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SPUR HOME GUARDS ORGANIZED MONDAY

Monday afternoon an hundred or more citizens gathered on the lawn in front of the band stand to listen to patriotic talks and for the purpose of organizing a "Home Military Guard." After hearing talks from Messrs. Link, Glasgow, Wilson, Jones, Lane, Standifer, White, Clemmons, Dickson and possibly others, R. E. Dickson was elected president of the organization and fifty-six members were enrolled, as follows: Sid Murphy, Ned Hogan, Mont Taylor, J. M. Beard, W. W. Hunt, H. M. Jones, Sr., J. P. Simmons, C. R. Fellmy, A. B. Williams, D. B. Johnson, S. T. Hutton, A. L. Dodson, Wood Williams, Dorch, G. W. Rash, Horace Hunt, W. G. Sherrod, Earl Jopling, J. R. Lane, J. H. Dobbins, J. L. Rucker, W. S. Taylor, H. P. Bates, H. T. Garner, T. A. Tidwell, W. F. Godfrey, C. W. Lowery, Geo. S. Link, R. E. Dickson, J. M. Jones, S. Williams, T. L. Higginbotham, S. T. Clemmons, B. D. Glasgow, S. W. Lane, J. A. Koon, W. D. Wilson, F. R. Harrington, W. D. Taylor, W. P. Sampson, J. F. Vernon, I. W. Brown, E. F. Springer, Jr., J. W. Williams, C. C. Rogers, T. E. Standifer, E. E. White, M. E. Manning, E. C. Edmonds, A. E. Reeves, Mack Brown, Newt Harkey, T. R. Brannen, L. E. Standifer, G. E. Nicholson, O. Jackson, N. Q. Brannen, R. G. Rogers, T. C. Ensey, D. W. Taylor, J. A. March.

The Home Guards will meet again the latter part of the week to perfect the organization by electing a captain and other officers. Each afternoon during the week the members have been drilling superintended by Messrs. Jones, Higginbotham, Lane, Williams, Dickson and others who have had military training and actual service. The drilling in military tactics will continue until the Spur Home Guards are ready for actual service in the army, and since the country is now calling for men it is very probable that the home guards being drilled in the various towns throughout the country will be the first to be called upon for actual war service.

The Texas Spur is proud to know that Spur has such a large number of citizens imbued with that patriotic spirit to freely and willingly train themselves for military service and are in a position to offer their services to our country in time of war, but we hope that it will not be necessary for them to engage actively in the killing of other human beings in this war.

G. L. Crawford, County Agent, came over Tuesday from Dickens and while in the city was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He is very enthusiastic concerning the planting of more feed and food crops in this section of the country.

FOOD AND FEED CROPS MUST BE INCREASED

The State Department of Agriculture states that America is now one billion dollars short on food stuff, in comparison with one year ago. The shortage of food supplies in countries at war is many times greater. Nations at peace are not in a position to supply this shortage. This country is short nine hundred million bushels on corn, wheat, oats and barley; seventy four million bushels on potatoes. An army of two million men, as well as the civilian population of America, must be fed. Therefore, it is necessary that more food and feed stuff be produced this year and until the great world's war ends. The Texas Spur has been advocating diversified farming for years, but now it becomes necessary that farmers grow more corn and small grain, potatoes, peanuts, peas, beans and forage crops; raise more hogs and all kinds of livestock; produce more milk, butter, eggs poultry and meat and bread. A comparison of advanced prices over one year ago will encourage such diversification. In one year corn meal has advanced \$1.15 a hundred; Irish potatoes more than a dollar a bushel; sweet potatoes about \$1.25 a bushel; flour over \$2.00 a hundred; bacon more than ten cents a pound; wheat over a dollar a bushel; beans ten cents a pound above former prices; hogs now sell for 14 and 15 cents on foot; cattle \$90.00 to \$100.00 a head. The prices of everything has advanced and will probably go higher. Farmers of this country can and will readily convert their acreage to the production of feed and food especially since they are assured of a ready market at high prices for everything of this character produced.

HOME DEPARTMENT BAPTIST BIBLE SCHOOL

Following is the program to be rendered Sunday, April 22, at the Baptist tabernacle:

Song—Choir.
Prayer—Mrs. Minnie Lewis.
Welcome Address—Oscar Jackson.

Response—Mrs. L. Rucker.
Home Department and cradle roll work—Mrs. Eb Johnson.

Home Department as related to Sunday School—N. Q. Brannen.

Special Music.
Home Department as related to Church—Rev. A. T. Douglass.

Questions on Missions—Home Department members.

Special Music.
Little Missionaries (poem)—Thelma Osborne.

Work for all (poem)—Bona Mae Ford.

Saved for Service (reading)—Mrs. R. G. Rogers.

Special Music.

Is it Nothing to You? (poem)—Mrs. W. F. Godfrey.

Presentation Cradle Roll Certificates.

BELGIANS

There they stood between the two great factions like a helpless child between two crashing motors. They had the opportunity of laying down—quitting on their principles—allowing the great German army to march through and save their beautiful little country, their all—their very lives. But Belgium and Belgians were not that kind. On the other side they could do what they believed to be right and sacrifice their men and boys on what they considered the altar of justice, bringing famine, hunger and poverty to their mothers, wives and daughters, and send their children down through the years hungry, penniless and fatherless. Their every earthly possession, everything life holds dear, gone forever. This they knew would be the price they'd have to pay—the odds against them were too terrific to doubt. Although the history of Belgium is written in blood, it will be more lasting than if it were done in brass. And today while this little country is wrapped in heart pains and bathed in tears millions of the people of the world stand in awed silence and hushed respect. Belgium will go on through the centuries of the future a nation that to a man gave itself—its very life blood—to the things they believed to be right—one of the greatest examples of human faith in all history.

Yes, we have merchandise to sell and want you to know we are anxious for your business. **To the Farmers:** We want to call your attention to our line of modern Jno. Deere Implements. You can't afford to use anything but the best and latest improved farm machinery while labor is high and all farm products are the highest price they have ever been. We have a car of Peter Schuttler wagons ready for you to select the size you want. We have a car of Eclipse windmills, also a good stock of Star mills. All piping, cylinders and casing. Everything to equip your new well. Also stock tanks, and we have just received 100 barrels suitable for oil, gasoline or water. We are selling them at \$3.50 each and they are bargains if you need a barrel, and when these are gone we can never offer any more at this price. Cotton Seed! We have a car of pure seed and it will pay you to buy some of these seed if you haven't pure seed already. Pinto Beans! Some farmers are talking of planting beans and we have plenty of pintoes. If there are any kind of seed you need and we can help you get them call on us. We want to help you in every way we can.

Now is the time for people to stand together and help to solve the problem of feeding the world. It looks like the farmers' opportunity, as we are almost assured of high prices for all farm products. Let's stand by our government by doing as near as we can what we are asked to do. Business has been good with us. Come on with the crowds of satisfied customers who know that our prices are right. We need your cash and know that we merit a liberal share of your business.

Your friends,
BRYANT-LINK COMPANY.

Mike M. Young will preach Sunday at Girard. Everybody is invited to attend and learn something from the subject.

PRICES ARE ADVANCING ON EVERYTHING NOW

Prices are advancing on everything, and especially on food of every character. So rapidly has prices advanced on food and the necessities of life that even before the declaration of war with Germany food riots occurred in the larger cities. Since the declaration of war this situation will become more serious. The farmer who uses business judgment will take advantage of the situation by planting every available acre to food and feed stuffs, producing a sufficient amount of meat and bread at home to supply not only his household but the vast armies which are now being enlisted for war service, sure of the outcome of securing high prices and good returns on his labor and his investment. However, in this connection our individual idea and conviction is that the real patriots of this country during these war times are those farmers who produce a surplus of meat and bread, food and feed stuff, and at the same time refuse to take advantage of the situation in charging or accepting outrageous prices for such necessities, supplying the needy at live-and-let-live prices only. Such men will evidence real patriotism.

