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#### MISS ELSBY INJURED IN AUTO WRECK IN SPUR

Wednesday afternoon Miss Elsby, of near McAdoo, had her left arm thrown out of place and otherwise injured.

Miss Elsby was in a car with her father, L. J. Elsby and Geo. Davis and daughter, of near McAdoo. They had just started home from Spur, and in driving along Burlington Avenue near the Spur Inn, a tire was blown out, the car became unmanageable and turned over with the above result. Miss Elsby was immediately carried to the Standifer Hospital where she was given immediate surgical attention, and at this time is reported doing nicely.

#### PROTRACTED MEETING CLOSED LAST MONDAY

The protracted meeting which has been in progress the past ten days at the Christian church conducted by Rev. Lerney, closed Monday night. During the meeting there were eight additions to the church, six by baptism and two by letters from other churches.

The meeting was successful in every respect and Rev. Lerney is said to be one of the best preachers and revivalists to visit Spur in the past.

#### DICKENS COUNTY COURT WILL CONVENE MONDAY

The Dickens County Court will convene Monday in Dickens with County Judge Walter L. Powell presiding and County Attorney B. G. Worswick prosecuting.

There are a number of cases on the docket to be heard at this term. The following gentlemen have been summoned to serve as petit jurymen for the term:

- R. L. English
- W. W. Stegall
- J. E. Corey
- J. A. Blair
- J. A. Jackson
- Ned Hogan
- W. H. Young
- G. L. Barber
- W. T. Andrews
- H. C. Eldredge
- L. R. Barrett
- C. A. Gladdish
- J. L. Rucker
- L. B. Haile
- W. E. Gates
- E. L. Harkey
- L. J. Elsby
- J. M. Murray

#### ESTABLISHES NEWSPAPER IN LAMB COUNTY

Last week we received the first issue of the Lamb County News, published at Littlefield in Lamb county by Neal A. Douglass, former editor of the Roaring Springs Echo. It is a fine paper, liberally patronized in its advertising pages and ably edited. Lamb county is a fine section of the great west, and we have had occasion to know that there are some of as fine citizens in that county as can be found in any county of the state.

#### WILL BEGIN BUILDING A NEW BRICK AT ONCE

Monday Lee Gilbert moved his harness business from the Godfrey building, preparatory to moving the old building on another lot and begin the construction of a brick house on the vacated lot.

This new building will be used by W. F. Godfrey as an automobile salesroom, and also for auto supplies and accessories.

Actual construction work on the new brick will be commenced at once, and supposed to be completed and occupied within sixty days.

#### CONVICTED OF LUNACY IN SPUR COURT MONDAY

Mrs. Ela Martin was tried Monday for lunacy, County Judge Powell and County Attorney B. G. Worswick coming over from Dickens to hear the case. A jury returned a verdict in accord with the evidence and Mrs. Martin will be immediately sent to a state institution for treatment. She has been in ill health for some time and to which illness is attributed her loss of reason.

#### THE SPUR SCHOOL FACULTY HAS BEEN ELECTED

The Spur School Board has elected all the teachers for the next year, and all have accepted save Miss Shepherd who has not yet been heard from. The board has made a special effort to employ only teachers of advanced scholarship. Three out of the four teachers employed for the high school held degrees from among the best colleges in Texas; and the fourth, Miss Matthews, is a graduate from a state normal and has done summer work in the University of Chicago. She will spend the coming summer in that institution, making special preparation for her work in the department of Domestic Economy. In the grammar school, nearly all of the teachers have had at least a year of college work, and some have had as much as three years. Some of the old teachers did not accept their places, but the list as it now stands is as follows:

- T. A. Tunnell, Superintendent.
  - R. W. Matthews, Principal.
  - Miss Arrie Barrett.
  - Miss Pearle Matthews.
  - Grammar School.**
  - Miss Mary Dickerson.
  - Miss Alice Dickerson.
  - Miss Maurine Kidwell.
  - Miss Mary Booth.
  - Mrs. Effie Johnson.
  - Miss Mabel Clay.
  - Miss Frankie Mae Shepherd.
- The two last are the only new names appearing in the faculty. Miss Clay taught last year at Terrell, Oklahoma, and Miss Shepherd taught at Dickens.

J. H. Reynolds, of Dickens, was among the number in Spur Tuesday.

#### NOTICE

Dr. Daly of Abilene will be in Spur May 24-25. Practice confined to diseases and surgery of the Eye, Ear and Throat, and fitting glasses. Office with Dr. Morris.

#### A RAPID THINKER

An old man living near Spur was leading two calves out to pasture early one morning and when he came to the field he tied one of them to one of his boot straps and the other to the opposite boot strap while he opened the rickety gate. The calves ran away. When he was picked up his wife asked him, "didn't you know any better than to do a foolish trick like that." "Yes," he answered, "I hadn't been dragged four yards before I seed my mistake."

The time has come for quick decisions. We must think for ourselves and not only think, but act. The war we talk so much about is calculated to reveal our hidden strength or our weakness and as the revelation is made let us determine that it shall show us exerting the best there is in us to protect our homes, to increase the yields of our farms, to help a weaker brother and willing, if needed, to stand by the Flag that has thus far given us protection, and follow it wherever it goes, not in search of conquest, but to protect and give to the nations of the world a peace and freedom they have never known.

But, we must not forget that we have merchandise to sell, and that we want your trade. Business must and will go on and our prospects in this country promise good and the prices will doubtless be the best we have ever gotten. The financial world is liberal with their credit and we are going on doing business as we have always done. Selling goods as cheap as market conditions will permit and giving the best treatment to our customers we know how to give. Yes, our cash business has been bigger thus far in 1917 than ever before. New customers are coming to us all the time. Old ones that have tried elsewhere are coming back better satisfied than before. Come on with the crowds. Help us by spending your cash with us. You may need our help sometime. We sell now, and always have, as cheap as any store in this country if you will buy your whole bill from us. We have no leaders, no catches—just straight merchandising—the kind that succeeds in the long run.

Yes, we have just unloaded in our new warehouse a car of pure Ribbon Cane Molasses—country made—all the sugar left in it. You can't afford to waste \$7.00 a hundred biscuits sopping inferior syrup when pure syrup is only 75 cents per gallon can and less by the case. We are going to have something nice and useful to give our cash customers. Ask about it. Say! Does your house need painting? If so we want to sell you your paint. We have the agency for Patton's Sun-

#### WILL ORGANIZE A NEW GIN COMPANY IN SPUR

A meeting will be held in Spur Saturday for the purpose of organizing a new gin company, composed entirely of farmers of the surrounding country. The plan is to incorporate for thirty thousand dollars, secure a gin site on the railroad track and erect one of the most modern and up-to-date gins in all of western Texas.

The meeting will be held at the Gem Theatre building, and every farmer interested in the proposition is invited to attend and participate in the organization of such a company.

#### THE MERRY WIVES.

Mrs. Jennings was hostess to the Merry Wives last Friday afternoon. Very original tables and score markers were used which added to the pleasure of the guests. "Lone 84" also caused much enjoyment to be added to the afternoon. Refreshments of cream and angel food cake were served.

Those present were: Mesdames Link, Moore, Bates, Busby, Barrett, Simmons, Whitener, Baker, Cates, Davis, Dickson, Edmonds, Grace, Glasgow, Higginbotham, Ned Hogan, C. A. Love, Manning, C. L. Love McClure, Neilon, Pierce, Smart Standifer, Senning, Wilson and Andrews.

proof Paints and varnishes and have a big stock on hand. You can't invest your money better than in paint. Remember us when ready to paint.

Our prices on shoes are very little higher than before the war. Queen Quality for the ladies who know. Billikens for kiddies and the best work shoe, we think, in the world. Tennis shoes too. Yes, we are prepared to shoe the men, women and children and if this weather continues to warm up we will soon be shoeing flies.

Some genuine Mebane Cotton Seed left. Plant the best seed. You can help feed the world with cotton seed and clothe the world with the lint Peace may come. Be prepared with cotton as well as other crops to reap a harvest of gold for yourself and be a benefactor to mankind.

