

Pay Your Tax

If you fail to pay your poll tax on or before next Monday you will not be permitted to vote at any election in 1916

THE TEXAS SPUR

AND DICKENS ITEM

Many Elections

Will be held this year, and to participate in any of them you must have a poll tax receipt issued not later Jan. 31

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PERRY FITE FOUND NOT GUILTY AT SEYMOUR

The trial of Perry Fite at Seymour last week on a charge of cow theft resulted in a verdict of not guilty by a jury of twelve citizens of Baylor county. The case was called Monday morning, January 17th, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday being consumed in taking evidence in the case. Friday the lawyers plead the case which was turned over to the jury in the afternoon for a decision. The jury was out about thirty minutes when it returned the verdict of "not guilty."

There were eight lawyers in the case, four prosecuting and four defending. Employed to assist District Attorney Newton in prosecuting the case were I. H. Burney, attorney for the Cattlemens Association of Texas, Elmer Graham County Attorney of Baylor county, and W. D. Wilson an attorney of Spur. Judge B. D. Glasgow, former District Attorney of the 50th Judicial District and now one of the most able lawyers of this section of Western Texas, assisted by Glasgow & Kenan of Seymour and Charley Coombes of Stamford, conducted the defense of the case.

Perry Fite was indicted on five counts, each case to be tried separately. However, since the usual court procedure is to try the most convincing case first, and which was probably done by the state in this instance, it is very probable that the other four cases against Perry Fite will be dismissed before the next term of court to be held in Seymour.

These cases were transferred to Seymour from Dickens upon the plea that probably twelve men in Dickens county could not be found to qualify as jurors to try the case. There were about one hundred witnesses summoned in the case from Dickens county and the removal of the trial to Seymour will result not only in considerable expense to taxpayers but a great inconvenience as well as individual expense to each one forced to attend the court.

Since the very beginning of Spur Perry Fite has been a good citizen of the town, highly respected by those who were associated and had dealings with him. We are glad to know and report that his innocence in this trial has been vindicated by men who lived without the confines of the county and who knew nothing of the case nor the defendant and were not influenced by any personal feelings whatever in the case or the parties concerned in either the defense or prosecution.

WORK IN PROGRESS ON MCADOO ROAD

Work is now in progress on the Spur-McAdoo road on the plains near the cap rock. A fifty-foot bridge will be built over the lake about two miles from the cap rock and through which the road runs. The road at this place has been impassable during the greater part of the fall and the travel has been through the Stafford pasture.

BUYS RESIDENCE AND WAGON YARD IN SPUR

A deal was consummated this week whereby J. B. Conner sold his residence and wagon yard in Spur to Mr. Bass, formerly of Runnels county. Mr. Bass and family will make Spur their home in the future and we are glad to welcome them as resident citizens with us. Mr. Bass, we understand, will take possession of the wagon yard and be personally identified in its operation at an early date.

NEW FIRM ORGANIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN SPUR

A new firm was recently organized under the auspices of the Farmers Union to do business in Spur. The firm will be known as the Cooperative Buying & Selling Association and will begin business just as soon as arrangements can be made for a suitable business house and the goods can arrive from the wholesale houses. The business will be under the management of W. P. Sampson and the directors are J. Carlisle, B. F. Bural, J. A. Murchison, E. B. Shaw, J. P. Gibson, A. W. Jordan, R. F. Rogers.

We understand that the Cooperative Buying and Selling Association will put in a stock of groceries in the beginning and will probably at a later date carry a general stock of merchandise including groceries, dry goods, hardware and farm implements.

TEXAS SPUR ADVERTISING GETS RESULTS

J. R. Green, of Girard, had an advertisement placed in the Texas Spur for the sale of a four room house and lot in Spur. The ad appeared in this paper last week, being mailed out Friday. Mr. Green telephoned us Tuesday to discontinue the advertisement since the place had been sold. The Texas Spur gets results because we reach the people and the people read the paper. An advertisement costs very little and if you have something the other fellow wants and will put the proper price on it, this paper will bring you together. The same applies to merchants who have goods to sell. If you will let the people know what kind of goods you have and quote the prices there will be fewer mail orders.

COMPLETED A NEW RESIDENCE ON FARM HOME

Fred Hisey was in the city Monday and reported that he had just completed building a residence on his place recently purchased a mile or two west of Spur, and that he is now living at home and preparing to make a big crop this year on the place. We hope that he will make a bale of cotton to the acre and get fifteen cents a pound for his staple.

A FEARFUL OCCURENCE

A farmer tells of a city lad who once worked for him. The lad was called out one winter morning before dawn and told to hitch the mule to the buggy. The lad was too lazy to light a lantern, and in the dark he did not notice that one of the cows was in the stable with the mule. The farmer growing impatient at the long delay, shouted from the house:

"Bill! Bill! what are you doing?"

"I can't get the collar over the mule's head," yelled back the boy. "His ears are frozen."

Speaking of the cold wintery weather, we have the goods to keep you and your family warm. A full line of overcoats, cloaks, lap robes, foot warmers, gloves and etc. Don't make that good wife worry over that old cook stove any longer. Come in and let us show you our line of DARLINGS. Ask to see our Darlings. A few more heating stoves left.

We wish to call your attention to the bargains we are offering in our Dry Goods department. Special prices on blankets and comforts this week. Sleep warm at little cost. Ladies, we have a brand new stock of Gingham, all the latest patterns shown. Call early while you can have a wide selection. A big shipment of flanellette of good quality at the exceptionally low price of five cents per yard. Don't miss it. Ready made washable dresses at reduced prices. You can buy these garments cheaper than you can buy the goods and make them. See our stock the next time you are in town.

Our Grocery department has just received a new car of Light Crust Flour—not the cheapest but the best. Get a sack while it's fresh. Did you know we have the genuine old Ribbon Cane syrup. Can sell you a barrel or half gallon. Ask the boys about it. Don't fail to take out a bucket of CRISCO, the famous cooking compound—the kind you can cook onions in and then use the same grease for something else. This means a big saving, for most compounds are worthless after using once for frying. Ask about it.

A young lady sat next to a distinguished bishop at a church dinner. She was rather awed by the bishop's presence. For some time she hesitated to speak to him. Finally, seeing some bananas passed, she turned to him and said:

"I beg your pardon, but are you fond of bananas?"

The bishop was partly deaf, but leaning forward, replied:

"What did you say?"

"I said," repeated the young lady, blushing, "are you fond of bananas?"

The bishop thought for a moment and said:

"If you want my honest opinion, I have always preferred the old fashioned night shirt."

A few more Petter Schuttler wagons left. We have another dandy wagon now—the new John Deere Iron Clad. Have some on display now. Come around and let us show you. We

BUYING HOGS TO FATTEN ON SURPLUS FEED

H. C. Allen was in the city Monday from the Dry Lake country and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Allen recently bought a car load of hogs to put with others he is now feeding on his place. He figures that the best manner in which to use his surplus feed is to feed it to hogs. With feed at the present prices there is no question but that Mr. Allen is doing the proper thing.