JUDGE J. L. CAMP TO SPEAK IN SPUR

The public of Spur and vicinity will be privileged to hear Judge J. L. Camp, of Alabama, twice Sunday. At eleven o'clock Sunday morning he will speak at the Methodist Church, and at 8 p.m. all the people of Spur are cordially invited to hear him at the union services to be held at the Baptist Church. Judge Camp comes to us under the auspices of the Anti Saloon League and is one of the strongest men that that organization has ever sent to this part of the State.—The pastors of Spur.

10 DAYS MEETING AT THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Commencing Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. Wm. M. Lernay, of Las Cruces, New Mexico, one of the strongest Evangelists of the Church, will open a short meeting in Spur. This will be Brother Lernay's first visit to this part of Texas, yet he is known by some of our people and we can say that you will not be disappointed if you attend these services. Everybody is invited to attend this meeting and we assure you a hearty welcome and sermons you will enjoy.

Ed Jackson, of the Draper country, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports a fine rain throughout that part of the country.

CLOSING EXERCISES OF DICKENS HIGH SCHOOL

Thursday and Friday nights, April 5th and 6th, the closing exercises of the Dickens High School were had in the school auditorium in Dickens. The exercises were largely attended and the several selections of the program were well rendered and appreciated by the audiences, the pupils doing recognized credit to themselves, the teachers and the school. Thursday night the following program of music and expression was rendered:

Piano duet, "Wind and Tide March," by Selma Gipson and Gladys Stafford.

Piano solo, "Blinking Moon," by Mildred Gipson.

Reading, "Mean Little Tom-ent," by Foy Gipson.

Piano duet, "Robin's Lullaby," by Mildred Gipson and Miss Baxter.

Piano solo, "Second Valse," by Selma Gipson.

Reading, "Biddy's Trials Among the Yankees," by Lois Blair.

Piano solo, "Second Mazurka," by Gladys Stafford.

Vocal trio, "O! Dry Those Tears," by Misses Voyles and Baxter and Mr. Riddle.

Piano duet, "March Hongroise," by Misses Shepherd and Annie Cathey.

Song, "Carry Me Back to Ole Virginny," by Misses Voyles and Baxter and Mr. Riddle.

Reading, "Sweet Girl Graduate," by Miss Annie Cathey.

Piano duet, by Misses Gladys Stafford and Baxter.

Play, "The Book Agent," the characters being represented by Burl Lisenby as the book agent, Cecil Meadors as the farmer, Lois Blair as his daughter, and Annie Cathey as the old maid.

Friday night the graduating exercises were had, the program being as follows:

Duet, by Misses Shepherd and Baxter.

Oration, "Building Without the Sound of Hammer and Ax" by Miss Annie Cathey.

Oration, "We Build the Ladder by Which We Rise," by Carlos Medlin.

Music, by Miss Annie Cathey.

Oration, "Dreams and Realities," by Miss Effie Shields.

Oration, "Hope," by Bryan Speer.

Music, by Misses Shepherd and Baxter.

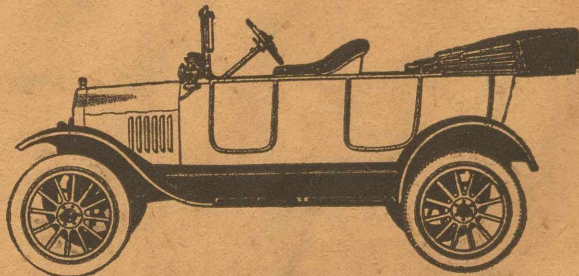
Diplomas were presented to Misses Annie Cathey, Lois Blair, Effie Shields, and Carlos Medlin and Bryan Speer, members of the graduating class, by Superintendent Gray in a very impressive manner. The class color was gold and purple; the class flower, white carnation; and the class motto was "Tonight We Launch, Where Shall We Anchor." The Texas Spur extends congratulations to each of the graduates, and may their "anchors" be as pleasant and successful as the "launching."

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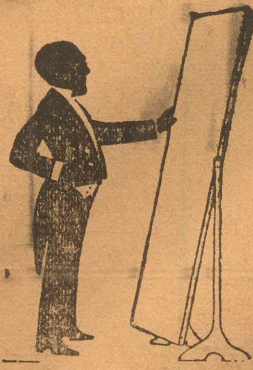
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Dr. Hale, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday.

J. H. Boothe came in Monday from his home a mile or two southeast of Spur.

Robt. T. Dopson, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur the first of this week.

Bert N. Brown, manager of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love and C. W. Lowery and Miss Kate Mahon made a trip Sunday to Post.

8 styles in mens dress shoes. As good if not better than most \$5.00 shoes sold. Special \$3.95.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

G. F. Metcalf and family left first of the week for Throckmorton where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

Great line mens fancy dress shirts, prices 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, unequaled.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

W. M. Moore and wife, of six miles west of Spur, were among the visitors in the city Saturday.

W. D. Blair, of three miles east, came in Monday and was here several hours trading and looking after other business affairs.

New things in Ladies Novelty ties, 25c. New things in Mens silk ties, 50c.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

W. H. Smith was in Spur recently from the Red Mud section of country. He reported everything in fine shape, but said that his section of country did not get as much rain as in Spur and to the north. However, the rain was sufficient to put a good season in the ground.

L. A. Hindman was in the city recently from his new farm home west of Spur. He has been making considerable improvements on his place, having built a modern home, fenced and placed in cultivation a number of acres of land. Luther Hindman is a good citizen and there is no danger of his "starving to death" in this country.

J. L. Moore, of six miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday. He stated that he would continue to feed his cattle for a number of days yet, awaiting the grass to get more strengthening. He, like a number of others, is of the opinion that since they have been at great expense to feed cattle up to this date it would be foolish to cut the feed and make them lose at this time.

T. S. Lambert, of Tap, was in Spur Monday.

W. H. Cartwright, of several miles north of Spur, had business here Saturday.

W. J. Elliot was in the city the latter part of last week from his Spring Creek farm and ranch.

Mens Balbriggan undershirts or drawers only 25c. The cash store saves you money.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Mr. Harris and family, of Waxahatchie, spent several days of this week in Spur with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Williams.

Cheaper than buying materials. We sell you a ladies dress at \$1.00 and \$1.25, great values.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Mrs. A. B. Williams returned home with her brother and family Monday to Waxahatchie where she will spend some time.

See those Ladies Pumps, oxfords and sandals. Sold every where at \$3.50. Special value \$2.65.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Sheriff Bob Goodall and Clerk Johns, of Kent county, were in Spur Monday on business and greeting their numerous friends of Spur and the surrounding country.

Buy your staples from the Cash Store. It pays. We sell the very best standard calicoes at 7½c a yard.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Jesse Fletcher came in Monday from his farm home six miles east of Spur. He says that he has his land in fine condition and intends to do some planting at an early date.

Will Walker, of two or three miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday. Will has been doing some planting this week. He is recognized as one of the best and most successful farmers of this part of the county.

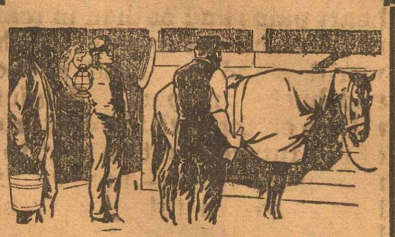
J. I. Greer came in last week from his Lone Oak Farm and Ranch, reporting everything in good shape.

W. A. Holloway, a good citizen of the old Espeula country, was among the number in Spur Saturday.

W. F. Cathey, of several miles north of Spur, was in the city Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

T. G. Bass, of the Dry Lake country, called in the latter part of last week and left a check with us for two dollars and twenty five cents for his renewal subscriptions to the Texas Spur and Dallas News in combination. Mr. Bass improved a new place last year and at this time continues to make further improvements. He is a good and substantial citizen and we hope that he will always prosper in the Spur country.

