

DRILLING FOR OIL ON THE SCOGGINS RANCH

C. D. Pullin, who is one of a crew grubbing on the Scoggins ranch in Kent county, was in Spur Wednesday and contributed another dollar to our subscription funds. Mr. Pullin says that the crew is grubbing to clear land and to supply wood for drilling operations on an oil well which is now under headway. The well is now more than four hundred feet deep, and it is said by experts that the indications are most promising of oil. The well is being drilled by the management of the Scoggins ranch and the work will continue so long as encouraging indications prevail.

REFUSE TO GIVE DETAILS.

Duke Henson, C. A. Bobo, W. B. Griffin and Oran McClure left Spur Saturday for a two-days hunting and outing in the country to the north of Wichita. The weather was fine, the hunting most promising and the country an ideal hunting ground, and notwithstanding the fact that they were amply provided with arms and ammunition, not one of the party can be persuaded to give a detailed account of the expedition.

RETURNS FROM STAMFORD

C. L. Love, manager of the J. A. Lambdin Company of Spur, made a trip this week to Stamford where he spent several days on business and also visiting his family of that city.

ASSUMES CHARGE OF ITEM

Jim Thompson, who has been with the Texas Spur the past several weeks, is now with the Dickens Item. Mr. Thompson is one of the best printers of the country.

PASS DE HAT DEACON

An apparent inconsistency which may have bothered many a thoughtful person is admirably explained by a story told by a writer in the Detroit News-Tribune. The colored parson had just concluded a powerful address on "Salvation Is Free" and was announcing that a collection would be taken for the benefit of the parson and his family. Up jumped a brother in the back of the church.

"Look a-yeah, pahson," he interrupted; "if salvation am free, what's the use in payin' fr' it? I aint goin' to gib yo' nothin' till I find out. Now—"

"Patience brudder, patience," said the parson, "I'll ludicate."

"S'pose yo' was thirsty and came to a river. Yo' could kneel right down and drink yo' fill couldn't you? An' it wouldn't cost you nothin' would it?"

"Ob co'se not. Dat's jist what I—"

"Dat water would be free," continued the parson. "But s'posin' yo' was to hab dat water piped to yo' house, yo'd have to pay, wouldn't yo'?"

"Yas, sir, but—"

"Waal, brudder, salvation is free, but it's de havin' it piped to yo' dat yo' got to pay for."

"Pass de hat, deacon."—Selected.

GYMNASIUM CLUB

A number of the young men of Spur have organized a gymnasium club. The gymnasium equipments have been ordered and will arrive in Spur at an early date. Rooms have been secured and will be furnished with dumb bells, boxing gloves and all necessary paraphernalia for a complete gymnasium equipment. Members will be charged a small monthly fee and the admittance will be confined strictly to the membership. Such a club organization will be of benefit to the membership, and under the present plans the club no doubt will include a majority of the young men in its membership.

LOCATES AT DICKENS

Attorney N. R. Morgan, who has been located in Spur the past month, moved recently to Dickens where he will be located in the future and actively engaged in the practice of his profession. Mr. Morgan has the reputation of being one of the best informed and most forceful lawyers of the country.

NO DEFINITE INFORMATION ABOUT NEW TOWN

L. H. Perry, of Stephenville, was in Spur this week looking after his interests in the Spur Hardware Company business. While here Mr. Perry made a trip up into the Roaring Springs country where he has established another hardware business which will be under the management of Mr. Satterwhite. Mr. Perry says that while they are doing business at this time and selling considerable hardware, the new town Roaring Springs is not yet open to the public and no definite information can be secured as to when the town will open. It is presumed that it will be some time in the summer or early fall when the new town will be opened to the public. Mr. Perry is one of the most extensive hardware dealers of the whole country, he being interested in a business at Stephenville, the Spur Hardware Company of Spur, the Roaring Springs business and other businesses in this Western country.

