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SETTLING AND DEVELOPING SPUR COUNTRY

During the past two weeks and since the last report of the sale of the Spur Farm Lands the following gentlemen have each bought a quarter section of land which will be improved and placed in cultivation this year: B. R. Teague of Childress, R. L. Emerd of Dickens, C. C. Cheek of Girard, J. W. Carlisle of Spur, P. A. Ramsey of Stamford, W. M. Randall of Steel Hill, J. A. Jordan of Hico, John Brown of Haskell, W. F. Cathey of near Spur, S. B. Scott of the Tap country, Mrs. Bettie of Jayton, T. L. Cowser of near Girard, and M. C. West of near Spur.

The fact is being thoroughly demonstrated that the Spur country is settling and developing more rapidly and substantially than any other section of Western Texas. Within a very few years this country will be densely populated and one among the richest agricultural sections of America. The fact that the Spur country produces bumper crops in variety is being demonstrated each year and is being recognized and appreciated by the homeseeker and homebuilder.

SPUR LUMBER MEN ESTABLISHING YARDS AT GIRARD

The P. H. Miller Lumber Company and Bowman Lumber Company, of Spur, are now establishing branch offices and yards at Girard. These yards are being put in at Girard as a result of the rapid building progress and development of that section of the country, and to more conveniently meet the demand for lumber and building materials throughout that section.

Girard and the Girard country, as well as every town and com-

munity within this great Spur country, are enjoying an unprecedented era of building and development progress. The wonderful agricultural resources and a general wave of prosperity throughout this whole Western country encourages and warrants a substantial and rapid development progress.

COMMISSIONERS COURT MET MONDAY IN DICKENS

The Commissioners Court convened Monday in Dickens and will remain in session throughout the week. The members of the Court came in a body Wednesday to Spur to check up the funds in the County Depository, the City National Bank.

During this session bids are being received for the construction of a concrete bridge over Cotton Wood Creek near the Luther Jones ranch and on the Spur-McAdoo road. While in Spur an inspection was also made with reference to placing a bridge over Spade draw just south of Spur.

Notwithstanding the fact that the road and bridge funds of Dickens county are and have been limited, the Commissioners have been progressive in the matter of road and bridge improvement. Good roads are material to development progress and we congratulate the membership of the Commissioners Court in their work along this line.

FARMER BUYS MORE LAND MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

M. C. West and daughter, Miss Erma, were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office Wednesday afternoon, and before leaving Mr. West renewed his subscription to the Texas Spur in connection with the Dallas News. Mr. West reported that he had just bought a quarter section of land adjoining his home place five or six miles south of Spur and was here to haul out wire and bois d'arc posts with which to improve the new purchase. Mr. West is one of the best fixed men of the country. He does not owe a dollar on his farm home, has cattle and hogs on his place and recently sold a hundred dollars worth of his surplus hogs, and has a well improved place.

ENTERTAINED

Mr. and Mrs. W. Neilon entertained a few friends with forty two at their home in honoring Mrs. McLamore of Abilene Saturday evening of last week. At the conclusion of the games refreshments of chille, tomato catsup, crackers and coffee were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Smart, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds, Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Clemmons, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Baker, Dr. and Mrs. Standifer and Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure. Before departing the guests were highly entertained with some choice selections of music on the victrola. Mr. and Mrs. Neilon are charming and delightful entertainers and the evening spent in their home was one of exceptional pleasure to each one of the guests.

PREPAREDNESS

One of the great, if not the greatest, questions confronting the people of these United States now is the preparation to protect ourselves from the possible attack of some foreign country. We believe in "preparedness." We stand with our President in his views along this line. Preparation is necessary to the success of any life or any undertaking. Looking ahead and seeing what is coming and preparing to meet the condition when it comes.

Now we have seen for some time that merchandise would be high and so far as possible protected ourselves by buying heavy on all staple items of goods. The dye situation seems to grow worse and some colors are not to be had, yet by early buying and future contracting our stock will be in excellent condition. Our Mr. Link has just returned from the Saint Louis market where he spent some time in selecting the newest things obtainable in the various lines of dry goods, some of which are coming in already. Especially would we call your attention to the line of Ladies' Dresses, Skirts and Suits. Now Ladies we can really dress you up if you will give us a chance. We have bought high class merchandise. Why? Because we realize the people of this country demand and are entitled to the best.

MILLINERY

Miss Roberts will have charge of our Millinery Department. Miss Roberts is an artist in her line and we feel proud to have her with us. She is now opening up a beautiful line of Spring Millinery which she selected while in Saint Louis. We feel that a visit to this department will mean a new spring hat without the worries you sometimes have, for the shapes this season are both large and small. We cannot begin to tell you of the many new things we are receiving daily in our drygoods department. Our stock has never been so large. We have truly "prepared" for a great business this year. We want to increase our business over last year \$20,000. Help us do this for the greater our volume of business the lower we can sell merchandise. So far we have had a gain over last year. Now to increase our business we have not only increased our stock but have fifteen people on our force regular with some extra for the Saturday trade. We also expect to move our grocery stock into the building now occupied by the Spur Drug Company as soon as they arrange for a suitable building to move into. With this additional room we feel that we can serve you better. Yes we are prepared and we are making greater preparations for a greater business. We will sell you and give you time to pay it if you give us good paper. However, we are after the cash business and assure you we are in a position to serve you. Our cash business is growing. There's three reasons: Good conditions, good merchandise and right prices. Come on with the crowds who trade with us. Tell

you troubles, maybe we can help you. Our customers are our friends.

Bryant-Link Company.

Miss Roberts, of Rule, arrived in Spur this week and will be employed as milliner for the Bryant Link Company throughout this season.

RENEWAL SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE TEXAS SPUR

The following good citizens and appreciative readers of the Texas Spur have recently renewed their subscriptions to this paper: J. E. Reams, and J. R. Robertson, Afton; J. B. Yantis, Blaine Speer, G. T. Snodgrass, Dickens; A. Fry, Tol Merriman, W. H. Taylor, D. H. Sullivan, R. L. Collier, Al Sullivan, S. W. Rather, W. A. Craddock, J. P. Gibson, Mrs. J. L. Moore, W. S. Hunter, J. R. McArthur, A. J. Thomas, W. E. Fletcher, R. F. Rogers, A. C. Hindman, I. G. Van Lier, W. M. Moore, Mrs. E. Hasse, D. G. Hisey, W. T. Wilson, of Spur; Fred Croom, Deming, N. M.; W. M. Perrin, and Ed Jackson, Draper; W. J. Hunter, Southland; J. M. Perry, Rochester; Wayne Perry, Stamford.

We appreciate each renewal very much and thank each one for considerations of the Texas Spur.

BAPTIST LADIES AID CELEBRATE 6TH ANNIVERSARY

The Baptist Ladies Aid Society of Spur met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. P. H. Miller, and from three to six o'clock the membership was interestingly and graciously entertained in memory of the sixth anniversary of the organization of the society. The entertaining features of the occasion were contests, including Bible questions, a Valentine contest and a National Holiday contest, all of which were interesting, amusing and of educational benefit. Quite a number were present and enjoyed the occasion and diversion in the entertainment program.

DIED IN SPUR

The eleven year old nephew of W. M. Moore of near Spur was brought here from Swenson this week for treatment on account of locked bowels. The child was carried to the Standifer Hospital for an operation but died before the necessary preparations could be made. The remains were returned to Swenson for interment.