W. M. Ledford, who travels over the country selling the famous Busby gloves, returned last week from an extended trip into Callahan and other counties in that part of the state. While there he went down on the old creek and did some fishing, making the report of the "average fisherman"—letting the biggest fish get away. He recently moved to Spur, purchasing the Osborne twenty acre home west of the city. We are glad to have him make Spur his headquarters in the future.



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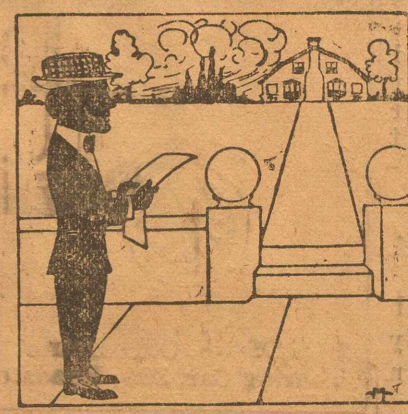
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Chas. Gunn came to Spur Monday from Dickens.

Al Sullivan was here Monday from his farm home in the Gilpin country.

Jim Foster came over to the city of Spur Monday from his farm and ranch home in the Croton country.

Double fold percale. 25 pieces left, good colors, only 8 1-3c yard.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

W. M. Childress, of four or five miles northeast of Spur, had business in town Tuesday of this week.

Remember this is our special week on mens clothing and pants. Visit this department.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

County Commissioner W. A. Johnson came in the first of the week from his Dockum Stock Farm three miles northwest of the city.

Ladies Waists, Ladies Skirts, Silk Dresses, Middies, Middy Suits and Sport Coats. Just see them.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

George Greenwade, of the city of Dickens, was in Spur one day last week and spent a few hours here greeting his numerous friends and looking after business affairs.

Ben Holly came in Monday after repairs for his planter with the intention of doing some planting this week. He is just now recovering of a broken arm as the result of an automobile accident several weeks ago.

Cicero Douglass came in the latter part of last week from the plains country near McA-doo and reports everything in the finest shape in that section at this time, having had fine rains and now boasting of fine prospects for bumper crops this year.

J. J. Rogers, of the Cat Fish country, was in Spur Monday of this week.

H. E. Grabener, of eight or nine miles east of Spur, was in the city Monday.

J. E. Brown, of a few miles northwest of Spur, was among the number here Saturday.

Tom Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur, had business in the city Monday.

Elmer Russell, was in Spur Monday from his ranch home six or eight miles northwest of town.

Joe Ericson came in Monday from the West Pasture to buy supplies and look after other affairs.

All the new things in mens spring hats and caps. Just what you want found here.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

Mrs. F. W. West came to the city Saturday to do some shopping and spent several hours here greeting her friends.

One of the best Mens work shoes in Spur. Good as the best. See it, only \$2.95.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

J. L. Perry, of a mile or two west of town, came in Saturday to do some trading and to be with the crowds.

Don't pay 15c for gingham. We have 100 pieces the same quality at only 12½c.—Love Dry Goods Co., Spur.

J. C. McNeill, of twenty miles west of Spur, came in one day the first of this week and spent an hour or two here on business and greeting friends.

Carl Douglass, of near McA-doo on the plains, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday. He reports a fine rain and fine seasons in different sections of the plains.

Eggs for sale—15 S.C. Brown Leghorn eggs \$1.00, "the kind that lays." Eggs delivered at Texas Spur office. Write or see Geo. Franklin Smith, Spur, Texas, Box 611. 1t.

Lee Cathey has made application, we are informed, to join the Texas Ranger force for immediate service in this warring time. He will make a good ranger. He is the only man in Dickens county who has actually demonstrated his patriotism by offering his services in the defense of the country. Here is three cheers for Lee Cathey, and may he never have to do any real fighting.



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The perfect pig should be a gilt about five months of age and pure bred of one of the lard types. However, it is possible to modify this ideal pig in many ways. I had much rather have a six weeks old pig thriving and never having been stunted, than to have one five months old that has been improperly fed, and very little bone or frame development. It is also permissible to use grade pigs this year.

Those who have not located a desirable pig yet may write the County Agent and possibly he can help them secure one. We are anxious that those who may have pigs suitable for this work, that are for sale, to write us, stating the age of the pig, breed and price.

"Baby Beef For Club Work"

In selecting your calf for the Baby Beef Club, remember the essentials are a plump, quick maturing, well proportioned animal of a beef breed. This animal should be between the ages of two and twelve months. It may be either a grade or pure bred male or female, preferably a pure bred or high grade steer. We are willing at all times to aid the boys and girls in their club work.—G. L. Crawford, County Agent.

CAR FOR SALE

One Ford and one Dodge car, will sell or trade either.—G. L. Barber. 25-1tp.

Mrs. J. H. Busby is spending this week visiting her parents and other relatives and friends in Lueders.

RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE AT JAYTON

About 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon a residence in the north west portion of town belonging to Mrs. W. K. Moreland was discovered to be on fire. An alarm was given and a large crowd soon gathered at the burning building, but it was impossible to do anything toward saving it, and in a short time it was entirely consumed.

The origin of the fire is unknown, but as the house was vacant, and it is said some children had been playing in the building, it is more than likely that the careless use of matches was the cause of the conflagration. No insurance was carried.—Jayton Herald.

J. J. Noland, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday.

On account of the high price of grain and the unsettled markets we are forced to close our books and do a strictly cash business. All city orders will be sent C. O. D. Out of town customers please send your check with order. Those owing us kindly settle your account.—Spur Grain & Coal Company. Phone 51.

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.

UNION REVIVAL
The services of Rev. L. L. Evans, Evangelist of Waco, Mr. Jno. N. Adams, Choir Director of Tyler, and Miss Annie Loutvitter, Pianoist of Waco, have been secured for the Union Revival beginning at Spur May 27. The Methodist and Presbyterian Churches are officially responsible for this meeting. All others, however, are cordially invited to co-operate.
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We wish to thank our many friends and relatives for their kindnesses and sympathy shown us during the sickness and death of our darling child. Especially do we thank Dr. and Mrs. Standifer and nurses for their kindnesses and never-tiring efforts to save his life, and for their sympathy for him and us during his last days on earth with us. Also, do we thank Brother White and Mr. and Mrs. Harrington for their kindnesses. May God's richest blessings rest upon each and everyone of them is the prayer of his sorrowing parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tol Merriman and children.

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 Gipson place. 24-3mo-2

R. S. Holly and wife, of several miles north of Dickens, were in Spur Tuesday shopping.

County Commissioner Rush McLaughlin, of the plains section of country near McAdoo, was in Spur the first of this week.

APRIL OUR WAR MONTH

If there is anything in April being our war month, April, 1917, will bring us into a conflict with Germany. It was on April 19 that the battle of Lexington that brought on the war of the Revolution, was fought. It was on the 12th, that Congress put the embargo on British trade that ushered in the war of 1812. It was on April 26 that the war with Mexico began. It was on April 21 that we declared war on Spain.—Lockney Beacon.

Ed Lisenby, of Dickens, was a recent business visitor to the city of Spur.

Mrs. W. T. Andrews returned the latter part of last week from an extended visit to her parents in Stamford.

W. A. Taylor left Spur this week for his farm home on the plains where he will spend a week or two planting a feed crop.

On account of the high price of grain and the unsettled markets we are forced to close our books and do a strictly cash business. All city orders will be sent C. O. D. Out of town customers please send your check with order. Those owing us kindly settle your account.—Spur Grain & Coal Company. Phone 51.

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The only evidence of war effecting this part of the country is in the fact that along the Texas & Pacific line of railway a guard is stationed at every bridge. Each guard is armed with a rifle and watches the bridge both day and night.

Years ago far-seeing men advised young men to "Go West" and for many years we have been advising others to "Come West" and "there's a reason." We have the richest and most productive lands and the greatest and most varied opportunities in America. Come West.