SPUR NATIONAL BANK ABSORBS DICKENS BANK

This week a deal was consummated in which the Spur National Bank absorbs the Dickens National Bank and the latter bank is now under the control of the Spur National Bank. Cashier Wilkinson of the Dickens bank will hereafter be associated with the Spur bank.

The absorption of the Dickens bank business will considerably increase the business of the Spur National Bank since the business men of Dickens and Afton will now do their banking business at this place.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS IN DICKENS COUNTRY

G. W. Dodson, one of the leading citizen and most prosperous farmers of north of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday and called in at the Texas Spur office and extended his subscription another year and had the paper sent to his father in Tennessee. Mr. Dodson hauled out lumber with which to improve his farm home. At the present time he is weatherboarding and ceiling the house and later he intends to add more rooms to complete a modern and roomy bungalow.

QUARTERLY MEETING

The first quarterly meeting for this Conference Year will be held at the Methodist tabernacle Sunday, January 26. Rev. G. A. S. Hardy, the Presiding Elder of this district, will preach at 11 o'clock. Every body cordially invited.—R. A. Stewart.

GUN CLUB ORGANIZED

A gun club was recently organized and practice shooting has been had a number of times, the scores showing excellent records for amateurs. Practice is had on the hill north of Spur, and more members are desired in the club.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

Two good young mares at a bargain or will trade for mules not over seven years old.—W. F. Shugart, Spur, Texas. 10 4tp

BUYS MORE LAND

Last week W. F. Shugart bought one hundred and sixty acres of land adjoining his place seven miles east of Spur from Mr. Arrington. Mr. Shugart now has three hundred and twenty acres of fine land and is fixed to do a paying business in farming and stock raising.

FORTY-TWO PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds entertained a number of young people and friends with a forty-two party Friday night of last week, there being seven tables for the occasion. During the evening refreshments were served and several selections of music were rendered to the pleasure of the guests.

ELATED BY PROMISE.

Mrs. C. C. Tyler, who is teaching the Red Hill school seven or eight miles east of Spur, came in Friday evening and spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. Tyler. C. C. said that Mrs. Tyler promised to come in again some time in the future and he seemed to be greatly elated by such promise.

DRAPER STORE SOLD TO C. C. HAILE OF SPUR

C. C. Haile, who recently moved to Draper, was in Spur Monday on business. Mr. Haile recently traded for the Draper store formerly owned by Mr. Langham and is now store-keeper and postmaster at that place. He is putting in a big stock of groceries and supplies and says he intends to be prepared at all times to care for the needs in his line of the people of that section. With the store and post-office building and residence he secured two and a half acres of land and will probably truck farm on the side and thus add to his income from other sources. We wish Mr. Haile much success in his new home and business.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

At the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Spur National Bank held in Spur, January 14, all the former officers and directors were reelected to their respective offices.

INTERESTING AND EDUCATIONAL ENTERTAINMENT

Mrs. H. T. Burgoon was hostess to quite a number of friends and guests at her home in the city Friday afternoon, and the occasion was one not only of exceptional social pleasure but of educational advancement.

As requested the guests brought their knitting and fancy sewing and some time was first spent in work and educational converse. After a time blank slips of paper were distributed with the intention of having a "spelling bee." Mesdames Jones and Shelton selected the spelling contestants and Mrs. Miller gave out words from the old Blue Back Speller and the contestants were required to write each word on the slips of paper previously distributed. The slips were then exchanged and corrections noted.

At the conclusion of this interesting and instructive contest needle work was resumed until interrupted by the distribution of small booklets in which each guest was requested to write an autobiography. When complete the autobiographies were exchanged and read aloud. Some were of burlesque, others highly educational and all were enjoyed by those present.

In concluding the autobiographical sketches the hostess announced the result of the 'spelling bee' and in honor to a superior knowledge of the contents of the old Blue Back book the champions were prevailed upon to relate an experience or tell the latest joke. Mrs. Miller, being the champion of the spelling bee, was the first to respond and caused much laughter by recounting her first knowledge of a pipe organ, being at that time a young and unexperienced girl and on her first visit to a city. Mesdames Jones, Edmonds and Standifer followed by recounting laughable jokes and personal experiences, in the relation of which much merriment was indulged.

