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# THE TEXAS SPUR

## AND DICKENS ITEM

### Job Printing

We can do as good job printing as any out-of-town concern and will appreciate it much more

DON'T SEND IT AWAY

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SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, APRIL 13, 1917.

Number 24

## RAINS IN SPUR COUNTRY

### 1.27 INCHES OF RAIN IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

Tuesday night a general, good rain fell in Spur and throughout this whole territory. The rain continued all during the night and fell in such a manner as to do the greatest good. The rainfall in Spur amounted to one and twenty seven hundredths inches. In Afton it is said to have amounted to about 3 inches. At McAdoo it was one and one-fourth inches. The rain was heavy at Roaring Springs and over the plains country. At Stamford it was only one-quarter of an inch. At Jayton the rain was one-half inch, thus showing that as it came west it was heavier.

This rain at this time is of inestimable value to both farming and ranching interests in that grass will now come and the wheat crops of the country will produce abundantly, there being no inconsiderable acreage of wheat throughout the Spur country.

Everything now indicates that bumper crops will be produced again this year in this section of Western Texas.

### OBJECTS TO COMMISSIONERS CLOSING UP ROAD

Mr. Allen, of the McAdoo section of country, was in Spur Wednesday of this week. He was here to investigate if it is within the power of the Commissioners Court to close up a roadway which had been dedicated for a public highway by Henry Sayles in the Lee County Lands on the plains. The Commissioners Court granted a roadway to be opened up on the west side of a portion of the Lee County lands, taking ten feet from the former Bar-N-Bar land and thirty feet off of the Lee County lands. In passing the order granting this roadway, to accommodate Mr. Gollihar, the court granted his request to permit him to fence and use the dedicated roadway on the east side of one or two quarter section tracts owned and leased by Mr. Gollihar. Mr. Allen claims that the closing up of this already established roadway will cause him to travel a considerable distance further to get to the post office at McAdoo.

### DICKENS SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK

The Dickens School closed the 1916-17 term Friday of the past week. Thursday night the closing exercises were had and a large audience was present and enjoyed the occasion. Friday night the graduating exercises were had at the school auditorium, and which was highly entertaining. The members of the graduating class were Annie Cathey, Carlos Medlin, Bryan Speer, Lois Blair and Effie Shields.

### COMMISSIONERS COURT MET LAST MONDAY

The Commissioners Court met Monday in Dickens and remained in session over Tuesday to complete the business.

Several new roads were opened up at this session, one being along the west line of the Lee County lands on the plains and another leading from McAdoo to Roaring Springs, another leading from Spur to Tap. Contract for a concrete bridge on Duck Creek one mile east of Spur was also let. The accounts allowed to various parties will be published later.

### ROSTER OF COL. JOHN A. GREEN CAMP, U. C. V.

The roster of the Col. John A. Green Camp U. C. V. No. 1461, is as follows: Captain, G. W. Glasgow; 1st Lieutenant L. T. Cochran; 2nd Lt. J. Carlisle; 3rd Lt. E. Luce; 4th Lt. J. H. Sparks; Ajt. W. A. Taylor; Sponsor, Mrs. Lillian Dickson; Chaplain, W. L. Osborne; Surgeon, J. H. Grace; W. C. Benson, J. M. Campbell, A. J. McClain, H. C. Cravey, W. L. Grubbs, L. G. Garrett, C. I. Hinson, J. C. Martin, W. C. McArthur, J. C. Stephens.

All Confederate Veterans are cordially invited to register with the Camp, by order of G. W. Glasgow, Captain.

### BUYS CATTLE AND LEASES THREE SECTIONS LAND

A deal was consummated Saturday whereby Bill McArthur bought of J. N. Luce three hundred head of cattle and leased three sections of land for five years.

Evidently Bill McArthur intends to go into the stock business in connection with his already extensive farming operations.

### SOLD HALF INTEREST IN BUSINESS AT DICKENS

Judge F. C. Gipson sold to Mr. Cleveland, formerly of Weatherford, a half interest in his drug, grocery and hardware business at Dickens and the purchaser assumed charge of the business Monday of this week.

Judge Gipson will devote the principal part of his time to his ranch and cattle interests hereafter.

### SINGING CONVENTION AT DRAPER LAST SUNDAY

The Dickens County Singing Convention which met at Draper Saturday night and Sunday was largely attended and enjoyed. Sunday dinner was spread on the ground and the whole day devoted to singing.

The next meeting of the convention will be held at Dry Lake the second Sunday and Saturday before in October.



### GENTLEMEN

May we have your attention for just a moment. Now if we should tell you to come to our office and we would give you \$8.00 in cash you would come and would get this money. To every one of you that have a suit of clothes to buy we feel that we can save you from \$3 to \$8.00. How can we do this? Because we were fortunate enough to secure the celebrated Style Plus Line which has not changed in price and the quality has been kept up to that high point; guaranteeing all wool material, hand tailoring, and absolute satisfaction to the wearer. Remember the name—Style Plus. Remember the price—\$17 the world over. No more no less. Remember the place—Bryant-Link Co.

How thankful we should all be for the rain. Do we really stop and give thanks to Him to whom thanks are due. Now the future looks brighter, let us all press forward with our very best efforts to make 1917 a great year. Let us help feed and clothe the world. The theory that we can live to ourselves has been exploded. We cannot live the selfish life and succeed. It now becomes necessary for us to produce from the farms more than we have ever produced. If we do our whole part in this world's war. Yes, we are helping, and are going to continue to help the worthy farmers of this country as long as we can get the goods to supply them with. We feel that there is no cause for alarm as to food supplies for this country and the people, of course, should be as conservative as to expenditures seems possible, for all merchandise seems high and it is high compared to prices of other days, but the products of the farm are bringing the best prices in the history of the country and it looks like the farmers opportunity. We want your help and want to help you. Our interests are mutual.

Now as to merchandise, our stocks are large and the prices as reasonable as goods can be sold; dealing fairly and allowing a living profit. We want your business. We are in a position to sell you for cash as cheap as you can buy anywhere in this country. We buy in large quantities and get quantity prices that the average merchant does not get. We don't tell you we can sell 10 or 20 per cent cheaper than other merchants. We can't do this. And don't be deceived by the man's story who tells you he can. All we ask is a fair comparison of prices. The average so called "cash store" tries to make you think that they can sell cheaper and some people without investigation imagine it to be a fact. All we ask is a comparison. Yes, we believe we merit a liberal share of your cash and are getting it. Why do we merit it? Because we have the merchandise at right prices. And, that without stores like ours, many people who are striving to get and are getting homes in this country, could not succeed

## WE ARE IN WORLD'S WAR

### TAKES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS ON EASTER HUNT

G. E. Nicholson favored his Sunday school class last Sunday with an Easter egg hunt. There were nine or ten boys in his class, all of whom were carried to the Rock House Springs Sunday afternoon. While the boys went in swimming in the spring water the eggs were hidden by Mr. Nicholson. After the eggs were found a bountiful feast was spread and each one enjoyed the occasion to the full extent. G. E. Nicholson is loved and respected by each member of his class, and they will go with him—even to the Blanco Canyon.

### TRUSTEES ELECTED IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS

School elections were held in the various school districts of Dickens county Saturday of last week.

At McAdoo Ben Smith and G. B. Davis were elected, the vote in the election at that place being as follows: G. B. Davis 25; Ben Smith 23; S. M. Bailey 9; Mr. Abernathy 6.

At Gilpin the following trustees were elected: D. G. Simmons and P. E. Hagins.

At Dickens B. G. Worswick and T. M. Green were elected trustees, J. H. Meadors being the holdover member.

At Draper, E. B. Shaw and Mr. Sattley were elected as trustees of the Wichita school. J. M. Foster was elected as County School Trustee at large.

### FARMERS LOAN ASS'N. HOLD MEETING TUESDAY

The Dickens County Farm Loan Association held a meeting Tuesday in Spur at the Baptist tabernacle. A large number of farmers from every part of the county was present. The meeting was for the purpose of perfecting the organization in order that the membership will be in position to make applications for loans.