Congress passed Saturday the seven billion dollar war revenue authorization measure for the purpose of providing that amount of money to conduct war against Germany and assist the allied countries of Europe in their war on Germany. The bill authorizes five billion dollars in bonds, of which three billion dollars will be loaned to European countries at war, and the issuance of Treasury Certificates for two billion dollars to be met by increased taxation.

Oil has been struck in a well near Albany in Shackelford county. The well has been capped, and no tests have been made. It is estimated that it flows from ten to twenty barrels of oil per day. The drillers on this well will continue their work until a depth of four thousand feet is reached, unless the expected lake of oil underground is uncovered at a shorter depth. Who knows but that some day Western Texas will be recognized as the greatest oil and mineral producer as well as the greatest agricultural empire of America.

Millions of dollars have already been spent in preparation for war, and seven billion dollars in bonds and Treasury Certificates were issued by Congress Saturday to promote further preparations and supply European war countries with war funds, and yet the United States has just begun to prepare for war. When the United States is fully equipped for war, and should the war continue for years, the expense will be incomprehensible to we common mortals, to say nothing of the slaughter of human beings. After hearing the cries of wounded and viewing the horrors of war, Sherman's estimate of war may have been correct, and we are now experiencing the fact that as a commercial proposition it is expensive. War is horrible, but we are in it and must take the consequences. The time may come when those who stand for war will be considered unpatriotic, as those who stand for peace at this time are considered unpatriotic by some.

In preparing for growing more food and feed stuff, the garden truck should not be overlooked. The garden will provide high living at home for months, and at the same time truck can be supplied to others at good prices. Look after the garden as well as to provide meat and bread for home consumption and a surplus for the country.

Recently we were conversing with a prominent and leading citizens of the country. In discussing the mail order business

he informed us that he had recently ordered from a leading mail order concern an oven for his cook stove. The mail order concern was out of the ovens at the time and returned his check for four dollars and sixty cents which he showed us at the time and at the same time he showed us an oven which he had on his car and had purchased from a merchant of Spur. The oven was the same size and description as the one he ordered from the mail order concern, and for which he paid only three dollars and fifty cents. Now, this citizen was not addicted to the habit of patronizing mail order houses from preference, and everybody, including the merchants, knows that a man would give the home merchant the preference—especially when he could save one dollar and ten cents besides the freight on one article. The fact and truth of the business is that the mail order concern hundreds of miles away kept the purchaser informed of what they had to sell and the price of each article. The home merchants lose many sales and many dollars in profits on sales simply through lack of proper advertising and keeping the trade informed of what they have to sell. The home merchant may know personally every man in the country, but unless he keeps his business before them in their home as well as goods on the shelves, the more progressive foreign merchants who put their goods on display in the homes through judicious advertising will attract their attention and secure the business. Advertising is the greatest force in the world—it not only attracts trade but creates more business. It is just as essential today to advertise as it is to keep a stock of goods for inspection of purchasers.

GUARANTEE OF PRICES TO FARMERS PROPOSED

Washington, April 14.—Plans for greater stimulation in production of staple foods and feed products and for Government guarantee of minimum prices to producers probably will be considered soon by the food board, a branch of the Council of National Defense, of which Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the Belgium relief committee, has been named as chairman.

J. S. Cullinan of Houston, who has been in Washington attending meetings of the National Agricultural Society, has proposed that stimulation in production and conservation of such resources be undertaken by the Government during the current year, so as to obtain results with the incoming crops.

Mr. Cullinan outlined that the first step should be taken to fix minimum prices on staple agricultural food and feed products, such prices to be guaranteed by the Federal Government over a period of not less than three years. In this way he says, the producer can be assured of a fixed value for commodities, thus encouraging a greater effort.

At the same time Mr. Cullinan proposes that consumers be protected by the publication of weekly price bulletins, to be

posted at postoffices and elsewhere, and employing such other necessary means to protect them against extortion or excessive charges. Other proposals by Mr. Cullinan are:

"To make inadequately used tillable and grazing lands available to producers on payment of reasonable rental to the owner.

"Provide when advisable for building or acquiring elevators, warehouses, cars or other equipment required in connection with storage or distribution.

"Modify immigration laws or regulations to permit foreign, particularly Mexican labor to enter the country."

In support of this Mr. Cullinan says about 1,000,000 people left the South during the past year to seek employment in North States where wages have been higher than ever before. About 80 per cent of the departing labor was composed of negroes.

It is believed the food board when organized will recommend action along the line of Mr. Cullinan's suggestions, in connection with other proposals looking to the meeting of the food situation. The plans as yet contemplate no fixing of maximum prices or prices to the consumer. That probably will be dealt with in legislation to go before Congress next week as a part of the efficiency program to protect the people against extortion while the country is striving to maintain its arms on the battle line. Similar course was found necessary by other countries at war.

The wheat crop is now far below the normal requirements of the country in time of peace. In the face of prospective Government purchases of foods, prices have begun to ascend at abnormal speed. Potatoes in the East are quoted at \$1 a peck. The plans being proposed under ordinary conditions would be regarded as revolutionary, but the large handlers of commodities that go into the foods say unless there is a check the country's record for high prices will be exceeded several hundred per cent. Agitation in the Middle West, according to telegrams reaching Washington, has been for Government control of many commodities, one of those being cotton seed products.

It is declared by railroad people that there is little need for passage of the Adamson bill for the Government to take charge of the railroad lines under the stress of war, owing to the voluntary action already taken by the railroad committee of the Council of National Defense. This organization proposes, with acquiescence of the managers of the properties already obtained, to operate the 250,000 miles of railroad lines as one continental system in the movement of freight for government purposes. The committee would have ample control of one line or set of lines. In a law enacted forty years before England took over its rail system when war came and the Adamson bill, which has the sanction of the administration, is accepted as being a desire to leave no condition possible for the Government to be embarrassed. It authorizes the Pres-

ident to take over one or all the railroad and transmission lines and to draft their employees into the Federal service for conduct of such properties.

Should the war continue a great time it is believed the country's resources can more than meet the situation. Secretary Lane of the Interior Department says that the public lands of the United States would be plowed with tractors and afford an immense acreage for cultivation. Various plans for drafting men to work in the fields have been proposed.

NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR MORE FOOD PRODUCTS

President Wilson addressed an appeal to farmers in a national food campaign as follows:

"Without abundant food, alike for the armies and the peoples at war," said the appeal, "the whole great enterprise upon which we have embarked will fail. Upon the farmers of the country, therefore in large measure rests the fate of the war and the fate of the nations.

"I particularly appeal to the farmers of the South to plant abundant foodstuffs as well as cotton. They can show their patriotism in no better way than by resisting the temptation of the present price of cotton and helping to feed the nation and the people fighting for their liberty and our own. The variety of their crops will show their comprehension of their national duty."

Co-operation by the government of the United States and the various states is promised in assisting farmers to secure an adequate supply of seed, an adequate force of laborers when they are needed and the means of expediting the shipment of fertilizers and farm machinery.

It is promised that "there shall be no unwarranted monopolization of the nation's food supply by those who handle it on its way to the consumer."

Reference is made to the necessity for keeping all industries at their highest efficiency and it is declared that "the men and women who devote their thought and energy to these things will be serving the country and conducting the fight for peace and freedom just as truly as the men on the battlefield or in the trenches."

FOODS AND FEEDS

The question is running thru the mind of every loyal citizen, "How can I best serve my country?" The answer for a great number of us is to grow more food and feed. At present the country is very short of these. We hope that every farmer in Dickens county will thoroughly realize the serious situation, and give his attention first; to the preparation of an extensive garden, second; to the truck patches, and third; to the feed crops. As a great number has found, it is impossible to get onion sets, but after the splendid season we have just received, if the ground is well prepared and onion seed planted at once, we will have plenty of onions. Irish potatoes can

be planted for two or three months yet. However, there are many safer crops than potatoes. Plant plenty of tomatoes and peanuts. Mills are trying to engage peanuts for the coming season at \$1.35 a bushel and there is a possibility that they will be even much higher than that.

