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DICKENS COUNTY MEN "HELD FOR SERVICE"

Following is a partial list of the men "Held for Military Service" in Dickens county. Several have filed claims of appeal and claims for discharge with the District Board on grounds of occupational exemption. These cases are undecided and the status therefore unknown:

Dee Hairgrove
Sherrod A. Williams
Oliver Love
Henry T. Woodard
Ira T. Jones
Warner A. Bonner
Oliver B. Bragg
William E. McGee
John H. Cargile
Robert L. Worswick
Oscar Holcomb
Warren A. Brantley
Jerry G. McClaran
Clyde T. Norris
James E. Johnson
William O. Sherrard
Henry Elliott
Russell M. McElyea
Henry E. Greenhill
Roy K. Harkey
Henderson Gordanier
Elery D. Roberson
John T. F. Tallant
Ezra D. Rich
George W. McLaughlin
Marvin B. Gaddy
Charlie Kearney
Ernest M. Hale
Luther Warren
Edward F. Springer, Jr.
William B. Graham
James Harvey Lee
Charles H. Murry
Arthur L. Jones
Albert Smith
John E. Berry
Willie Blair
Charlie E. Yates
James E. Ramsey
Boyd M. Williams
John L. Sullivan
Ernest R. Johnson
Oney S. Harvey
Lee B. Neeley
Omer M. Dix
Claude Sedgwick
Ben F. Brown
Henry B. Whittington
Robert B. Thanisch
Oran F. Hall
Ignacio Najere
Chester M. Zinn
William B. Prestridge
Carl W. Lowery
Henry R. Cantrell
George E. McClellan
George E. Kennedy
Louis Shannon Attebury

The first quota of three men of the above number will be transported September 5th to the mobilization camp. Other quotas of the sixty four men held for service in Dickens county will be transported to the mobilization camps on September 19th, and the third increment of the Dickens county quota will be transported to the mobilization camps September 30th to October 3rd.

The sixty four men from this county are now holding themselves in readiness for the call of the government.

Miss Kittie Powell is spending the week with friends at McAdoo and Leatherwood on the plains.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR BOYS DRAFTED IN ARMY

The citizens of Dickens county will entertain the men who have been drafted under the Selective Service Act, with a picnic and barbecue on Tuesday, September 4th, at Spur Fair Grounds, and everybody is cordially invited to come and bring with them well filled baskets, and assist in giving the men who are to represent our county in the service of the National Army, and eventually in the trenches in France, or to any point ordered by the President.

The Red Cross Chapter of Spur will have a specially arranged table for the sixty four drafted boys. The Spur Concert Band will furnish music for the occasion, and there will be other amusements. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the men composing Dickens county's quota will be given their final instructions, and those who will depart on the 5th for their mobilization camps will be notified.

There is nothing too good for the men who are to do our fighting for us, and it is the duty of every citizen of the county not only to be present when these men are given their final instructions before reporting to the mobilization camps, but to lend their assistance in making it an occasion which will be remembered not only by the boys who are soon to leave, but by those who shall remain behind. A little extra trouble, and a little extra expense in arranging to make this one of the most successful events the people have ever undertaken will be well worth while in the knowledge that it will show our appreciation for the sacrifice these men are making in fighting our fight in a more material way than mere words. It will take the efforts of every good family in the county to make this a success, and it is therefore the duty of every patriotic citizen to forget everything else on next Tuesday and come out with a big basket and let's give the boys a send-off that they will always remember.

This is one occasion where every one in the county should be interested and should do everything in their power to make it a success. It is for the entertainment of the men who are soon to leave the county, and some of whom may never return. Lay aside your household duties, your farm duties and your business for this one day—fill your baskets to overflowing and come to the Dickens County Fair Grounds and help entertain our soldiers.

Grandma Scott died Tuesday at Abilene and her remains were brought back to Spur and interred Wednesday. Three weeks ago her husband, Rev. Scott, was buried in Spur. We extend our sincerest sympathy to the bereaved children in their days of sorrow.

ALWAYS WITH HER

Mary had a little waist
Where nature made it grow,
And everywhere that fashion went

The waist was sure to go.

New dresses in the beautiful silks and practical Serges being received by express just from the best work rooms fashions centers of Saint Louis, Cleveland and New York. Waist lines and all lines, like Mary's waist line, up to the minute in fashion.