With our new warehouse we will be able to buy goods in larger quantities and therefore serve you better. We sell gasoline now and want to fill your car. We shall endeavor to handle the best.

All together for a great 1917. We have resolved to look for the good in everybody this year and overlook the bad. Have you? Oh we may need glasses to find the good in some folks but we believe its there..

Yes, we are selling merchandise for a living, and living, we trust, not for ourselves alone.

Your friends,  
**BRYANT-LINK CO.**

#### ART EXHIBIT ENJOYED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Wednesday afternoon from three to six o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. B. Morrison, an art exhibit was had by Miss Ora Kinnebrew, showing china, oil and water color paintings by the members of her art class.

The showing was of the very highest class and demonstrated the exceptional ability of Miss Kinnebrew as a teacher and most satisfactory results from her pupils.

On this occasion Mesdames J. B. Morrison and Oran McClure received the guests at the door and Misses Velma Putman and Erma Baker presided over the punch service.

#### SPUR HARNESS COMPANY MOVED TO NEW LOCATION

L. H. Gilbert moved his Spur Harness Company business to the building recently purchased on Harris street and next door to the new brick just completed by Riter Hardware Co. The building has been repaired and placed in convenient shape for the business and accommodation of patrons. Call and see them at their new home when in need of anything in leather goods, harness, boot and shoe repairing.

#### LEMMIE HAGINS DIED IN DAWSON COUNTY

Lemmie Hagins, the fourteen years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hagins, died Saturday of last week at their home in Dawson county, the remains being interred in the cemetery near their home Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Poet Hagins, D. D. Hagins and Willie Hagins, of the Gilpin county, were among the relatives attending the funeral from this section.

Lemmie Hagins had been in ill health for some time, having been sent to Marlin the past year for treatment. Ben Hagins and family had just recently moved to Dawson county from their home on Duck Creek.

The Texas Spur joins the friends in extending sincere sympathy to the family and relatives in this bereavement.

#### UNION MEETING

Remember the date, Sunday, May 27. We need your co-operation. The Evangelist and Singer will do their part. God has never failed to do his part. **WHAT ABOUT YOU?** Let every man, woman and child work to make this the greatest revival Spur has ever had. Begin now to work and pray that the Church may be revived and that the unsaved may be reached.

H. P. Bates,  
E. E. White,

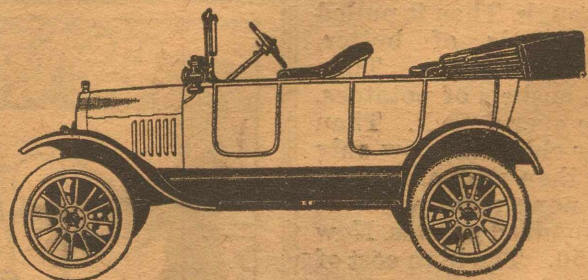
Mrs. Sam Owen and daughter, Miss Ann, were in the city Wednesday shopping.

#### \$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.

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Touring Car, \$360; Roadster, \$345

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**TWO REASONS**



**GERMAN KITCHEN AND BAKERY**

**TWO REASONS WHY**

you should use our bread.  
1st. We use only the best flour and other ingredients and 2nd. We employ the best workmen that can be secured. Take a loaf today and you'll take two TOMORROW.

**WILL HAVE TO MOVE BACK TO THE FARM**

"I do not believe it possible for the United States to increase its food supply more than 10 per cent," says Clarence Ousley, Director of Extension of the Texas A. & M. College. Mr. Ousley is one of the best informed men on the crop situation and withal conservative.

"It will be practically impossible for the Dakotas, Minnesota, and other states to increase their food supply at all, because they are already up to the limit on wheat. It will be impossible for them to increase the acreage because of the scarcity of labor to plant and reap.

"The South can and will increase its annual food production from 25 to 40 per cent. But the South's increment, taken into consideration with that of the remainder of the nation, will only bring the total up to about 10 per cent. The country will need an increase of 25 per cent. Where is the additional 15 per cent to come from?"

"If the war should end today it would take six months to demobilize the armies of Europe, and it would be impossible to increase the food supply in that country this year.

"This war is not the only cause of high prices, the war only precipitated them. The situation has been coming for twenty-five years. The urban population at present is 65 per cent as compared with 35 per cent at the time of the civil war. Some have got to move back to the farm."—A. M. Hove.

**PROFIT BY THESE**

Do not be content with following good advice; catch up with it.

Keep an eye on the job ahead both your hands on the job you have.

There is plenty of room at the top, because those who get there are the few who started early to avoid the rush.

The man who goes half way to meet Fortune is more likely to find her than the man who waits for her to knock at his door.

The men who succeed best when they work for others are those who see that in doing so they are also working for themselves.

**TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO AND NOW**

Twenty-five years ago a cord of wood would pay for a year's subscription, says the Belton Herald, and now it only takes a quarter of a cord. Then a bushel and a half of wheat would foot the bill, now less than a half a bushel is required. Then six bushels of corn was the price, now about a third of a bushel is accepted. Then it took twenty pounds of pork, now three. Then twelve dozen eggs would cut the mustard, now three dozen is enough. Then it pulled in eight pounds of butter, now a little over three. Then it took five bushels of potatoes, now a little over a peck. Then we got four chickens, now only one. And then we bought the best white news print paper at \$2.25 per hundred pounds. Now we pay \$7.50. The high cost of making "buckle and tongue meet" is borne in on the country publisher with rather perplexing force and effect.—Pittsburg Gazette.

**BABY OF TOM W. DEEN FATALLY INJURED BY CAR**

A peculiarly distressing accident, resulting in the death of the 18 month old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Tom W. Deen, occurred last Saturday evening about 6:30 at the Deen home in the eastern suburbs of Floydada.

Fred, the eldest son of the family, was backing the car from the auto shed, and the baby followed her brother without his knowledge and was directly in the path of the car. Other members of the family, seeing what was about to occur signaled him to stop, but too late to save fatal injuries to the baby.

The child was rushed to town for medical aid but died shortly after reaching town.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Methodist church and interment made in the Floydada cemetery at 12:30.—Floydada Hesperian.

**SNOW AT AMARILLO BREAKS MAY RECORD**

The heaviest snow on record for Amarillo in the month of May occurred Saturday night and Sunday morning. In all there were 9.1 inches of snow and with the sleet the total precipitation, according to the local weather bureau, will approximate 1.06 of water.

**NEW WAR TAX WIDEST EVER FACED BY U. S.**

The new war tax bill was ready for Congress Wednesday proposing probably the most extensive and greatest line of taxation ever faced by the American people.

Doubling of normal income tax rates, with reductions of exemptions and increases of surtaxes on great incomes; absolute elimination of all articles on the tariff free list with the imposing of a minimum duty of ten per cent and a horizontal increase of ten per cent on all now taxable articles, together with increase of taxes on internal revenue and new taxes which reach to the remote departments of business and household life are proposed to make up a yearly income of \$1,800,000,000.

Increases on postage rates include newspapers, which it is proposed to charge on the parcel post zone system; mailing charges for papers of average circulation, it was said, would be increased many thousands of dollars yearly.

The new taxes include levies on life and fire insurance; on household electric light bills, telephone bills, railroad tickets, admission to amusements, club dues, automobiles and practically everything that enters into the life of a family.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE STATE CONSTITUTION, PROVIDING FOR AND RELATING TO THE CREATION OF CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.**

**Senate Joint Resolution No. 12.**

Proposing to amend Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas by adding thereto at the end thereof another section to be known as Section 59, declaring the conservation and preservation of all the natural resources of the State of Texas are public rights and duties; providing for the creation of conservation districts, declaring such districts bodies politic and corporate, defining the authority of such districts, and conferring upon the Legislature authority to pass laws with reference thereto; declaring that the Legislature shall have authority generally to legislate for the purpose of conserving the natural resources of the State; fixing the time for the election for the adoption or rejection of said proposed constitution amendment; making certain provisions or said election and the ballots thereof and the methods thereof; directing the issuance of the proclamation therefor, prescribing certain duties of the Governor of the State and making an appropriation to defray the expenses of said election.