At present two thirds of the population live in the city and the one third that lives in the country has to produce enough to feed all. This situation has changed us from an exporting nation to an importing nation. A few years ago meat was bringing from three to five cents a pound and today the breakfast bacon is forty cents. In the state of New York they are eating horse flesh.

Statisticians have figured if things continue for the next 50 years as they have for the last twenty, that the country will be drained and starvation will be staring the people in the face. Now that our country is at war, the young men will be taken from the farms making it even a more complex problem. If the conditions are fairly met, the farmers will be able to produce enough for all. The point is this—Now is the time to realize the situation and not next fall.—G. L. Crawford, County Agent.

WITHDRAWING WHISKY TO ESCAPE TAX RAISE

Washington, April 14.—To meet the heavy withdrawal of distilled spirits from bonded warehouses in expectation of a raise in the tax rate in the forth coming war revenue bill, Congress probably will be asked to make the effective date of the new tax rate earlier than the passage of the measure. Thus the Government would obtain increased revenue on many millions of gallons of whisky which it would otherwise lose.

Approximately 210,000,000 gallons of whisky is stored at the present time in bonded warehouses subject to withdrawal upon the distillers' order. Officials compare the situation with that of 1904 when the tax rate was raised from 90 cents to \$1.10 a gallon. Forty million gallons were withdrawn then between the passage of the act and is effective date, the Government losing \$8,000,000 in revenue which it would have obtained had the withdrawals been made at their normal rate.

Proposals as to the new rate of taxation indicate that the tax on whisky probably will be raised from \$1.10, the present rate, to \$2 per gallon. This would net the government an addition of about \$100,000,000 annually. The present rate on beer is \$1.50 per barrel and indications are that it, too, will be raised to at least \$2, increasing the net revenue to the Government by approximately \$15,000,000.

CIVILIZATION THINLY VENEERED IN WORLD

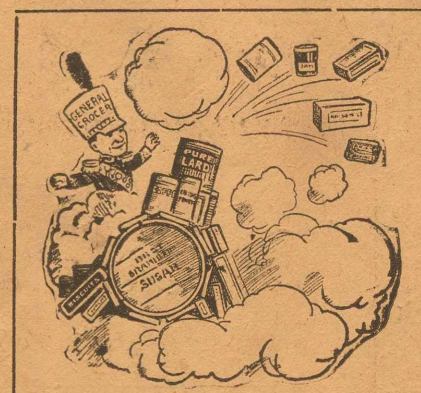
The United States is at war with Germany. Not tentatively nor theoretically, but in fact and by act of Congress and the President.

Who would have thought three years ago that the world would go mad? Who imagined that the veneer of civilization was so thin that it could be broken by a few despotic rulers and fifty millions of men set at destroying each other and the accumulated wealth and treasure of the ages?

Who could have believed that our right would have been so wantonly attacked as to force us into war?

That the United States can and will take care of herself none of us doubt, but we have got a job on our hands, even to properly prepare.—Commerce Journal.

Walter Chalk, of the Pitchfork Ranch, was in Spur Tuesday.



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ANDREWS GETS SHAFTER LAKE'S LAST STORE

Shafter Lake, once the best and most progressive town in Andrews county, with a population of four or five hundred, is now without a single merchandise house. Only three families remain where this little thriving city once stood, and a half dozen children constitute the school enrollment. The postoffice and telephone exchange are still maintained, both being operated by the same party.

Tuesday the store of John Speed & Son at that place was the scene of a "bargain day" after which the store was closed. Mr. Speed states that the remainder of the stock will be removed to Andrews and placed in his store there.

Shafter Lake's failure is attributed to the establishment of the county seat at Andrews about seven years ago.

Ivans Bryant who operated the last merchandise house in that city was here Wednesday en route to Midland. He stated that his future home had not been decided upon.—Lubbock Avalanche.

UNCLE SAM'S MORTGAGE

Uncle Sam is paying interest on a debt that amounts to 1,200 million dollars, inclusive of the new Panama Canal bonds, which amount to 285 millions. This debt represents the obligations of the government, dating largely from the Civil war, and is in the form of bonds held by thousands of individuals. What the debt will be when peace is finally restored to the world, is a thought not pleasant to dwell upon by the thrifty and frugal-minded.

W. F. Godfrey made a business trip last week to Dallas, bringing back two Buick cars, one of which he has already sold to Hawley Bryant of the Pitchfork Ranch.

W. S. Taylor and family and niece, Miss Markett, spent Sunday at McAdoo.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

The following letters remain uncalled for at the post office at Spur, Texas. In calling for them please say advertised.

- W. H. Ames
- A. C. Burton
- J. H. Childers
- R. A. Calhoun
- Andrew Cobb
- W. B. Cole
- Mrs. H. S. Denton
- A. D. Dice
- Nannie Fowler
- Mrs. P. D. Greer
- Tom Harris
- Sarah Harvey
- Mrs. Joe Hale
- Mrs. Rosa Hartman
- Mrs. Pearl Harper
- Mrs. Mary Henson
- Miss Wylenea Heath
- Mrs. C. C. Halstead
- Eustance Johnson
- John Jermory
- A. S. Johnston
- John Johnson (2)
- Miss Partia McLead
- Ray Moore
- Miss Mary Neil
- Cecil B. Newby
- Mrs. T. B. Norris
- Mrs. Mable Philips
- Willard Patterson
- Effie Presnall (2)
- Will Richards
- Merley Reeves
- Miss R. F. Smith
- J. N. Smith
- Henry Simmons
- John Scroggins
- Mrs. Emma Thomas
- Tom Teague
- C. M. Turner
- Beulah Tansil
- S. C. Thomas
- R. L. Whatley
- Arch Wood
- Lizzie Williams
- W. C. Williams.

—Mrs. Evans, P. M.

R. D. Shields, a leading merchant and citizen of Dickens, was in Spur Monday greeting friends, and also to see the dentist.

Misses Anna Maria Love, Lillian Whiteside and Ruby Love and Jim Hall and Fred Clay spent Sunday in Matador.

Mace Hunter was in the city Monday.

LEGISLATURE CALLED TO MEET APRIL 18

Austin, Texas, April 14.—The long-expected proclamation by Governor Ferguson convening the Thirty-fifth Legislature in special session was promulgated today and calls the solons to meet in Austin at 10 a. m. on Wednesday, April 18, to consider two subjects. They are: Appropriations for support of the State government for the ensuing two years and the enactment of a law providing for the adoption of a uniform system of textbooks for use in the public schools of this State. The proclamation contains the usual clause reserving to the Governor the right to submit additional matters for legislation if he so desires. The proclamation says in part:

"I do hereby call the said Thirty-fifth Legislature to convene in extra session in the State Capitol in the City of Austin, Texas, beginning at 10 o'clock a. m. Wednesday, on the 18th day of April, A. D. 1917, for the purposes, to wit:

"1. To make appropriations for the support of the State Government and its institutions, and the repair, restoration and erection of necessary public buildings for the fiscal years beginning September 1, 1917, and ending August 31, 1919.

"2. The special consideration of the matter of adoption of a uniform system of textbooks to be used in the public schools of the state after the contract for the present adoption has expired.

"As is well known, the contract for the furnishing of textbooks for the public schools of the State will expire before the next regular session of the Legislature will convene in January, 1919. Therefore, it is highly essential that provision be made by the Legislature for the adoption of textbooks to be furnished the public schools. If we wait until after the contract has expired then the patrons of the public schools would either have no place to obtain school books or they would be at the mercy of the publishing houses and would be compelled to pay exorbitant prices for books. Already there is a well-defined plan and design on the part of certain publishers of school books to defeat any legislation upon this subject at this time for the express purpose of obtaining an opportunity to unload upon the children of the State a large amount of obsolete and out of date textbooks at attractive prices."