We have coming a great line of Ladies Tailored Suits, beautiful plush and cloth coats. We are expecting every lady in this country who is interested in stylish apparel to visit our ladies Ready-to-Wear department. Mrs. Cowan is ready with a great line of Millinery to serve you, and she invites all her old friends to come early and select their hats, for the first touch of fall weather has already been felt.

"But I am so unworthy of you, dear, he murmured as he held her close to him. "Oh, Fred., she sighed, "if you and father only agreed on every other point the way you do on that, how happy we would be."

Warning!

You'll have to be a little more careful these days in buying clothes. Just because the price of wool is steadily advancing many manufacturers of clothing have begun to adulterate their fabrics with cotton in order to maintain a low price. That means when you buy adulterated goods, that you are getting less for your money than before, and the presence of cotton in the wool makes a suit wear out more quickly and lose its shape in a short while. You can't afford to invest in cheap clothes now. It will pay you in terms of wear and satisfaction to buy standard all-wool clothes. One way to be sure of all-wool quality is to buy Hart, Schaffter & Marx Clothes. They have won the confidence of a nation of men and are guaranteed to be all wool and to satisfy you absolutely. Bryant-Link Co. is the home of Hart, Schaffter & Marx Clothes in Spur. Also of Style-plus Clothing. We feel with the two best known lines of clothes perhaps in the world we should not fail to sell you your fall suit this time sure. So join the well dressed procession. Clothes do not make a man, but they add wonderfully to his appearance.

Don't waste food, but to be too conservative about buying other things might cause business to stagnate and hurt the country at this time. Just keep on living, working, buying and spending as you have done, but do not waste food stuffs—this we should not do at any time, more especially now.

"Do you think Miss Dld Girl will ever change her mind and marry? "No. If she marries it will be because some man of her acquaintance changes his mind."

Now lets all cheer up. 1917

PICNIC FOR "PIG CLUB" AT DICKENS FRIDAY

A basket picnic was had on the court house lawn at Dickens Friday and Saturday of last week, and a large number of the members were in attendance and enjoyed the occasion to the full extent. A number of addresses were delivered by prominent men in state affairs and the occasion was one of real benefit as well as of pleasure. Saturday they were all brought over to Spur and inspected the Spur Experimental Farm.

HIGHWAY SCHOOL HOUSE IS NOW COMPLETED

E. R. McArthur, of several miles west of Spur, dropped in this week and informed us that the new Highway school building at the end of the Highway west of Spur had now been completed and is now ready for the term of school which will begin at an early date.

He also informed us that the Baptist protracted meeting at that place would close Sunday night and that the Christian meeting would begin at the close of the Baptist meeting.

ENTERTAINED.

Mrs. W. S. Campbell entertained with forty two Tuesday evening at her home in the west part of the city. Tables were prepared under electric lights in the front yard, and although the weather was cool a number of games were enjoyed and the many guests spent the evening most pleasantly. At the conclusion of a number of games of progressive forty two refreshments of cream and cake were served, after which the guests departed for their respective homes, having spent a most pleasant evening.

has four months yet for us to do good in. Lets do our best to make it end well. We want your help and want to help you as much as we can. This has been a trying summer. We have stood by the people, extending credit under conditions that many towns have cut off all credit orders, and we believe the people appreciate it to that extent they will give us their cash business through the fall. We ask your cooperation. You can help us so we may be able to help you next year.

Come on with the crowds and trade with us.

BRYANT-LINK CO.

JESSIE MARTIN DIED SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Saturday evening last at seven o'clock Jessie Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Martin, died at the Standifer Hospital where she had been brought the day before for another operation. But owing to her weakened condition she was not able to undergo the operation.

Jessie was born in December in the year 1901. She was a child with a sweet and lovable disposition, always obedient to her parents and kind to her brothers and sisters.

For two years Jessie had been a sufferer of the much dreaded disease, diabetes. Although she suffered constantly she very seldom complained. She underwent an operation for appendicitis two years ago in the Standifer Hospital.

In the summer of 1916 Jessie became a believer of Christ and was baptized. From that time till the time of her death her life was a shining light for those around her. When she was told that she could not live she only smiled and told her mother that she had no fear for she was prepared to meet her Father in Heaven.

Every one who knew Jessie loved and cherished her for she always had a smile which portrayed happiness.