RURAL MAIL ROUTE IS DESIRED TO RUN TO TAP

J. E. Sparks, of the Tap country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Sparks, with other citizens of his section, is very much interested in the establishment of a rural mail line from Spur to the Tap country. They are confident that a sufficient number of boxes can be secured to fill the requirements of the postal department and the only thing to prevent such a route being established will be the failure of the County Commissioners to authorize the building of a bridge over Red Mud creek.

That section of country towards Tap is settling rapidly with substantial citizens and a rural mail line will convenience a great number of people at the present time and a greater number in the future. No section of country should suffer inconveniences for lack of good roads, and if the regular road tax fails to provide sufficient funds with which to build good roads bonds can be voted to meet the present demands.

are headquarters for barb wire and nails and we want your building hardware bill. Our hardware stock is complete and we try to give you the best service and price that can be had. Don't fail to see our line of John Deere Implements. We are showing all the latest models and it will pay you to see our stock before you buy. John Deere means the best.

Thanking you for the nice business you have given us and the business you are giving us now and hoping to find you in the army of customers that throng our store, we are,

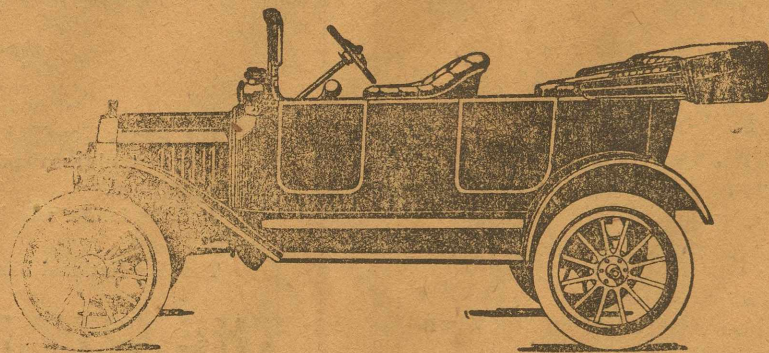
Yours truly,
Bryant-Link Co.

TWO PRIMARIES CONSIDERED FOR DICKENS CO.

Since there are already seven candidates in the race for sheriff and the probability that two or three others will enter the race as the campaign progresses in Dickens county, the proposition of a second primary election is being freely discussed by voters. The election laws provide that should there be more than two candidates for any office in the county and any one of such candidates fail to get a majority of the votes polled in the July Primary election, then a second primary can be held by the decision of the County Executive Committee to that effect, only two candidates receiving the largest number of votes for each office being permitted to run in the second primary election, thus giving one of the two candidates a majority of the votes of the county.

The Texas Spur is of the opinion that a single primary election will be fair to the individual candidates, but should one of the candidates receive the nomination for the office with less than a majority of the votes polled then it would be unfair to a majority of the voters and citizenship. For an instance, let us say that there will be only seven candidates in this one race, and that there are only six hundred votes polled in the primary election, then in that event it is possible for one hundred voters to designate and elect the next sheriff of Dickens county regardless of the wishes and desires of the other five hundred voters in the election. We believe that a majority of the people should rule, and in this campaign we believe that unless one of the candidates for an office should get a majority of the votes polled in the July Primary election then a second primary election should be held to get an expression from the majority as to who shall serve them in public office.

The only objection offered to a second primary is the cost of an election. One election costs money. Why not do away with the one election and let a few men get together and appoint a man for each office? Unless an election gets the wishes of a majority of the people then it has failed of its purpose. The true principles of democracy are for the people, and by the people—and where less than a majority rules it is neither right, satisfactory nor democratic.



Fords and Buicks--- CAR LOAD
Just Received
W. F. GODFREY
Salesman Spur, Texas
Touring Cars, \$440.00
Roadsters, \$390.00
F. O. B. Detroit

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

Notice is Hereby Given That Any Person Who Cuts Wood of Any Kind Whatever From Any of Our Lands Any Where Now or Hereafter will Be Prosecuted to the Fullest Extent of the Law Without Favor or Consideration

IN Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it can be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must and will be stopped. We must protect the people who have already bought Spur Lands, and those who will hereafter buy them, from this wood cutting.

Some people pretend to think there is no objection to it. This is, therefore, public notice that no one has our permission to cut, saw, grub, break down or gather wood of any kind whatever from our lands anywhere, and that prosecution will certainly follow trespassers hereafter without favor.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager,

Spur, Dickens Co., Texas

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Eat and be filled with the best in the market.—German Kitchen.

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lambert, of the Tap country, were among the visitors in the city Monday.

Howard Campbell, of several miles southwest of Spur, was here last week on business.

J. P. Gibson was in the city Monday from his farm home in the Steel Hill country.

W. T. Lovell was in the city the latter part of last week from the Draper country.

Judge A. J. McClain was in last week from his farm and ranch home on Cat Fish.

R. L. Collier made a business trip Saturday to Plainview, returning Monday.

B. F. Whitaker, of the Afton country, was among the number of business visitors to Spur last week.

W. R. Stephens, of Afton, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here, on business and greeting his friends.

Jim McMahan, of Peacock, brought his wife to the Standifer Hospital Monday where she underwent an operation and at this time is reported doing nicely.

J. Carlisle was among the number of visitors in the city Saturday from the Gilpin country.

J. I. Mecom was called home last week from Seymour on account of the illness of Mrs. Mecom and one of his children.

J. P. Koonsman, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Croton country, was in Spur Monday.

R. M. Hamby, we are glad to note, is able to be on the streets again after an illness of several days.

Grandpa Ford has been sick of the la grippe the past week or two at the home of his son, T. D. Ford.

J. C. Stephens, of the Tap country, was in the city Monday looking after business matters and shaking hands with friends.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Estes has been quite sick of pneumonia this week at their home. However, we are glad to report that she is now very much improved.

J. M. Foster was in the city Tuesday from his farm home northeast of Dickens.

G. J. Stearns, a prominent citizen of the Steel Hill country, was a business visitor in the city this week.

S. W. Rather came in last week from his ranch home on Cat Fish and spent some time in the city on business.

W. C. Garrett, a prominent citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur Monday and spent the day here on business.

W. A. King, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Monday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

Mr. Sprayberry, a leading citizen of the Watson community southwest of Spur, was among the business visitors here Monday.

J. A. Murchison, of the Draper country, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday trading with the merchants and on other business.

W. D. Blair came in Monday from his farm home two or three miles east of town and spent an hour or two here on business.

Rush McLaughlin, of near McAdoo on the plains, was in Spur Tuesday shaking hands with friends and looking after business matters.

George Greenwade was in Spur Monday from Dickens and spent some time here greeting friends and looking after business matters.

Mrs. C. H. Perry has been quite sick of the la grippe and pneumonia at their home in the east part of the city. Mr. Perry has also been sick but is now up.