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Spur, Texas

John Weathers came in one day this week from the Red Mud Camp. He bought farm implements to shove his farming interests. He is cultivating two hundred or more acres and says the land is in fine shape. John Weathers ought to become a rich man if he is not already in that class. He has fine herds of cattle and horses and fine farms—what more could a man have in this country?

A. S. Jackson, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday. He informed us that he had sold out and intended to leave at once for Arizona where he intends to secure ranch land and raise cattle in the future.

J. V. McCormick, of Afton, was in Spur this week. He is the same old "Mac" and we are always glad to see him.

Mebane cotton seed to sell. Mace Hunter, Spur.

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Solid oak, enamel lined with water cooler and other styles. If you are going to need a Refrigerator this spring get it now while we have it in stock and you have different styles to select from.

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"HOCH DER KAISER."

Note: At a banquet of the Union League Club in New York in 1899, Captain Coghlan of the U.S. Navy recited a poem in which he took off the kaiser's well-known confidence in himself and his uncompromising belief in the doctrine of the "divine right of kings." Some fraction had resulted between the United States and Germany in connection with the Spanish war, and the Coghlan poem was one symptom of that feeling.

Germany and Austria at that time sided with Spain, as that country was championing the old cause of Bourbonism and was fighting a republic. German warships in Manila bay had even sought to prevent Admiral Dewey from taking Manila, but Dewey called the bluff.

The Germans never got over that moral defeat, and the kaiser and his henchmen from time to time let fall slurs on our navy and country. One of the pet slanders which they spread was that our navy was made up of 95 per cent Germans and other aliens who would not fight if war came. Captain Coghlan of course committed a great indiscretion in giving vent to anything that would cast ridicule on the head of a friendly nation, and he was reprimanded by our government. But the fact remains that his picture of the kaiser—brutal as it was—was so true that the whole world saw the joke and joined in the laugh.

The Coghlan poem follows; it is republished here as one of the historic documents in the case of Civilization vs. Prussianism. Those who do not want to commit "lese majeste", or the crime of smiling at the emperor, need not read it.

Der Kaiser of dis Fatherland Und Gott on high all dings command—

Ve two—ach! Don't you understand?

Myself—und Gott!

Vile some men sing der power divine,

Mein soldiers sing "Der Wacht am Rhine"

Und drink der health in Rhinish wine

Of Me—und Gott. Dere's France, she swaggers all aroundt.

She's ausgesspielt. To much, we think, she don't amount—

Myself—und Gott! She vill not dare to fight again, But if she shouldt, I'll show her blain

Dot Elsass (und in French) Lor raine

Are mein—by Gott! Dere's grandma dinks she's nicht small beer,

Midt Boers und such she inter-feres;

She's learn none owns dis hemisphere

But me—und Gott! (Note "grandma" was Queen Victoria of England.)

She dinks, good frau, some ships she's got

Ach! We could knock them! Poof! Like that—

Myself—und Gott! In dimes of peace brebare for wars,

I bear the spear and helm of Mars,

And care not for den thousand Czars—

Myself—midt Gott! In fact, I humor efry whim,

With aspect dark and visage grim;

Gott pulls mit me, und I mit Him—

Myself—und Gott.—Path-finder.

N. A. Baker, L. R. Barrett, J. E. Counts and A. T. Bural made a business trip Monday to Plainview.

Miss Berta Markett, of Madisonville, is in Spur visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Taylor.

Mr. Quisenbury and wife, of near Spur, were here this week buying household goods.

S. W. Rather, of Cat Fish, was here Monday. J. R. McArthur was here Saturday from Tap. John Self, of Cat Fish, was in Spur Saturday.

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HERBERT G. IRWIN

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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.

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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 M. 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 M. 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 her 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 drawing 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

he is ready to verify. Wherefor, plaintiff prays judgment 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.

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

For Sale—One good all around horse, also 3 delivery hacks.—Spur Grain & Coal Co.

J. N. Patton, of one mile east of the city, was here Monday.

Pure Mebane Cotton Seed while they last at \$1.75 per bushel at the Spur Grain & Coal Company.

W. F. Shugart came to town Saturday, the first time since his return from Marlin where he had been taking treatment for rheumatism. We are glad to note that he is very much improved and hope that he will soon be completely well. He stated that the treatment at Marlin was effective and that the doctors and attendants were of the best.



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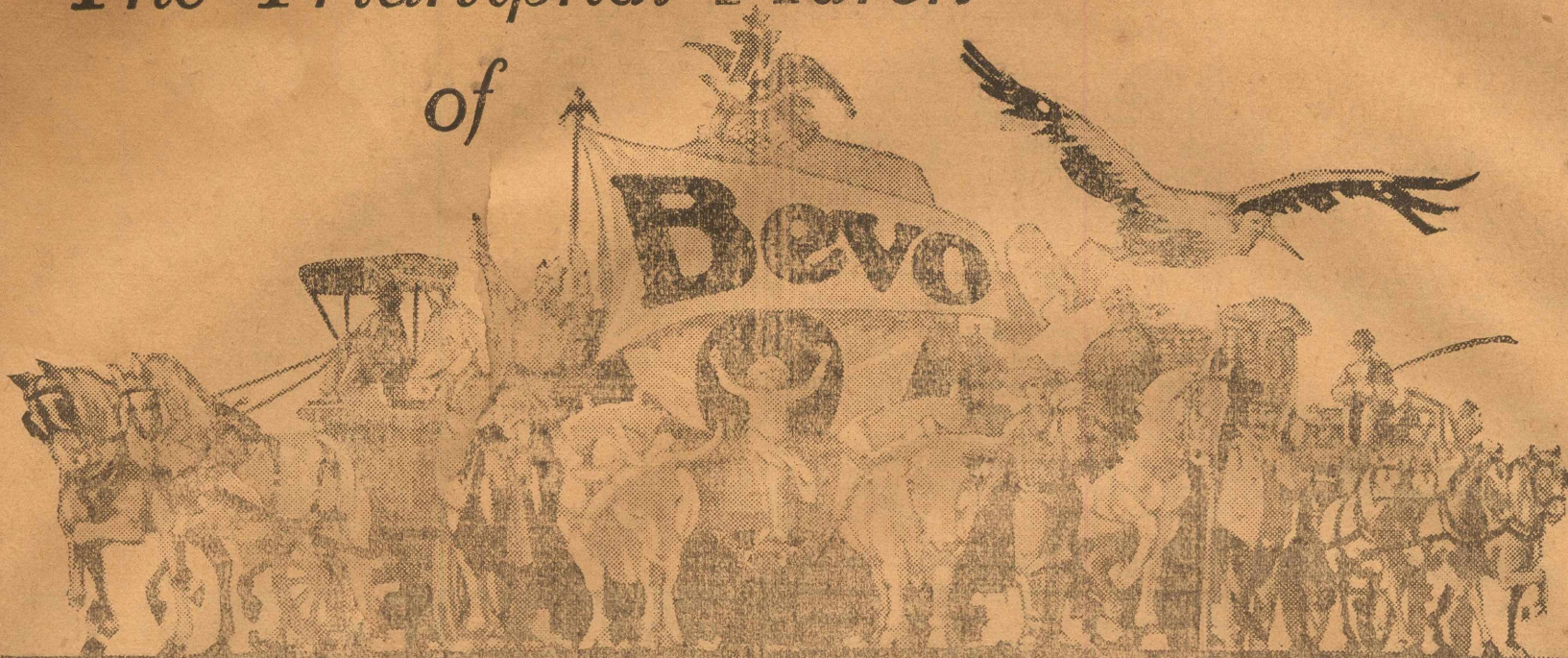
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CAUTION SEE THAT THIS SEAL IS INTACT

J. A. Davis, of near the city, was among the large number of visitors in town Saturday.

J. A. Kerley, of several miles east of Spur, was among the many in Spur Saturday.

J. P. Koonsman, a leading citizen of the Croton country, had business in Spur the first of this week.

Jake Scott came to Spur the latter part of last week from his farm home in the Afton section of country.