SPEAKS ON WAREHOUSE AND MARKETING

State Lecturer Jim Armstrong of San Antonio, was in Spur Saturday and addressed an audience of farmers and citizens on the subject of marketing and warehousing. His subject is of material importance to every citizen and the whole country, and it is unfortunate that more people could not hear the address.

Mr. Armstrong also addressed the people of the Steel Hill country Monday night and at Duck Creek Tuesday night.

TEAM RUNS AWAY

While in Spur Sunday evening Ollie Sprayberry, of several miles west of Spur, permitted his team of horses hitched to a buggy to get away from the hitching rack in some manner. The team ran from Spur a distance of about twelve miles during the night, being found the next morning. The buggy tongue was twisted but otherwise little damage was done. The team carried the buggy across creeks and over ditches, bushes, etc., and the wonder is that more damage was not done.

COUNTY COURT MEETS MONDAY IN DICKENS

County Court will convene Monday, February 21, at Dickens, with Judge Blaine Speer presiding and County Attorney B. G. Worswick prosecuting. A number of cases are on Docket to be disposed of and a number of citizens throughout the county will doubtless receive invitations to attend this session of the court.

MOVE TO SPUR

Mr. Bates and wife, of Truscott, arrived in Spur last week and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Bates will manage the Dixy telephone business taking the place of Jim Gibbs who resigned. Mr. Gibbs and wife left Spur last week for Stamford where they will temporarily reside. We regret to lose Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs from our citizenship, but extend a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Bates and wish them a very pleasant home with us.

STOCK

W. E. Fletcher returned last week from Shackelford county where he had gone to bring back a bunch of horses, mules and cattle. However, on account of the weather Mr. Fletcher left his stock to be removed here at a later date.

COMING!

Time for Spring and Summer Clothes and Mr. Roseberry of Cincinnati, on

FEBRUARY
26th to the 28th

Mr. Roseberry will be at our Store with hundreds of Patterns for

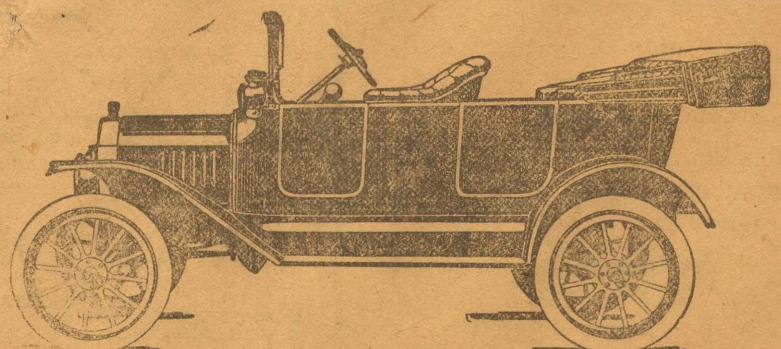
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SANITARY
Cleaning and Pressing
PHONE 61



FORDS AND BUICKS

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simmons motored to Crosbyton last Sunday.

J. H. Boothe was among the number in the city Saturday of last week.

W. D. Blair, of two or three miles east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday.

B. F. Whitaker and daughter, of the Afton country, were in Spur Monday.

Good work horse for sale at a bargain. See Wood Williams at Sol Davis' store.

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

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cloud, of the Soldier Mound country, were visitors in the city Monday.

W. L. Grubbs was in town Tuesday from his farm home in the Red Mud country.

Willis Smith, Jr., was among the number in Spur the latter part of last week.

J. J. Noland came in Tuesday from his farm home in the Afton country and spent some time here on business. He reports everything in the very finest shape in his section at this time.

Will Cobb came over Tuesday from Dickens and spent some time in Spur.

H. C. Allen was in town the first of the week from his home in the Dry Lake country.

Miss Sweet Sampson was among the visitors in the city Tuesday of this week.

F. A. Loyd, a prominent citizen and business man of Afton, was in Spur Tuesday on business.

W. M. Moore was in the city Saturday from his ranch home a few miles west of Spur.

D. B. Gardner was among the number of business visitors to Spur the latter part of last week.

W. T. Wilson, of five or six miles east of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday.

Will pay cash for dry bones, eggs, poultry, hides and furs. See the Spur Produce Company before you sell.

High cash market established in Spur at Spur Produce Company for hides, furs, poultry, eggs and junk.

W. C. Weir was among the number of business visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

T. A. Smith was in the city the first of this week from his farm and ranch in the Red Mud country.

John Smith was here Tuesday from the Tap country, trading with the merchants and looking after other business affairs.

Mrs. I. G. VanLier was a visitor in the city Tuesday of this week from her home in the Soldier Mound country.

V. H. Davis moved his saddle and harness business this week from Spur to Crosbyton where he will do business in the future.

C. H. Perry is making some additions to his residence in the west part of the city. Watch Spur grow.

Sam Clowers, of Pecan Gap, was in Spur last week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simmons and looking over the country with a view of locating here.

J. E. Brown, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Dry Lake country, was among the number in the city Tuesday.

Robt. T. Dopson, a prominent citizen of the Dry Lake country, was among the number of business visitors here Saturday.

See J. C. Miller at Spur Produce Company House before you sell your poultry, eggs, furs or cattle hides, dry or green.

Mr. Finch was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday of this week, coming in from his ranch home on Cat Fish.

H. E. Grabener was in the city the latter part of last week from his farm home six miles east of Spur.

I will buy your furs and hides and pay the highest market prices. See me before you sell.—O. K. (Big Boy) Baggett, Spur, Texas. 14-1tp.

H. E. Grabener came in Monday of this week from his home several miles east and spent an hour or two here trading with merchants.

Dave Taylor returned the latter part of last week from a visit to relatives and friends in Erath county.

Z. B. Morgan was called to Dublin last week on account of the death of his sister at that place.

W. W. Ellis, of Kent county, was in the city Monday and spent the day here on business and greeting his friends.

A. G. Chauncey, of Stamford, was in Spur Sunday and Monday, spending the time here with E. C. Edmonds and other friends of the city.

A. G. Rush, a prosperous farmer and stock-raiser of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesday and hauled out coal and other supplies.

Mrs. Wayne Van Lier was in the city Tuesday from her home two miles north of Spur, spending some time here shopping with the merchants.

Fred O. McFall came in Tuesday from his farm home in the Soldier Mound country and spent an hour or two here on business and greeting his friends.

For Sale or Trade—160 acres of land in Culberson county. 2 miles from Gaswell, 4 miles from Van Horn.—Address H. T. Garner, Spur, Texas. 1tp.

J. P. Koonsman, of the Croton country, was in Spur Monday on business and greeting friends. Mr. Koonsman is a successful farmer and leading citizen of his section of the country.

Jim Walker came in the latter part of last week from his farm home near Spur and spent an hour or two here trading with the merchants and greeting his friends.

"There's My Check With Your Endorsement"

When you are asked to pay an account twice, how much better to be able to say that, than "I have a receipt somewhere."

With a checking account of your own and a fixed rule to use checks in paying all your bills, you can readily clear up such a difficulty.

Have you a personal account at the City National Bank?

THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

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

**PLANT SURPLUS COTTON
GROW FEED AND FOOD**

The following two letters were sent out by the Texas Bankers Association. These letters are in line with expressions heretofore made in the Texas Spur, and are food for thought by progressive farmers throughout this territory. To Country Bankers and Country Merchants:

The Texas Department of Agriculture estimates that if the cotton acreage is increased this year to the extent that it was reduced last year, we may confidently expect to see five or six cent cotton this fall. With cotton hovering around eleven and one-half cents up-state, despite the eleven million bale crop of 1915—with practically no ships to move our cotton crop to foreign shores, with no present indication of the end of the war, and with the buying power of the world being gradually lessened day by day, it seems almost idle to point out that any marked increase in acreage over last year is going to result in a great disaster to Southern cotton producers and to Southern merchants and bankers.