### SOL DAVIS HAS DEMONSTRATION OF CAN GOODS

Sol Davis had a demonstration of canned goods at his place Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week, having a representative of the Waples Platter Grocery Company here to conduct the demonstration.

During the time hundreds of customers were served with a variety of fruits and canned goods, cakes and coffee.

without their help. 1917 so far has been our best year and with your continued confidence and help we expect to make the entire year the best.

Your friends,  
BRYANT-LINK CO.

### UNITED STATES DECLARED WAR ON GERMANY

Congress has declared that a state of war now exists between the United States and Germany, and power was given the president to use every resource at his command to promote the war to a successful termination. The president has already determined to issue five billion dollar bonds for the purpose of raising funds to supply England, France and other countries now at war with Germany with three billion dollars, the balance of two billion dollars to be used by the United States. He has also called for an army of five hundred thousand more men, and since they are slow to volunteer there is talk of conscripting men for war service. Texas is expected to furnish twenty two thousand of the number of men required in the army.

Since the United States has declared war on Germany, Cuba and Brazil in South America have followed the lead in declaring war. Other countries are also expected to get in the great war. In fact, the European war has already become a world's war, and before the end it is probable that every country in the world will be involved. Mexico is expected to join in with Germany and declare war on the United States and should this expectation prove to be true Texas will bear the brunt of the war and probably become "the Belgium of America."

Sherman said that "war is hell" and we do not doubt his word. Those who have been clamoring for war should not hesitate to shoulder their guns and get in it—they should be the first to volunteer and the first to be conscripted. Personally, we have always stood for peace, but since we have been pushed into war, we will be prepared to use our "401" should this country be invaded by foreign foes. We have no inclination to volunteer to invade Germany or any other foreign country. We did not want the United States to get into the war, but since she is in it we will stay with her and be ready to volunteer to protect the country from any invading armies.

### WILL BUILD CONCRETE BRIDGE OVER DUCK CREEK

At the meeting of the Commissioners Court Monday a contract was let for the construction of a concrete bridge over Duck Creek on the Fort Worth Roswell Highway, one mile east of Spur.

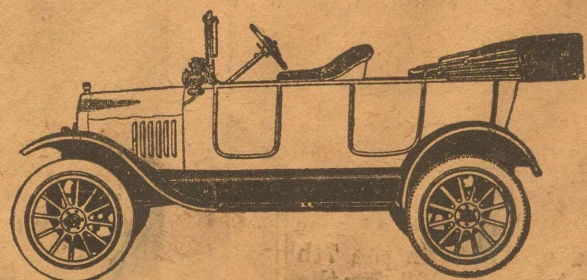
The bridge at this point is almost worn out and the one to take its place will be of a more permanent nature, being constructed completely of concrete.

### \$1,000,000 TO LOAN ON FARMS AND RANCHES

at 8 per cent for 5, 7 or 10 years to pay at end of first year and stop the interest or at end of 10 years.

WE DON'T REQUIRE CASH INTEREST PAYMENT IN ADVANCE. MONEY READY NOW.

OSCAR JACKSON



FORDS—F. O. B. Detroit  
Touring Car, \$600; Roadster, \$545

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman  
Spur Texas

# 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

**I**N 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 COUNTY, TEXAS.

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

The State of Texas  
To the Sheriff or any Constable  
of Dickens County, Greeting:

Oath having been made as required by law, You are hereby commanded to summon W. F. Lake, and Anna Lake, Max Elser and The City National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, (a dissolved corporation) by summoning its Directors or Trustees, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 50th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 50th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Dickens County, Texas, on the 4th Monday in May, A.D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 5th day of April, A.D. 1917 in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 543, wherein R. C. Forbis is plaintiff, and W. F. Lake and wife, Anna Lake, and the City National Bank of Fort Worth, Texas, (a dissolved corporation) are Defendants, and said petition alleging That here tofore, to wit; on or about Oct. 24th, 1899, Plaintiff purchased from F. Perkiewicz, Independent Executor of the Estate of Balbino Perkiewicz, the 640 acre tract of land hereinafter described, that said tract was purchased by Balbino Perkiewicz, at a sale under the terms of a Deed of Trust on the 7th day of September, 1893, for the purchase price of \$1000.00 cash out of the separate means that said Deed of Trust under which said foreclosure was had was given by the defendant W. F. Lake and his wife, Anna M.

Lake, on June 21st, 1886, to J. Ferdinan Perkiewicz, to secure the payment 12 months after said date to Balbino Perkiewicz of the sum of \$1,500.00 with interest and that said foreclosure was had under the terms of said Deed of Trust, on account of the default made by the said W. F. Lake and Anna M. Lake in the payment of said sum above stated.

That said tract of land was patented to the Defendant W. F. Lake as assnee of R. T. Co., on March 21st, 1879, by virtue of Patent No. 562, Vol. 31.

That on the 7th day of August 1891, the Defendant, Max Elser, caused to be levied on said land a writ of attachment issued out of the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas in a suit pending against W. F. Lake for the sum of \$3000.00 the return on said attachment being recorded in the attachment lien records of Dickens County, Texas, in book No. 1, on Page one, and that thereafter on the 22nd day of August, 1891. The Defendant City National Bank of Fort Worth, had levied upon said land a writ of attachment issued out of the District Court of Tarrant County, Texas, in a suit pending

against W. F. Lake for the sum of \$7000.00 and the return of said attachment being recorded in the records of attachment liens of Dickens County, Texas, in Book No. 1, on page Two.

That said Deed made by the substitute under said Deed of Trust, aforesaid, to said Balbino Perkiewicz, conveying said tract of land hereinafter described, through an error either in drawig said deed or in the recording of the same recited the names of the Grantors in said deed of trust as W. F. Babe and Anna Babe, referring to the same by date and the book and page where the same appears of record in the Deed of Trust Records of Dickens County, Texas, that said names were in fact and should have appeared in said deed as W. F. Lake, and Anna M. Lake.

That upon the dates of the two levys of attachment on said tract of land said Deed of Trust heretofore referred to was a valid, subsisting and unsatisfied first lien against said tract of land and that said Deed of Trust is of Record in the Deed of Trust Records of Dickens County, Texas, in Vol. No. 1, on pages 113 and 114, having

been filed for record on July 8th, 1891, and that since the recording of said attachment lien no effort has been made by the owners or holders thereof to foreclose or enforce the same, but the same constitutes with the errors referred to in said instrument a cloud upon Plaintiff's record title to said tract of land, which tract of land is situated in Dickens County, Texas, and known as Abstract No. 321, Cert. No. 52, Survey No. 3, Original Grantee Rusk Transportation Co. and patented to W. F. Lake Assnee of said R. T. Co. by Patent No. 562, Vol. 31, dated March 21st, 1879.

And the Plaintiff for further plea in his behalf says that he should have and recover said tract of land hereinbefore described from said Defendants for the reason that he claiming the same under deed duly registered, has had peaceful, continuous and adverse possession of all of said tract of land hereinbefore described using and enjoying the same and paying all taxes thereon for a period of more than five years, after any cause of action could have accrued to any of the defendants herein and before the commencement of this suit. And this

of the Court.

Also that he have judgment against the Defendants herein for the title and possession of said tract of land and that said attachment liens in so far as they constitute a cloud upon Plaintiff's title to said tract of land be cancelled and held for naught and that said errors in said deed be corrected to remove any cloud from the record title of Plaintiff and for other and further relief both General and Special in law and in equity for which Plaintiff will ever pray.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, M. Gay, Clerk of the District Court of Dickens County.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Dickens this the 5th day of April, A. D. 1917.

M. Gay, Clerk,  
District Court, Dickens County.  
24-4t.

Jake Ballard, of Dickens, was in Spur recently.