Tom McArthur came in the first of this week from his farm and ranch near Tap, reporting that he rain las week in his section was much lighter than in Spur. However, the rain was of much benefit and put out some stock water.

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

S. R. Bowman, of three miles north of Spur, had business in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland were in the city Tuesday from their farm home east of Spur.

Y. C. Carpenter, of Dumont, was among the number of visitors to Spur Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ragsdale, of the Afton country, were in Spur Tuesday trading with Spur merchants.

Mrs. Milholen, of Electra, is in the Dry Lake country visiting her brother, H. C. Allen and family.

Miss Mable VanLeer, of near Dickens, was in Spur Saturday shopping.

D. E. Thomas, of a few miles of Spur, had business in Spur Saturday.

J. L. Curry came in Saturday and spent a few hours in Spur greeting friends.

Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, of the Duck Creek country, was in the city the latter part of last week shopping and visiting her friends of the city.

H. C. Eldredgt, of the plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur Tuesday.

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake country, was in Spur Tuesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

A. Fry, of Cat Fish, was in Spur Monday.

W. F. Walker was in Spur Saturday.

J. J. Cloud was here Monday from the Soldier Mound country.

O. W. Maddox, of several miles west, was in Spur Monday.

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

Offices in the Wendell Building \$6.00 per month. Apply to Stamford & Northwestern Town Site Company. 25-4t.

Fred Fite and wife, of Lubbock, have been spending a few days in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. Squires and Mrs. Fite.

W. L. Grubbs, of Red Mud, was in Spur Wednesday.

Walter Jordan, of Steel Hill, was in Spur Saturday.

Ben Hagins, of Duck Creek, was in Spur Saturday.

L. W. Bilberry, of Gilpin, came to Spur Saturday.

I. Neighbors was among the many in Spur Saturday.

W. L. McAteer, of north of Spur, was here Saturday.

W. T. Wilson, of six miles east, was here Saturday.

Polk Upshaw came to Spur Saturday.

J. H. Latham, of Red Hill, was in Spur Saturday.

H. T. Garner was in Spur the first of the week from his Prairie View Stock Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Lollar, of east of Spur, were in the city Saturday.

Homer Boothe, of near Spur, was among the many here last Saturday.

E. E. Kutch, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, was here Monday.

J. C. Ward, of seven miles south of Spur, was here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster, of Croton, were in Spur Saturday.

G. B. Jopling has just about completed the assessment of taxes throughout the county.

Mr. Holland, a prominent citizen of the McAdoo country, was in Spur Tuesday.

R. F. Self and family moved last week into their new home just completed in Spur.

Mrs. Al Bingham and Miss Brummett, of Cat Fish, were in Spur Saturday shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hulse, of west of Spur, were in the city trading Saturday.

For Sale—One good all around horse, also 3 delivery hacks.—Spur Grain & Coal Co.

Mrs. T. H. Blackwell, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

Miss Ruth Austin, of Afton, was in Spur Saturday shopping and visiting friends.

Pure Mebane Cotton Seed while they last at \$1.75 per bushel at the Spur Grain & Coal Company.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bryant, of the Pitchfork Ranch, were in Spur this week, driving to their home in a new Buick car.

In justice court Saturday a suit of Ben Hagins vs. Johnson Hunter was tried. Also S. B. Abercrombie vs. Mr. Terry.

T. A. Tidwell and Elmo Sleight attended a banquet last week given by the Overland Company at Abilene. They report a very pleasant time.

Jink Penny, of Roaring Springs was here last week. He is agent for a big tract of land on the plains which he is selling rapidly at from ten to 20 dollars an acre.

A Mr. Haley died at Crosbyton Monday night of pneumonia, and his body was brought to Spur Tuesday or shipment to his former home at Moran. The body was accompanied by a number of citizens of Crosbyton. Mr. Haley had been in Crosbyton only a few months at the time of his death.

J. R. Allen and son, of California, are here this week visiting his brother, H. C. Allen of the Dry Lake country. This is the first time the brothers had seen each other in the past ten years. Mr. Allen owns some oil land in Oklahoma for which he has been offered one thousand dollars an acre. He will return to California after a short visit here.

R. L. Overstreet, of the Afton country, was in Spur Tuesdays and while here dropped in at the Texas Spur office and paid us a very pleasant visit. He has just recently bought another farm in the Afton country and which he is now improving. He says he wants to get a farm a piece for for each of his boys, and he is making good headway to that end.

See

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CHARGED WITH FORGERY IN KENT COUNTY

Sam Wofford, formerly employed by H. J. Wilson on his farm near Gilpin, recently raised a check given him by W. J. Wilson in payment for some work and immediately left the country. The check was issued in the sum of five dollars and Wofford raised it to fifty, presented it at the Girard Bank, received payment. The forgery was discovered about one week later. Sheriff Goodall is offering a reward of \$15 for Wofford in any jail in the state and has mailed descriptive literature of the fugitive to practically every sheriff.—Girard Reporter.

WANTS ARMY TO JOIN EUROPEANS IN WAR

Washington, April 16.—Theodore Roosevelt's plan for raising and accompanying a volunteer expedition abroad were laid before the senate military committee today by Chairman Chamberlain at a meeting called to consider the administration's army selective draft bill. Details of the plan were submitted by the colonel to the chairmen of the senate and house military committees in response to a request made when he was here recently to confer with President Wilson about his project.

While expressing hearty approval of the administration bill Col. Roosevelt insisted that volunteers could be put on the firing line and that the American flag should be there at the earliest possible moment.

MERRY WIVES

Mrs. C. L. Love entertained the Merry Wives Friday afternoon. Forty two was enjoyed by a large number of guests. After a very pleasant afternoon delicious refreshments consisting of salad, chocolate, cake and ice cream were served to Mesdames Baker, Davis, Bates, Edmonds, Moore, Link, Morris, Higginbotham, Smart, Barrett, Putman, Simmons, Williams, McCreary, Jennings, Pierce, W. D. Wilson, Neilon, L. S. Wilson, C. A. Love, McClure, Cates, Forbis, Godfrey, Manning, Gruben, Andrews and Richbourg.

A. W. Jordan was here from Steel Hill Saturday.

Ed Hufstедler, of eight miles west, was in town Saturday.

W. J. Clark, of north of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday.

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

For Sale—Thoroughbred Jersey male calf, bargain. See V. C. Smart, Spur, Texas. 1t

W. M. Randall came in Saturday from the Steel Hill section.

HOYT MERRIMAN'S DEATH

Hoyt, the fifteen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Tol Merriman, died at the Sanitarium, Sunday morning, April 1st. The funeral services were conducted at the Methodist Church in the afternoon, and immediately after, the burial service was concluded at the Spur Cemetery.

Hoyt was born April 16th, 1902, and was baptized in infancy. His loved ones rejoice in the fact that all through his life he has been a shining light in the home, and at eleven years of age he made a bright profession of religion. A short time ago he suffered from an attack of appendicitis for which he underwent an operation. This operation was followed by another six weeks later, but his constitution was such that he could not survive.

All the old settlers as well as those of us who have come later to this part of the state, know and deeply sympathize with Brother Merriman's family. We are glad that in the early days Brother and Sister Gilmore, whom all know as Mrs. Merriman's parents, opened up the way for the early development of church work at the Spur Ranch headquarters. It was this influence, no doubt, that touched Hoyt's life as well as the life of so many others. Uncle Tom has already passed to his reward, and now his grandson has been called. Our prayer is that the consoling presence of God may always dwell in the lives of those loved ones who have been spared.—E. E. White.