Country merchants, country bankers, the Texas Bankers Association urges you to call meetings of your local business men and farmers and point out the urgent necessity of continuing the safe methods by which they were governed during 1915. Be sure, in extending credit to your farmer customers, that they are planting sufficient feed and food crops to insure their self-support. If they will raise enough feed to take care of their livestock and enough food to take care of their families they will be practically independent, and you will not have to talk about reducing cotton acreage, because if enough acreage is planted to feed and food, the cotton acreage will take care of itself. We believe that this matter of sufficient feed and food is absolutely vital to the success of country merchants and country bankers at this time. Ruin practically stared the country bankers and country merchants in the face in the fall of 1914, and ruin may stare us in the face again this fall unless we insist upon our farm customers tading out the insurance policies of sufficient feed and sufficient food. We urge every member of the Texas Bankers Association to do his part in this great movement, which we believe to be of such vital importance to our state.

To the Members of the Texas Bankers Association:

The combination of peanuts and hogs proved most profitable in several sections of Texas last year. The yield of peanuts averaged more than thirty bushels to the acre, and the price ranged from sixty cents to eighty four cents a bushel. The vines made an average of a half ton of hay to the acre—equal to so much alfalfa. Thirty bushels to the acre and eighty four cents a bushel for the peanuts, brought twenty five dollars and twenty cents an acre, to which eight dollars should be added for the hay, making a total return of thirty two dollars and twenty cents an acre, which is equal to a half bale of cotton to the acre at twelve cents a pound, and peanuts can be cultivated at a smaller expense than cotton.

But the best way to handle peanuts is to feed them to hogs and sell the hogs, and feed the hay to dairy cattle and sell the cream or butter. This method proved profitable in many sections of Texas, though at first the growers were compelled to sell their hogs somewhat below the market price

Strong Points in Our Business

We carry a large stock of Drugs and Druggists Supplies—so varied that you can always be sure of getting exactly what you want and the best article of its kind when you call.

FILLING YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS ACCURATELY

Is a specialty—one of our strong points. Treating each customer so courteously, filling his wants so quickly that he will want to come again is another strong point with us. By such customers, such methods we have built up a fine drug business in Spur—a business we are proud of, but want to continue to increase and solicit your patronage on fair treatment and a living profit.

SPUR DRUG COMP'Y.

The Rexall Store

on account of the soft flesh caused by fattening on peanuts. It was soon found, however, that this softness could be overcome by finishing hogs for fifty or sixty days on corn. Meanwhile, there is a rapid and encouraging development in the crushing of peanuts for oil and cake. The oil has a value somewhat above cotton seed oil and the cake is fully equal to cotton seed meal.

It would appear from last year's experience that peanuts at sixty cents a bushel is a more profitable crop than cotton at ten cents a pound, and that the combination of the peanuts and hogs, with a corn finish, is safe insurance against boll weevil and war.

W. M. Stovall, a leading citizen of Dickens, was here Tuesday.

J. H. Reynolds, of Dickens, was among the visitors to Spur Tuesday.

H. H. Hill was here Saturday from his home in the Dry Lake country.

Earl Harkey, garage man at Dickens, was in the city Saturday on business.

Tol Merriman was here the first of this week from his farm home four miles south of Spur.

A fine boy baby was recently born to Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barrett at their home in Spur.

E. J. Cairnes and wife were in the city this week from their ranch home in Kent county.

Mr. Dixon, of Luzon, was in Spur last week looking after his business interests and greeting his many friends

Oliver Gray, manager of the Afton Telephone Company, came over from Dickens Saturday and spent an hour or two here on business.

W. J. Clark, a prominent citizen and successful farmer of several miles north of Dickens, was among the business visitors to Spur Saturday.

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

For County Judge:
BLAINE SPEER.
WALTER L. POWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Jopling, of Post City, are in Spur this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Jopling.

Mat Howell was among the large number of business visitors in the city Saturday from the Cat Fish country. He reports his section of the country in fine condition.

The family of Mr. Barrett arrived last week from Stephenville and will make their home in Spur in the future. We are glad to welcome Mr. Barrett and family as resident citizens of Spur and wish them a pleasant home among us.

J. P. Gibson, of the Steel Hill country, was among the number in Spur Saturday. He was circulating a petition to determine whether or not the people of that section desired the road from Spur to Steel Hill should be opened up or a late patented gate placed where the big plank gate now obstructs the roadway.

Tom McArthur was among the number in the city Tuesday of this weeks.

L. S. Scott, of the Tap country, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison were in the city Monday from their home southwest of Spur.

Mrs. W. F. Walker, of a mile or two southwest of Spur, was in the city Tuesday shopping with the merchants.

Paul Douglass was in this week marketing some of his surplus feed grown this year on his twenty acre block one mile east of town.

S. W. Rather came in Tuesday from his ranch home in the Cat Fish country. He reports everything moving along nicely at this time.

Poet Hagins came in Monday from his home in the Gilpin country and spent several hours here trading with the merchants and greeting his friends.

Mrs. J. A. Neighbors was in the city Monday from her home in the Steel Hill country, spending some time here visiting her friends and shopping with the merchants.

Cicero Douglass, of the plains country near McAdoo, was here Monday after supplies and on other business. Mr. Douglass is making some improvements on his place this year.

W. F. Shugart, a prominent citizen and successful farmer and stock-raiser of six miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading with the merchants and looking after other business.

W. J. Duncan and son, Walter, of Dickens, were in Spur after coal and other supplies. They have just recently returned from New Mexico where they spent several months looking after their property interests in that state.

**PRaises OF "OUR
OWN LITTLE TOWN"**

Some writer whose name is unknown has sung the praises of "Our Own Little Town" in the following lines so beautifully and so appropriately it seems as if they were written especially for our own town.

"If you meet a man who is down in the mouth and who thinks that his town is all wrong just take him aside and give him a ride and give him this quaint little song: "There are fancier towns than our little town, towns that are bigger than this, and people who live in the tinier towns all city excitement miss. There are things you see in a wealthier town that you can't in the town that's small; and yet up and down there is no other town like our little town after all. It may be that the street through the heart of our town isn't long, isn't wide, isn't straight, but the neighbors you know in our little town with a welcome your coming will wait. In the glittering streets of the glittering town with its palace and pavement thrall; in the midst of the throng you'll frequently long for our little town after all. If you live and work and trade in our town in spite of the fact that it's small, you'll find that the town—our little town—is the best kind of a town after all."

NEW HOPE

Walter Russell, half brother to Sheriff Russell of Matador, now has charge of the Sour Doe pasture.

J. H. Reynolds, former Dickens postmaster, has bought two horses from Jacob N. Scott. We understand he paid \$275.00 for the team.

Tib Harris, T. N. Dodson, Jr., Walter Cantrell, West Harvey, Nuge Johnson and Joe Arthur had business in Spur Friday.

Miss Ella Worswick who is attending a Commercial school at Quanah, Texas, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Worswick.

One of the best and well attended pound suppers ever given was at the home of J. S. Law last Friday evening. The young people kept three games going all at the same time.

Mrs. Lee Peters has been sick for quite a while but we are glad to note that she is now improving and gaining strength every day.

Pat Peters was greeting his many friends and trading with the merchants at Dickens Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dodson are in Motley county to see T. N. Dodson, who has been lingering so long with dropsy of the heart.