**Be it resolved by the Legislature of the State of Texas:**

Section 1- That Article 16 of the Constitution of the State of Texas be amended by adding thereto at the end thereof another section to be known as Section 59, and which shall read as follows:

Section 59a- The conservation and development of all of the natural resources of this State, including the control, storing, preservation and distribution of its storm and flood waters, the waters of its rivers and streams, for irrigation, power and all other useful purposes, the reclamation and irrigation of its arid, semi-arid and the reclamation and drainage of its over-flowed lands other lands needing drainage, the conservation and development of its forest, water and hydro-electric power, the navigation of its inland and coastal waters, and the preservation and conservation of all such natural resources of the State are each and all hereby declared public rights and duties; and the Legislature shall pass all such laws as may be appropriate thereto.

(b) There may be created within the State of Texas, or the State may be divided into, such number of conservation and reclamation districts as may be determined to be essential to the accomplishment of the purposes of this amendment to the constitution, which districts shall be governmental agencies and bodies politic and corporate with such powers of government and with the authority to exercise such rights, privileges and functions concerning the subject matter of this amendment as may be conferred by law.

(c) The Legislature shall authorize all such indebtedness as may be necessary to provide all improvements and the maintenance thereof requisite to the

## Facts In A Nut-Shell

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W. G. SHERROD, VICE PRESIDENT	JNO. B. HARDIN, ASST. CASH.
W. T. ANDREWS, JR., ASSISTANT CASHIER	

achievement for the purposes of this amendment, and all such indebtedness may be evidenced by bonds of such conservation and reclamation districts, to be under such regulations as may be prescribed by law and shall also, authorize the levy and collection within such districts of all such taxes, equitably distributed, as may be necessary for the payment of the interest and the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of such bonds; and also for the maintenance of districts and improvements, and such indebtedness shall be a lien upon the property assessed for the payment thereof; provided the Legislature shall not authorize the issuance of any bonds or provide for any indebtedness against any reclamation district unless such proposition shall first be submitted to the qualified property taxpaying voters of such district and the proposition adopted.

Sec. 2- The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors for members of the Legislature at an election to be held for such purpose on the Third Tuesday in August, A. D. 1917, the same being the 21st day of August, A. D. 1917; At said election the vote shall be by official ballot which shall have printed or written thereon the words "For the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government and regulation," and also the words "Against the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government and regulation." All voters favoring this proposed constitutional amendment shall erase the words "Against the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing for conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government regulation," and those opposing it shall erase the words "For the amendment to Article 16 of the constitution of the State of Texas providing conservation districts, the creation of such districts and their government and regulation," which said erasures shall be

made by marking a mark with pencil or pen through said words. All ballots cast as above provided shall be counted as cast for or against this proposed amendment, and if a majority of the votes cast shall be for the amendment it shall be adopted; if a majority of the votes cast shall be against the amendment said amendment shall be lost. All the provisions of the general election laws as amended and in force at the time said election is held shall govern in all respects as to the qualifications of electors, the method of holding such election and in all other respects as far as such election laws may be made applicable.

Sec. 3- The Governor of this State is hereby directed to issue the necessary proclamation for said election and to have the same published as required by the constitution and laws of this State.

Sec. 4- The sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated out of any funds in the State Treasury not otherwise appropriated to defray the expenses of such proclamation, publication and election.

C. J. BARTLETT,  
Secretary of State.  
(A true copy.)

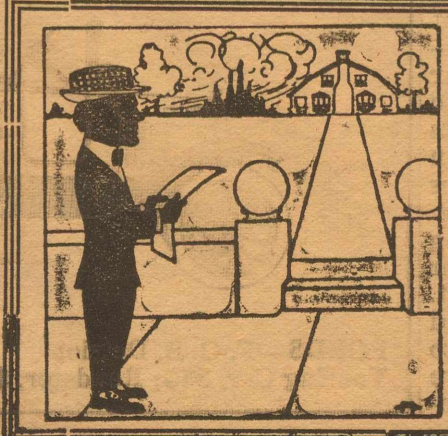
**SPANELL CONVICTED OF KILLING BUTLER**

Coleman, Texas, May 5.—A verdict of guilty of murder was returned at 8:25 o'clock tonight by the jury in the case of Harry J. Spanell, charged with the killing of Lieutenant Colonel M. C. Butler and punishment was fixed at five years imprisonment.

Spanell all but collapsed when the verdict was read. Counsel for the defense announced a motion for a new trial would be filed immediately and if it were not granted an appeal would be taken. The plea for reversal, they said, would be based specifically upon the refusal of the court to sustain defense's plea for formal acquittal.

Spanell was indicted at Alpine, Texas, for the alleged killing of his wife and Lieutenant Colonel Butler on the night of July 20, 1916. The charge of killing his wife, Mrs. Crystel Holland Spanell, was tried at San Angelo last February on a change of venue. Spanell was acquitted and the case against him for killing Butler was then brought to Coleman county. The trial began Monday, April 23.

**WANTED**—To buy a crop of 75 to 200 acres, near Spur. Call at Texas Spur office. 1tp.  
There will be an election of officers for the O. E. S. on the night of May 24, 1917. Please come. By order of Worthy Matron, Lula Manning.—Mrs. Elizabeth Beck, Sec.



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to Loan on Farm and Ranch Land. For Quick Service see **EDMONDS & HOGAN, Spur, Texas**

Poet Hagins, of near Gilpin, was in the city Monday.

W. D. Blair, of three miles east of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week.

L. W. Bilberry, of near Gilpin, was among the number in Spur Monday of this week.

County Attorney B. G. Worswick came over Monday and spent the day in Spur on official business.

Mrs. W. F. Shugart, of eight miles east of Spur, was in the city the latter part of last week shopping.

L. C. Arrington, of two or three miles west of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday buying supplies and looking after other affairs.

O. I. Taylor came in Saturday from the Steel Hill country and spent several hours here meeting friends and looking after business affairs.

Ted Bannen went to Fort Worth the latter part of last week with a car load of cattle shipped to the Fort Worth market by Perry Fite.

R. C. Forbis and family moved last week from their home in Spur to their ranch home in the north part of Dickens county where they will remain until the next school term in Spur begins.

Rev. W. B. Bennett, of near Gilpin, was in Spur Monday meeting friends and attending to business affairs. Rev. Bennett recently completed a new farm home on his place in the Gilpin country, it being a five or six room modern bungalow, and which he is now painting and otherwise beautifying.

D. D. Hagins, of the Gilpin country, was in Spur Monday.

Mace Hunter, of four or five miles east, was in the city this week.

O. C. Henry, of near Spur, was among the large number of visitors here Saturday.

Mrs. J. B. Richbourg and children are on an extended visit to her parents and other relatives at Hico.

W. D. Cleveland, popular merchant of Dickens, was one of the business visitors in Spur the first of the week.

J. L. Moore came in Saturday from his ranch home west of the city and spent the afternoon here greeting friends and on business.

R. P. Davis, of Dry Lake, had business in Spur Saturday, spending several hours here trading with merchants and also greeting friends.

J. C. Stephens came in Saturday from his home east of the city and spent an hour or two here conversing with friends and looking after business affairs.

H. T. Garner came in one day this week from his Prairie View Stock Farm northeast of Spur, spending some time here meeting friends and looking after other matters.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McClain, of the Cat Fish country, were in Spur Monday. The Judge has been in very poor health the past several months and his numerous friends throughout the country will be glad to know that he is again able to be up and out.

B. G. Ford, of the Draper country, was among the many business visitors in the city the first of this week.

M. F. Mitchell, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur the first of this week trading with merchants of the city and on other business matters. He reports everything in fine shape in his section of the country at this time and since the recent good rains.