A delicious salad course was served, and at intervals delightful music was had, Misses Bessie and Evelyne Burgoon rendering a number of choice musical selections to the real enjoyment of the many guests.

Again, on this occasion, Mrs. Burgoon demonstrated a superior ability as an entertainer and most hospitable hostess, and as one of the invited guests the writer will remember the occasion with pleasure and anticipation.

WANTS A BIG SNOW.

J. D. Green, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office and contributed another dollar to our subscription funds. Mr. Green said that a big rain or an 18 inch snow at this time would be appreciated by the people of his section, and we hope they will get it at an early date. However, there is plenty time in which to secure an abundance of moisture for our needs and requirements to make bumper crops.

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A. W. Jordan, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur Thursday of last week trading with the merchants and on other business. Mr. Jordan stated that he and others of the Steel Hill country would go on a hunting expedition Friday in the Jayton country, but we have been unable to learn with what success they met.

Sebe Lambert, of Tap, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and spent some time here. Mr. Lambert reported that Mrs. Lambert was quite sick, although nothing serious was being entertained as the result of her illness.

J. L. Jones, formerly of Childress, has recently purchased the M. A. Jordan place in the Steel Hill community and with his family moved to the place last week. Mr. Jones was in Spur Thursday and informed us that he intended to make extensive improvements on his purchase and become a permanent resident of the Spur country.

Mrs. Myrtle Duncan, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday visiting relatives and also doing some trading with the merchants. While in the city Mrs. Duncan called at the Texas Spur office and subscribed for the Texas Spur.

RESULT AND METHODS OF SCIENTIFIC FARMING

College Station, Texas,— Earl and Oran Davis, of Palestine, have made the two best records, and Sterling C. Wood, of Bessamay, third. According to Earl Davis' report, his corn was planted on three and one half foot rows on deep alluvial soil about three feet deep and eighteen inches apart in the drill. Yield about one hundred twenty two and one half bushels. The yield on similar land nearby cultivated under ordinary methods was fifty bushels. Cost of growing one acre \$11.50. Value \$91.87. Total gain \$80.37.

Oran Davis' corn was planted on similar land, rows same distance apart and corn same distance in drill. Yield 116 2-3 bushels. Total cost \$11.50. Value \$87.50. Gain \$76.00.

The third best record was made by Sterling Wood. Distance apart of rows five feet. Distance apart of corn in drill eight inches. Planted on creek bottom sandy land. Yield 111 bushels. Yield on similar land twenty bushels. Total cost \$38. Value \$111. Gain \$73. Mr. Wood used 700 pounds cotton seed meal as fertilizer.

Many other good reports were made, but all were under one hundred bushels.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland, of six miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday buying supplies of the Spur merchants.

W. L. Croon, of Coleman county, was in Spur recently on business, spending several days here.

E. J. Cairns, manager of the Paddle Ranch and one of the leading citizens of Kent county, was in Spur Thursday on business and spent several hours in the city.

R. S. Booth, of the Girard country, was in Spur recently trading with the merchants.

W. F. Shugart came in the latter part of last week from his home in the Red Hill country and spent some time in Spur on business.

Judge A. J. McClain, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Saturday greeting his many friends and attending to business affairs.

J. T. Prescott, of Abilene, who has been employed on the A. W. Jordan farm during the past several weeks, returned home last week. Before leaving Mr. Prescott ordered the Texas Spur sent to his address in order that he might keep posted as to the happenings in the Spur country.

L. S. Scott, a prominent citizen of several miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday on business and spent some time here.

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Miss Norma Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Smith of Spur, underwent an operation last week for appendicitis at the Standifer Hospital. Miss Smith is reported doing nicely, we are glad to note.