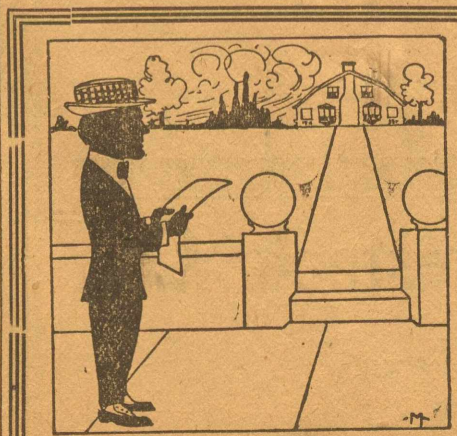
EXIT CALOMEL

No More Nasty, Disagreeable Effects.

LIV-VER-LAX is now rapidly taking the place of calomel everywhere. It is just as effective, cleansing the system thoroughly of bile, toning up the liver; and making that sluggish feeling disappear like magic. Yet it is pleasant to take, and has none of the disagreeable after effects that make us dread calomel so much.

Feel fine all the time. Take LIV-VER-LAX regularly, and health becomes a habit.

Guarantee: Every genuine bottle bears the likeness of L. K. Grigsby, and if it does not give satisfaction your money will be returned. For sale in the big 50c and \$1 bottles at Spur Drug Co.



YOUR NEW HOME

will have the desired appearance if you purchase your Lumber from our Yard.

HIGH-GRADE BUILDING MATERIALS are the only kind we handle.

Let us furnish you with the very best coal for your heaters and base burners. We also have blacksmith coal.

P. H. MILLER, - - Spur, Texas
Dealer in High Grade Hard and Soft Coal



LADIES! It doesn't matter how good a figure you are, the Gossard Corset will improve your good figures, and make good ones out of poor ones. Just notice the neat appearance in the dress of a Gossard wearer; 'tis easy, they have a distinguished appearance.

Our line of Kansas City Skirt Company's Skirts and Dresses are designed by one of the best designers in America. We buy them direct from the manufacturer, consequently we have the best and newest styles and patterns on the market. You well know you can buy the most expensive material, make it up and if it doesn't have design, cut and appearance it looks shoddy. In our line you will find all the requirements at popular prices. We turned our attention to this department and don't intend to spare time nor money in making this the most successful department in our house. We fully realize the necessity of our Ladies' and Children's Ready-to-Wear, and have bought very heavy in this line. We trust you will co-operate with us 'till before the season is half over you can say we have the most complete Ladies' and Misses' departments in our little town there is in Texas.

Hats, Caps, Caps and Hats

Young men, allow us to show you the largest line of Hats and Caps ever in Spur. We have a full line of Jno. B. Stetson's in the newest shapes and colors, also feather weights, something you have been unable to get heretofore without being in a city. The salesman told us we had the largest shipment ever made direct from the factory to a small town. Positively nothing old, everything new and fresh, just from Philadelphia last week.

Shoes and Slippers

All lasts and shapes. Fits? Yes, Dortch has them; saw him with as many as fifty in one day and all seemed to be perfect. It isn't every one who can fit your foot. A shoe too large is as uncomfortable as one too small. Come in and allow us to fit your shoe to your foot. Don't try to fit your foot to the shoe.

IN OUR GROCERY DEP'T.

We want to impress on you the danger in using cheap groceries. If you use White Swan there is no danger of being poisoned. Friends, don't put cheap groceries in your stomach in order to save a few pennies; 'tis the most expensive thing you ever did. If you don't get poisoned you are liable to ruin your health by using cheap groceries, and to shorten your days one year would mean considerable more than you could ever regain, so we say—

The Best is the Cheapest

Spur,
Texas

Sol Davis
THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST

Phone
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Boys and Young Men

Some time in passing just come in and let our Mr. Edwards show and explain the improvements of our

Curlee Clothes

over a regular line. They have the fit, pattern and appearance of a much more expensive garment, and as to the wear and durability we guarantee them to give perfect satisfaction.

What about that new Tie, Collar and Shirt you intend getting for Spring dress? We have just what you want. Come in and make your selection before the line is broken. You can find the very shade in Tie, Collar and Shirt you have been thinking you would get next time.

Underwear

Yes, for every one, combination and separate suits, all weights, colors and figures.

Prices to Suit the Times

TEXAS SPUR TAKES IN HORSE ON SUBSCRIPTION

W. H. Taylor, of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here traded us a horse for subscriptions to the Texas Spur. We are always ready and willing to accommodate our friends to the end that the Texas Spur subscription list will be increased and the accounts settled. In past years we have indulged in the "horse-trading" business to a limited extent and claim to be somewhat of a "judge of good horse flesh, and in making trades we invariably depended upon our own judgement and rarely asked questions concerning the age, peculiarities or disposition of an animal submitted to our inspection. The animal acquired in this instance was peculiarly adapted to trading purposes and in every respect would meet the requirements of an expert horse "swapper," and in view of such circumstances the animal remained in our possession only a very short time, he being disposed of at a fair margin of profit and satisfaction in the diversion of horse-swapping.

DIED

Little Alvis Morgan, four years old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Morgan, died Wednesday at their home twelve miles west of Spur and the remains were interred Thursday afternoon in the Spur Cemetery. We extend our sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Morgan in this bereavement.

C. M. Buchanan, of a few miles north of Dickens, was among the number in Spur Wednesday.

Farms and Ranches

One 800-acre ranch, well improved, two sets houses, considerable acreage in cultivation and all tillable, well watered and worth more than the price asked. A bargain for somebody who can handle the proposition. Another ranch of more than 2000 acres, fine improvements, living water, shinnery land and the cheapest priced in all of Western Texas. Also one 6-section ranch, well improved, and ideally located.

These Ranches are Located Within 10 and 15 Miles of Spur

We have a number of improved farm homes which can be bought almost at prices which raw land is now selling for. Come in and see or write us.

WE ARE AT YOUR SERVICE AND CAN GIVE YOU SOME BARGAINS

Spur Real Estate & Livestock Co.,

R. L. COLLIER, Mgr.,
Spur, Dickens County, Texas
Office in Texas Spur Building

ADDING NEW NAMES TO OUR SUBSCRIPTION LIST

The following names have recently been added to the Texas Spur subscription list: J. Mont Taylor, A. A. Fry, T. G. Bass, Spur Light & Power Company, J. C. Miller, H. N. Patton, W. H. L. Ward, R. C. Forbis, C. C. Sheppard, and W. H. Tallant, of Spur; E. B. Bowman, Alvord; W. A. Long, Mt. Calm; S. H. Twaddell, Hubbard; Mrs. Jno. B. Vannoy, McLean; Mrs. Addie McGinty, Plains; J. R. Whitten, Van Horn; H. B. Featherston, Blanchard, Oklahoma; E. S. Blakely, Encinosa, N. M.; Wesley Perry, Guthrie; B. Powers, Ivan; F. B. Pierce, Lone Star; Wren Cross, Clairemont; A. H. Hisey, Haskell; T. E. Rucker, Dickens; Texas Economic League, Fort Worth; J. P. Welch, McLean, and Chas. Horton, Draper.

The number of new subscribers being constantly added to our subscription list is not only gratifying but very encouraging to the publisher. We appreciate every name added to the list and will endeavor to give each reader a dollar's worth of news during the course of a year.

JIM GOSE DIED

Miss Myrtle and Harvey and Tony Gose were called to Jayton Wednesday on account of the serious illness of their father, Jim Gose, at that place. N. Q. Brannen carried Miss Myrtle and Harvey in an auto while Tony went down on the afternoon train. We understand that Mr. Gose died before their arrival.