**B. G. WORSWICK**  
Attorney-at-Law  
Practice in District and Higher courts is solicited.  
Co. Attorney's Office, Dickens.

**J. C. BROWDER, Jr.,**  
Attorney-at-Law  
Office over First State Bank.  
Practice in all Courts.  
Roaring Springs, Texas.

**B. D. GLASGOW**  
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**GEO. AWALT**  
Brick Layer  
Guarantees All His Work  
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Spur, Texas

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

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Lumber Com'y.**

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DOORS, AND...**

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J. A. Davis was among the many in Spur Saturday.

Red Top Sorghum Seed for sale. See J. T. Cozby, two miles east of Spur. 28-3tp.

Will Stephens, of six or seven miles east of Spur, was in the city Saturday.

Riley Smith, of Red Mud, was in Spur Saturday. He reports Red Mud in good shape.

Headed maize for sale at my farm near Soldier Mound.—J. J. Cloud. 29-2t

H. F. Clay, of Dickens, was in Spur recently on business and visiting his sons, E. L. and W. D. Clay and families.

Polk Upshaw was in the city Saturday. He is now engaged in drilling wells in different sections of the country.

W. D. Clay came in from the McAdoo country the first of this week for repairs. He is breaking sod land with a traction plow and expects to have in fifteen hundred acres for planting this year.

We received a letter last week from W. J. Duncan informing us that he was confined in the Army and Navy Hospital in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The many friends of Mr. Duncan in Dickens and surrounding counties will be glad to hear of his early recovery and return to this section.

Tom Owen came in the first of this week from his ranch home southwest of Spur.

W. C. Barley, of Dry Lake, was in Spur Monday trading and greeting his friends.

H. C. Allen, of the Dry Lake country, was in the city one day last week greeting friends.

E. B. Shaw, of the Croton country, had business in Spur Monday of this week.

Mrs. Tom Owen is on an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. McGlothlin and family, of San Angelo.

H. H. Hill, of Dry Lake, was in the city Monday and spent an hour or two here shaking hands with friends and acquaintances and also trading with the merchants.

J. R. Moore handed us the cash one day this week to enroll his name on the Texas Spur subscription list. We appreciate these favors and will endeavor to make the paper worth the price of a subscription to each and every reader.

J. J. Hickman, an extensive farmer and leading citizen of the plains country near McAadoo, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Monday of this week. He reports everything in the very best condition at this time with respect to crop prospects.

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**A PICTURE WITH A DARK AND A BRIGHT SIDE**

Three young men by the name of Dudley, who recently moved to the Spur country and rented land from Mr. Spraberry, four miles north of Spur, live alone, do their own housework and are not blessed with all the real conveniences that it takes to make home pleasant. A few weeks ago one of them was taken sick with pneumonia. The others waited upon him and attended to their farm work, but a little later another one of them was seized upon by the same dreaded disease, which only left one and he the younger, a boy of perhaps sixteen summers, and he with that love which brothers who live together as do these boys only possess, watched by the two night and day until the strain on him grew greater than his body could endure. At this point the W. O. W. Lodge learned of their condition and found them to be brother Woodmen, and the report of those who visited the home of these boys, told of their utter helplessness and the conditions that surrounded them which tended only to help the awful disease to more speedily count those boys among its victims. The Woodmen sent a committee with clean bedding and all the necessary little things that could be used in this humble place and with them took a trained nurse, whose white cap and apron betoken her usefulness at a time and place like this. Also the physicians were summoned. Upon examination they said there was just a chance to keep their souls in this old world, but with the skill of the doctors and nurse and the good men who have helped watch by their bedsides they improved slowly and then the third one was taken down. At this point the Woodmen decided to move them to Spur where they could receive better attention and so they secured a house and arranged all possible conveniences and went out in a big truck and hauled the boys upon their beds into town where they are now being cared for and are slowly recovering and the doctors are hopeful that the most dangerous point is past. This, to the writer, was a sad picture. These poor sick boys with no mother's hand to bathe their fevered brows—no wife to sympathize and help—no money to pay a nurse. In fact, without help that must be given death seemed inevitable.

The picture changes. These boys had 100 acres of land to plant to cotton and feed. On Tuesday of this week seventeen planters drawn by forty seven head of mules and horses and directed by 21 men were seen moving like clock work back and forth through the field of the Dudley boys and it would not be amiss to mention the names of these noble men whose own fields needed them badly no doubt. Jim Albin, H. H. Hill, Jno. Aston, L.B. Grizzle, W. T. Harris, J. P. Brown, Jack Barrett, A. J. Carr, J. A. McKeever, R. L. Turner, W. D. Spraberry, P. C. Jones, A. E. Ewel, Tom Love, Dan Pritchett and perhaps others whose name we failed to learn. Mont Taylor, of Spur, has done much to help alleviate the distressed condition of these boys.

May God's blessings be upon the sick boys and may he not withhold blessings from these

noble men, who through love and sympathy, have helped in this hour of need and I feel that each of their big hearts have been made happier by the sacrifices they have made and may these little verses be true to their lives.  
"It is my joy in life to find  
At every turn of road,  
The strong arm of a comrade kind,  
To help me onward with my load.  
And while I have no gold to give  
And love alone must make amends,

My only prayer is 'While I live,  
God keep me worthy of my friends."  
—A Bystander.

**DRY LAKE ITEMS.**

Miss Lois Vernon, of Spur, visited Miss Esther Davis Saturday and Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Brinnell and son, Oliver, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown Sunday.  
Grandma English, of Dry Lake, has been quite sick but is better at this writing.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Davis gave the young folks a social entertainment Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hill visited Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Johnson Sunday.

Misses Esther Davis, Lois Vernon, R. T. Smith and Mr. Henry Smith took dinner with Miss Eva Harris Sunday.

Miss Ethel Henson, of Espeula, was at Dry Lake Sunday, also Mr. Andy Morgan and family.

Miss Wilma Weir visited her sister, Mrs. Mamie Walker, Sunday.

Miss Era Barrett spent Saturday and Sunday at Midway.  
Mr. Ott Denson, wife and mother and Miss Eunice Den-

son visited Mr. Ed Denson and family Sunday.

Mrs. M. J. Noel, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. M. Calvert, and W. C. Barley and family, returned to her home in Oklahoma Friday.

Misses Fannye Denson, Lessie Barley were shopping in Spur Friday.

Mrs. R.F. Rogers visited Mrs. H. A. C. Brummett Monday.

Messrs. Clifford Barley, Jack Denson, Coy Dopson, Dewey Johnson and Misses Lottie Johnson, Fannye Denson, Lessie Barley and Ora Lee Dopson attended the chautauqua Monday night.

Jeff Smith and family visited Eskel McBroom of three miles east of Spur, Sunday.

**WESTERN KID.**

When you plant cotton get thee best—Pue Mebane seed at Spot Cash Grocery.

Mack Brown and Chas. Yates spent the latter part of last week in Stamford.

The best planting cane seed are the "Red Top" sold by Spot Cash Grocery.

Earl Senning visited the latter part of last week in Hawley and other places along that line of railway.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill, of the Alamo Stock Farm west of Spur, were in the city Wednesday of this week shopping and visiting friends.

# Warning

We are informed that at some cafes, restaurants and gardens beer and strong drinks have been sold under the guise of the popular soft drink, BEVO.

These reports have been confirmed sufficiently to compel us to take action.

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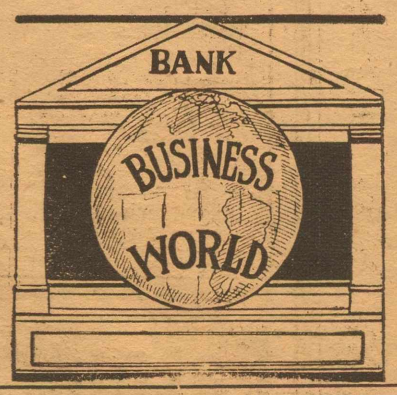
We shall omit no measure within our power to defend the authority under which BEVO is manufactured and sold, to protect the public from imposition, and to safeguard the good name of this Association.