Mr. Allen, of the plains country near McAdoo, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Garner are visiting friends and relatives in Jack county. While gone Mr. Garner also attended the Perry Fite case which was tried last week in Seymour.

FROM DICKENS COURIER

Oscar Jackson, realty dealer of Spur, was doing business in the county site Thursday.

Luther Ragsdale, who lives in the Afton country, has been quite sick suffering with pneumonia.

John Langham is the proud father of a fine boy which arrived in his home Monday night.

Miss Mary Worswick left Wednesday for Quanah to take a course of instruction in a business college.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. F. C. Gipson has been quite sick this week, suffering with la grippe.

A baby girl was born Wednesday night to Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Shields. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

J. I. Shields is confined to his room this week suffering with some kind of affliction of his foot. We trust he will soon be out again.

A. C. Hyatt returned the latter part of the week from Ralls. He has leased the Ralls Banner and will take charge of the publication in a few weeks.

Mrs. Erie Robinson and Mrs. Jno. E. Penny returned to Lubbock Saturday of last week from a few days visit to their father, J. W. Hutson, and other relatives.

Miss Cinnie Stayton, formerly of Peacock, but late of Blooming Grove, arrived Tuesday and accepted a position in the store of R. D. Shields. She is a first-class sales lady.

Mrs. Culbert who lived on J. C. Davis' place south of Dickens died last Friday and was buried in Dickens cemetery Saturday. She had been an invalid for several years.

The Farmer and His Bank

The farmer identified with the City National Bank as a depositor is better prepared to take advantage of opportunities than one who has no balance in the bank, no acquaintance there and no banking credit established.

And the farmer who knows clearly how to use the bank has a great advantage over the one who does not.

The City National Bank gives especial attention to the business of farmers and invites their accounts.

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000 SURPLUS FUND \$10,000
E. C. EDMONDS Cashier C. HOGAN, Asst Cashier G. H. CONNELL, President S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres. J. D. HARKEY Vice-Pres.

Your Last Chance at Our Great JANUARY CLEARANCE SALE!

THIS will be the closing week of our Winter Clearance Sale, as our buyer goes east in ten days. We can interest you with some strong prices on Blankets, ranging from \$1.35 to \$2.48. Some sterling good values in Work Gloves at price combined with quality. Our work clothes cleans the Duck Pants from \$1.00 to \$2.50, beats them all, and you should not fail to see our Work Shoes at \$2.50.

Leave Your Cash Where Cash Goes

Do Not Tarry With The Credit Concerns

IF you think your cash is good, why pay credit prices? Buy best Calicoes made at five cents. See our new Toile du Noids, 100 patterns to select from. Clark's O. N. T. at six spools for 25c, and the best Overalls made at 95c, Boys' at 50c. See our sweaters at 50c, and heavy underwear at 42 1-2c a garment. Why pay 50c to 65c elsewhere for same grade. Children's cloaks worth \$4.00 at just half price. \$10.00 Overcoats now \$6.95. Children's Artic overshoes at 65c. Choice of 250 men's and boys' caps worth 75c, now 50c. Five inch wide ribbon, all colors, only 10c, and a big line of laces for 5c. This will be bargain week all over the store. We intend to save you 25c to 40c on every dollar you spend with us this year. No profits added for bad book accounts; no high priced bookkeepers or cashiers; no fancy expenses to pay for when you trade with us. If you don't believe it, compare prices or ask your neighbors.

THE LOVE DRY GOODS COM'Y.

The Cash Store SPUR, TEXAS The Cash Store

I will buy your second hand furniture.—A. A. Fry.

Luther Warren, liveryman of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday transacting business.

A good, smooth, work horse, 8 years old, for sale. See A. Stiffler, Spur, Texas. 13-1t.

Don't fail to see the high class moving pictures shown each night at the Lyric Theatre.

Grandpa Whitaker, one of the most highly respected citizens of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday.

C. D. Copeland came in Wednesday from his farm home east of Spur and spent an hour or two here on business.

Jim Garrett, of the north Tap country, was among the business visitors to Spur Wednesday of this week.

W. F. Shugart came in Tuesday from his home east of Spur and spent some time here trading with the merchants.

J. N. Zumwalt was in the city Wednesday from his farm and ranch sixteen or eighteen miles west of Spur.

V. C. Smart
Spur-Roaring Springs

Auto Service via Dickens and Afton
Phone Southwestern No. 78
Leave Spur 8:00 Arrive Roaring Springs 11:20
Leave Roaring Springs 12:30 Arrive Spur 5:20

W. S. Hunter has our thanks for a dollar and six bits for the Texas Spur and Dallas News one year.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Elliot and children, of Baird, spent several days of this week in Spur with Perry Fite and family.

Jim Whitaker was in the city Wednesday from his farm home north of Dickens and spent the day here trading with the merchants and on other business.

E. R. Thornton, of the south Croton camp on the Matador Ranch, was in Spur Wednesday after some windmill fixtures and on other business.

W. F. Shugart, a prominent citizen of six or seven miles east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday trading with the merchants and greeting friends.

Carl Patton and John Hardin, who have both been sick the past several days, we are glad to note are again able to be up and at their places of business.

Don't neglect to pay your poll tax before next Monday night. If you do you can not claim the real privileges of a real citizen during the year 1916.

F. N. Oliver called in one day this week for the first time in several days. He said that he had been in bed on account of being attacked by two dogs which bit him on the hand and leg. We are glad to see him out again.

Sheriff J. B. Conner came over from Dickens the first of the week and spent some time in Spur on official business.

A. M. Dunlap has been in Spur throughout this week with a bunch of horses which he has been selling to the people of this section.

R. C. Forbis spent several days of this week with his family in Spur. Mr. Forbis spends the greater part of his time at his ranch home north of Afton.

The Lyric Theatre is showing each night pictures which will interest, entertain and instruct each individual present. You are expected to come.

George Renfroe and wife were in the city Wednesday from their ranch home southeast of Spur and spent some time here visiting friends and attending to business affairs.

Alvin McCarty, of Rule, is here looking over the country with a view of buying a farm home and locating in this section. Mr. McCarty is a brother of the McCarty brothers of the Afton country. We will be glad for Mr. McCarty to locate with us and know that he will prosper with the majority of people in the great Spur country.

NOTICE

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the Half Circle S pastures.—I. R. Powell, Manager. Mar. 1 p

Charley Perrin, of the Draper country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and left a five dollar bill with us to pay five years subscription to the Texas Spur for his father, W. M. Perrin. We appreciate this consideration very much.

J. L. Perry called in Thursday morning at the Texas Spur office and had the paper sent to his son, Wesley Perry, who is now employed on the Pitchfork Ranch. We appreciate the fact that the list of Texas Spur readers continues to grow. We have added more than two hundred names to our list this fall.

George Snodgrass was here Wednesday from his home north of Dickens and spent some time in the city greeting friends and promoting his candidacy for the sheriff's office. While here Mr. Snodgrass was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, leaving a dollar with us for another year's subscription to the paper and for which he has our thanks.