For Sale—Good heavy draft horses.—R. L. Collier.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MET IN SPUR SATURDAY**

In response to a call sent out by Secretary B. D. Glasgow the Democratic Executive Committeemen of Dickens county met in Spur Saturday for the purpose of electing committeemen to fill the vacancies which have occurred.

Jeff D. Harkey, Precinct Committeeman of Dickens, was elected as Temporary Chairman of the meeting, after which the following Committeemen were elected to fill vacancies: Jas. F. Williams, County Chairman; C. A. Gladdish, Chairman of the Liberty voting box; J. A. Murchison, of the Wichita box; J. P. Koonsman, of Croton; and W. B. Bennett, of the Duck Creek box, taking the place of W. P. Sampson who resigned on account of his moving without the precinct. The Committeemen present and participating in the meeting were J. D. Harkey, B. D. Glasgow, W. P. Sampson, J. E. Sparks, J. V. McCormick, R. P. Davis.

The Executive Committee had intended to decide at this meeting whether or not the nomination of candidates in the Democratic Primary should be by a "majority" vote or a "plurality" vote. However, it developed that such action at this time would be contrary to the election laws which requires that the Executive Committee meet at the County Site on the third Monday in June to decide this matter. In view of the intention to decide this question at this time the candidates seeking nominations were invited to meet with the Committee, and the following candidates were present: G. T. Snodgrass, J. H. Miller, J. B. Conner, J. H. Latham and R. L. Collier, candidates for sheriff; M. Gay, candidate for Clerk; Walter L. Powell, candidate for Judge.

The candidates were asked to express themselves with reference to the proposed "Second Primary" to secure a majority vote in nominating candidates. R. L. Collier stated that he favored a "majority rule" not only in this election but in all public governmental affairs; that he did not want to be elected to the Sheriff's office with less than a majority of the voters of the people, and that there were so many candidates in this campaign that a majority expression probably could not be had from the voters in one primary election, therefore he favored two primary elections now in order that a majority of the Democratic voters would have an opportunity to express their choice of men to serve them in public office. J. H. Miller also favored the second primary. J. B. Conner said that he was willing to abide by the decision of the Committee in this matter and that if

R. E. EDWARDS
CLOTHIER

Post, Texas, Feb. 15th, 1916

The Texas Spur:

We have just read your paper in which you informed us that you were equipping your plant with a linotype machine and incidentally called on all loyal patrons to rally to your support.

We recognize your paper as one of the best in this section of the country, and while your machine may never materially benefit us its just worth these two dollars (enclosed) to know West Texas newspapers are adding a more substantial faith to our country than the hot air they are credited with.

We like your style. Take these two dollars together with these modest roses and buy some more equipment.

We're with you,
ROSS EDWARDS,
Post, Texas

The letter above is appreciated to the fullest extent. We appreciate not only the "enclosure" but the "flowers" as well. Ross Edwards was a former business man and citizen of Spur. He is a "live wire" and a man of real worth to any town or country. Although no longer a citizen of Spur we are glad Ross Edwards remains a citizen and an effective booster of Western Texas—the "coming" country of America. Here is to you, Ross, and "may you live long and always prosper."

they decided to have one primary election he would be satisfied and that if they decided to have two primaries he would have to be satisfied. Martin Gay stated that he preferred to have only one primary election. Other candidates present did not express themselves in this meeting. The Democratic Executive Committee of Dickens county is now composed of the following members:

County Chairman, Jas. F. Williams, Spur.

- Pre. 1, Dickens, Jeff. D. Harkey.
- " 2, Liberty, C. A. Gladdish.
- " 3, Afton, J. V. McCormick.
- " 4, Dry Lake, R. P. Davis.
- " 5, Red Mud, J. E. Sparks.
- " 6, Duck Creek, W. B. Bennett.
- " 7, Wichita, J. A. Murchison.
- " 8, Dumont, A. P. Hollar,
- " 9, Croton, J. P. Koonsman.
- " 10, Spur, B. D. Glasgow, Sec.
- " 11, McAdoo, J. J. Hickman.

The Executive Committee will hold its next meeting in Dickens on third Monday in June.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Preaching services will be held every third and fourth Sundays at eleven o'clock, a. m., and 7:30 p. m. Sunday School every Sunday at ten o'clock. You are cordially invited to attend.—H. P. Bates, Pastor.

DR. MONTGOMERY

Dr. Montgomery, of Stamford, specialist, diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat, will be in Spur between trains (two days) Wednesday and Thursday, March 1st and 2nd, prepared to do work in his line and fit glasses. Office with Dr. Morris. 16 2t

**SUCCESSFUL FARMER MAKES
BIG CROPS THIS PAST YEAR**

Charley Horton, of Draper, called at the Texas Spur office one day this week and had his name added to our growing subscription list and for which he has our sincere thanks. Mr. Horton is another of the prosperous and successful farmers of the country. Last year he made on his place 839 bushels of corn, threshed 657 bushels of maize and saved thirty tons for feeding purposes on his place. His corn averaged twenty bushels to the acre and his maize averaged a ton and a half to the acre. He also had thirty acres in cotton from which he has picked nineteen bales of cotton. The above report is evidence that Mr. Horton is a good farmer and will always prosper in this section.

SUCCESSFUL FARMER

A. A. Allen, of the Croton country, was in Spur this week and while here called in at the Texas Spur office and handed us a dollar for the paper another year. Mr. Allen is a successful farmer as is evidenced by the crops he makes each year. Last year he had ninety five acres of cotton from which he secured fifty nine bales of cotton. He now has about three more bales of bolls to gather on his place before his crop will be completely gathered.

R. L. Jones returned Wednesday from Childress where he spent some time on business.

Rev. J. M. McMahan and Oscar Jackson made a business trip to Silvertown Wednesday, returning Thursday to Spur.

H. Berry and H. A. Murray came up last week from Rotan and spent some time in Spur visiting relatives.

J. W. Young, a prominent citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday greeting friends and buying supplies of the merchants.

Jake Scott was here Wednesday from his place in the Afton country, spending some time in the city on business and shaking hands with his friends.

C. C. Haile came in Wednesday from the Draper country and hauled out supplies. Mr. Haile is one of the most successful business men, farmers and traders of the country.

TYPICAL WESTERNER

S. Ellis was in the city Monday from his ranch home in Crosby county and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Ellis is an old timer of this section of country and was one of the "cow-punchers" on the Spur Ranch many years ago. He is a typical "Westerner," broad-gauged, true to his friends and a gentleman in every sense of the word. We are glad to know such men and appreciate them as friends and readers of the Texas Spur.

L. G. Crabtree was here Thursday and Friday from the Croton country.

J. C. Jones a prominent citizen of the Jayton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week.

Mr. Orms and wife, of Girard, were in Spur Saturday of last week.

W. P. Marshall, of the Duck Creek country, was among the business visitors in the city Monday.

On Tuesday evening Dr. and Mrs. T. E. Standifer entertained with "500". After the last game refreshments in two courses were served to Mr. and Mrs. G. S. White, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cates, Mr. and Mrs. W. Neilon, Mrs. Reed McLamore of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Senning, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dickson and Mr. and Mrs. Sol Davis.

O. C. Henry came in the latter part of last week from his place a mile or two south of Spur and spent some time here greeting his friends. Mr. Henry is just recovering of an attack of pneumonia which came near ending his earthly career. We are rejoicing with his many other friends in the fact that that Mr. Henry made a good fight and is now able again to attend to business affairs and circulate among his friends.