L. C. Arrington, of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday on business and spent several hours here.

W. F. Shugart came in Monday from his place east of Spur and spent some time here on business. He reports everything lovely and says that the goose honks high.

Clay Smart went out into the Wichita country Saturday evening and spent Sunday with Mrs. Smart who is teaching the Wichita school this term.

W. C. Gruden returned this week from Royston where he spent several days with relatives and friends. He reports a most enjoyable time.

John Luce was in Spur Saturday from his home in the Tap country and spent some time here on business.

Duke Henson and family moved last week to one of the Owens residences in the northwest part of the city.

Messrs. Hodges and Lucien Haile, of Afton, were in Spur Tuesday on business.

Miss Nina Wooly is visiting friends in Aspermont this week.

ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the city of Spur in Dickens county, Texas, that on the 17th day of February, A. D. 1913, there be holden an election by the qualified resident property tax paying voters of and within the corporate limits of said city to determine whether or not the said Board of Commissioners of said city shall issue the bonds of said corporation for the purpose of constructing, operating and maintaining a system of water works for said city of Spur.

Said bonds to be in the amount of \$25,000 to bear interest at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, payable in forty years and redeemable in ten years from their date.

And also whether a tax shall be levied upon the property within the corporate limits of the city of Spur, subject to taxation for the purpose of paying the interest on said bonds and provide a sufficient sinking fund to liquidate said bonds at maturity.

It is further ordained and ordered that said election shall be holden at the building formerly occupied by the Spur Standard, and that J. D. Reagan is hereby appointed as presiding officer and H. T. Burgoon and T. A. Tidwell as judges, and that it be held in same manner as required by law for holding general elections.—Geo. S. Link, Mayor; Oscar Jackson, Recorder.

FEED CRUSHED

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J. E. Sparks, one of the most prosperous farmers of the Tap country, was in the city Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

A. Hutchingson, a prosperous farmer of the Clairemont country, was in Spur Tuesday and spent some time in the city on business.

Perry Fite and Mrs. Fite spent one day this week in Dickens visiting friends and looking after the annual payment of taxes.

J. V. McCormick was in Spur Saturday from Afton and spent the day here on business and greeting his many friends.

Miss Bessie Morris, of the Bunker Hill school, was in Spur and spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. J. C. McNeill was in the city Saturday from her home several miles west of Spur.

John Langham and wife, of Dickens, were in Spur Tuesday and spent some time here.

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Miss Bobbie Beavers is suffering of a stroke of paralysis which occurred Monday of last week. We hope to soon note her complete recovery.

Mrs. George A. Stewart, of Sherman, is in Spur on her regular semi annual visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Morrison.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Senator Joseph Weldon Bailey recently resigned his position in the United States Senate in favor of R. M. Johnson of Houston, editor of the Houston Post. For many years Mr. Bailey has been one of the United States Senators from Texas and during the time has gained a wide reputation for brilliancy and ability as a statesman and politician. Immediately after his resignation R. M. Johnson was duly appointed by Governor Colquitt to fill out the unexpired term of Bailey which ends in March. However, the appointment of Johnson will be contested in the State Legislature. Morris Sheppard, who was elected at the recent general election to the full term beginning in March, having asked the Legislature to elect him to fill out the unexpired term in preference to Mr. Johnson. It remains to be noted whether or not the State Legislature will adopt the plans of Bailey, Colquitt and other politicians by electing Johnson, or comply with the desire of a majority of the voters and the constituency by electing Morris Sheppard. Of course the people have not had an opportunity to vote their preference for the man to fill the vacated short term in the Senate, but since they did express themselves in favor of Morris Sheppard for next term it is reasonable to suppose that if it had been made public that Bailey would resign his service for the last two months of his term, the people would also have elected Sheppard to fill the short time vacancy. And, then, too, it is not reasonable to suppose that the people would want any man to serve in the U. S. Senate for only two months. Within that time he could do the people no permanent good, while the regular elected Senator could get acquainted and better prepare himself for service within that time. We believe it not out of place to honor men when their public services justify the honor, but to confer an honor by a short term appointment to office for services unrendered and to probably satisfy individual desires and possibly to repay political favors to politicians should not come within the proceedings of the State Legislature and the actions of our Representatives.