Friends of Prof. Walter L. Powell, superintendent of the Spur Schools, are urging him to make the campaign for the office of County Judge of Dickens county. Prof. Powell has studied law and no better county school superintendent could be secured, and his many friends here and throughout Dickens county will be glad to see him enter the present campaign for the office.

POLL TAX NOTICE

On page 82, Vol. 1 of the minutes of the City Commissioners of the City of Spur, Texas, appears the following ordinance:

That the Poll Tax Ordinance enrolled on page 15, vol. 1 of the minutes of the City of Spur, be amended as follows, that the figures 25c be struck out and the figures \$1.00 be inserted.

Approved this the 5th day of April 1915,

Geo. S. Link, Mayor.
Attest
Oscar Jackson, City Secretary.
State of Texas
County of Dickens.

I, Oscar Jackson, City Secretary of the City of Spur, Texas, certify that the above is a true and correct copy of an ordinance recorded on the page and in the book above mentioned.

Witness my hand and seal of office this the 27th day of January, 1916.

Oscar Jackson,
City Secretary.

NOTICE!

Parties knowing themselves to be indebted to us please call and settle at once.—German Kitchen, J. W. Dunn, Mgr.

There will be at least a half dozen important elections held in 1916. If you want to participate in any of these election you will have to pay your poll tax before next Monday night. Today is the day to pay it

That Sanitary White Steel Kitchen Cabinet

WILL BE GIVEN AWAY ON THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY TO ONE HOLDING THE MOST VOTES!

The Fine Sanitary White Steel Kitchen Cabinet will be given to the one holding the most votes at 8 o'clock p. m., February 1st, 1916. Be sure and pay your accounts by that time if you want the benefit of your votes for yourself or some one else.

The ones who have intered this contest are as follows:

Miss Cordeliah Boothe
 P. E. Copeland
 Mrs. J. W. Dunn
 „ Tom Davis
 „ George Erath
 „ Ed Hulse
 „ R. L. Jones
 „ J. M. McMahan
 „ R. F. Rogers
 „ Jim Smith
 „ J. E. Wedekind
 A. A. Fry
 Spur Hotel
 M. Haile

Brannen Brothers Company, SPUR, TEXAS

Westside Barber Shop

TIDWELL & REEVES, Props.

First Class Tonsorial Work. Hot and Cold Baths and Up-To-Date Service in Every Respect. Call and see us

PLANS FOR RURAL LIFE SCHOOL

College Station, Jan. 23.—To the end that the Texas public schools shall be manned with agricultural teachers of good equipment and practical instruction and training, the Agricultural and Mechanical College will offer a six-weeks' rural school and summer normal at the college. This school will open June 15 and continue until July 29. Heads of departments at A. & M. and successful public school teachers of wide experience will constitute the faculty.

All phases of agriculture, including horticulture, agronomy, animal husbandry, dairy husbandry, poultry husbandry, agricultural engineering and domestic science, manual training, road construction, primary methods and all subjects required for all State certificates, will be covered at this summer school.

M. L. Hayes, professor of agricultural education at A. & M., has been made director of this rural life school. President Bizzell will appoint a successful school superintendent as conductor of the normal.

A. W. Jordan was in the city Tuesday from his home in the Steel Hill country.

Mr. Holland, a leading citizen of the McAdoo country, was among the number of business visitors in Spur this week.

Mack Hopper was among the number of recent business visitors in the city.

J. J. Rogers, of the Cat Fish country, was a recent business visitor in the city.

Frank Smith was in the city recently from his home in the Red Mud country.

Mrs. Martin, of twelve miles west of Spur, was in the city recently shopping with the merchants and visiting friends.

Mrs. Lawrence Green, of Jayton, came to Spur Tuesday to be with her mother, Mrs. John Sampson, who is in the Standifer Hospital for treatment or an operation.

G. L. Gaddis, a prominent citizen of the Red Mud country, was a recent business visitor in Spur, spending some time here trading with the merchants and greeting friends.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

For County and District Clerk:
 LESLIE E. WILLIAMS
 J. A. KOON
 M. GAY
 CRAWFORD COBB

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
 R. L. COLLIER
 J. H. LATHAM
 J. B. CONNER
 BUD MILLER
 T. W. MORGAN
 G. L. BARBER
 G. T. SNODGRASS

For Tax Assessor:
 G. B. JOPLING

For District Attorney, 50th Judicial Dist.
 BERT KING

For County Treasurer:
 J. B. YANTIS

W. M. Childress was in the city recently from his farm home northeast of Spur and reported everything progressing satisfactorily in his section.

W. J. Elliot was in the city Tuesday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch home, spending several hours here on business and greeting friends.

The City Garage

GENERAL REPAIR WORK

Cylinders Rebored for Over-Sized Pistons.
 All work guaranteed.

Cars stored and looked after for \$2.00 per month.

Oil and Gas

BANK OFFICIALS ELECTED

At a stockholders meeting held at the City National Bank, January 11th, the following officers were re-elected to conduct the affairs of the bank during the coming year: G. H. Connell, President; Sol Davis, J. D. Harkey, Vice-President; E. C. Edmonds, Cashier; C. Hogan, Assistant Cashier; G. H. Connell, Sol Davis, J. D. Harkey, P. H. Miller, T. E. Standifer, W. E. Connell, E. C. Edmonds, Directors.

W. K. Perry, of the Bryant-Link Company, spent Saturday and Sunday in Stamford, visiting his brother.

J. T. Harrison, of the Wichita country north of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday shaking hands with his friends and trading with the merchants.

SERVICES AT DRY LAKE

Preaching services at Dry Lake fifth Sunday at 11 a. m. The regular services at Spur at night. Ed. E. White.

J. C. Davis was in Tuesday from his ranch home in the north part of the county and spent some time here greeting his many friends.

J. A. Neighbors, of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Tuesday trading with the merchants and shaking hands with friends.

Mrs. W. J. Elliot was in the city Tuesday from her home southwest of Spur and spent some time shopping with the merchants and visiting friends.

Polk Upshaw, of the Croton country, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday. While here one of his work horses died of the blind staggers at the Collier wagon yard. The loss of a good work horse is the same as losing real cash to the owner.

Among those who have recently renewed their subscription to the Texas Spur in combination with the Dallas News are W. A. Valentine, E. J. Bilberry, N. A. Hinson, S. Ellis, W. D. Blair, W. A. Craddock, J. P. Gibson, of Spur, and Ed Jackson, of Draper.