We therefore give fair warning that we shall refuse to sell our products to those who are found guilty of the above offense.

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## "FORESIGHTED FARMER."

W. F. Foreman, of seven or eight miles north of Spur, was among the many visitors here Saturday. Mr. Foreman is this year farming a considerable acreage, the principal part of which will be feed stuff. He has a number of hogs also growing on his place, thus being in a position to market his surplus feed "on foot." He is another of the "far seeing" farmers and will reap returns on his investment of foresight.

Sherrod Williams recently was a visitor in Abilene.

Dr. T. H. Blackwell, of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday. Get the Pure Mebane Cotton seed for planting—at the Spot Cash Grocery.

John Weathers came in the first of the week from his Red Mud farm and ranch home.

Red Top Cane Seed are the best for planting. Get them from Spot Cash Grocery.

Mrs. Tom Owen returned the first of the week from a visit to her sister, Mrs. McGlothlin, of San Angelo.

J. W. Hinson, of the Steel Hill country, was among the number of visitors in Spur the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Renfro were in the city Thursday afternoon from their ranch home east of Spur.

S. J. Bailey and wife, of Matador, passed through Spur the first of this week for Jayton and other points.

Mrs. W. P. Sampson returned the latter part of last week from a visit of several days to her daughter and family in Matador.

The Spot Cash Grocery sells the best of everything, including Red Top Cane Seed and Mebane Cotton Seed. See them when you want either.

Carl Patton returned last week from a visit to relatives and friends in Sherman and other places of the eastern part of the state.

R. L. Collier left Spur Wednesday with Mrs. Ela Martin for Terrell where she will be placed in the asylum for treatment.

W. F. Shugart and wife, of eight miles east of Spur, were in the city Wednesday afternoon trading with merchants and greeting friends.

P. Hinson, of Tap, was in the city Tuesday. He was accompanied by his father who is now spending some time at their home.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Wednesday spending an hour or two here on business and meeting friends.

R. R. Wooten, a leading citizen and successful farmer of the plains country near McAadoo, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week.

A. S. Jackson and J. B. Conner returned Wednesday from Arizona. Mr. Jackson stated that they found the location they were looking for and that they would move to Arizona within the next few weeks.

W. D. Thacker was in town Wednesday from Draper and reports everything in fine shape and everybody busy in that country except W. T. Lovell whom it is said had rather boss any job than to bother with the working end.

George Dodson, of the Midway community north of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday and spent several hours here trading and greeting friends. He reports fine rains in his section and the country in the very finest shape for bumper crops of all kinds.

Cards are out announcing the graduating exercises of the class in expression to be had Friday night at the school auditorium, the members of the class being Misses Gladys Stafford and Anna Maria Love. These two young ladies are now receiving the congratulations of their many friends of the city and country for the success in the study of expression and enviable accomplishments.

# WELDING

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## MOVIE PROGRAM AT GEM THEATRE

If you will come to the movie any night and witness the program we are now running you will say it is far better than anything you ever witnessed in Spur, and equal to programs used in cities of 10,000 population.

The Program at present is as follows:

**Every Monday:**—We have a Star Production in 5 acts, comprised of the Turner, Holmes, Kob and Dill and Russell Productions, giving you a change of actors every Monday of the best that money can buy.

**On Tuesday:**—**The Girl and The Game**, featuring Helen Holmes, one of the best and most daring actors ever seen in the movies. Following the Girl and Game will come Helen Holmes in "The Lass of the Lumberland" dealing with a big lumber trust.

**Wednesday:**—A good mixed four reel program.

**Thursday:**—"Perils of Our Girl Reporters," a complete story every night.

**Friday:**—"The Mutual Master Picture," you know they are all good ones.

**Saturday:**—"The Vampires" a line of detective work dealing with a band of thieves in Paris, American played.

Don't be afraid to come and see this program. Let the children come, and tell the manager what you think of it, good or bad—that is what he is anxious to find out. We want to handle high-class stuff, but can't handle same without the patronage of the people of Spur and surrounding country—the same as all business men require.

A. B. WILLIAMS, Proprietor

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No. 10703 Reserve District No. 11  
Report of the condition of The City National Bank of Spur, at Spur, in the State of Texas, at the close of business May 1, 1917.

### RESOURCES

1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c)	\$176,469.29	
Total	176,469.29	
Deduct:		
d Notes and bills rediscounted (see item 54)	8,927.00	167,542.29
2. Overdrafts, unsecured,		3,540.90
5. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	\$10,000.00	
Total U. S. bonds		10,000.00
6. e Securities other than U. S. Bonds (not including stocks) owned unpledged	\$ 267.95	267.95
8. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	1,500.00	1,500.00
9. Banking house (if unencumbered)	7,750.00	7,750.00
10. Furniture and fixtures		2,150.00
12. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	4,300.30	
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	4,438.58	8,738.88
13. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20)	2,100.04	2,100.04
16. a Outside checks and other cash items	2,781.80	
b Fractional currency, nickels, and cents	11.85	2,793.65
17. Notes of other National Banks	1,719.00	1,719.00
18. Federal Reserve bank notes	1,500.00	1,500.00
20. Lawful reserve in vault and due from Federal Reserve Bank	14,731.63	14,731.63
21. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	500.00	500.00
Total	\$224,834.34	

### LIABILITIES

23. Capital stock paid in	\$40,000.00	
24. Surplus fund	10,000.00	
25. Undivided profits	\$15,273.68	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	3,137.41	12,136.27
28. Circulating notes outstanding	10,000.00	10,000.00
33. Individual deposits subject to check	152,668.42	152,668.42
36. Cashier's checks outstanding	25.35	25.35
Total demand deposits, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 40	152,693.79	152,693.79
52. Liabilities other than those above stated	4.30	4.30
Total	\$224,834.34	
54. Liabilities for rediscounts, including those with Federal Reserve Bank	8,927.00	

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, E. C. Edmonds, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. C. EDMONDS, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May 1917.  
JENNIE SHIELDS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
C. Hogan  
T. E. Standifer  
Sol Davis  
Directors.

No. 9611 Reserve District No. 11  
Report of the condition of The Spur National Bank, at Spur, in the State of Texas at the close of business on May 1st, 1917

### RESOURCES

1. a Loans and discounts (except those shown on b and c)	\$302,386.54	\$302,386.54
Total loans		\$302,386.54
2. Overdrafts, secured, \$; unsecured, \$	743.57	743.57
5. a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)	25,000.00	
Total U. S. bonds		25,000.00
8. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)		3,750.00
9. Banking house, (if unencumbered)	\$25,000.00	25,000.00
10. Furniture and fixtures		5,000.00
11. Other real estate owned		500.00
12. a Due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago, and St. Louis	22,267.58	
b Due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	15,270.59	37,538.17
13. Due from banks and bankers (other than included in 12 or 20)		819.42
15. Checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank		501.20
16. a Outside checks and other cash items	\$ 50.83	
b Fractional currency, nickels and cents	65.25	116.08
17. Notes of other national banks		825.00
19. Federal Reserve notes		485.00
20. Lawful reserve in vault and due from Federal Reserve Bank		16,871.98
21. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		1,250.00
Total	\$420,786.96	

### LIABILITIES

23. Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00	
24. Surplus fund	25,000.00	
25. Undivided profits	13,316.31	
b Less current expenses, int. and taxes paid	11,477.65	1,838.66
28. Circulating notes outstanding		25,000.00
31. Net amount due to banks and bankers (other than included in 29 or 30)		25,170.27
Demand deposits:		
33. Individual deposits		193,497.52
36. Cashier's checks outstanding		280.51
Total deposits, Items 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40		193,778.03
47. Bills Payable, other than with Federal Reserve Bank, including all obligations representing money borrowed, other than rediscounts		50,000.00
Total	\$420,786.96	

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I, M. E. Manning, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. E. Manning, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of May, 1917.  
S. T. CLEMMONS, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
Clifford B. Jones  
W. G. Sherrod  
R. C. Forbis  
Directors.



# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

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

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

## S. M. Swenson And Sons

CHAS. A. JONES, Manager.

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

W. T. Lovell, of Draper, was among the business visitors to Spur Saturday. 13-tf

J. B. Morrison came in the first of the week from his Bar-N-Ranch headquarters.

J. J. Rogers, of the Cat Fish country, was among the large number in Spur Saturday.

J. Carlisle, of Duck Creek, was in Spur Saturday greeting friends and looking after business affairs.

J. H. Jones, of the Tap section of country, was in Spur Monday selling produce to the buyers of the city.

N. Q. Brannen returned last week from Corpus Christi where he spent several days attending a convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Sampson, of the Red Mud country, were in Spur Saturday shopping with merchants and visiting friends of the city.

W. D. Eldredge was in Spur Monday from his home in the plains country near McAdoo, spending an hour or two here trading and on other business.

S. M. Bailey, of near-McAdoo, was in Spur Saturday and spent several hours here trading with merchants and on other business. Mr. Bailey is another of the prosperous farmers of the plains country.

L. J. Elsby, a leading citizen of the plains country near McAdoo, was in Spur recently. Mr. Elsby suffered a very severe attack of pneumonia earlier in the year, but is now regaining his former health and strength, we are glad to note.

Bill McArthur called in Saturday and gave us a check for one dollar and fifty cents to renew his subscription to the Texas Spur. Bill McArthur was one of the first subscribers to this paper in the beginning of the town and we appreciate the fact that these "charter" subscribers are all staying with us and are the most prompt in the "renewal" of their yearly subs.

Mr. Conner, of the plains section near McAdoo, was in Spur Monday of this week trading and on other business.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Douglass visited Carl and Cicero Douglass and families on the plains near McAdoo one day last week.

H. C. Eldredge, of near McAdoo on the plains, was in the city Monday trading with the merchants and looking after other affairs.

Red Sampson, of twelve or fifteen miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Saturday meeting friends and looking after business affairs.

J. H. Sparks, of Tap, came to Spur Saturday and spent several hours here shaking the hands of his numerous friends of the town and surrounding country.

L. S. Scott came in Saturday from his farm home northwest of Spur and spent the day in the city meeting friends and also trading with the merchants. He reports everything in the most promising condition at this time. The indications are now that every section of this great country will produce big crops of all kinds this year.

Mebane cotton seed and also maize to sell.—A. W. Jordan, of near Steel Hill. 29-tf

S. B. Scott came in Saturday from his farm and spent several days in the city with his family.

Miss Neoma Smith was in the city shopping the latter part of last week from her home in the Red Mud country.

Cephus Hogan returned the first of the week from a business trip to the eastern part of the state where he spent several days.

W. W. Franklin, of five or six miles east of Spur, came in Saturday and spent an hour or two here trading with the merchants and meeting his friends.

Captain and Mrs. White, of Plainview, passed through Spur Tuesday en route to Dallas to attend the general assembly, taking dinner here with Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter.

Mrs. Elizabeth Beck returned this week from a six weeks visit to relatives and friends in Collin county, Waco, Mart and other places. She reports having had a most pleasant and enjoyable visit back in the "black lands" of the east.

Emmett Kutch, of the 24-Ranch, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

W. P. T. Smith, of eight or nine miles west of Spur, was a business visitor here the first of the week.

E. L. Clay left Spur Monday for the McAteer farm north of the city where he will put up a windmill.

Mrs. Ivan B. Brown was in the city shopping Monday from her home on the 24-Ranch in Kent county.

H. E. Grabener, of several miles east of Spur, was among the large number of business visitors in the city the latter part of last week.

Chalk Brown, of the 24-Ranch in Kent county, was in Spur Monday meeting friends and looking after business affairs.

The Spur National Bank has installed one of the late model sanitary water coolers for the convenience and accommodation of customers and patrons of that institution. The Spur National Bank is progressive, ever mindful of patrons and friends and an institution of material benefit to the town and the country.

J. E. Burton, of the Steel Hill country, was in the city Saturday.

W. H. Birdwell, of seven or eight miles south of Spur, was in the city recently.

S. P. Odom, of five miles south of Spur, had business in the city Monday.

Tol Merriman came in one day last week from his ranch home south of Spur.

Mrs. W. T. Wilson, of four or five miles east of Spur was in the city Monday shopping with merchants.

J. H. Boothe was in town the first of this week marketing produce and buying other supplies.

C. D. Copeland came in Monday and spent an hour or two in the city buying supplies and looking after other affairs.

W. L. McAteer, of "Egypt" near Dickens, was in Spur the first of the week transacting business and greeting his numerous friends.

W. J. Elliot came in Tuesday of this week from his Spring Creek farm and ranch home, spending a few hours here on business and greeting his numerous friends.

Howard Campbell, of three miles southwest of Spur, was among the number in the city the first of this week. He reports good rains and crop prospects most promising at this time.

Geo. W. Dodson, of several miles north of Dickens, was in Spur one day this week, reporting his section of country now in fine shape with respect to crop prospects and crop conditions.

W. J. Conoway, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday meeting friends. He has been trying to secure a house in Spur the past several months with the intention of moving his family back to Spur to live. Houses have been hard to get in the past. In fact, it has been necessary to build houses to secure a home in Spur.



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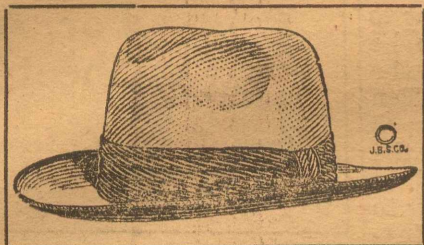
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GARDEN AND YARD CONTEST NOW ON IN SPUR

Twenty boys and girls have already entered the contest in growing the best gardens, and a number of other boys and girls of the town are expected to join the contestants at a later date. Those now in the contest are Delbert Barrett, Weldon McClure, Oran McClure, Theodore Hunter, Bert Ake, Mack Gilbert, Elgin Clay, E. C. Edmonds, Olaf Williams, Ackley Williams, Rayburn Evans, Kyle Rogers, Willard Sampson, Clyde Perry, Frank Williams, and little Misses Hattie Yopp, Josephine Harrell, Irish Borden, and Bertie and Ruby Vernon.

These boys and girls are already busy preparing their plats of grounds and utilizing back yards in planting their several gardens, and each of them will be recognized as the boys and girls of the town who do things. They are real producers and of real benefit to the town and the community in which they live.

A meeting was held Monday at one o'clock at the Gem Theatre, at which time the boys and girls present were addressed by Clifford B. Jones and County Farm Agent G. L. Crawford. Mr. Jones made the best and most appropriate talk to the young people we have heard, offering them substantial encouragement in their gardening efforts, requesting that they not hesitate to call upon him for advise and assistance at any time in furthering their gardening interests, and informing them that their labors and efforts would be noted and appreciated by every individual in Spur. Mr. Crawford had a

map itemizing the various garden truck, showing what kinds of seed to plant, how to plant them and when they should be planted, further encouraging the boys and girls to grow and produce the best gardens and offering to render them assistance and advice at any time.

The young people were interested, and the only disappointing feature was in that there were not more parents and older people in attendance and participating in the meeting, thereby lending encouragement and enthusiasm to the proposition of producing garden truck in educating the boys and girls, and in the work of beautifying the homes of the city.

The premiums offered in this contest are as follows:

\$10.00 cash to the boy or girl growing the best all-round garden, acreage not considered.

\$6.50 cash to the boy or girl growing the second best all-round garden.

A 22-Target Rifle to the boy growing the third best garden, given by Spur Hardware Co.

One pair of shoes to the boy and one pair of shoes to the girl growing the fourth best garden, given by Sol Davis.

A pocket knife to the boy and a pair of scissors to the girl for the fifth best garden, given by Riter Hardware Company.