Spur wants a system of water works, not only to supply the domestic needs of its citizenship but to protect the residences and business houses from destruction by fire, and the only objection we find to the proposed bond issue is that we are afraid the amount designated will not be sufficient to install a standard water-works system to supply the town and furnish fire protection according to the requirements of the insurance companies. However, any kind of system is better than none.

The State Legislature is now in session and its opening proceedings denotes that the term will be interspersed with factional fights, petty bickerings and furthering personal political interests together with some consideration of public legislative interests. If in some one day of the session the Representatives will do something to advance the agricultural interests of Western Texas, we will be satisfied if the remainder of a ninety day's term is spent in talking politics and furthering individual interests. Western Texas has been struggling unaided since the Indian fighting days and we are still struggling to settle the country and better our condition, and since this section has contributed much to the settlement and development of other sections of the state, we think now that we are entitled to the assistance and consideration through the Legislature of those whom we profited at the expense of this section in the past.

The Texas Industrial Congress has issued a bulletin to the effect that again this year it will give away ten thousand dollars in gold to farmers of the state who grow the biggest and best crops on a limited acreage and at the least expense. The contest will be similar to that of the past year and we want to see more Dickens county farmers in it this year. Last year several farmers of Dickens county entered the contest, and while at least one of them, W. P. T. Smith of some eight miles west of Spur, made more produce on his acreage than did a number of those who were awarded premiums he failed to cultivate the crop as cheaply and therefore lost the premium. Half the farmers in the county should get in the contest.

The Spur country is rapidly and permanently becoming noted as a hog raising section. Again last week E. D. Chambers of the Afton country, hauled to Spur and shipped another car of hogs to the Fort Worth market. The hogs of this country are of the finest breeds, are not subject to the many diseases, fattened as cheaply and bring the highest prices on the markets. It is thoroughly demonstrated that there is money in the hog business and every farmer should raise at least a sufficient number of hogs for his own use at home. The hog is recognized as the "mortgage lifter."

The United States Congress failed to pass an amendment offered to counteract President Taft's order placing certain class postoffices under the civil service and also his appointment of Federal officers and postmasters throughout the country, and unless the special session to be called by President-elect Wilson immediately after his inauguration again takes up and passes such an amendment the postmasters and other Federal officers appointed by Taft throughout the country will retain their places during the principal part of this term of Democratic administration. We presume the only show for Democrats to get in will be to "impeach" the Republican office holders.

The parcels post is here, and a demonstrated success, notwithstanding. The system is available to all and the country merchant who fails to observe the situation and opportunity has no one but himself to kick.

Advertising is as old as the world, and its necessity and effectiveness has been thoroughly demonstrated throughout all the time since the Apostles of the Bible were ordered to go in to every nation and "proclaim" the gospel of religion. In like manner the gospel of merchandising and commerce must be proclaimed to become effective, and unquestionably the best and cheapest method of proclaiming such gospel to all the people in the shortest time is through the community newspaper. On an average of five newspapers go regularly to every home in the United States, and if merchants place attractive and convincing advertisements in such newspapers as circulate within their trade territory the people of that territory will not only read such advertisements but heed the suggestions contained therein.

The Texas smoke-house should be looked after more carefully and systematically to the end that Texas and Texas people become more prosperous and independent. More than fifty two millions of dollars worth of dressed meats are shipped into Texas each year, and yet in Western Texas there is plenty room and opportunity to raise meat sufficient not only to supply Texas but to ship millions of dollars worth to other states. With other undeveloped resources it is easy to figure where goes the profits in raising cotton—the one money crop of this country.