YOUR NEW HOME

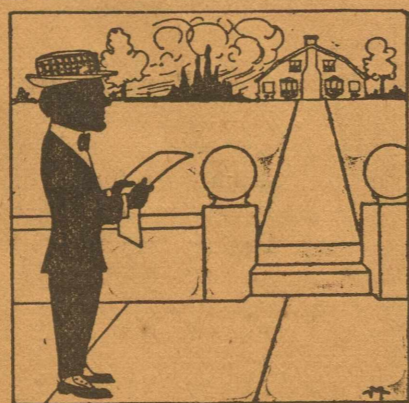
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PREPARING TO DO SOME REAL FARMING THIS YEAR

W. A. Craddock came in Monday from his farm home twelve miles west and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Craddock recently moved to his farm home and is well pleased with the move. He is preparing to do some real farming. He is raising some fine Homeing pigeons, chickens, hogs and cattle and will have several hundred acres of land to cultivate.

W. H. Lain, of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday on business and greeting friends.

S. B. Scott was here Tuesday from his farm home in the Tap country and spent some time here greeting friends and trading with the merchants.

F. A. Prideaux, who has been spending some time in Spur looking after his business interests, returned last week to his home at Farmer, Texas.

BUILDING FARM HOME

J. W. Young, of the Afton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and bought lumber with which to build a residence on his farm home recently bought of the Matador Company. He bought one hundred and sixty acres and will improve it for cultivation this year. Several wagon loads of lumber were hauled out Saturday and the carpenters will begin work immediately on his residence.

W. D. Thacker, of Draper, was among the number in Spur Saturday trading and looking after other affairs.

Strayed—A 7-8 Jersey cow, 5 years old, dark brown, branded lazy H on left side. Will pay \$5 for her return. Notify C. F. Cates, Spur, Texas. 11-3tp.

J. N. Zumwalt was in the city Saturday from his farm and ranch home sixteen miles east of Spur. He reports everything in good shape in his section at this time.

J. C. McNeill was in the city Monday from his Alamo Stock Farm twenty miles west of Spur and spent some time here on business and greeting friends.

Luther Jones was in the city Monday from his ranch home seven miles north of Spur and spent some time here on business and greeting friends. Mr. Jones is not only one of the best citizens of the country but is one among the most successful farmers and ranchmen of this section.

J. E. Wright, of Draper, is in Dallas for another operation for his eye and head troubles. News was received the latter part of last week that he was not doing well and for his family to come at once. Mrs. Wright and son, Earl, left immediately. However, later news came that Mr. Wright was improving and at this time it is hoped by his many friends that he will soon be completely recovered.

NOTICE.

You will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law if caught hunting, fishing, shooting, trapping or trespassing in any way in any of the 24 pastures.—Mrs. Boley Brown & Sons, by Bert N. Brown, Manager. 1 28.

SUMMARY OF THE RURAL CREDITS BILL

Following is the summary of the provisions of the new rural credits bill agreed on by the Congressional Sub-committee and presented to the full committee on Monday of this week:

"The bill would provide for a comprehensive form of mortgage credits system under the control and supervision of a land bank board of five members, to be appointed by the President with the approval of the Senate.

"The country would be divided into twelve districts, each with a regional land bank having a capital stock of \$500,000, to be issued in \$10 shares for purchase by the public. Any such stock not taken within ninety days by private capital or by local loan organizations contemplated by the bill would be subscribed by the Federal Government.

Business would be done directly between the regional banks and the local bodies which farmers would be authorized to organize in the form of co-operative farm loan associations or joint stock banks, charters for which would be passed on by the land bank board. Applications for loans approved by the local organizations would be recommended to the regional bank of the district.

"The banks would be authorized to loan out the capital stock or to sell bonds to obtain sufficient funds to make the loans, and the farmers would be charged as interest the interest on the bonds plus one per cent. In order to reduce the rate of interest on the bonds the bill would provide that they must be accepted by banks as security for the depositors of public funds.

"The borrowing associations would be divided into two classes, those organized with limited liability and those with unlimited liability. They would appraise the land on which a farmer sought to obtain money and would themselves become liable for the loan. Thus the bonds would be backed by the regional banks, the local association, the borrowing farmer and a mortgage on the land given to the association.

"Out of their profits regional banks ultimately would refund to the Government such money as it may have invested in the enterprise. Payments of the mortgages by borrowers would be made on the installment plan running for a period of not exceeding thirty six years.

"The land banks would be permitted to accept savings deposits, and in certain specified cases to employ special agencies, including trust companies and savings banks, to make loans.

"The completed bill is a compromise measure, embodying many of the features of the Hollis-Bunkley bill of the last Congress and most of the underlying principles of the Fletcher-Moss bill, fostered by the United States commission on rural credits."—Progressive Farmer.

Mrs. John Sampson was brought in Monday from their farm and ranch home to the Standifer Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Sampson, we understand, has been in ill health for some time and it is hoped that the treatment at the hospital will be effective.

M. L. Blakely was among the number of business visitors in Spur Saturday from the Afton country, spending some time here trading with the merchants and shaking hands with his friends.

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Notary Public in the Office.

A. L. King was in the city Monday from the Cat Fish country. He reports the crops all gathered in his section and farmers now preparing for another bumper crop in 1916. Mr. King is one of the number of farmers of his section who grows a considerable acreage each year to peanuts which produce abundantly in the sandy lands.

Strayed—Gray horse, roached mane, 16 hands high, with the Spur (triangle) brand, saddle horse. Will pay \$500 for his delivery at Girard, or \$250 for holding the horse and notifying me.—R. E. Darden, Girard, Texas. 13 4t

MARRIED

A. E. McBroom and Miss Idell Smith, two prominent young people of the Dry Lake community, were married Sunday, January 16th, at Dickens and are receiving the congratulations of their many friends. The Texas Spur wishes Mr. and Mrs. McBroom many prosperous and happy years of married life.

TAP TELLINGS

Moving is the order of the day. Leonard Ward, who has been in the Matador country the past two weeks looking after business matters, returned home Sunday. Mr. Hinson accompanied him home, returning the first of the week to his home in that section.

Rev. R. F. Self filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday.

P. Hinson and Will Valentine made a flying trip to Spur Tuesday.

H. C. Parsons and family are moving this week to the Firm Self place in Garza county. We regret to lose these good people for they have been real neighbors to us and we can recommend them to the Watson people as one of the best families known to us. We wish them well in their new home.

Our people are about through gathering their bumper crops and some are turning the soil for another one.

J. H. Sparks made a trip to Spur Saturday.

Little Loretta Sparks is sick with la grippe this week.

T. S. Lambert and wife visited their uncle, G. W. Rash, and family of Spur Monday.

—Kid-a-lude.

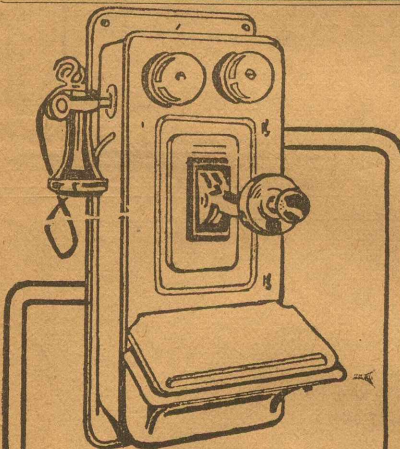
OSCAR FRANZ KILLS WIFE AND COMMITS SUICIDE

Oscar Franz and wife, of Turkey, Hall county, both known to many people in this country, are dead, following a tragic occurrence Saturday afternoon last, which is told of as follows, in news dispatches from Silverton of January 17th date:

Oscar Franz, of Turkey, Hall county, shot and killed his wife Saturday and then turned the gun on himself, causing wounds which resulted in his death shortly afterwards.