A 30-days season ticket to the picture show to the boy or girl growing the sixth best garden, given by the Spot Cash Grocery.

A rocking chair to the boy or girl growing the seventh best garden, given by Campbell & Campbell.

\$1.50 watch to the boy growing the eighth best garden, given by W. C. Gruben.

\$1.25 cap to the boy growing

the ninth best garden, given by Hogan & Patton.

\$5.00 God Piece to the boy or girl making the best showing of beans, sweet potatoes, beets, and onions in one garden, given by the City National Bank.

\$2.50 Gold Piece to the boy growing the best peanuts and popcorn, given by Spur National Bank.

\$2.50 Gold Piece to the girl growing the best tomatoes and beans, given by Spur National Bank.

\$1.50 Watch to the boy growing the best crop of Irish potatoes, given by the Red Front Drug Store.

\$1.00 Box of candy to the girl growing the best crop of Irish potatoes, given by the Red Front Drug Store.

Any boy or girl within the city limits of Spur, under fifteen years of age, is eligible to get in this contest, and it is hoped that every one will do so because you not only get practical education in such matters but will contribute material benefit to self, the town and the country, and will become better boys and girls in every respect. Have your names enrolled in the contest today and join the procession of young producers and those who do things in the town.

Map of Boys And Girls Garden

Following is a map for the boys and girls to consider in the planting of gardens in the contest. The outline was made by County Farm Agent Crawford for the information and guidance of the boys and girls who are not familiar with garden culture. The map shows what to plant, how much to plant, how far apart to make rows and when to do the planting, and also the best kinds of seed to be used.

Water Melons—Watson, Means—1 row, 6 feet, April 1st to July 1st.

Cantaloupes—Rockyford, or Eden Gem—1 row, 6 feet.

Irish Potatoes—Bliss Triumph, Irish Cobbler—4 rows, 3 feet.

Corn, 2 rows, 3 feet, April 1, to June 1st.

Beets, Egyptian, Eclipse, 1 row, April 1st to June 1, 3 ft.

Onions—Prizetaker, White Globe—1 row, 3 feet.

Beans—Stringles Green Pod, Early Valentine, 2 rows, 3 feet apart, April 1 to June 1.

Peas—Alaskin, Telephone—1 row, 3 feet apart.

Cabbage—Earley Jersey, or Wakefield—2 rows, 3 feet.

Radishes—Scarlet Turnip, French Breakfast—1 row, Apr. 1st to June 1st.

Lettuce—Big Boston, California Cream Butter—1 row, 3 feet, April 1st to June 1st.

Cucumbers—White Spine—Evergreen—1 row 3 feet.

Squash—Crook Neck, White Bush—1 row, 3 feet.

April to July.

Turnips—1 row, 3 feet.

Sweet Potatoes—Dooly Yam Yancey Yam,—4 rows, 3 feet, April 1st to June 1st.

Tomatoes—Earliana, Livingstone Globe—6 rows, 3 feet, April 1st to July 1st.

Egg Plant—Black Beauty, New York Spineless—1 row, 3 feet, April 1st, to July 1st.

Okra—Dwarf Prolific, Long Green—1 row, 3 feet, April 1, to August 1st.

Sweet Pepper—Chinese Giant, Bell—1 row, 3 feet, April 1st to July 1st.

Peanuts—1 row, 3 feet apart.

Popcorn—1 row 3 feet apart.

Home Beautifying Contest.

In the contest of the greatest improvement on yards and the most beautiful yards, there are a number of ladies now in the contest. It has been decided that names of those entering this contest will not be registered, but that the judges will make inspections of every home in the city from time to time and at the end of the contest to award the premiums to any home in the city which has made the greatest improvement towards beautifying the yard and also to those having the most beautiful yards. As said heretofore every individual living in Spur, whether they own homes or are just renting, will have an equal opportunity to be awarded the premiums in this contest, and remember that every home in Spur is considered in the contest and will be considered in the award of premiums, and as a result of the substantial encouragement in the matter of prizes, we expect to proclaim Spur as the leading city of beautiful homes in the future.

Premiums offered in the yard contest are as follows:

\$10.00 cash for the most beautiful yard;

\$5.00 cash for the second most beautiful yard;

\$10.00 cash for the greatest improvement in the appearance of any yard in the city;

\$7.50 for the second greatest improvement made on any yard in the city.

J. C. Davis came in Tuesday from his ranch home and spent an hour or two here shaking hands with friends and looking after business interests.

Lilburn Standifer was a recent visitor in Abilene.

Elmer Russell came in Wednesday from his ranch west of Spur, spending the day here on business.

SCHOOL INSPECTOR VISITS SPUR LAST WEEK

Professor McDonald, public school inspector from the State Department of Education, was here last week from Austin and made a very rigid examination of the Spur Schools. He expressed himself as being well pleased with the general workings of the school, and said that with a nine months term next year he saw no reason why the school could not be classified as a school of the first class, and obtain its desired affiliation with the University of Texas.

Prof. McDonald made numerous commendatory remarks about the efforts the citizens, the Parent Teachers Association and the school authorities had made to provide better equipments for the school. He met with the school board and made some valuable suggestions about further improvement, one of the chief items of which was the expenditure of more money on the laboratory—about \$75.00. The inspector was not pleased with the discovery that the school had not yet invested the \$500.00 obtained from the state in some up-to-date equipment for the department of Domestic Economy. But he was assured that since the same had not been touched, it having come in late, the money would be spent at once.

ENTERTAIN IN HONOR OF GRADUATING CLASS

Wednesday evening Miss Flora Love entertained at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Love, in honoring Misses Zada Stafford and Anna Maria Love, members of the graduating class of expression. Quite a number of guests were present to whom delightful refreshments were served.

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## PLENTY OF TEETH IN NEW CONSCRIPTION LAW

All doubt as to whether it is the intention of the United States government to enforce the selective conscription clause of the new army act will be dispelled by a reading of the penalty clauses of the act. These clauses are sections 4 and 5 of the act and read as follows:

Section 4. All persons liable to military service under the provisions of this act shall be subject to registration in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the President; and upon proclamation by the President; and upon proclamation by the President or other public notice given by him or by his direction stating the time and place of registration it shall be the duty of every such person liable to military service under the provisions hereof to present himself for and submit to registration under the provisions of this act; and every such person liable to military service shall be deemed to have notice of the requirements of this act upon the publication or other notice as aforesaid given by the President or by his direction; and any person who shall fail or neglect to present himself for registration or to submit thereto as herein provided for shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction in the proper district court of the United States, be punished by imprisonment for not less than 6 months nor more than one year, and shall then be duly registered.

Sec. 5. The President is hereby authorized to utilize the services of any or all departments and any or all officers or agents of the United States, and of the several states, territories and the District of Columbia, in the execution of this act, and all officers and agents of the United States and of the several states, territories and the District of Columbia are hereby required to perform such duty in the execution of this act as the President shall order or direct, and the officers or agents shall hereby have authority for all acts done by them in the execution of this act by the direction or request of the President. Any person charged as herein provided with the duty of carrying into effect any of the provisions of this act or of the regulations made or directions given hereunder, who shall fail and any person charged with such duty or having and exercising any authority under said act, regulations or directions, who shall knowingly make or be a party to the making of any false or incorrect registration, physical examination, exemption enlistment, enrollment or muster, or any false or incorrect report or return pertaining to any registration, physical examination, exemption, enlistment, enrollment, or muster; and any person who shall make or neglect to perform such duty; or be a party to the making of any false statement or certificate as to the fitness or liability of himself or any other person for service under the provisions of this act, or regulations made by the President thereunder, or otherwise evades or aids another to evade the requirements of this act or of said regulations shall, if not subject to military law, be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the proper district court of the United States, be punished by imprisonment for not less than six months nor more than one year, or, if subject to military law, shall be tried by court martial and suffer such punishment as a court martial may direct.