R. S. Holly, of the Afton section of country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week.

C. I. Cannon came in Saturday and spent the day here on business and greeting his many friends.

John Weathers came in Saturday from the Red Mud Camp and spent the afternoon here greeting friends and looking after business matters.

Cecil Bennett came in Monday from the Gilpin country to witness the Buster Brown performance at the Love Dry Goods Company.

G. S. White came in Tuesday from the ranch headquarters and spent a short time here looking after business matters and greeting friends.



### THIS BURNING QUESTION

confronts the business man. It is of vital importance to the man who wants to succeed. No one can afford to be without a Commercial Bank Account. There are so many ways in which a Bank Account helps you, to say nothing of the advantages of having a checking account. Bank with us.

CAPITAL STOCK \$40,000

SURPLUS FUND \$10,000

### THE CITY NAT'L BANK OF SPUR, TEXAS

E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier  
C. ZOGAN, Asst. Cashier

G. H. CONNELL, President

S. R. DAVIS, Vice-Pres.  
J. D. HARNAY, Vice-Pres.

**Citizens Garage & Machine Shop**

P. A. RAMSEY & SON Props.

We have bought the Citizens Garage and are now installing a new OXY-ACETYLENE WELDING Machine and other equipment's necessary for a first-class garage and machine shop.

We make a specialty of repairing electrical starters and every job turned out is Guaranteed to give Perfect Satisfaction.

If Your Car NEEDS REPAIRING Bring It To US

See D. H. Sullivan when you want oats and shelled corn. 11.

J. L. Perry, of a mile or two west of Spur, was among the number here Saturday.

R. E. Thomas, of near Spur, was among the visitors in the city Saturday.

Fred Odom and wife, of a few miles south of Spur, were in the city Saturday shopping with the merchants.

R. F. Hargrove, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants of the city.

Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, of the Duck Creek country, was in the city Saturday shopping and also visiting friends in the city.

R. N. Thomas, of two miles southeast of Spur, was in the city Monday to see Buster Brown and also looking after business affairs.

J. D. Martin, of four miles north of Spur, came in Saturday and spent the afternoon in the city meeting friends and attending to business affairs.

W. F. Walker came in Saturday and spent a short time here buying supplies and material with which to improve his new farm home recently purchased south of Spur.

W. M. Childress, of near the city of Dickens, was among the many in Spur Saturday buying supplies and greeting his numerous friends and acquaintances.

J. Anderson Davis came in Saturday from his farm home four miles northeast of Spur, spending an hour or two here meeting and conversing with friends.

W. P. T. Smith came in Saturday from the Dry Lake section of country and spent the afternoon here looking after business interests and also shaking hands with his numerous friends here that day.

Burren Smith, of the Dry Lake country, made a trip Saturday to Draper to attend the Dickens County Singing Convention. However, he was disappointed in that the convention had been postponed until Saturday night and Sunday.

M. C. West, of five or six miles south of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading and meeting friends. Mr. West is one of the most successful farmers of the country, he being a diversificationist in every sense of the word. He grows plenty feed on his farm and raises fine cattle, hogs and horses.

W. W. Waldrup, of the Draper country, was in Spur Saturday shaking hands with his many friends. He recently added some fine stock cattle to his thoroughbred herds on his ranch. He is another of the ranchmen of the country who always keeps in the progressive procession with reference to fine cattle.

Homer Boothe, of near the city, was in Spur trading Saturday.

J. M. Aston, of four miles north of Spur, was among the crowds in Spur Saturday.

Deputy Sheriff S. L. Davis, of Dickens, came over Saturday and spent the afternoon in the city of Spur.

Prof. H. A. C. Brummett, of the Dry Lake School, was in Spur Saturday meeting his friends of the city.

J. E. Brown, a leading citizen of the Spur country, came in Saturday from his farm in the Dry Lake community.

Miss Ethel Henson, who is teaching school in the Spur section of country, was in the city Saturday visiting her friends.

Mace Hunter and family, of four or five miles east of Spur, were in the city the latter part of last week shopping and visiting friends.

A. W. Jordan came in Saturday from the Steel Hill country and spent the afternoon in the city trading and meeting friends.

Misses Ira and Ora Kidd, of Jayton, returned to their home Saturday after spending several days with C. N. Kidd and family of Dry Lake country.

Robt. T. Dopson, a leading citizen and farmer of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur the latter part of the past week trading with merchants and meeting friends in the city.

Mr. Boykin of the Soldier Mound community, was in the city Saturday. Mr. Boykin is living on the former Fred O. McFall place and is one of our good citizens.

L. S. Scott, of near Spur, was in the city Saturday trading and looking after other affairs. He is one among the most prosperous farmers of the country and never worries.

L. L. Arnold, a leading citizen of the Steel Hill country, was among the many in Spur Saturday trading with the merchants and looking after other affairs.

If you need some money on your Farm or Ranch, see us. We can furnish any amount at 8 per cent interest. We make our own inspections.—McCord-Low Realty Co., Aspermont, Texas. 22-3t.

W. H. Birdwell, of seven or eight miles south of Spur, was in town Tuesday and while in the city called at the Texas Spur office, stating that he had heard that we had an old "cap and ball" pistol which he wanted to borrow to defend himself against German invasions. He has a long muzzle loading rifle or shot gun, and with the two he intends to be in position to get them at both long and short range. He is demonstrating his patriotism in a substantial way.

**AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING OCCUPATION LICENSE OF TRANSPORTATION CO**

Be it ordained by the City Commissioners of the City of Spur, Texas, that an annual Occupation License shall be required of all persons, firms or corporations, engaged in the Livery Business, Transfer and Dray Business, and all people who shall carry passengers for a fee or for a profit, within the incorporated limits of the City of Spur, Texas.

That before any person, firm or corporation shall engage in such business, that he shall be and is hereby required to obtain an annual permit from the City Secretary of Spur, Texas, who is empowered to issue said permit upon the payment of the fees or tax herein set out.

For every Livery Stable within the incorporated limits of the City of Spur, engaged in transporting passengers by automobile, hacks, buggies and carriages, shall pay to the City of Spur, Texas, the sum of Thirty-five Dollars annually.

For every automobile, the sum of Twenty-five Dollars annually, or the sum of Thirty-five Dollars annually for two or more automobiles.

For every two horse dray, hack or carriage, the sum of Fifteen Dollars annually, or the sum of Twenty-five Dollars annually for two or more such vehicles.

For every one horse dray or hack, the sum of Ten Dollars annually.

Every person, firm or corporation found guilty of violating the terms of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not less than the amount of the license as set out in this ordinance, nor more than double the amount of such license fee; and each day any person so violates this ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

This ordinance to be in effect from its passage, approval and publication. Passed August 23rd, 1915. Approved August 28th, 1915.

F. W. JENNINGS, Mayor  
OSCAR JACKSON, Secretary.

W. J. Elliott came in Saturday from his Spring Creek farm and ranch.

Tom Owen and wife came in Saturday from their ranch home southwest of Spur.

Red Top Cane Seed, free of weevils, for sale.—See J. J. Cloud. 23-3t.

J. R. Hill, of Steel Hill, was among the many in Spur Saturday.

\$250,000.00 to loan on farm and ranch lands. 8 per cent.—McCord-Low Realty Co., Aspermont, Texas. 22-3t.

Elmer Hall, of Jayton, came up to attend the closing exercises of the Dry Lake school the latter part of last week.

W. P. Marshall and wife, of the Steel Hill country, were in Spur Saturday shopping and also meeting friends.

Mr. Morrison, of the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur Saturday greeting friends and trading.

S. L. Leach, a prominent citizen of Dry Lake, was among the many business visitors in town Saturday.

Mrs. M. E. Gilpin will leave this week for an extended visit to her children in other parts of the country.

W. C. Pressley and wife, of twenty miles east of Spur, were in the city Saturday shopping and looking after other business affairs.

See

**W. W. Hunt Produce Co.**

Before Selling Your

**Poultry, Eggs and Hides.**

They'll Pay More

In FARMER'S CAFE Building

Earl Harkey, of Dickens, was here Saturday greeting his friends.