Franz and his wife were not living together and he had gone to her home, it is said, for the purpose of having a settlement or division of their property. He called her to one side and then shot her through the breast. He then shot himself through the head.

Mrs. Franz had been married twice, her first husband being dead. Her maiden name was Woods. She had been married to Franz about seven years and had one child by that union.



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ADVERTISING THE SPUR COUNTRY IN ARKANSAS

S. W. Stephenson handed us a dollar recently for the Texas Spur one year and for which he has our thanks. Mr. Stephenson came to this country from Arkansas and made a good crop here last year. He has now made his arrangements to stay with us and thinks probably he can get some of his former neighbors in Arkansas to consider moving to this section. We are glad to have Mr. Stephenson as a resident citizen of the great Spur country and we are also glad to number him among the number of Texas Spur readers.

GOOD ROADS MEASURE PASSES LOWER HOUSE

Washington, Jan. 25.—The Shackelford good roads bill, carrying an appropriation of \$25,000,000 to aid the States in improving their post roads, was passed by the House late today, 281 to 81. Three members voted "present."

The States would share in the appropriation on the basis of their population and the number of their post roads. The money would be disbursed through the various State highway committees.

We received a letter this week from B. F. Hinson who recently left Spur for Phoenix, Arizona. He has arrived at his destination and says that the country is having lots of rain and that he is "eating three meals a day." He wants the Texas Spur which he has been failing to receive. However, we have been mailing the paper to him regularly each week since his departure and we hope that he will receive it in the future.

NEW HOPE

Joe Arthur had business in Spur last week.

F. A. Loyd was a business caller at Dickens Saturday.

Ed Lisenby, of Dickens, is in our community looking after his cattle.

M. L. Blakley is building an addition to his residence.

The Church of Christ meets regularly now at the new school house every Sunday morning.

E. S. Russell has sold his place north of Afton and intends to move to New Mexico.

Tom Dodson has bought two horses from Cleveland Dodson at a consideration of \$175.

The Woodmen gave an old time supper at Dickens Saturday night and installed officers.

Commissioner W. J. Clark has just about completed grading the road at the foot of the cap rock.

John Jackson has bought the Sour-Doe pasture and, we understand, R. C. Forbis has it leased and stocked with cattle.

C. M. Buchanan has bought 160 acres of land 2 miles west of Dickens. He will clear this tract and place it in cultivation this year.

DON'T BLAME THE LAWS

Don't blame the laws of Texas every time a person charged with a crime is given his liberty. Our Statutes prescribe penalties for every crime to be thought of and if it was known that in every instance the law was going to receive its just deserts, hundreds who are wearing the stripes would be enjoying a life of freedom. The strongest incentive for man to commit a crime is his hopes or chance to escape detection. Next to this are the opportunities of trampling in the dust and defeating the intent of the law when detected. Let

it be known that the guilty, when detected, is going to suffer the penalty prescribed by law, and it will have the effect of causing many would-be criminals to desist in the commission of crimes. The laws of the county are objects of much undeserved criticisms which should be directed at the juries. Let the people know that the juries are not going to hunt out loop holes and excuses for turning criminals loose on society, and there will be a decrease in crime everywhere. It's up to the juries, more than the laws to bring about a correction of conditions prevailing in all parts of the state.—Western Enterprise.

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NOTICE

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TO MY AUTOMOBILE

Oh, touring car, to you I sing,
You surely are a wondrous thing.
Before you start I grasp your crank
And give it such a violent yank
That it flies back and deftly wrecks
The region of my solar plex.
Then I get mad and yank some more
And all I get is just a snore.
A sort of rumbling, puffing sound
That seems to come out of the ground.
Then you give one discordant snort,
One single snort and then stop short.
And then I have to crank again
Till every muscle is in pain.
And in an hour, or thereabout,
I find the batteries are out.
I get some new ones, put 'em in,
And with a glad, contented grin,
I hear your engine start to throb
And off we go, yes sirree, Bob.
I brag about you to my friends,
But long before our journey ends,
They're next to both of us, all right,
The way you act is sure a fright.
When I'm alone you burn the road
But not when I have got a load.
Your tires give out, you pant and wheeze
And run so slow you make no breeze.
You amble on by fits and starts,
It seems as though each of your parts
Has got an ailment of its own.
My friends converse in whispered tone
When finally you give out flat,
Ten miles from home as quick as scat.
Your engine gasps and then runs down.
My friends and I hike back to town.
Oh, touring car, to you I sing,
You vicious and ungrateful thing.

—Fort Worth Star Telegram.

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SPUR, TEXAS

HOWSLEY-CAUBLE

Miss Allee Howsley and Mr. Volley Cauble were quietly married at the Matthews Memorial church, at three o'clock Saturday afternoon, January 15. The ceremony was performed in the presence of only a few relatives, by the pastor, Rev. Charles Crawford.

The attractive and winsome young bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Howsley. She has been reared among us and received her education in the Albany Schools, having graduated from the High School in 1915.

Mr. Cauble is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Cauble, a well known family, with large ranching interests in the county.

In this happy culmination of a romance dating from school days the young people have the congratulations of their many friends who join us in wishing them long life and prosperity and a full measure of happiness.—Albany News.

MARRIED

John Scott and Miss Bessie Hollar were united as man and wife last Sunday at 10 a. m., Rev. J. W. Martin officiating. Miss Bessie was the charming and accomplished daughter of A. P. Hollar and wife. She has lived here all her life. Mr. Scott has lived here ever since he was a mere boy. May they have good luck on the sea of life.—Paducah Post.

Ten young work mules for sale at bargain prices. See W. F. Shugart. 9 tf.

IN MEMORY

of Grandma Cherry, aged 71 years, who departed this life Thursday morning, November 25th, at her home in the Steel Hill community.

All the children were present when the triumphant soul of their mother and grandmother ascended the realm that awaits the pure in heart. All was well with Grandma when she fell asleep and her sweet spirit took refuge in the Garden of her God. Her monument stands immutable in the good deeds of her kind, Christian life, a priceless heritage to those she loved.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish, in this way, to express our thanks to those who have proved their true friendship toward us during the recent sickness in our home. During this trying time, which brought sorrow and death, we felt more than ever the need of sympathizing friends, and one could not ask for truer friends or better neighbors than we had. If sorrow touches your home we trust that it may be possible for us in a measure at least to repay some of the kindnesses shown us.

F. M. Squyres.
Mr. and Mr. R. A. Squyres.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Taylor.

For Sale—Pork and lard at money saving prices.—Mrs. Williamson, four miles west of Afton. 11-tf.