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## AN EFFECTIVE CURE FOR CATTLE EATING SHINNERY

Jim Cravens, of a few miles southwest of Girard, was in town Tuesday and reported that cattle in his community were dying from eating shinnery. He suggested that an effective remedy for stock suffering from this cause would be to give a piece of fat bacon the size of a man's hand. The animal should be forced to swallow the bacon whole. Mr. Cravens stated that he had seen cattle cured from the effects of eating shinnery a number of times by this simple treatment. —Girard Reporter.

## STIMULANTS

Super speed can only be maintained a short time. If you whip a tired horse he will jump for a few times but you have added nothing to his stamina. He wobbles worse as soon as the excitement is over, and if you keep it up long enough you will soon have a wind broken relic of horsedom.

After a man passes sixty he may be helped a little by speeding up his ancient blood pump and bracing his appetite, but the active fiery man who takes a drink, is like the fellow who tries to feed a red hot stove with a quart of gasoline—something is going to explode. There is too much pep for safe power. The blood floods the senses and bedlam has "busted". He becomes a birch bark canoe driven by a throbbing turbine through the choppy seas of indiscretion, and the rocks and reefs cannot be distinguished by the pilot called "Barley-corn".

The fact is that very few men carry a safety valve in their brain large enough to regulate the expanding taste for alcohol. As the thirst seems to grow while the valve contracts. An excess of stimulants creates an overflow of senseless conversation which belittles the brain and is composed chiefly of noise and nonsense. Very few good things ever can be taken with safety in overdoses. Even religion at times can be stimulated to a point beyond reason and this great conception of the soul can be distorted until it verges on the borders of insanity.

We can be dissipated by hate and over stimulated by a misconception of patriotism. Let us keep sane in all things and be unbreakable in the just measures of our mind. Then we will go forward on sure road with the unfaltering determination that the best great basic principles of humanity shall rule all lands and seas. If we do this the fires of our patriotism will burn a steady blaze until all the world shall taste our freedom. Then knowledge shall stimulate the brain and truth shall be the great balance wheel of the ages.—Masterbilt Enthusiast.

Jake Scott, of near Afton, was among the many visitors to Spur Saturday.

W. H. Taylor, of the Steel Hill country, was among the many business visitors to Spur Saturday.

## RECRUITING SUSPENDED IN TEXAS, N. MEX., & ARIZ.

The following news bulletin from Major H. L. Lauback, 19th Infantry, at Fort Sam Houston, will be of interest to our readers:

The response to the appeal of the Government for civilians to join the training camps to be opened on May 15th, for the training of the "First Ten Thousand" officers, has been so unexpectedly large that the maximum of 2,500 allotted to each of the camps pertaining to the States of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, has already been reached, and Major General John Pershing has been obliged to suspend their activities in these states.



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## ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR NATIONAL PROHIBITION

The following resolutions were adopted at the Sunday service held at the Chautauqua tent in Spur:

WHEREAS The United States of America are engaged in war, the likely duration of which will ultimately demand the utmost conservation of our economic resources; and,

WHEREAS by reason of the enormous shipments of supplies for the past two years to the Allies, our surplus grains on hand have been consumed; and

WHEREAS nearly a million bushels of grain are used annually in the United States in the distillation of liquor; and,

WHEREAS this same wheat and barley and corn are sorely needed even now for planting seed and domestic use.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the citizens of Spur, Texas, in mass meeting assembled, on this May 13th, A. D., 1917, a day, the significance of which lends emphasis to the appeal,

1st. That in the exigency of the situation and as a war measure, we do hereby endorse the move for National prohibition for the duration of the war.

2nd. That our Congressmen and Representatives be suitably advised of this earnest expression of policy.

3rd. That a copy of these resolutions be handed to the state and local press.

Charley Shanan, of Eastland county, was in Spur this week for the purpose of buying a farm and becoming a permanent citizen of this section.

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## CONSERVATIVE STATEMENT OF WAR CONDITIONS

A consistent perusal of many newspapers emanating from all quarters of our dearly beloved State, as well as his personal mail, convinces State Press that quite a lot of people in Grand Old Texas are permitting themselves to view these war times with a faulty perspective.

This country is engaged in conflict with Germany, or ought to be so engaged, and such conflict will be in some measure what war always is—bad for one or the other or both parties. But in any event, under any conceivable circumstances, the war will affect this country not as wars of invasion and conquest do or would do, but rather as wars of the sea, wars of sentiment, wars of statesmanship, wars of economic pressure.

Many of us take our ideas of what war is by the lips of our parents and friends, who, in the South, experienced under the Confederacy the pains and penalties of defeat and invasion, with their attributes of deprivation, wounds, broken spirits, poverty and depression. In comparatively small areas of Europe that sort of thing, though much worse, is in effect today. But bloody, ferocious, pitiless as the European war is, only a fraction of Europe is under actual physical punishment.

For this country there can be nothing of actual war oppression. The few soldiers we may ultimately send to Europe will be hardly more than the tourist crowd that went annually before the war. Our main business, despite all the alarmists, all the foreboders, all the pessimists, will be to supply the essential raw materials to those Europeans who are at grips with the common enemy.

But even though we should send a total of a million men within the next two years—which is altogether unlikely—the effect upon the total of our population would be barely perceptible, except to the friends and kindred of each expeditionary soldier. This republic is so incomparably rich in resources of money, materials and men that it could go on always, a self-contained Nation, even though the whole world were leagued against it.

These considerations are worthy of recapitulation at this time, because of the obvious fact that many of our people are thinking abnormally, acting the same way. They have taken fright over the supposed food shortage, and are hoarding groceries. They are foreboding a return of such conditions as they have been told the Old South went through at the break-up of the Confederacy.

Now, dear folks, all that sort of thing is nonsense. The simple facts are that the primary sources of wealth in America—the farms—never before in the history of the world were so well prepared, so enterprising, so competent to enrich their tillers as they are today. With billions of new dollars being expended in this country for war materials, every scrap of agricultural produce is commanding and will command astonishing prices. Right there, then, we have the foundation stone of such National prosperity as was never dreamed of before. With the farmers rich, every line of business will thrive as never before since the world began.

This is not an overdrawn picture. It is a conservative statement of positive conditions.—Dallas News.

## PLAINS IS WORKING FOR THE A. & M. COLLEGE

The Plains A. & M. Association got down to real business at the meeting held at Plainview Saturday. Immediately after President D. C. Lowe of Lockney had convened the body he called for a report of the campaign committee, which was submitted by George W. Briggs of Lubbock, H. S. Hillburn of Plainview and Porter A. Whaley of Amarillo. This report provided for an elaborate campaign on behalf of the Plains, including the insertion of page advertisements in metropolitan State papers; bombarding the locating committee by a series of letters, preparation of an All-Plains brief to be printed in 10,000 lots and distributed throughout Texas; plans to conduct via automobile the locating committee through the Plains region by co-operative action of all the Plains towns and the raising of a \$2,000 special All-Plains fund to Plains as the logical location for the West Texas A. & M. College.—Lubbock Avalanche.

## GERMANY ELIMINATES WASTE ENTIRELY

One of the ways by which Germany is battling with famine is drying vegetables. Material which can not be marketed quickly enough to prevent spoiling is boiled to arrest the fermentive processes and then dried. Thus, waste is prevented, food is carried over from the season of production to the non-productive seasons and the menace of starvation is fought off. Every good sized city has its evaporating plant. There are more than five hundred establishments in Germany which specialize in drying vegetables. The government sees to it that all farm surplus liable to spoiling shall go through these processes.

## MARRIED AT DICKENS

S. G. Howell and Mrs. Vada Gallihar were married in Dickens Tuesday afternoon by Walter L. Powell, County Judge of Dickens county. They made the trip to Dickens with C. R. Cross in his car and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hendricks.—Girard Reporter.

C. M. Buchanan, of near the city of Dickens, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

Mrs. Brannen returned last week from an extended visit to relatives and friends in Alabama and Florida where she spent several months. C. E. Brannen, of Swenson, went to Alabama and accompanied his mother home.

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