The trial of Beach B. Epting, charged with being an accomplice of J. B. Sneed in the murder of Al Boyce at Amarillo, is now in progress at Memphis, Texas. The evidence in the case pertains almost exclusively to J. B. Sneed and his motive for the killing, Epting's name being connected with the trial only at rare intervals. Evidence is to the effect that Epting rented a house and made arrangements for Sneed to lay in waiting for an opportunity to meet Boyce. No evidence shows that Epting was in Amarillo at the time of the killing. It is thought that a verdict will be had this week.

During the past two or three weeks quite a number of prospectors have come to Spur to buy lands here and establish permanent homes in the Spur country. This section has been making good crops the past several years while other sections have been suffering of short crops on account of the lack of sufficient rainfall. In this country we have not only rich but varied soils, superior advantages in schools and the conditions are most encouraging in the advancement of agricultural interests.

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L. W. Davis and several employees of the Stamford and Northwestern Railway spent several days of last week in the country north of Dickens hunting.

J. M. Neely returned to Spur Friday from Hamlin where he spent several days visiting his family.

Judge R. S. Holman left the first of the week for Fort Worth where he spent several days on business.

The Christian Ladies sold candy Saturday in the Standifer building, the proceeds of which are to be used for benevolent purposes.

Howard Campbell was in the city Saturday and spent some time here on business. Mr. Campbell reported that his mother, who is making her home him and wife, was sick of pneumonia.

J. E. Wright, a prosperous farmer of the Draper country, was here Friday buying supplies of the Spur merchants.

J. N. Jones, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Thursday on business and trading with the merchants. Mr. Jones called at the Texas Spur office and handed us a dollar with which to pay his subscription to the paper another year and for which he has our thanks. He reports that it is beginning to get dry in his section of the country and that a good rain at this time would be welcome.

J. F. Murphy, of the Croton country, was in the city Thursday of last week and spent some time here on business. Mr. Murphy informed us that he has the New Mexico and may probably remove there should he be able to sell his property in the Croton country.

R. R. Johns, a prosperous farmer of near Spur, was in the city Saturday on business and trading with the merchants, spending several hours here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simmons left the latter part of last week for Rule to visit relatives and friends.

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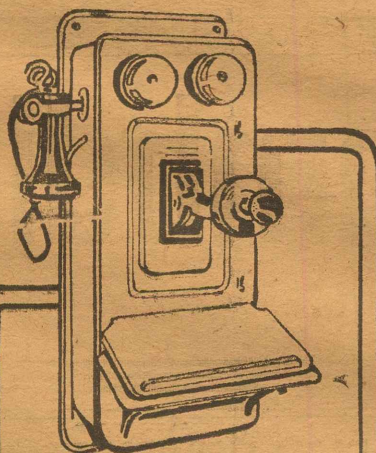
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While the total number of bales of cotton ginned in the United States prior to December 13 of last year was 1,346,145 less than on the corresponding date of 1911, there was an increase in the number ginned in Texas last year of 508,397 bales over the previous year.

The Federal Government report has estimated the Texas cotton crop for 1912 at 4,850,000 bales and using this as a basis, over ninety per cent of the Texas crop was ginned prior to December 13.

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Robert T. Dobson, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake community, was in Spur Friday and while here called at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Dobson stated that he was making extensive improvements on his place at this time in the way of new fences, out-houses, etc. This is his first year in this country, he having moved here with his family from Arkansas a few months ago, but he is optimistic in his opinion of the Spur country and will make this his permanent home.

W. D. Vincent is in Freeport where he will spend some time on business.

Joe Allison, of Dickens, was in Spur last week and spent some time here.

J. W. Thompson, who has been identified with the Texas Spur force for the past several weeks, left Saturday for Dickens and will hereafter have charge of the publication of the Item. Mr. Thompson is a thorough newspaper man and a citizen to be desired by any community and if favored by the support of the business interests and citizenship of Dickens he will publish a more than representative paper.

W. J. Lewis, manager of the Spur Ranch, left the latter part of last week for Dallas where he will spend some time on business.