Geo. S. Link made a business trip this week to Stamford where he spent several days looking after the interests of the Bryant-Link Company at that point.

A WRECKED RESOLUTION

In silence I stood as I listened
To the raucous and deafening din;
And tears in my eyes must have glistened
When I heard the New Year welcomed in.

I vowed that thenceforth I'd be better
Than I ever had been theretofore;
I'd live a good life to the letter
And I'd never do wrong any more.

Alas! for our good resolutions
And the feet that from duty's path slip.
Alas! too, for such constitutions
As are seized by the demon la grippe.

I cough and I sneeze and I mutter
Many things that a good man should not;
I shake and I ache and I utter
Naughty words for my vow I forgot.

With head bowed and wat'ry eyes blinking
I am feeling like fowls look with pip;
I failed but I wouldn't I'm thinking
If I just could have dodged the la grippe.

—Charlie McKnight.

T. D. Ford fell last week and injured his arm and hip. Ice was on the street as he carried a scuttle of coal, and in going up or down an incline on the concrete walk he slipped with the above result. He is still confined to his bed at this time but we hope that he will soon be able to get out on the street again.

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C. D. Pullin was in from his place near McAdoo Monday and Tuesday looking after business matters and making preparations to begin his farming operations for 1916.

W. W. Stegall, a prominent citizen and successful stockfarmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and looking after other business affairs.

E. B. Shaw, a leading citizen and one of the most prosperous and successful stockfarmers of the Croton country, was among the number of business visitors to Spur Monday of this week.

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FIGURE WITH US

Just received a car each of
Avery and Standard Implements.

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Mrs. Chas. Jaye, of Dickens, spent several days of last week in Spur with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Wilson.

Chas. Windham was in the city Tuesday from his ranch home on Croton and spent the day here on business and greeting his many friends.

Why buy bread baked out of town when the home-baked bread is better in every respect and bigger in the loaf? Get your next loaf from the German Kitchen and be convinced. 49-tf.

L. A. Hindman made a business trip the latter part of last week to Dalhart and other points, making the trip through the country in his new Ford. This new car of Hindman's has been "remodeled" and now has the appearance of a high-priced "Pierce-Arrow."

Ed Jackson, of the Draper country, was in Spur Monday and Tuesday and while here called in and renewed his subscription to the Texas Spur and the Dallas News, extending his time up to February 1917, and for which he has our thanks. He reports everything in good shape in his section and everybody optimistic of bumper crops in 1916.

For Sale—640 acres land located in Kent county 6 miles north of Jayton, 4 miles south of Girard and 20 miles south of Spur. 500 acres in cultivation, all entire section fenced hog proof with 36 inch hog fence of 1 by 4 inch mesh, 2 wells and windmills, 1 gasoline engine 5 1-2 horse power, all necessary tools to work land such as binders, harrows, cultivators, gang plows, disc plows, lister planters, go-devils, etc., harness for 16 head work stock, large barn, plank lots, hog houses thoroughly equipped to raise hogs, large 7-room house with bath room and fixtures, gas lighting system also gas cooking, large gas plant, 2 large zinc cisterns, 1 cement cistern. This is a handsome bungalow with plate glass doors and windows. There are 12 work horses and mules, all young stock, 6 fine milk cows, 50 head of thoroughbred hogs. Will sell at \$35 per acre, one-half down, balance to suit purchaser.—Gertrude Pursley, Jayton, Texas. 12-3mo.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sargent, of near Dickens, died January 9th in Spur and the remains were carried to Dickens for interment. The Texas Spur extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Sargent in this bereavement.

H. T. Garner was in the city Monday from his Prairie View Stock Farm. He and Mrs. Garner had just recently returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Jack county where they spent a few days very pleasantly.

LUMBER

YOU can buy lumber at most any old place, but when you want the best you should see us before you buy. Buying as we do for a large number of yards we get the very best prices and the

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PROGRAM

For week beginning January 31:

MONDAY	
No One to Guide Him.....	Keystone
Two Parts	
The Forecast.....	American
The Family Doctor.....	Reliance
TUESDAY	
Alias James, Chauffeur.....	Beauty
See America First and Keeping Up With Jones.....	Gaumont
A Corner in Cats.....	Casino
The Sheriff's Master.....	Reliance
WEDNESDAY	
The Brand Blotters.....	Eclair
Two Parts	
Weary Walkers Woes.....	Falstaff
Mutual Weekly.....	Mutual
THURSDAY	
When the Call Came.....	Gaumont
Two Parts	
When His Dough Was Cake.....	Beauty
Out of the Sea.....	Thanouser
FRIDAY	
His Guiding Angel.....	Majestic
See America First and Keeping Up With Jones.....	Gaumont
and another reel	
SATURDAY	
The Senors Silver Buckle.....	American
Two Parts	
The Little Life Guard.....	Majestic
Incognito.....	Beauty

LYRIC THEATRE

LAND WILL PAY FOR ITS SELF WITH ONE CROP

Ed Hulse and wife were in the city Monday from their farm home twelve miles west of Spur. Mr. Hulse brought in his last load of peanuts grown this year on his place. He had thirty acres in peanuts this year and from which he has already sold more than five hundred dollars worth of nuts and has more than two hundred and fifty dollars worth of hay which he will later bale and sell. The crop of thirty acres of peanuts made Mr. Hulse twenty five dollars an acre. This bears out the statements that land in this country will pay for itself with one crop.

Second-hand oil stoves for sale at the Racket Store.—A. A. Fry, Proprietor.

Tom Owen, of several miles southwest of Spur, was in the city this week.

Dick Sampson came in one day this week from his home southwest of Spur.

I am in the market for second hand furniture.—A. A. Fry at the Racket Store.

Dock Edwards was in the city Wednesday from the Croton country and spent some time here looking after business affairs and shaking hands with his friends.

...IF IT IS...

CANDY

YOU WANT

There will be something fine next week

...AT...

JOE'S PLACE

WESTERN UNION OFFICE ESTABLISHED IN SPUR

A Western Union Telegraph office was established last week in Spur. The office is located in the rear of the City National Bank building and will be under the management of Leslie E. Williams. This office was established on account of the increased business in the telegraphing line, this business being heretofore handled in connection with railway business at the depot.

This is further evidence that Spur is growing and demanding better service in telegraphy as well as other lines.

BARN AND CONTENTS BURN ON BERRY PURSLEY RANCH

We are informed that a big barn on the Berry Pursley ranch near Jayton was recently destroyed by fire. The barn was filled with feed stuff and it is reported that one or two buggies and wagons and a horse were also lost as a result of the fire. The extent of the loss is unknown but probably amounts to several thousands of dollars.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX BEFORE JANUARY 31

Next Saturday and Monday will be the last two days in which the citizenship will have an opportunity to pay poll taxes. If you fail to pay this poll tax on or before these days you will not be permitted to vote in any of the elections to be held during the year 1916. During the year a number of very important elections will be held for the selection of officers for precinct, county, state and national offices. You can't afford to be without a poll tax receipt this year.