J. C. Stephens, of six or seven miles east of Spur, had business in the city Saturday.

Less Nixon, of near Roaring Springs, was in Spur Saturday of the past week.

Tom Cherry, of near Spur, had business in the city Saturday.

Ranger Robinson, of Dickens, boarded the train in Spur Monday for other parts of the country.

See McCord-Low Realty Co., Aspermont, Texas, if you want to borrow money on your farm or ranch. 8 per cent interest.

H. E. Grabener, of eight or nine miles east of Spur, was among the many business visitors in the city Saturday.

Bob Gipson, of near Spur, was here Saturday meeting his many friends and trading with merchants.

Proctor Brown, of the Dry Lake country, was among the large number of visitors to Spur Saturday.

W. A. Harris and family, of the Dry Lake country, were in Spur Saturday trading and visiting friends.

Poet Hagins, of near Gilpin came in Saturday and spent an hour or two here trading and looking after other affairs.

J. J. Noland, a leading citizen and prosperous farmer of the Afton country, was among the many visitors in Spur Saturday.

County Commissioner W. A. Johnson, of the Dockum Stock Farm, was among the large number of people in Spur Saturday.

Jackson Round Boll cotton seed. Earliest cotton on the plains. Proved so 1916. Write for prices.—A. L. King, Lubbock, Texas. 21-4tp.

Mrs. Kate C. Buchanan, of several miles north of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mrs. Buchanan left an advertisement for strayed cattle to be published in the Texas Spur, and stated that she knows it pays to advertise since she recently had an ad placed in this paper for the sale of a farm and the farm was immediately sold. Texas Spur advertisers get results because the great majority of the people read the paper. If you have anything that you want the people to know tell it through the Texas Spur. It costs but little and the people are reached in this way.

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake country, was among the many in Spur Saturday.

Ott Denson, of Dry Lake, was among the many here Saturday.

S. P. Odom, of five miles or more south of Spur, was among the number here Saturday.

Mrs. W. F. Walker was in Spur Monday of this week visiting friends.

H. T. Garner came in Saturday from his PrairieView Stock Farm and spent the afternoon here meeting his many friends.

J. E. Burton, a leading citizen of the Steel Hill country, was here Saturday on business and meeting his many friends of the town and country.

Frank Smith came in Saturday from the Red Mud country and spent an hour or two here on business and shaking hands with friends.

J. L. Karr, of old Espeula, seven or eight miles north of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday on business and trading with the merchants of the town.

For Sale—130 head of one and two year old red heifers, also forty head of Jersey heifers and cows.—O. W. Maddox, Spur, Texas. 23-2tp

J. F. Speer, of near Dickens, came to Spur Saturday and was here several hours buying supplies and looking after other affairs.

J. D. Hufstedler, of near the city, was in Spur Saturday on business and greeting his many friends of the town and country.

Money to loan at 8 per cent interest. No loan too large for us to handle. We make our own inspections and give quick service.—McCord-Low Realty Co., Aspermont, Texas. 22-3t.

J. P. Koonsman, of the Croton country, was among the large number of farmers here Tuesday of this week to attend the meeting of the Dickens County Federal Farm Loan Association.

John Patterson and family, of Jayton, were in the Dry Lake country the latter part of last week to attend the closing exercises of the school at that place and also visiting friends of that country.

Dock Edwards, of the Croton country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and handed us the wherewithal to renew his subscription to the Dallas Semi-Weekly News. Dock Edwards is one of the biggest farmers of the country and one of our most prosperous citizens.

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FOUR ISSUES ONE MONTH

Friday, April 13th, 1917.

Federal Tires and Tubes at the Highway Garage.

Jake Scott was here Saturday from the Afton country.

S. W. Rather, of the Cat Fish country, was among the many in Spur Saturday.

W. H. West, of five miles or six south of Spur, had business in the city Saturday.

W. M. Randall came in Saturday from his farm home in the Steel Hill country.

Miss Lula and Willie Belle Martin were at home from their schools Saturday.

W. W. Franklin, of six or seven miles east of Spur, was in Spur the first of this week trading.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love and C. W. Lowery and Miss Kate Mahon motored to Lubbock Tuesday.

Everything new in Ladies shirt waists, prices \$1.25 up—see them today—don't delay.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Lawson Hyatt, who has been spending some time in Fort Worth, returned to his home the first of this week.

If you want some Red Top Cane seed to plant, call in at the Spot Cash Grocery where you always get the best at the cheapest cash prices.

Everything new in Ladies silk hosiery, fancy two shaded effects or solid colors, 50c to \$1.50.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Deputy Sheriff Kemp, of Wharton, was here Thursday after Ed Speaker (colored) who escaped from prison over one year ago and returned with his prisoner.

J. L. Moore came in Saturday from his ranch home four or five miles west of Spur, and spent an hour or two here on business and greeting his many friends

There is no better cane seed than the Red Top. You can get these seed at the Spot Cash Grocery, recognized throughout the country as a concern that keeps the best of everything at the very lowest price.

W. M. Austin and Mr. Alexander, of near Afton, were in Spur Tuesday and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. They report every thing moving on smoothly in that country at this time.

When you plant cotton see that you have seed that will give you the best returns on the least acreage. Mebane is considered and recognized as the best. Get them at the Spot Cash Grocery, the concern in Spur which tries to keep the best of everything to accommodate the trade and always makes the lowest prices.

W. E. Duke, of the Watson community, had business in the city Saturday. Mr. Duke is recognized as one of the most progressive farmers of this whole country. He is one farmer who keeps an account of every day's work and everything done on the farm and is in a position to tell you at any time how much certain crops have cost him. The man who runs his farm on a business basis can not help but succeed in this country.



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Chas. Gunn, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday of this week.

Go to the Highway Garage for all kinds of auto accessories.

Perry Fite and J. D. Powell left for Fort Worth with two loads of stock Thursday.

Have your sick shoes made well at the little red brick hospital for shoes and boots. It

Mrs. J. H. Dobbins left this week for a few days visit to friends and relatives at Peacock and Sagerton.

J. H. Sparks, one of the oldest and best citizens of the Tap country, was among the large number in Spur Saturday.

Just in by Express, the snappiest line of new dress skirts in fancy silk, serges, poplins and many novelty weaves—they're beauties.—Love Dry Goods Co. Spur.

Jim Trimble, of near the city, was here Saturday.

Tom McArthur came in Saturday from his farm and ranch near Tap.

Jim Perkins, a prominent citizen of Tap, had business in the city Saturday.

George Renfro came in Saturday from his ranch home east of Spur.

J. A. Koon made a business trip this week to Floydada and Plainview.

Jim Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, spent Saturday in the city watching the crowds on the streets that day.

Love beats any mail order house on Ladies Kid or Patent pumps, oxfords or baby-dolls. See their \$2.65 special price, it can't be duplicated less than \$3.50.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Clif Lovelance made a trip to Stamford this week.

F. A. Loyd, a leading citizen and business man of Afton, was in Spur Wednesday of this week.

L. C. Arrington, of a few miles west of Dickens, came to Spur Saturday and spent a short time here on business and meeting his friends.

Mrs. W. M. Moore came in Saturday from her ranch home five or six miles west of Spur and spent an hour or two in the city shopping and visiting friends.

C. D. Pullin, of near McAdoo came in Tuesday of this week, remaining over in the city until Wednesday. He was elated on account of the big rain that night and had already figured out that he would have to make arrangements for more sacks to care for his wheat crop.

W. A. Holloway, of eight or nine miles north of Spur, was here Saturday.

Dick Sampson and wife, of twelve miles southwest of the city, were among the many visitors here Saturday.

W. F. Cathey came in Saturday from his farm home on the Dickens road and spent some time here trading and conversing with friends.

100 pieces double fold dress gingham—the kind you pay 15 cents for, will be sold this week at 12½c.—Love Dry Goods Co. Spur.