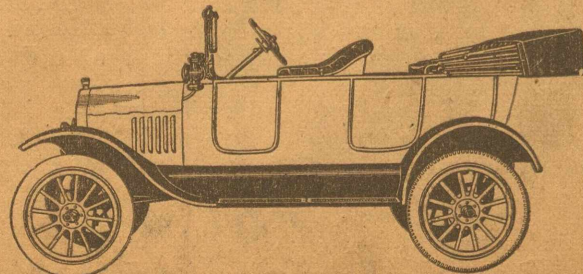
The funeral services were held at the grave Sunday afternoon at five o'clock.

The entire community extends heart felt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Martin and family in his time of bereavement.

FINE RAINS HAVE COME IN THE SPUR COUNTRY

Monday night a half inch of rain fell in Spur and surrounding country, giving this section a much needed season for the growing crops. Again Saturday night it rained one and one half inches, and again Monday a fine shower fell. These rains covered the whole country, including Girard and Kent county and to the east of Spur where the few showers we have had have missed heretofore, giving the whole country a fine season and insuring good feed crops and more cotton than was expected by the farmers.

The rain Monday night was accompanied by hail in some sections which did damage. We understand that W. M. Childress and J. H. Farmer of four miles northeast of Spur, and Mr. Weir of a mile or two east of Spur suffered considerable loss from the hail.



FORDS—F. O. B. Detroit
Touring Car, 360; Roadster, \$345

W. F. GODFREY, Salesman
Spur Texas

FARM AND RANCH LOANS

Vendor's Lien Notes
Bought or Taken up.....

E. J. COWAN, SPUR, TEXAS
Office in the Cowan Building

FOR TRADE

Following property located in Stamford, Texas—one 8 room residence convenient to Stamford College, practically all conveniences except sewerage, in good repair and a splendid home; one 5-room residence within three blocks of the square, the best residence lot in the town of Stamford, fronting 75 feet on McHarg Ave., one block of the Stamford Inn; three business lots on the Stamford Square, paved streets on two sides and the best unimproved property on the Square; one lot in north Stamford, corner, all clear of debt. Will trade any or all of it for good farm land near Spur. This may appeal to some one who has an equity in a farm that they want to dispose of and secure a clear home. Will assume some, but not too much, and your property must be priced right. I am moving to Spur and want to concentrate my efforts at one point. Address box 8, Spur, Texas.—J. E. Johnson.

J. E. Davis, father of R. P. Davis, of the Dry Lake community, brought in some maize, feterita and sudan grass Saturday to show what could be produced in this country with little rain. The maize and feterita heads were large, well developed and firm grains, and the sudan grass was seven or eight feet high. This feed stuff had grown, developed and matured with about three inches of rain, the land having had no more than this amount of rain since it was broke early in the year. Mr. Davis has been farming forty odd years in South and West Texas, having engaged in this business extensively in past years. He states that farmig conditions are "harder" now than at any time within his memory—and he went through the drouth of eighty six or eighty seven.

C. D. Copeland was in the city Saturday from his farm eight or nine miles east of Spur. He states that of the several hundred acres planted to feed on his place he now has prospects of not making enough to save for planting seed another year.

Read The Texas Spur, \$1.50.

J. J. Noland, of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday of this week, and while here paid the Texas Spur office a short but very pleasant call. He stated that while he and others of that section had late crops, they were promising of bumper yields at this time. During the whole year that section of the country has not suffered for rain, the only draw-back to the crops being the sand storms in the early part of the year which caused the crops to be late.

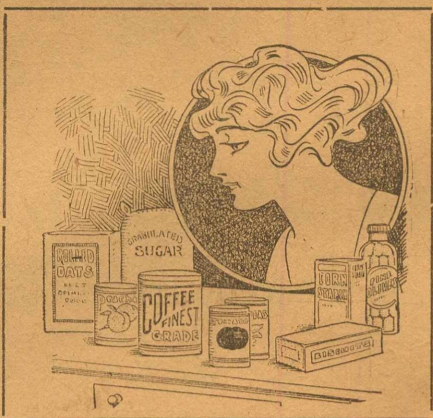
L. W. Boling, of Girard, was in Spur Saturday and while in the city was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. The first of the year he started to make a crop on his place, but seeing that conditions were unfavorable he sold out and purchased a blacksmith shop at Girard, and in which business he has being doing very well until recently, he not now paying expenses in that business. From what he says, the Girard country is in a very critical condition as a result of the drouth, and hundreds of people will be forced to leave that section to seek employment.

J. Z. Smith, of Red Mud, was in Spur Saturday. He informed us that he had sold one of his quarter section places to Newt Cravey who will build a farm home and improve the place for cultivation another year. Newt Cravey, we understand sold his place to J. B. Morrison who also bought two other sections of land adjoining the Cravey farm, thus adding a considerable acreage to his already extensive ranch interests.