Up to the present time, we understand that only about one-half of the total citizenship of the county has paid their poll taxes. That means that Dickens county will get only half of the representation to which we are entitled in all governmental affairs. The fact that a citizen is forced to pay for the privilege of voting and participating in public governmental affairs may be distasteful to the individual and opposed to a "free government", but until such a law may be changed we should not by default in the payment of a just poll tax permit governmental affairs to be totally managed by the few. Pay your poll tax today.

S. R. Bowman was among the visitors to Spur this week, coming in from his home north of town.

Will Mitchell, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur Wednesday with his last bale of cotton of the 1915 crop.

Miss Ida Sampson was in the city this week with her mother who is taking treatment at the Standifer Hospital.

Miss Myrtle Lowe, of Dallas, is in the city visiting at the home of her aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace.

Fred O. McFall was in the city the latter part of last week from his farm home northeast of Spur and spent some time here shaking hands with his friends and trading with the merchants.

CONTEMPLATING A TRIP TO MOUNTAINS OF N. M.

E. H. Blakely, of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and had the paper sent to his son, E. S. Blakely of Encinosa, New Mexico. Mr. Blakely, we are glad to note, is improving in health and is now contemplating a trip through the country this summer into the mountains of New Mexico where he will spend several months fishing, hunting and camping. Such a trip will be not only beneficial to his health but will be a real pleasure.

TO ESTABLISH PRODUCE BUSINESS IN SPUR

Mr. Miller and family moved this week to Spur and will make their home here in the future. At the present time they are stopping at a hotel of the city, not being able to secure a residence for love nor money. Mr. Miller will establish a produce business in Spur just as soon as he and family can get settled. He will handle hides, furs, poultry and all farm produce.

WOMAN SPEAKS IN SPUR ON SOCIAL SERVICE WORK

Mrs. J. B. Smith, of Sagerton, Conference President of the Woman's Work of the Hamlin District Methodist Episcopal Church South, spent Sunday in Spur. She met with the Woman's Missionary Society Sunday at 3 p. m. at which time she gave us instruction concerning our work and made us feel that our little was required to help carry on the great missionary work of the church, both foreign and home, and if we failed just so much would the work suffer. Her words inspired us to greater things for the coming year and encouraged us to press on as never before in the immense task of evangelizing the world. At night she spoke on the Social Service Work to an interested audience. In a clear and concise manner she showed us that this work was simply "Applied Christianity," preventing and correcting the evils prevalent in every town and community. She impressed forcibly upon us that it was not only our duty to tell the boys and girls to be good but to tell them how to be good.

Spur would indeed do well to have a Social Service Committee from each church to cooperate with the teachers and town officials in preventing and correcting the evils to which the youth of our town is exposed.—Secretary Woman's Missionary Society.

Fin Whitaker, of the Afton country, was in Spur on business the latter part of this week.

C. J. Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, was among the number of visitors here Wednesday.

Roy Awalt, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, was in the city Wednesday on business and greeting friends.

J. R. McArthur was in the city Tuesday from the Tap country and while here handed us a big silver dollar to be credited to his subscription to the Texas Spur and for which he has our sincere thanks.

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COUNTY IN GOOD SHAPE SHOWN BY SPUR BANKS

As an evidence that Spur and the Spur country is in good shape financially we refer readers to the statements of the two banks of Spur as published in last week's issue of the Texas Spur. The banks have on deposit subject to check by firms of the town and individuals of the country, the total sum of \$311,794 05. The capital and surplus funds of the banks amount to \$170,000 00, and the total resources of the two banks amounts to \$555,896.24.

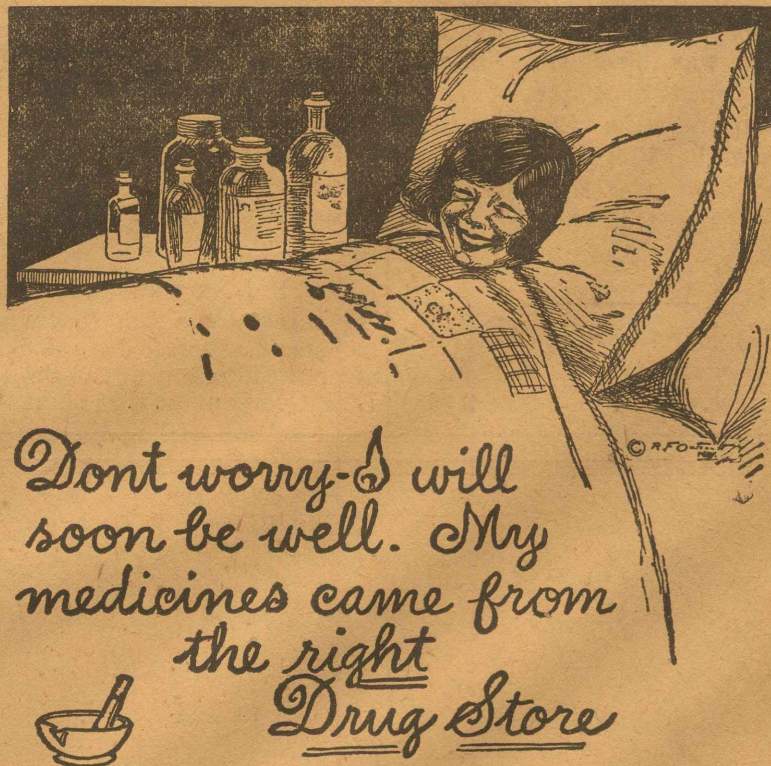
BANK OFFICERS ELECTED

January 11th a meeting of the stockholders of the Spur National Bank was held in the directors room of the bank building and at which time the following officers were elected to direct the affairs of the bank during the year 1916: R. V. Colbert, President; C. A. Jones, Vice-President; M. E. Manning, Cashier; Jno. B. Hardin and W. T. Andrews, Jr., Assistant Cashiers; R. V. Colbert, C. A. Jones, C. B. Jones, F. S. Hastings, A. J. Swenson, R. C. Forbis, and Geo. S. Link, Directors.

LYRIC THEATRE SPUR'S ONE PLACE OF AMUSEMENT

The Lyric Theatre is the one place of amusement and entertainment in Spur, and under the management and direction of Springer Brothers is giving the public clean, high class moving picture exhibitions which will amuse, entertain and instruct all who attend the performances each night. Springer Brothers exert their very best efforts in securing the very best pictures and in many instances secure films of the very highest prices and which are generally shown only in the larger cities. They deserve credit for furnishing the very best shows in Spur, and while the Lyric Theatre is being accorded good audiences at each performance, the character of pictures being shown at this place of amusement deserves a more liberal patronage from the general public.

C. C. Haile, of the Draper country, was in Spur the first of the week and spent some time here on business and greeting friends. He reports everything progressing satisfactorily in his section of the country.



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