Mace Hunter, Dick Jay and J. D. Patterson, of Jayton, returned this week from Roswell, New Mexico, where they had been to attend court in a civil suit.

L. J. Elsby, of near McAdoo, was in Spur Wednesday and while here gave us a check for a dollar and six bits, renewing his subscription to the Texas Spur in connection with the Dallas News, and for which he has our thanks.

**HONOR ROLL OF TEXAS
SPUR SUBSCRIBERS**

In last week's issue of the Texas Spur we appealed to our subscribers to renew their subscriptions in order that we could meet the payments on our new linotype and other equipments now being added to the Texas Spur office. A number have responded to this appeal and we are placing the names of all who have paid up their subscription to the year 1917 on our "Honor Roll" which is as follows:

J. R. Robertson, A. M. Raspberry and J. E. Reams of Afton; Wren Cross and E. J. Cairnes of Clairemont; J. G. Norris of McAdoo; J. Q. Adams of Girard; Ed Jackson and Chas. Windham of Draper; J. G. Franks, Dumont; T. E. Rucker, G. T. Snodgrass, W. W. Waldrup and J. B. Yantis of Dickens; E. J. Bilberry, W. L. Bulloch, Mrs. N. A. Cady, A. Fry, J. P. Gibson, H. T. Garner, W. S. Hunter, A. C. Hindman, R. F. Keene, W. P. Marshall J. D. Martin, W. M. Moore, A. B. Morgan, H. N. Patton, W. H. Putman, R. F. Rogers, S. W. Rather, S. W. Stephenson, A. J. Thomas, W. A. Valentine and W. T. Wilson; all of whom have paid up for the Texas Spur up to the year 1917.

There are a number of readers who have paid up in advance to latter part of the year 1916, yet there are others who are behind one, two and three years and a very few who are behind about five years. We do not mind carrying these accounts in the least because we know they are good. However, we are putting in new machinery and getting our shop in shape to print a better paper and do better printing. It requires a lot of money to do these things, and we want our readers, subscribers, advertisers and patrons to help us out by paying in advance and by increasing the advertising business of the paper. We will not only appreciate this consideration but will give each one value received for any favors extended to us at this time.

Each week we will publish the "Honor Roll" of subscribers, including only the names of those who pay up to the year 1917. Those who have already paid up to 1916 are not urged to respond to this call, but should any of them voluntarily get on this "Honor Roll" we will doubly appreciate the favor. Let us see how many names will appear on this roll next week.

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

W. M. Randall, a leading citizen and one of the most extensive farmers of the Steel Hill country, was among the number in Spur Monday.

**Fruits and
Candies...**

...AT...

JOE'S PLACE

**If you want the Best,
You can find it Here!**

**I Know
THE PIANO BUSINESS**

**I know the Grades
I know the Price**

**That you ought to pay. The SELF PLAYER solves
the music problem in your home.**

PLAYERS \$450 to \$600 SILENT \$200 to \$300

Player Rolls in Stock

A. STIFFLER, Spur and Dickens

Money! Money!! Money!!!
 to Loan on Farm and Ranch Land. For Quick Service see **W. M. FEATHERSTON, Jayton, Tex.**

..J. P. SIMMONS..
 Drayman and Agent for Pierce-Fordice Oil Ass'n.
 Heavy and light hauling. All work guaranteed
 Residence Telephone 80 Business Telephone 120

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

A FINE ALFALFA FARM IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

J. L. Curry was in town Tuesday from his farm two and a half miles east of Spur and hauled out some lumber and wire with which to make improvements on his place. Mr. Curry stated that the ground on his place was entirely too wet to plow at this time. He said that while taking out some grubs on the land water came up in the holes. Another hole was dug at a different place, and after going down about eighteen inches water came up within six inches of the top. This place, no doubt would make the finest alfalfa farm within the state of Texas.



"Bell" Connection Solves Farm Problems
 Said a prosperous and Up-to-date farmer: "We like to joke the women-folks about using the telephone, but I guess we men use it as much as they do. We find the Long Distance Bell connection feature of our service a wonderful convenience."
 Have you a telephone connected to the Bell System?
 Ask our nearest Manager for information, or write
The Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Co.
 10-R-14

READ THE CITY ORDINANCES

Two City ordinances were published in the last issue of the Texas Spur, both of which should be read and observed by the public.

One of the ordinances pertains to the speeding of autos and other vehicles, placing the speed limit at fifteen miles an hour on the streets, and at each crossing each driver is expected to use due caution by slowing down to prevent any accident. Everybody, and especially every car driver should observe these rules.

The other ordinance pertains to the fire department and equipments, and to prevent the handling of tools, hose, and other items necessary in case of fire. Also to keep vehicles, horses and other obstructions from in front of each fire station so that in case of fire delays will be prevented.

Read these ordinances and cooperate with the officers and fire departments in giving the city safety and good service.

ENTERTAINED CLUB

Mrs. J. B. Richbourg entertained for the Merry Wives Club Friday afternoon, February 11th. The rooms were attractively decorated with valentines and red hearts. A delicious salad course was served to Mesdames C. H. Senning, F. W. Jennings, T. E. Standifer, C. F. Cates, C. L. Love, M. L. Pierce, C. A. Love, W. J. Attebury, Oran McClure, M. E. Manning, J. H. Grace, J. E. Morris, R. C. Forbis, Sol Davis, Geo. M. Williams, V. C. Smart, E. C. Edmonds, C. Ensey, W. Neilon, Reed McLamore of Abilene, Jas. Mahone and Ray Dickson.

If you have not tried our bread call and get a fresh loaf at the French Ruby Cafe. Fresh bread received every other day. tf

NEW BUSINESS FIRM ESTABLISHED IN SPUR

B. B. McCombs and L. H. Gilbert have established a new business in Spur to be known as the Spur Harness Company. The business will be located in the old Farmers & Merchants State Bank building formerly occupied by V. H. Davis and who recently moved his stock of goods to Crosbyton. The new firm will be equipped with machinery and tools with which to do all kinds of work in leather goods and repairing, and will also carry a complete stock of harness and other goods usually kept in a store of this character.

The Texas Spur wishes Messrs. McCombs and Gilbert a successful business and may the Spur Harness Company always prosper under their management.

For Sale—Good hack, Emerson make, also sewing machine. For particulars call at Mrs. M. E. Gilpin's. 15 tf

Farm and ranch loans made promptly and at reasonable rates—three to ten years time. See or write Gamble Land & Cattle Co., Floydada, Texas. 15 4tp

Strayed—Gray horse, roached mane, 16 hands high, with the Spur (triangle) brand, saddle horse. Will pay \$5.00 for his delivery at Girard, or \$2.50 for holding the horse and notifying me.—R. E. Darden, Girard, Texas. 13 4t

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 26.

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. 1p

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

CHURCH SERVICES

Preaching services at Presbyterian Church next Sunday, Feb. 20th. Subject at the morning service, "The Call Of Isaih." Subject for evening service, "Christ Conception of Death." John, 8-51. All cordially invited to attend.

NEW READERS

W. H. Tallant made us feel good this week by adding his name to our growing subscription list. We are making an effort to secure two thousand regular subscribers this year to the Texas Spur. We will appreciate every help to that end. If we do not happen to ask you to take the paper, call in and ask that your name be placed on the list and we will appreciate it that much more.

H. C. Eldredge, a leading citizen and successful farmer of the McAdoo country on the plains, was in Spur Tuesday and spent several hours here greeting his many friends and buying supplies of the merchants. He said that while several farmers of his section were plowing their land a good rain would be welcomed by those who have sod to break.

