangements for settlement not later than December 1st, as we will positively not carry accounts no further than that date.

J. A. Lambdin & Co.

**AN ORPHANS HOME TO  
 BE ESTABLISHED SOON.**

Efforts are being made by the Oddfellows lodge assisted by the Commercial Club to secure for Spur an orphans home which the lodge is contemplating building in the near future. We understand that the Oddfellows intend to either establish another home or make extensive additions to the one now located at Corsicana. The plea for Spur is that a second home here would be much more conveniently located, thus contributing more aid to the needy orphans at a less expense to the lodge membership. We want to see Spur secure this institution and are confident that such a move would be of benefit to the order as well as this section of the country.

**TAP TELLINGS**

We are still having some kind of weather most every day over here. Saturday, for a change, we had a real sand storm till late in the afternoon when the wind changed to the north and came a hard freeze.

Some are done picking cotton while others have quite a lot to pick. The unfavorable weather has knocked out the cotton pickers most of the time this month.

Posters are out for bids on the Star mail line from Tap to Watson, service to begin in December.

Mr. Morris of Blanket, Texas, is here visiting his son Clarence. Mr. Morris expresses himself as being well pleased with our country and will likely locate here in the near future.

Albert Smelser of San Saba has secured a place here and will soon be here with his household goods.

P. Hinson is building a tenant house on his place this week. We are informed that a Mr. Neal of Spur will occupy the same next year and farm.

—Gadabout.

**DRESS MAKING.**

I am doing plain and fancy sewing and dress making of any kind. Phone or see me at my home.

Mrs. Mattie Cloud, Spur

Mrs. B. B. Gainor, of Gomez, is in the city visiting her parents, I. G. VanLeer and wife.

**AN UNCOMMON AND EXTRAORDINARY WIND STORM**

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**MOVING TO SPUR.**

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Moseley, of San Angelo, moved last week to Spur and will make their home here in the future. Mrs. Moseley is a sister of our fellow citizen and popular townsman, Hugh Hazlewood, and his many friends and friends of the family join the Texas Spur in extending a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Mosely to the city.