J.C.Guthery, of near Girard, was in Spur Saturday and was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports that crops throughout the Girard country are very short this year on account of the continued dry weather.

R. L. Overstreet, of near Afton, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday of this week.

R. P. Davis, of Dry Lake, was in town Monday of this week and spent an hour or two here trading and covering with frieds.



Yes, Milady Can Concoct
A very tempting meal from the specialties in our stock. Times have changed. The housekeeper of foresight keeps an emergency outlay for the unexpected guest. Have you sampled some of the newer delicacies in package and bottle? Well, you should. It's a pleasure to handle the best; it ought to be worth while to buy the best. The cost is no more.

BRANNEN BROTHERS COMPANY

PRESIDENT HAS MORE POWER THAN A KING

President Wilson is now cloaked with more power than any king or other ruler on earth, by the laws of the nation and bills recently passed in congress the President has been loaded down with tremendous responsibilities and the spending of billions of dollars and the loaning of other billions to the allies; he has complete authority over all the food supplies in the United States and can send the army and navy any where on earth.

By the constitution of the United States the President becomes commander in chief of the army and navy in time of war. He may take the field or operate the troops through the war department. Shortly after war was declared Congress empowered the President to draft the National Guard into federal service, increase the size of the National Guard and recruit an army by conscription.

Mr. Wilson has been granted complete power over food supplies of the nation. He controls the transportation and distribution of foodstuffs, can fix prices and grades of some foods, can commandeer foodstuffs and even take over industrial plants. He can license the import and exportation of food control its manufacture prohibit the use of foodstuff in making liquors and stop the manufacture of alcoholic beverages during the war.

He has power to prevent waste, speculation and storage and can buy necessities to sell at a reasonable price.

Authority to issue bonds for \$7,000,000,000 has been granted to the Allies as he sees fit. The immense appropriation of the navy and aviation departments are directly under his control, and he was given \$100,000,800 to carry out the law.

President Wilson can seize ships owned wholly or in part by alien enemies; can raise, organize and equip the regular army; can say whether or not any certain man will be drafted into service and can decide what is "trading with the enemy" and use any means to prevent it.—Ex.

Three room bungalow house for rent. Apply at Farmers Wagon Yard. It

W. W. Waldrup, of Draper, was in Spur Monday. He was trying to secure a house in which to live during he coming school term, and if he succeeds in securing the desired residence he and family will make their home in Spur for nine months.

R. F. ROGERS FARM HOME BURNS MONDAY MORNING

The farm home of R. F. Rogers, of the Dry Lake community, was totally destroyed Monday morning by fire. At the time, Mr. Rogers was in Spur and Mrs. Rogers had gone to visit some of her neighbors, there being no one at home. Nothing was saved from the building and no insurance was carried on the house or its contents. The origin of the fire is unknown.

This is a real calamity and we extend our sympathies to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers in this irrepairable loss.

KENT COUNTY GOES THE LIMIT IN THE TAX RATE

At th regular meeting of the Commissioners Court last week the tax rate for 1917 was placed at 80 cents on the \$100 valuation of property. This is the limit allowed by the law, and has not been nor will not be in the future sufficient to place the county on a cash basis. The only remedy is an increase in valuations.—Jayton Herald.

SHERIFF COLLIER RECEIVED ONE BLOOD HOUND

Sheriff R. L. Collier came over Monday from Dickens. He has received one of his blood hounds and which he now has in training. The other hound will be shipped to him at an early date. The Sheriff is now of the opinion that few if any criminals will be able to evade him in the future.

N. B. Fuquay, of Red Mud, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

STATE TAX RATE HEAVIEST IN HISTORY OF TEXAS

Austin, Texas.—The State Automatic Tax Board has fixed the state tax rate at 60 cents, as follows: Ad valorem tax, 35c; State school tax, 20c; Confederate pension, 5c; total state tax 60c.

Taxpayers of Texas will contribute the maximum tax levy to the state for the current year—a total of 60 cents on each \$100 valuation of property. This is the highest levy in the history of Texas, the nearest approach having been 55c, which was in 1915, with 30c for ad valorem, 20c for schools and 5c for pensions. Last year it was 45c, the ad valorem rate being 20c.

Notwithstanding the maximum rate revenue fund if the appropriations are spent promptly, that is, during the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1917. The 35c rate will not produce sufficient revenue to meet all the outstanding appropriations. A 41c rate would be necessary to do this, not counting the \$750,000 University appropriation vetoed.