Rev. Mark Hardin, of near Spur, was here Saturday buying supplies.

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DRY LAKE ITEMS

I. G. VanLeer returned the latter part of the week from a trip to adjoining counties where he purchased a team of mules.

Messrs. G. A. Draper and R. F. Keen made a business trip to Dickens Saturday of last week.

Jim Cherry, teacher of the Steel Hill school, was here this week the guest of T. A. Cherry and family.

W. A. Johnson has just completed a new tank on his place here.

H. C. Allen attended the lodge at Spur Thursday night.

Bascum Tunnell and brother, who have been in Stamford, are now in our community.

A play party was enjoyed Saturday night at the home of Mr. Teague and wife. There was an unusually large crowd present and all report a jolly good time.

A. D. Baker and family, who have been spending the past two months at Chillicothe with relatives, returned some time ago to get their household goods and are now making Spur their home.

Proctor Brown is reported quite sick of pneumonia.

Misses Mamie and Wilma Wier of east of Spur, spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Miss Jewel Hardin.

Ed Brown, of near Spur, is now in our midst.

Miss Fannie Mae Cherry was a guest of Miss Edith McKnight Thursday.

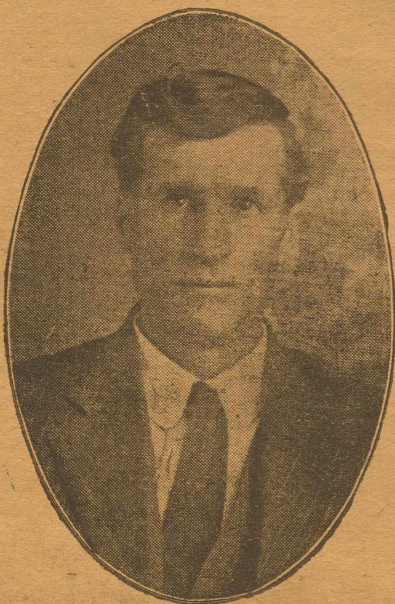
The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Snodgrass was taken to the Standifer Sanitarium last week where it underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Rev. Buck Hardin, our Methodist Pastor, moved his family last week to Post City where they will make their future home.

R. B. Thomas is having some grubbing done on his place preparatory to making a bumper crop this year.—Maiden Vine.

Drugless Sanitarium

The Drugless Sanitarium recently established in Spur has been the recipient of much favorable comment throughout this section of Texas—why? Because we are capable of, and can, cure the many diseases of humanity. If sick, come to us. No charge, except a reasonable rate of board.



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GILPIN HAPPENINGS

W. T. Lovel has returned from the Farmers Union Convention at Fort Worth, and says that "there is something doing in the Farmers Union." He said that while there he met some 15,000 farmers, heard speeches delivered by farmers from all over the state of Texas and came away a wiser and happier man.

Misses Odessa Hagins, Pearl and Alice Goodwin, of near Jayton, spent Saturday and Sunday in Gilpin.

The party given by Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hagins last Friday night was reported a success in every particular.

We learn that Cecil Bennett has a bad case of lagrippe which is keeping him out of school.

Rev. W. W. Fewell, of near Draper, delivered a lecture here Saturday night to a large and appreciative audience.

J. Carlisle and W. P. Sampson are on the sick list this week.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett, who has been quite sick for several days, is recovering.

Mr. E. J. Bilberry has returned from an extended visit with relatives at Peacock.

Messrs. Charlie Carlisle, Willie Hagins and Top Hawkins attended Sunday school at Girard Sunday.

Emmett Hollingshead and sister, Miss Stella, attended the lecture at the Duck Creek school house Saturday night.

Tuesday morning we learned that Cecil Bennett is confined to his bed seriously sick threatened with pneumonia. However, we hope that the dreaded disease can be avoided and that he will soon be entirely recovered.—A Farmer.

Magnetic Healer Hamer was called to his home at Rotan Monday on account of the illness of one of his children. He will return later to Spur and resume his practice here.