Jesse Fletcher called in Tuesday and reported that he had his farm lands about ready for planting and was now only waiting for it to turn warm and rain.

150 ladies dresses just received, in percales, madras and gingham, neat styles, well made garments—prices this week, \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.50.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Jerry McClaren, who is with the Riter Hardware Company, left this week for Plainview where he will remain several weeks in the Dodge machine shops to learn more of the Dodge cars and equip himself to do all of kinds of Dodge repairing.

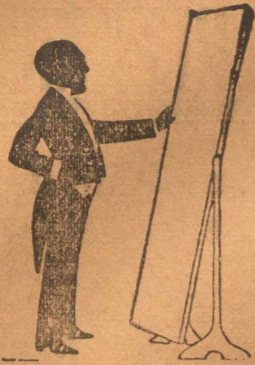
Mat Howell was here Saturday from the Red Mud country and reported that Judge McClain, who has been sick some time at his home on Cat Fish, is now very much improved. The many friends of Judge McClain in every part of this section of the country will be glad to learn of his improvement.



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**OPERATION OF FARM LOAN BANKS EXPLAINED**

M. H. Gossett, president of the Federal land bank of Houston, has prepared a statement for the information of those who seek loans from and who are interested in the work and scope of the Federal land bank.

Gossett's statement is as follows:

"No loans can be made to individuals except through a membership in a National Farm Loan Association.

"Articles of association, with which you have been supplied (or will be supplied on application) explain how to organize a National Farm Loan Association.

"The secretary-treasurer of each loan association is the business agent who keeps the book conducts the correspondence, delivers checks to borrowers when loans are closed, makes collections of annual or semi-annual payments and remits to this bank.

"A person can serve as secretary-treasurer of a farm loan association without being a member thereof and without being a resident of the district served by the association. It cannot be too strongly recommended that when there are two or more associations in a county, all of them should be served by the same secretary-treasurer, and, if it is at all convenient the secretary should reside at the county seat so he may give personal attention to the filing for record of all conveyances and be convenient to banking conveniences and facilities.

"It is important that such officer be a capable businessman, such as a bank cashier, or other wise trained in handling of business details. The law requires that this officer be bonded upon the faithful performance of the duties imposed upon him.

"Under the law the rate of 6 per cent interest could have been charged to borrowers and had such a rate been made, the stock in farm loan associations and this bank would have paid a nice dividend the first year, but it was believed that borrowers would prefer the lowest possible rate in the beginning of the operation of the system, and it was therefore, determined to make the remarkably low rate of 5 per cent, feeling that the borrowing stockholders (members of farm loan associations) would prefer to get the benefit of this low rate on \$95 on each \$100 borrowed than to pay a higher rate on the amount borrowed and receive a dividend of \$5 on each \$100 borrowed, the \$5 representing the stock subscription in their local association.

"It, therefore, follows, that for the first year the whole system will need to observe strict

economy, and the expense incident to organizing and conducting the business if the National Farm Loan Association, and where charges are made by the secretary-treasurers, and the expenses of the appraisal by loan committees, will have to be met by the members of each local association. Each association may be under the necessity of making an assessment against each member in proportion to the sums borrowed to raise the comparatively small amount needed to pay secretary-treasurers, for such stock subscription books blank postage, etc. The hope is indulged that a spirit of patriotic co-operation may be found in every community that will result in finding capable business men who will act for local associations without charge for the first year, or at least for nominal charges, to the end the borrowers will receive the greatest benefit at lowest cost in starting the system which can mean so much to the agricultural interests of the state.

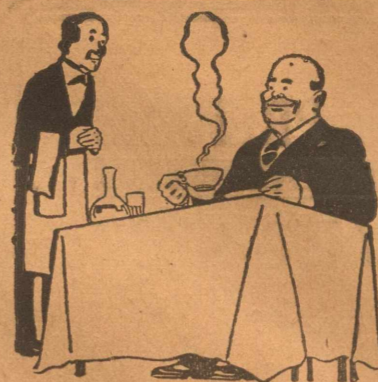
"The law makes no arbitrary requirements touching the size of territory to be served by national farm loan associations. In populous counties it may be desirable to adopt a commissioner or justice precinct, or the school district, or one or more of such divisions. In sections of the state sparsely settled, it may be advisable to adopt one or more counties as the district to be served. Avoid general names for associations, such as Northeast Texas or Southeast Texas associations. It is probably advisable to avoid the use of the names of counties, for the reason that it may be confusing where more than one association is formed in a given county. The postoffice of an association will ordinarily serve as a suitable name. An outline of the territory to be included in each association should be described in your articles of association. This may be done by designating the political divisions to be served. It is possible that an organization may be formed to serve sections of the country not having local associations.

"Owners of homes of 200 acres or less, fully paid for, can

borrow only for the cost of improvements to be put on the farm through the sale of a regularly fixed mechanic's lien covering the cost of improvements, by the assignment of such lien by the contractor to the Federal Land Bank. When a valid lien is thus fixed for the cost of improvements it may be extended on the amortization plan of payment of from five to forty years.

"In the case of homes exceeding 200 acres, against which there is no indebtedness such excess can be used in borrowing from this bank, the excess not being affected by the homestead exemption laws of the state.

"Owners of homes of 200 acres or less, against which there are outstanding vendor's lien notes, can arrange through the sale of such notes by the present owners to the bank and get the benefit of the low rate of interest to the extent of 50 per cent appraised value of the land. This also applies to one about to become the owner of a home through the purchase of land for that purpose by arranging with the vendor whereby this bank can take over and own so much of the purchase money notes as does not exceed 50 per cent of the approved appraised value of the land to be purchased. Under our constitutional homestead limitation, no loan can be made by this bank on homes of 200



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acres or less for the purpose of paying off existing personal indebtedness (other than vendors lien notes) or for the purchase of livestock and fertilizer. Where a person desires this bank to take up by purchase 50 percent of first vendor's lien notes, based on this bank's appraisal, against homes to be acquired, and cannot arrange payment of the balance, such proposed homeowner will be under the necessity of arranging with the owner of the land to accept the second lien notes for such sum as may remain after the first lien notes are taken up by this bank. In such cases the suggestion is made that amortization plan and long and easy terms of payment be adopted in negotiating the terms of such second lien notes, to the end that early maturity and contingency of foreclosure of such second lien note or notes may be avoided.

"Each farm loan association is liable for the loans made through it, but this does not become the personal liability of member borrowers, as sureties one for another, except to the extent of the stock held by each, which is \$5 out of each \$100 borrowed, and a possible 5 per cent in addition thereto. Before this contingency can arise, however, the land of the defaulting borrower must fail to bring at foreclosure sale 50 per cent of its appraised value. If the loan committee of each national farm loan association which passes upon the value of the security offered this bank conservatively values each land there will be no danger that a member of such association will ever be called upon to respond for the debt of another, even to the limited extent provided by the Federal Farm Loan act. In no event does the land of a borrower stand as security for any loan except his own.

"Each borrower must furnish at his own expense, abstracts of title of the property offered as security. There will be no charge made for inspection and appraisal by the land bank appraiser, but each borrower will be required to pay \$2.50 for each \$1,000.00 loaned him or major fraction thereof, as a comparatively nominal fee for the strict legal examination and determination of his title. The low rate of interest made and the narrow margin upon which the bank has to

operate, the difference of one-half of one per cent between the rate of interest paid by the land bonds (4 1/2 per cent) and the rate charged borrowers (5 per cent) tenders this nominal charge for the examination of title necessary.

"The national farm loan association is the foundation stone of the whole system, and to it this bank will look for a spirit of co-operation and successful administration of the law.