It transpires that the governor objected to having the University total considered and the other two members of the board agreed to eliminate it. They were State Treasurer Edwards and Comptroller Terrell. All were present at the meeting in the governor's office. Mr. Terrell and Edwards took no position at the validity of the University appropriation or as to the governor's veto.

Mrs. R. M. Hamby is on an extended visit to relatives and friends at Gilliland, Texas.

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COAL

Is a black substance, dug from the earth. Coal produces various emotions in the bosom of the ultimate consumer. Smoke, and soot, profanity, domestic discord, and numerous in-fractions of the ten commandments are the most common products of bad coal. Good coal produces comfort, satisfaction, and domestic felicity. Coal serves as an excellent indication of the intelligence of the consumer. The careful buyer gets the best coal, and his soul is at peace. Such men always buy their coal from

P. H. MILLER

LEFT OVERS

Are still being sold at very low prices while they last. Remember the refrigerators are going to be sold at great sacrifice for the next two weeks.

We carry a full line of Coffins, Caskets and Burial Robes.

SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE CO.
"THE SATISFACTION STORE"
SPUR, TEXAS

YOUR MONEY TALKS!!

AT THE RED STORE, SPUR

There never was a time since SPUR has been on the map that the people didn't need a store like ours. There are very few stores like our store in Texas, with an organization to buy direct from the factories, and to sell every thing at the bottom price. We do that very thing, we have been engaged in the Dry Goods business for years and by our methods we bring the consumer direct with the manufacturers and we save them the middle man's profits. Too many profits is the trouble with the price of goods. Our system is the best. We pay the cash, and we get the cash. There is nothing left to pay. Do you like us? No doubt you do judging from the business we have been getting. We are satisfied so far with the business you have given us. It is time goods have gone up, but sell as we buy. If we get a bargain we give a bargain. We have bought very largely before the big advance and we are giving you the benefit of our purchases. We try to see how good and cheap we can sell them. You get the goods at Spur at the same low figure at which we sell everywhere. We have only one price and every-body pays the same price at Spur that we sell in all our stores. You can't miss a bargain when you buy from us because our store is full of bargains. The price marked on the tags is the last word with us. The people of King County have become familiar with our methods in other towns and they all know about our economical prices. If you buy goods from us you are sure of getting them right. The way people usually do where we are established, they drive their teams right to our doors and begin buying. They know that we are safe as to the price and quality. We want you to pay attention to what we say and if you are not acquainted with our methods we ask you to find out from those who are. We are having a fine business at Spur, but we don't want you to be deceived as to our methods. Come and look at our shoe department. See our remnant department; take a look at our laces and embroideries. We are selling winter and summer goods. We have bargains in mens underwear and ladies goods. We are showing ladies Coat Suits at \$3.00 to \$5.00 and ladies summer Skirts at \$1.00 Silk Waists \$1.00 Ladies Fine Slippers at \$1.00 Beautiful lines of Pecales in the new stripes. Summer and winter goods are all playing part in our business. Mens \$25.00 all wool serge suits at only \$15.00 Mens \$5.00 all wool pants at \$3.50 Hundreds of bargains are being shown to our customers daily. People who trade with us prosper.

THE RED STORE

Nearest Store From Depot---Corner Brick.

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INSURANCE PLAN FOR SOLDIER BY GOVERNMENT

Washington, August 10.—During the President's stamp approval and Secretary McAdoo's plea that it be made a law in justice to America's fighting men and their families, the long expected war compensation, indemnity and insurance bill was introduced in both of the houses of Congress today. It represents America's first attempt to be forehanded in providing for those whose homes are wrecked by war.

Its outstanding feature is organization of insurance for every fighting man and every nurse for \$8.00 a year per \$1,000.00 worth up to \$10,000.

Drafted under international experts under Secretary McAdoo's direction, the proposed law is a substitute for the Civil War pension system.

The \$10,000 worth of insurance for \$80.00 a year, as compared with standard rates of about \$302.00 a year for \$10,000.00 for a man of 27, is possible because the government doesn't require high priced salesmen, advertising and offices.

If a man fails to make application for insurance on the \$7 to \$8 per \$1,000 plan, and is killed, the government presumes him to have made application for a \$5,000 policy and pays his widow or his estate that much.