W. J. Hunter, of six miles east, was in town Saturday.

H. H. Hill, of Dry Lake, was in Spur Saturday.

W. P. Counts, of Draper, had business in Spur Tuesday.

W. W. Waldrup, of Draper, was in Spur Wednesday.

J. F. Speer, of near Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Perrin, of the Croton country, were in Spur Wednesday.

Red Top Sorghum Seed for Sale. See J. T. Cozby, two miles east of Spur. 25-4tp

Judge Walter L. Powell and wife, of Dickens, were in Spur Wednesday visiting friends.

T. J. Pennell returned to the city of Spur this week and is spending the week here.

J. A. Caple came to Spur Tuesday from his Semicolon Farm on the plains near McA-doo.

Mrs. O. B. Bragg has been quite sick this week. We hope soon to note her complete recovery.

Tom and Wren Cross, of Post City, were in Spur the first of this week on business and also greeting their many friends of the town and country.

NEWS ITEMS FROM KENT COUNTY

Commissioners Court convened Monday at Clairemont for the regular April term and as but little business was pending the Commissioners continued in session but a short time. Only two orders were passed during the term.

The information had been given out that the court would probably consider the establishment of three additional road districts, to be designated as the Polar, Luzon and Red Mud Districts, but since the people of these communities filed no petition asking that such be done, the matter passed without action.

The Farmers Union Stock Company organized at Girard recently for mercantile purposes consummated a deal Monday with F. S. Woody for the purchase of the Woody stock of groceries. An inventory of the stock was finished Tuesday and the new management to be known as Union Cash House are in charge.

At a meeting of the stockholders held Friday at the High School auditorium, Geo. P. Rucker was elected manager and D. H. Bowen, R. S. Boothe, J. T. Carlisle, J. W. Wilson and G. W. Gilmore were elected directors, their terms of office to continue for one year.

The commercial interests of Snyder have agreed to assist Kent county in bridging the Double Mountain on the Clairemont-Snyder public road to the extent of \$1,000.00. There are two motives involved in this offer. One is to seek to divert trade to Snyder from a territory on this side of the river and the other to open up an auto route from the Southwest through Snyder and Clairemont which is now practically untraveled by tourists.

Mrs. A. Stiffler sustained a painful injury to her hand Tuesday afternoon while opening some canned goods at the Bon Ton Hotel. In some manner she cut her hand on a portion of sharpened tin and two stitches were required to close up the wound.

Sheriff Goodall began distributing the ballots and other supplies for holding the bond election Saturday April 28.—Girard Reporter.

CONSTRUCTION OF \$9,000 RESIDENCE COMMENCES

Construction work commenced this week on the W. H. Putman residence on Hill street in the north part of Spur. The residence will be constructed of tile, and will cost about nine thousand dollars when complete. The residence will be of two stories and modern in every detail, being the finest and most handsome residence of the town and country.

CALL FOR MEETING OF FARMERS INSTITUTE

A meeting of the Farmers Institute has been called by S. R. Bowman to be held in Spur Saturday, April 21st, for the purpose of discussing plans and urging farmers of Dickens and surrounding counties to plant more food and feed crops this year. At this meeting the way of caring for perishable crops of fruits and vegetables will be considered.

Everybody, and especially every farmer in the whole country is invited and urged to attend this meeting.

ENTERTAINED WITH 500

Friday evening Mrs. C. L. Love entertained with 500 the following guests Dr. and Mrs. Standifer, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Cates, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. W. Neilon, Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure and Misses Harper and Kate Mahon and C. W. Lowery. At the conclusion of a number of games the best and most delightful refreshments we have ever had was graciously served by the hostess.

THE ENJOYMENT



TO BE GOTTEN OUT OF A PHONOGRAPH CAN ONLY BE REALIZED BY HAVING ONE IN YOUR HOME. LET US PLACE AN EDISON IN YOUR HOME. NONE BETTER.

Red Front Drug Store

DRY LAKE ITEMS

Everybody is wearing a smile now instead of a long face on account of the rain.

Farmers are busy now planting lots of feed to help Texas feed herself. Hurrah for the farmers.

Rev. E. E. White filled his regular appointment here last Sunday afternoon. We all like to hear Brother White and he always has a large attendance.

School is out now and Prof. Brummett is playing the part of an old time farmer (riding the planter and driving 4 mules.)

Did you notice W. P. T. Smith is repainting his house? He believes in taking care of improvements as well as improving. And Mrs. Smith has about 200 little chickens and a nice turnip patch to help the high cost of living.

The young people all met at Mr. Kidd's Saturday night and enjoyed a fruit supper. All of them seemed to have a nice time.

Misses Lattie Johnson, Esther Davis, Lessie Barley, and Messrs. Burren Smith, Coy Dopson and Clifford Barley took dinner with Miss Fannye Denson last Sunday.

Miss Barrett took dinner with Miss Bessie Davis last Sunday.

Singing Sunday night at W. A. Johnson's.

Mr. Harris and family took dinner with his daughter, Mrs. James, recently.

We notice Rev. J. V. Bilberry visiting new comers and we should all do likewise.

Mrs. Brummett visited Mrs. R. F. Rogers Sunday but Prof. didn't go as he had to mind the chickens off his seed maize. He says he doesn't see why there "aint" less Sundays, but you see he is just out of school and is well rested now.

Mrs. R. G. Rogers and Mrs. Brummett were shopping in Spur Tuesday.

If this escapes the waste basket we may come again.

WESTERN KID

OUTING PARTY.

Sunday afternoon a party composed of J. A. Koon and family, W. Neilon and family, A. B. Williams and family, H. J. Harris and family, and Miss Alice Dickerson, and Oran McClure and family, motored to the plains country, returning by the way of Rock Springs where lunch was spread and enjoyed amidst nature's beautiful and bountiful handiwork. The lunch as prepared by the ladies was inviting and in variety, and surrounded by "nature's golden charms", wit, humor and repartee prevailing 'round the festal board, and with sharpened appetites little remained of the Epicurean spread. It was an afternoon well spent, and one which the writer is ready to repeat at any time.

IN MEMORY OF

HOYT MERRIMAN

As time rolls on we are called upon to perform many sad duties. On April 1st, 1917, we looked into the lifeless face of one of our bright and noble young boys, Hoyt Merriman. He had been ill for some time, having undergone an operation for appendicitis some two months ago. When it was thought all danger was past, and he was fast on his road to recovery other complications set up. Being too weak to battle with more suffering, the end came, which was a great shock to the family and his host of friends. All was done for him that loving hearts and willing hands could do but to no avail. Death came as a relief from this world of suffering.

Sad, sad, to see this noble young boy, just entering manhood, snatched from the parental roof, but what a sweet and glorious thought to know that he was prepared to go to a home in heaven, a place of rest that knows no ending, a home where all is eternal bliss. What a sweet comfort to the dear father and mother, brothers and sister to know it is in their power to meet him on the beautiful golden shores, where sorrow and sadness are no more, where parting is unknown.

May they prepare to meet him there. Dear parents sorrow not, for he has only gone before you to await at the beautiful gate to welcome your coming.

Hoyt was loved by all his associates and will be sadly missed by all. It seems that nature had lavished upon him all these noble traits of character that make up a model boy, an obedient son, a loving and kind brother, and a true Christian.

The funeral was large and the expression of real sorrow was heard on every side. Peaceful be thy silent slumber, Peaceful in the grave so low.

Thou no more will join our number,

Thou no more our songs will know.

Thou art mild and kind,

Gentle as the sunny breeze

With the ransomed thou shalt share,

A home through all eternity.

We hope again to meet thee

When our days are ended.

There in heaven with joy we'll greet thee,

Where all is peace and joy forever.

—Written by a Friend.

W. H. Taylor came in Saturday from Duck Creek.

Ol Taylor was here Saturday from Duck Creek.

J. D. Martin, of four miles north, was in Spur Saturday.

J. N. Zumwalt was in Spur Saturday from his home twenty miles west of Spur.