"Much of the alleged red tape and detail, that is made the basis of frequent criticisms, are found on careful analysis to be but necessary safeguards, having in mind the system as a whole and the benefits to result from its operation. It is only by the pooling of first lien notes and making them a basic security for land bonds, to be sold to the investing public that the low rate now made to borrowers is possible. It, therefore, follows that in making appraisals for loans fictitious or speculative values must be avoided. If any question plausibly shall arise as to the values behind the securities on basis of 50 per cent of real value, it would result in doubt as to the safety of the land bonds, as long time investments, and a failure to market the bonds in a large volume, would operate to stop the new supply of capital to meet the new demands on the bank and the system would practically break down within a year for lack of funds. With a conservative valuation behind the securities, the system provides an endless chain of new capital from the sale of bonds, and can serve many generations in the acquisition of a home at a rate of interest and on easy terms of payment not heretofore possible in this country.

"The officers of this bank are giving their best thought and attention to the new duties incident to the administration of a new law. Thousands of letters and applications for loans to the extent of several million dollars are on the desks and it will be possible to give all these matters attention at once.

"Charters have to be obtained for national loan associations, land appraisers appointed, and the system arranged before loans are made. The hope is indulged that parties interested will be patient under the circumstances, and the officers will do their utmost to serve all as quickly as may be done. It is confidently believed that a spirit of co-operation will enable the bank officers to meet reasonable expectations at the earliest time."

R. R. Johns, of two or three miles north of Spur, was here Saturday greeting friends.

J. A. Kerley, of seven or eight miles east of Spur, had business here Saturday.

George King, of near the city, was among the many in town Saturday.

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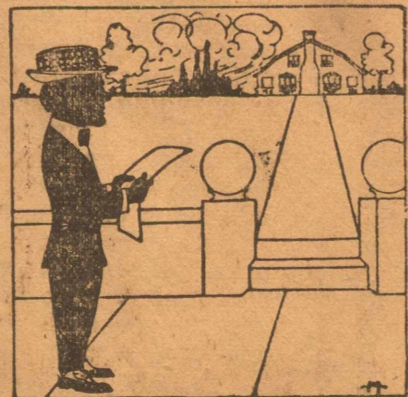
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**RAISE MORE FOOD AND FEED IN COUNTRY**

Mr. Welborn Ganzer, district agent for the western portion of Texas in charge of demonstration work, made a talk to 75 business men, bankers and ranchmen and farmers in the Directors' room of the Spur National Bank last Monday. In his talk Mr. Ganzer brought out the necessity of close co-operation between the business men and farmers in producing feed and food stuffs in order to meet the heavy demands on the United States to supply its own people and the armies and to assist in supporting the allies. He emphasized the importance of every family producing all the food possible for its own table and a surplus for those that were in the trenches. The city people have an opportunity to assist by raising the best garden possible, producing butter, milk and eggs sufficient for home consumption and using them in the most economical way. The American people as a class are extravagant with foods and feed and it behooves them to make preparations in advance to meet the conditions that are now giving so much trouble to the nations at war.

Mr. J. M. Jones, of the Texas Experiment Station, was next called on and brought out the point for a greater need of woolen goods and less cotton due for great demand for wool to be used in making woolen blankets for the men in the trenches. The demand for all foods and feed will be first and prices will necessarily be high, and the demand for cotton will continue to be a speculation.

Mr. Crawford, the demonstration agent for Dickens county, was next called on and expressed his desire to assist all those interested in producing the crops necessary in time of war and asked for the co-operation of all present for getting the most out of each acre of land and each pound of feed consumed by animals.

Mr. Tackett, demonstration agent for Lubbock county, told of the work being done in that county in assisting the farmers to live at home and produce a surplus for the market.

A great responsibility rests on the farmers in producing and the housewife in saving, as all should be as patriotic as the boys who offer their services on the firing line and serve their country the best they can in producing all they can.

J. L. Curry, of near Spur to the east, was here Saturday.

John King made a business trip the first of the week to Plainview.

Willie Hagins was here Saturday from the Gilpin country, spending a few hours here on business.

E. C. Edmonds made a business trip Tuesday to Afton and other places in the north part of the county.

J. E. Sparks came in Wednesday from his home in the Tap country. He was jubilant at the big rain which came Tuesday night.

Jack Renfro, of Jayton, was in Spur Saturday. He had been spending some time with his son, George Renfro and family, at their ranch home east of Spur.

Go to the Spot Cash Grocery if you want Red Top Cane Seed or any other item in the grocery line. They keep the best and everybody knows that they make the prices and other concerns follow in Spur.

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**WEST END HAPPENINGS**

There was quite an excitement in West End last Sunday. A rock was found on C. F. Martin's place that contained what seemed to be a plot. On following the direction given, a pot was found that looked as if it had been buried a number of years. But, the disappointment that followed when the contents proved to be nothing but sand was even greater than the excitement had been.

Tom Williams is tanking for J. I. Greer this week. Mr. Greer is evidently expecting a rain.

Reece Grubbs, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is convalescing.

The singing at T. E. Waggoner's Sunday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. R. D. Greer seemed to have business at Mrs. Martin's Sunday. His horse was hitched at the front gate most of the day.

An Easter hunt was enjoyed at J. H. Jones' Sunday by a crowd of young folks. Some of those present were Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Bird, Miss Essie Rogers, Mrs. W. B. Williams, Mrs. C. F. Martin, Miss Georgia Martin, Miss Willie Martin, Miss Effie Williams, Norvell Rogers and Reece Grubbs.

Mr. and Mrs. Maddox took dinner with Mr. Rogers and family Sunday.

Miss Lula Martin visited her sister at Swenson Friday.

H. L. Rogers and family are visiting Mrs. Rogers' parents, who live near Ralls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Martin were down from Crosbyton last week and spent a few days at the home of Mrs. W. H. Martin.

Services were conducted Saturday night and Sunday by Rev. Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs. Fount Harrell spent Sunday with Mrs. W. H. Martin.

Mrs. R. D. Williams, Mrs. F. C. Polk and Mrs. McDaniel and son, Barney, visited Mr. and Mrs. Waggoner Sunday.

School seems to be progressing very nicely. The teachers' desk has arrived and with the window shades recently purchased, our school is now furnished as well as the ordinary rural school.

We learn that school lasts only one more month and that there is to be a program at the last, everybody invited.

If this finds a place in the paper we'll maybe make another visit.

**SCHOOL BOY.**

W. A. Valentine, of Tap, was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Mable Van Leer, of near Dickens, was a visitor in the city Saturday.

Mr. Smith, of near McAdoo, called in this week and had the Texas Spur sent to Hughes Smith, of Waxahatchie, and for which he has our thanks.

**GILPIN**

Miss Agnes Hardin, of Rising Star, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Burnett Gray, this week.

Messrs. L. W. Bilberry, P. E. Hagins, and W. B. Bennett attended the Farm Loan Association at Spur Tuesday.

Reverend Luther Bilberry filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Messrs. D. G. Simmons and P. E. Hagins were elected school trustees at the election Saturday.

Grandpa and Grandma Butts were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bennett spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bennett of the Duck Creek settlement.

We are indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Carlisle for a delightful party and fruit supper given last Friday evening.

Mrs. P. E. Hagins is quite sick.

Because we failed to mention the party given by Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bilberry last week is no sign that we did not appreciate it, and we hope they will favor us with another soon.

Our school is preparing to give an entertainment the last day, and my, at the extra work we children will have to do.

We hope our teacher, Mr. Burette Gray, will not take the grippe any more. My, how those boys jumped. We felt sorry for them, but they deserved it.

A good many of the Gilpin folks attended the Buster Brown show Monday, and we presume more would have been there had we received The Tex as Spur in time.

We were glad to hear from Pawnee Bill again, and hope that all the correspondents will send in the news from now on.

The farmers are taking advantage of the fine rain which fell here Tuesday night. Now the poor old cows will soon have something good to eat.

**SCHOOL GIRL.**

J. W. Thompson, of Afton, was in Spur Saturday.

J. R. McArthur and wife, of near Tap, were in Spur Saturday shopping.

Mrs. F. W. West was in the city Monday from her home a few miles west of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cairnes, of the Paddle Ranch in Kent county, were in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sol Davis and wife and sons, John A. and Lewis Green, left Sunday for Abilene where they spent several days.