JACKSON REALTY CO.

Fire, Tornado, Plate Glass and Livestock Insurance. We sell Land, City Property and Livestock. Non-Residents' business promptly attended to.
Notary Public in the Office.

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

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS MONDAY NIGHT

The Odd Fellows Lodge of Spur met at their hall Monday night of this week for the purpose of installing its officers for the ensuing year. The following officers were installed: R. L. Collier, N. G.; T. C. Ensey, V. G.; C. H. Perry, Secretary; R. M. Hamby, Treasurer.

After the installation ceremonies the members present enjoyed a supper of ham, bread, coffee, pickles, etc., and an enjoyable occasion is reported by each one in attendance.

ADVERTISING NO GOOD

"Advertising is no good," said the man in old clothes. "It never helped me none." The millionaire merchant smiled. "That is because you tried it, John, as the Indian tried the feather bed. An Indian took a feather and placed it on a plank and slept on it all night. In the morning he growled: "Paleface say feather heep soft. Paleface heep fool, ugh!"—Ex.

W. T. Lovell was in Spur Monday and Tuesday from the Draper country. He hauled out some lumber with which to build a storm house and make other "necessary" improvements on the place. Lovell does not claim to be afraid of storms but says he is merely having this cellar built to care for fruit and other perishable products of his garden and orchard.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

One second-hand Ford car, and a good seven-passenger Studebaker car, cheap and at a bargain.—Sol Davis.

The French Ruby Cafe serves the very best short orders the market affords. If you have never tried them call in and be convinced. Everybody treated alike. tf.

SELLING SURPLUS FEED CROP ON SPUR MARKET

W. B. Bennett brought in several loads of maize from his farm in the Gilpin country and sold it Saturday on the Spur market, receiving a price of eleven dollars per ton. Mr. Bennett is also one of the many farmers of the Spur country who harvested a surplus of feed this last year, as well as a big crop of cotton.

The best cook in West Texas is employed at the French Ruby Cafe. tf.

Murray Brothers...
 YOU WILL EVENTUALLY HAVE US DO That Work Why Not Now?

To Automobile Owners:
 You are respectfully invited to make our place Headquarters, while in Spur. Nothing but experienced men will work on your car.
 Gas, Oils and Plenty of FREE AIR
 Repairing A Specialty
Martin Garage Co.

W. C. BOWMAN Lumber Com'y.
 LUMBER, SASH DOORS, AND...
 All Kinds of Building Material

Concrete Sidewalks
 See me for sidewalks, curbing and ornamental work. I furnish grades and lines FREE.
CHAS. WHITENER
 Office With Brazelton-Pryor & Co. Spur, Texas

G. A. GLADDISH HOME

BURNS AT LIBERTY

Wednesday evening the news came to Spur of the total destruction of the C. A. Gladdish farm home by fire in the Liberty community north of Dickens. The origin of the fire is unknown. Nothing was saved from the building except one sack of flour.

Mr. Gladdish had just recently made some additions and improvements to his home and the loss at this time is regretted by the whole community.

ENTERTAINED

Mrs. C. L. Love and daughter, Miss Flora, entertained Wednesday afternoon at their home in the city in honor of Mrs. Newton Johnson. Seven tables were arranged for progressive forty-two and at the conclusion of the games Miss Flora rendered two vocal selections in a charming and accomplished manner. The guests were Mesdames Baker, Clemmons, Cates, Davis, Dickson, Forbis, Edmonds, Grace, Jennings, Eb Johnson, Dowell Johnson, C. A. Love, Manning, Morris, Link, Neilon, McLamore, Pierce, Andrews, Standifer, Senning, McClure, Smart, Attebury, Putman, Williams, and Newton Johnson the guest of honor.

Will make special price on coal to have it removed to make improvements within the next few days.—P. H. Miller.

J. C. Davis came down Wednesday from his ranch home and spent the day in Spur greeting his many friends.

A CHARMING PARTY

A beautifully planned party of Monday night was the Valentine given by Misses Fite and Attebury at the spacious home of Mrs. C. Fite on Hill Street. The invitations read:

At Mrs. Fite's we'll celebrate Saint Valentine

In the good old fashioned way, With cupids, hearts, verse and rimes;

So don't forget the day.

The home environment was made doubly attractive by the artistic and profuse decorations and the beautifully gowned hostesses. The decorations of the rooms developed a color scheme of red and white, cut flowers, ferns, arrow hearts and streamers of ribbon, producing a charming effect.

Hearts was the early diversion of the evening. The game was followed by the guests entering heartily into the amusement of fortune telling. The ingenuity of the hostess was cleverly shown by the arrangement of a very unique plan, whereby each guest shot with a bow and arrow at a large red heart, whereon numbers of smaller hearts were placed. The heart pierced revealed his or her fortune.

During the evening the following contributed musical numbers: Misses Doris Attebury, Lowe, Mrs. Dickson and Mr. Rogers. Miss Louise Rich gave a reading. Delightful refreshments were attractively served, effectively carrying out the color scheme.

The list included Misses Lucile Horton, Pearl Hensley, Ada Sanders, Lucy Roberts, Kate Mahone, Nell Mahone, Kate Boykin, Ora Kennebrew, Ora Archer, Addie

Baber, Doris Attebury, Creola Richbourg, Myrtle Lowe, Deliah Johnston, Jewel Johnson, Velma Putman, Clemmie Putman, Tot Waldon, Jennie Shields, Louise Rich, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson, Messrs. Ed E. White, W. H. Black, E. M. Saffold, Cliff Lovelace, C. W. Lowery, C. A. Rogers, W. F. Godfrey, E. J. Cowan, Earyl Senning, W. C. Gruben, Jesse Rogers, W. R. Moore, Luke Attebury, Aubrey Johnson, O. T. Singleton, Jno. B. Hardin, E. Carl Patton, A. E. Reeves, J. W. Meadows and Sherrod Williams.

LOOK AT THE DATE PRINTED OPPOSITE YOUR NAME

Look at the date opposite your name on this paper and see if you are behind with your subscription. The month and the year to which you have paid is printed opposite your name. For instance, if it reads "Feb 15" it means that you have paid up to February 1915 and you owe us another dollar. We are putting in some new machinery, including a linotype or type manufacturing machine and need every dollar we can get. We want every reader and friend of the Texas Spur if they can, to not only pay up back subscription but a year ahead in order to help us out of this tight. We will not only appreciate this favor but will return the favor when an opportunity presents itself. All who pay us up to 1917 will be placed on our "Honor Roll."

Fine Bronze Turkeys \$3.00 per pair.—Mrs. F. N. Oliver, near the Experimental Farm. 16-21.

TAP TELLINGS

P. Hinson is adding another room to his dwelling.

We are still talking telephone and rural route.

P. Hinson and son, Elmer, had business in Spur Tuesday.

T. S. Lambert purchased a fine milk cow this week.

Wright Hinson was over from his farm in Garza county Wednesday.

On account of being away from home we didn't have anything from this neck of the woods last week.

Farmers of this section of the country are very busy breaking land for another crop.

W. A. Valentine made a business trip to Matador the latter part of last week returning Monday.

H. C. Rash has completed his job for R. F. Harrell and will move this week to the Steel Hill country where he will assist G. W. Rash in putting in a farm.

—Kid-a-lude.

Firm Self and wife, of the Cat Fish country, were in Spur Wednesday trading with the merchants and visiting friends.

An opportunity is now offered you to get cheap fuel by buying coal and removing it from the yard within the next few days.—P. H. Miller.