FARM LIFE COMMISSION

Texas Secretaries Study Farm Life Conditions—Head of Farmers' Union to Manage Bureau.

J. A. Moore and family, of Lubbock, are in Spur visiting S. H. Bruce and family. Mr. Moore formerly lived in Spur, he having conducted a second-hand business here prior to his removal to Lubbock about a year ago, and it is probable that he may become re-established in some kind of business here.

C. L. Love, F. A. Prideaux, Ross Edwards and R. L. Kennedy spent one day this week hunting on Cat Fish. It is reported that the party made a successful hunt in that each of the party killed quails to the limit of the game laws.

W. M. Randall was in the city the first of this week from his home in the Steel Hill community and spent some time here. Mr. Randall owns several fine farms in his section and is one of the most successful farmers of the whole country.

FROM DICKENS ITEM

O. O. Love had business in Spur Monday.

Mrs. P. H. Miller, of Spur, was in the city Sunday.

T. G. Harkey, of Spur, was in town on business Monday.

R. D. Shields, one of our prominent business men, made a trip to Spur Monday.

Attorney R. S. Holman, of Spur, was in Dickens Monday of this week looking after business matters.

The Dickens County Singing Convention met at Afton Sunday. Those attending from Dickens report good music and plenty to eat.

Messrs. Higginbotham and Yates, of Anson, are in Spur the guests of P. C. Ellis and family and will probably spend several days in the city.

The Texas Farm Life Commission is going to inaugurate a movement to "keep the boys on the farm" and they propose to do this by making farm life more attractive and the business of farming more remunerative. Many of the youngsters, attracted by the glare of the city, leave the farm before realizing the wonderful possibilities that surround them in their country homes. Then there are problems in production and marketing that must be solved through organized effort.

The commission will study every phase of agriculture and will endeavor to provide the machinery for taking out the waste in methods of producing and marketing farm products.

The commission was organized by the Texas Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association and is composed of fifteen members. Mr. S. A. Lindsey of Tyler is chairman of the commission and Peter Radford of Fort Worth manager. The following are the commissioners: H. Lass, Brookshire; S. D. Steedman, Hagerman; J. T. S. Gant, Archer City; Geo. B. Dealey, Dallas; W. P. Proctor, Tyler; E. W. Knox, San Antonio; Joe Hirsch, Corpus Christi; Mrs. E. P. Turner, Dallas; A. Caswell Ellis, Austin; E. J. Kyle, College Station; Edwin Chamberlain, San Antonio; E. W. Kirkpatrick, McKinney; C. W. Post, Post City, and R. J. Kleberg, Kingsville.

The commission will hold a meeting at an early date to outline the work and appoint sub-committees and otherwise organize its forces for aggressive work in every county in Texas.

I will be in Spur to do veterinary work the first and third Saturdays of each month. Bring in horses and mules to Conner's wagon yard.—J. F. Speer. 9-1f

R. L. Collier recently bought all the stock and leased the pastures of Wm. and Chas. Perrin in the Draper country, Chas. Perrin has moved to Roswell, New Mexico, and at a later date Wm. Perrin will also move to that section.

Bob Goodall, one of the most prominent citizens of the Girard country, was in Spur Wednesday on business.

W. H. Young was in Spur Wednesday from near Girard and while here called in and had his subscription run up another year. Mr. Young reports that it is getting dry in his section as well as elsewhere and says that a big rain at this time would be appreciated.

R. L. Collier, dealer in livestock, Milk cows and Poland China hogs a specialty. See me when you want to buy or sell. 12

AUCTION SALE—Three horses, wagon and buggy will be sold to the best bidder in Spur, Saturday, February 1st, at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Neilson, local agent for the Stamford and Northwestern Railway Company, returned to Spur this week from an extended visit in the eastern part of the state.

Messrs. Lake and Leon Lewis and others formed a hunting party last week and spent several days to the west and southwest of Spur. They report little success in hunting but a pleasant trip.

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