Mrs. Geo. M. Williams left this week for Marlin where she will spend some time for the benefit of her health.

J. J. Hickman and Mr. Conner, of the plains country near McAdoo, were in Spur Wednesday of this week.

**THE BUTTERFLY**

Gaily it soars on high,  
Yet I, in truth, affirm  
That you brought butterfly  
Was once a lowly worm.  
But now, Oh! what a change:  
The humble worm we spurned,  
By secret process strange  
To a thing of beauty turned.  
From a helpless chrysalis  
It sails on joyful wing  
To live a life of bliss  
Amid the flowers of spring.  
I'll rise—O blessed thought—  
Some day on joyful wing,  
By God's divine hand wrought,  
A bright and celestial thing.  
And like the butterfly,  
With joy I'll soar away;  
But it, poor thing, must die,  
While I shall live for aye.  
—Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

**IMPORTANT**

Citizens of Spur, please take notice and place flaps or covers to your out closets in five days from this date, April 12, 1917.—City Marshall.

I. D. Gamble and Judge Greenwood, of Floydada, were in Spur Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Mat Bingham discovered that he had two or three broken ribs as the result of a mule kick several weeks ago. He is able to be about town.

J. M. Jones, a leading citizen of the Afton country and one of the best men of Dickens county, was in Spur one day this week greeting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dobbins, Turner Dobbins and Mrs. Martin, of Sagerton, and Mrs. Watts, of Peacock, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dobbins of Spur this week.

Mebane Cotton Seed are recognized as the best for this section of country. The Spot Cash Grocery has a limited amount to sell at the usual low cash prices.

Freeman Byrd, of several miles west of Spur, came in the latter part of last week and spent a short time in Spur on business and meeting his numerous friends of the surrounding country.

Bill McArthur came in Saturday from his farm and ranch. He is feeding quite a number of cattle at this time, and is very anxious for it to rain so that grass will come. A good rain at this time would mean many dollars to the ranchmen and stockfarmers of the country.

G. A. Draper dropped in at the Texas Spur office Monday and informed us that he had moved to Tahoka where his son, Paul, has established a tailoring business. Paul Draper formerly worked in a tailor shop in Spur and for the past year or two has been with Ross Edwards of Post. We wish them prosperity in their new home.

**DICKENS COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION MINUTES**

The Dickens County Singing Convention met in regular session on Saturday night of April 7th. On account of trustee election the meeting had been postponed until Saturday night.

House called to order by the president after which the opening song, no. 103 in gospel melodies, after which Bro. Parr led the congregation in prayer.

A committee was appointed by President to arrange a program for the night's session. Charlie Horton led two songs while the program was being arranged as follows: Three songs by Prof. A. J. Robertson, 1 song by Lee Mimms, 2 songs by Prof. Ramsey, 2 songs by Austin Williams, 2 songs by Alvis Hicks, 2 songs by W. D. Thacker (excused), 2 songs by Bill Prestidge, 3 songs by E. L. Williams. Letters were called for and there being no letters to hand in, it was decided to wait until Sunday afternoon to attend to business. Closing song no. 71 in Divine Praises. Dismissed by Bro. Parr to meet at 9:30 Sunday morning.

**Sunday Morning Session**

House called to order by the president. Opening song No. 81. Prayer by Prof. A. J. Robertson.

A committee of three, Bro. Barrett, Prof. Ramsey and Bro. Horton, was appointed to arrange a program for the morning session.

Lee Mimms took charge of the singing while the following program was being arranged.

Two songs by Austin Williams, 2 songs by Prof. Ramsey, 2 songs by Tommie Barrett, 2 songs by Prof. A. J. Robertson, Duet by Prof. Robertson and Austin Williams. Dismissed for dinner by Prof. Robertson.

Dinner was served and all had plenty.

**Sunday Afternoon Session**

The crowd was reassembled in the house at 1:30 p. m.

House called to order by the president, who resolved the house into a business session. The following business was then transacted: The by-laws and constitution were read and adopted. Letters were called for. There were four classes represented. Dry Lake called for the next convention and as there was no opposition, Dry Lake got the next convention without a vote. There being no other new or unfinished business to come before the house, it was moved and seconded that we adjourn business session until next meeting. Motion carried. The time of the next regular meeting will be second Sunday and Saturday before in October, meeting at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

The following program was rendered. 2 songs by Austin Williams, 2 songs by Alfred Jackson, 2 songs by W. A. Harris, Special Mr. Mayo, 2 songs by Alvis Hicks, Special A. J. Robertson, Special Lee Mimms, Special Chas. Horton, 2 songs by Elmore Lee. Sheriff R. L. Collier was appointed chairman of a resolution committee, and their resolution thanking the people of Wichita for their entertainment of the convention was read and approved, after which was two songs led by E. L. Williams and the congregation was dismissed by a prayer led by Bro. Parr.

E. L. Williams, President, Eva Thacker, Secretary.

County Attorney G. G. Worswick was in Spur Wednesday.

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**ELECTION HELD SATURDAY TO ELECT TRUSTEES**

In the election held in Spur Saturday for the purpose of selecting four members to the Spur Independent School Board, there were fifty votes polled. The names appearing on the ticket were S. R. Boman, J. B. Richbourg, B. D. Glasgow, N. Q. Brannen. The vote as polled was as follows: Bowman 47; Richbourg 47, Glasgow 46; Brannen 44; C. B. Jones 2; M. E. Manning 4; Ned Hogan 2; N. A. Baker 1; W. D. Wilson 1; J. W. Davis 1.

The school board for the next term will be S. R. Bowman, J. B. Richbourg, B. D. Glasgow, N. Q. Brannen, E. C. Edmonds, T. A. Tidwell and Jas. F. Williams.

**DRY LAKE SCHOOL CLOSED FRIDAY OF LAST WEEK**

The Dry Lake School closed the 1916-17 term Friday of last week. Throughout Thursday and Friday closing exercises were had and patrons and others attended from a distance. The term was successful in every respect under the superintendency of Prof. H. A. C. Brummett.

**THE METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL HUNT EGGS**

Sunday the Children of the Methodist Sunday School were favored with an Easter Egg hunt over the hill from Spur. Every one enjoyed the occasion to the fullest extent. The children notice these considerations and appreciate them.

Alec Wikler, of the Croton country, was in Spur Thursday.

F. Fulbright, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday.

W. G. Sherrod made a business trip to Lubbock last week.

L. S. Wilson and wife were among those who attended the Dickens County Singing Convention Sunday at Draper.

W. L. Huddleston, of Dickens, returned Wednesday from a trip to New Mexico where he spent several days on business.

J. L. Pierce, a prominent citizen of Jayton, was in Spur Wednesday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

J. C. Guthery, of Girard, called in recently at the Texas Spur office and enrolled his name on the list of Texas Spur readers and also had the paper sent to other parties in Oklahoma. Mr. Guthery is a "new comer" out here but is well pleased with his move. He has already planted some of his crops and has fine stuff growing at this time. He is a fine citizen and we are glad to number him among the many readers of the Texas Spur.

**GOOD ROADS IN COUNTY WILL COST \$450,000.00.**

The engineer from the state department who has been making a survey of Dickens county, estimates that it will require a bond issue of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars. His plan is to gravel a road from the south to the north county line through Spur, Dickens and Afton. Also to gravel a road from the Draper country thru Dickens and into the McAdoo country, and also several miles of roadway leading east and west through Spur, making a total of approximately 65 miles of graveled roads. Approximately two hundred miles of lateral roadways leading into the graveled roads from every community will be graded and clayed. All this road work is to be done in accord with the government standard.

This plan of road construction in Dickens county would furnish good roads to every community and the roads so constructed would be permanent, withstanding the heavy traffic throughout the life of the forty year bond issue. It is estimated that the bond issue for this amount would only require a tax of seventy five cents per year on the one hundred dollars valuation of property at the present valuations in the county, and as the years pass and valuations increase this tax could be decreased.