E. H. Blakely, of the Afton country, was in the city Wednesday and while here handed us a dollar for the Texas Spur which is being sent to his son, E. S. Blakely at Encinoso, New Mexico.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL

OFFICERS AT DICKENS

Wednesday night the Odd Fellows Lodge at Dickens met for the purpose of installing officers to serve for the ensuing year. The following officers were installed: J. B. Conner, N. G.; C. S. Greenwade, V. G.; Martin Gay, Sec.; C. C. Cobb, Treasurer. Work was also done in the first and second degrees. At a late hour supper of ham, bread, pickles and coffee was served to those present.

Messrs. R. L. Collier, H. F. Murray, J. O. Yopp, Mr. Ensey and M. L. Blakely went over from Spur to assist in the work and participate in the meeting.

In order to make improvements within the next few days we will sell coal at special low prices. This is a rare opportunity to get cheap fuel.—P. H. Miller.

Geo. S. Link returned Monday from Saint Louis where he spent about ten days buying goods for the Bryant-Link Company stores in Spur and other points.

We have several tons of coal to move in order to make some improvements. Special low prices on sale at once. Now is your opportunity to save money on fuel.—P. H. Miller.

M. L. Blakely was here Wednesday from the Afton country and handed us a dollar to extend his subscription up another year and which entitles him to be included in our "Honor Roll" since this pays him up to the year 1917. We want to see how many names will appear on this roll next week.

We Are Off To Market This Week

OUR MR. C. L. LOVE LEAVES WITHIN A FEW DAYS FOR DALLAS, ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO

YOU Can Expect to find with us this spring every Novelty carried by any first-class dry goods business. **NEW SPRING GOODS** will soon begin to arrive and the "Ball Will Open" during this spell. We shall still remain "On the Job" selling everything about 25 per cent **CHEAPER THAN THE CREDIT MAN!!** If this is questioned see those ladies white muslin skirts at 50c; see those beautiful white waists at \$1.00 and better than some sold at other places for \$1.50. What about childrens muslin drawers, embroidery trimmed, at 10c ---sounds good don't it? What does the Credit Man ask you for the best Calico? Our price 5c

We Don't Have to Pay for Fancy-Priced Book Keepers, and

Big Office Expenditures to Accommodate Any Crsdit Sales!

Oh yes, that \$2.50 mens Work Shoe we sell is the very best value in West Texas, and we still sell you, not as good but **THE BEST. MENS OVERALL** at 95c---beats buying on credit don't it? Those boys overalls which your neighbor paid 75c for on credit, Love sells them at 50c---they are the best! We will give you a mans suit at \$9.95 that will puzzle you to think out how such a high grade suit can be sold at this price. It is because they were bought for cash from a spot cash manufacturer. We have several styles and can supply your wants!!

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SPUR, TEXAS

BURGLARS OPERATE IN GIRARD MONDAY NIGHT

The M. A. Darden Store at Girard was burglarized some time Monday night. Entrance into the building was effected by breaking the glass in a rear window.

Mr. Darden states that his losses were small, a small quantity of canned goods, a few pairs of work pants and probably two pairs of shoes being the only items missed from the store. His stock of jewelry was not molested.

Officers who were detailed on the case have no definite clue as to the perpetrators of the burglary.

This is the second time for the Darden store to be burglarized within the past year.

A liberal reward subscribed by the business men of Girard and Sheriff Goodall will be offered for the apprehension and final conviction of the burglar or burglars.—Reporter.

NOTICE

I have a good P. & O. Planter, Bradley cultivator, section harrow for sale or trade.—L. A. Hindman, Spur, Texas. 16-tf.

Dr. Hale, of Dickens, was among the business visitors to the city Monday of this week.

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.

T. S. Lambert and wife, of the Tap country, were among the visitors in Spur Monday.

Andy Wooten and wife, of the plains country, were in the city the latter part of last week visiting friends and buying supplies of the Spur merchants.

J. H. Jones, a prosperous farmer and leading citizen of the Tap country, was in Spur the first of this week trading with the merchants and on other business.

Dr. Fulbright, a leading physician and surgeon of Ralls, was in Spur Saturday of last week and spent several hours here on business and greeting friends.

J. R. Robertson, of the Afton country, was in Spur last week and called around and gave us a check for two dollars to extend his subscription up to 1917 and for which he has our sincere thanks.

V. H. Davis and family moved this week to Crosbyton where they will make their home in the future. We regret to lose them from our citizenship but wish them a prosperous home in their new location.

J. A. Caple returned the latter part of last week to his home in Spur from Stamford where he had been to sell his farm in that country. He sold his place there and purchased another quarter section tract adjoining his farm in the 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 pastures controlled by me.—Sam White. 52tf.



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JNO. B. HARDIN, ASST. CASHIER

FIFTY CASES SMALL POX REPORTED AT ROTAN

It is reported that fifty cases of small pox have recently developed in Rotan. County Health officer Wray stated that no cases of the disease was reported in Kent county.—Girard Reporter.

FOR SALE

The best 20-acre block—one mile from Spur, well fenced and all in cultivation. Made a bale of cotton to the acre last year. No other improvements. Can get possession and cultivate this year. Call at Texas Spur office or see R. L. Collier.

Mrs. Rush McLaughlin, of near McAdoo on the plains, was brought to Spur last week and underwent a successful operation at the Standifer Hospital. We are glad to report that Mrs. McLaughlin is now reported doing nicely and recovering rapidly.

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W. N. Blackwell, who has been with a fencing crew of the Matador Company for the past several weeks, came in to Spur Saturday.

L. C. Arrington returned the latter part of last week to his home in the Afton country after spending some time in Spur with his son, Roy, who was operated upon at the Standifer Hospital as the result of an injury to his head. Roy is now up and able to be on the streets.

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Plow Tools

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Just received a car each of
Avery and Standard Implements.

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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. Will sell any amount from 160 acres to 640. Write me for terms.—Gertrude Pursley, Jayton, Texas. 12-3mo.

For Sale—By the Christian Aid Society, house and lot near school building. For further information phone Mrs. W. H. Putman. 15 3t

Dr. Reed, of Girard, was in Spur last week, coming over with Miss Perry who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Standifer Hospital. Miss Perry is reported doing nicely at this time, the operation being successful in every particular.

J. L. Karr, of six or seven miles north of Spur, was here Tuesday and hauled out lumber and other building material with which to make improvements in his section of the country. Building improvement continues in every section.

DIXY TELEPHONE SYSTEM UNDER NEW OWNERSHIP

Dr. Reed is in receipt of a letter from Mr. Ross, of Petrolia, in which the latter states he has consummated a deal with T. F. Dixon, of Luzon, for the Dixy Telephone Company properties. The system embraces exchanges at Spur, Jayton and Clairmont with toll line connections and a few party lines. Consideration in the deal is unknown.

Mr. Ross further stated that he was arranging to come to Girard at an early date, making the trip through the country by automobile. Mrs. Ross will accompany him to Girard.

Mr. Ross came to Girard two or three months ago with the prospective view of buying the system and was favorably impressed. He returned home on business connected with the disposal of property there and because of sickness could not leave his family and return to consummate the deal here.

Among the contemplated improvements in the system is a local exchange at Girard.—Reporter.

Mat Bingham, who is running a fencing crew for the Matador Company, was in Spur Saturday after supplies and spent an hour or two in the city shaking hands with his friends.

NEW BUSINESS IN SPUR!

We have just opened up a new business in Spur and will be located in the building formerly occupied by V. H. Davis. We will carry a complete stock of

*Everything in
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