This amount of money to expend for road construction may look big at this time, but every man in the county realizes that good and permanent roads are an investment rather than an expense, and that in the saving on teams and vehicles, without regard to the saving in being able to haul bigger loads, would more than reimburse each citizen for the amount expended each year on the road tax.

**MUSICAL RECITAL**

A musical recital and plays and readings were given Friday night at the school auditorium by Mrs. Clemmons and gram was enjoyed and was highly entertaining. The proceeds of this entertainment, together with the plays of Yellow Stone Park and the Last Days of Pompeii will go to the school library fund.

Mrs. C. A. Bobo returned this week from an extended visit to relatives at Ranger.

R. D. Shields, a popular and leading merchant of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday.

A special song service will be had at the Baptist tabernacle Sunday night. New books have been received and one hour will be devoted to song service each Sunday night during the summer months.

**Y. M. B. L. OF DICKENS MET MONDAY NIGHT**

The Young Mens Business League of Dickens met in regular session Monday night and transacted business which came before the organization. That the Young Mens Business League of Dickens is alive and active is evidenced in that it has already cleaned up the town and is now working to keep it clean. They are also pushing the better roads movement and are active in every progressive movement for the betterment of the town and in promoting the interest of the country.

**DIED.**

Mrs. Buster Robertson died Tuesday night at her home seven miles west of Spur, and the remains were interred Thursday in the Spur cemetery. Mrs. Robertson was the daughter of Rev. G. F. Fair of Spur, and wife of Buster Robertson. She underwent an operation here last summer for cancer, and at that time the family lived at Swenson. Later they moved to Spur. Mrs. Robertson was about thirty five years of age.

Jim Walker, several miles south of Spur, came in Saturday after supplies. While in the city he authorized us to place his name on our subscription list, handing us a check for one dollar and fifty cents for a year in advance. Jim recently bought land and has improved a new farm home. He has his land prepared for planting and is now waiting for it to rain.

**ROAD TO AFTON NEEDS GRAVELING BADLY**

Recently we made a trip up to Dickens, Afton, Roaring Springs and Matador. The roads are in "awful" condition and it is a mystery how cars travel over this road every day and stand up. This road is traveled more than any road in the county and by actual settlers and tax payers. It is estimated that this road can be graveled from Spur to the north county line for an expense of not more than five hundred dollars a mile. Distribute this amount over forty years of time and the yearly tax will not be noticed, and in fact those who travel it will make money by the investment in a good road. When gravel is placed on this road it will be less expensive to maintain and will be a good at the end of the forty years.

Let us gravel this road from Spur to the county line. It will be the best investment the tax payers have ever made.

**BUSTER BROWN WAS IN SPUR LAST MONDAY**

Buster Brown and his dog, Tige, came to Spur Monday and gave an exhibition at the Love Dry Goods Company store. There were at least five hundred people gathered to see the performance and about three hundred packages of candy and souvenirs were distributed to that number of children present. Three pairs of the Buster Brown shoes were given away to three different children present, the lucky ones being little Miss Blair, Otis Holly and Virginia Stovall. A watch was given to Master Roberts and a mirror to a little girl for having on a pair of Buster Brown shoes.

**NOTICE TO CLUB MEMBERS**

It is very important for you to see that your name reaches the county agent at the very earliest date stating what club or clubs you desire to join. He will then place your name on the mailing list and you will receive the necessary literature. Urge your school to organize its agricultural club at once if it has not already been organized. There should be at least five members in a club. If there are not enough members in one school, consolidate with another. Arrange to meet at least once a month.

Charley Rich has been quite sick of pneumonia at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller.

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**DRAPER**  
Still the wind blows and it don't rain.  
Mrs. B. G. Ford, of Happy Hollow, is very sick of pneumonia.  
A gin company was organized last week and will be installed somewhere in Happy Hollow.  
Grass is growing and some of the stockmen have stopped feeding.  
W. D. Thacker motored to Spur Saturday.  
Boone Hyatt and wife spent Saturday and Sunday in our "burg" taking in the singing.  
The singing at Wichita Sunday was a success in every sense of the word. A large crowd, good singing and plenty of the best of dinner. Everybody except J. A. Koon of Spur had a good time—he eat so much it made him sick.  
Among the many visitors from a distance to the singing, we saw W. A. Harris of the Dry Lake country. We were glad to see him as we served a term in Kent county with him and know he is one of the best men in the West.  
R. L. Collier of Dickens was at the singing Sunday and after dinner it was noticed that he let his belt out several inches.  
Misses Eva Jackson and Bernice Wright of the Wichita School got a certificate for teaching school.  
E. B. Shaw and S. A. Hatty were elected trustees Saturday.  
RAMBLING BILL

F. W. West came in again Monday and spent a short time in the city. He is now recuperating of an attack of pneumonia.  
Will Walker, of two or three miles east of Spur, was among the many here Saturday trading with the live-wire merchants of the city.  
Howard Campbell, of three miles southwest of Spur, was among the number of visitors in the city Monday of this week and reports everything moving along nicely in his section at this time.  
W. T. Lovell, of the Draper country, came to Spur Monday spending Monday and Tuesday here trying to get relief from a tooth ache. He stated that he had a good home remedy, but evidently something is wrong at home by his coming to Spur for relief.  
Mrs. I. G. Van Leer was in the city Tuesday from their home two or three miles west of Dickens. Mr. and Mrs. Van Leer moved to their new place the first of January and have been making improvements on the place since that time.  
**Strayed**—From near McAdoo, two two-year-old heifers, bald-faced. One branded RGB on left side, the other branded XX with bar over and under on left side, both marked split in left and slope the right. Will pay a liberal reward for any information leading to their recovery.—Mrs. Kate C. Buchanan, Box 43, Dickens, Texas. 24-2tp.

Sam White was here Tuesday from the ranch headquarters and spent an hour or two in the city on business.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was among the number in the city Saturday.

W. J. Conaway, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday and spent a few hours here on business and meeting friends.

H. O. Albin, of two miles west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday of this week buying supplies. Mr. Albin recently moved to the Spur country from near Rochester and has just completed one of the finest farm homes in the country.

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Bert Brown and wife, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, were in Spur Monday shopping.

E. E. Kutch came in Tuesday from the 24-Ranch in Kent county, spending some time in the city on business.

R. L. Lashley, of the Farmer place northeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday meeting his friends and trading with the Spur merchants.

W. D. Thacker and family, of Draper, motored to Spur Tuesday morning and spent a short time here shopping and looking after other affairs.

Miss Voyles, of Dickens and one of the teachers of the Dickens School, was in Spur Monday and spent a short time in the city shopping.

Mrs. W. J. Elliot was in the city Monday from her Spring Creek farm and ranch home several miles southwest of the city.

H. H. Hill, of the Dry Lake country, came in Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Federal Farm Loan Association held here that day.

E. L. Clay returned Tuesday from the R. C. Forbis ranch where he has been putting up windmills the past two or three weeks.

**FINE JACK AND HORSE**  
Black Mammoth Jack, 3 years old, 14 hands 2 1/2 inches high, and Percheron Horse, 5 years old in June, weight 1,300. Will stand them at \$10.00 to insure.—W. R. Finch on Gipsion place. 24-3mo-2

Hamp Collett came in Tuesday and spent a short time here finding out the war news.

Rev. W. B. Bennett came in Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Federal Farm Loan Association.

E. B. Shaw was here Tuesday from the Croton country Loan Association meeting held here that day.

Ben Hagins, of the Duck Creek country, was among the business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Mrs. W. B. Bennett, of Gilpin was in Spur Monday, spending a few hours in the city trading and greeting friends.

Mrs. Wayne VanLeer, of a mile or two north of Spur, was in the city Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

Dennis Harkey came over Monday from Dickens and was here an hour or two greeting friends and to attend the lecture on agriculture.

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