For separation support of dependents, the bill provides that \$15 out of the man's \$33 a month go to his wife. The government, if there are two children, gives the wife \$32.50 a month in addition to that, making the minimum income \$46.50. Five dollars addition-

al is allotted for each additional child. The father may give more than \$15 from his pay if he wishes.

If the man's father or mother is dependent, and he gives \$5 a month of his pay to them, the government gives \$10, thus a private with a wife, three children and a mother dependent can be allotted \$20 of his \$33, get \$47.50 from the government, making \$67.50 for his dependents.

If total disability results in injury or disease, compensation runs from a minimum of \$40 to a maximum of \$75 a month for enlisted men, and up to \$200 a month for higher offices. An officer can receive this disability allowance if he receives retirement pay.

If a man should lose both legs and both arms in battle, he would receive \$40 a month or if he needed a nurse \$20 more. If he had a dependent mother, he would get \$10 more. If he later marries, he would get \$15 more, and for the first two children by the marriage \$10 more, or \$105. He would be fitted with artificial arms and legs. If he wanted to start a store, he could collect \$1000 in advance on his compensation to be paid back at the rate of \$20 a month.

If a man desires, his funeral expenses, not to exceed \$100, will be paid. If he leaves a wife, two children and a mother, they get \$60 a month in addition to the \$5000 or \$10,000 insurance he may carry at \$8 per \$1,000.

Under the old pension system this family would receive only \$16 to \$24 a month.

Of the \$60 monthly payment on the death of his mother \$10 a month would be cut off. If he get the \$50 a month for two years, when it would drop to the wife remarried, she would \$25 a month until the first child was 18, and thereafter to \$15, being stopped altogether when the second child becomes 18.

This holds good whether a man dies during the war or after, if the wounds were sustained in service.

After he leaves the service he can retain his \$8 per \$1000 insurance at the rate and change it into a policy maturing earlier than the regular war

policy—that is, before death.

All soldier insurance is non-assessable and free from the claims of creditors of the insured or the beneficiary.

Secretary McAdoo says "we are contemplating expenditures during 1918 exceeding ten billions of dollars for the war, for creation of armies and death dealing instruments to be used in destroying enough life to restore peace and justice to the world. Should we hesitate to spend an amount equal to only about 6 per cent of that for the protection of the widows and orphans, the dependent and the injured who, after all make the greatest sacrifice?"

DRY LAKE ITEMS.

The Methodist meeting was closed Sunday night. The meeting was largely attended, and good success, ten members being added to the church.

Rev. Scott and Alvin Bilberry are conducting a Baptist meeting at the Highway School House this week.

Mr. McKeever and family visited Mr. R. F. Rogers and family Sunday.

Mrs. High and family of Johnson county, are visiting her mother Mrs. J. M. Denson this week.

Miss Nellie McBroom and John Smith visited Miss Esther Davis Sunday.

Mrs. A. L. Stewart of Strawn has been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. C. Barley the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Markham, of Abilene, are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mr. R. P. Davis and father were called to Stamford Tuesday on account of his brother being shot and reported in a serious condition.

Mr. R. F. Rogers' house and smoke house and wagon burned Monday about twelve of the clock. Nothing was saved and everything was a complete loss, there being no insurance.

Mrs. Gilmore is visiting her friends at Spur Ranch headquarters this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barley visited Mr. W. F. Foreman and family Sunday.

Mr. Hugh Denson and wife visited Mrs. J. M. Denson and family Sunday.

WESTERN KID.

Cleaning and Pressing at our place.—Rupert Brannen.

W. F. Godfrey and wife and her two sisters returned this week from Colorado and other summer resorts where they spent several weeks on a vacation.

Coffins and Burial Robes at Spur Hardware & Furniture Company. 2t

C. W. Avary, of nine miles west of Spur on the Highway, brought us in a sample of his feed stuff growing this year on his place. It was as fine as you ever saw any where any year. He has five acres of fine corn, ten acres of maize which will make him plenty feed and would bring in a goodly sum of money if sold.

Recently we enjoyed the pictures at the Gem Theatre. Mr. Williams is giving patrons an up-to-date, high-class moving picture show and deserves a more liberal patronage in his efforts to afford the people of the town amusement and pleasure of merit. Go to the picture show and spend an hour from the cares of the day. It will do you good. Try it one time and you will go again.

Dr. Standifer and J. C. McNeill made a trip the first of the week to Farwell on the line of Texas and New Mexico to look at a bunch of sheep with the view of purchasing. Miss Robbie Standife accompanied them to Lubbock where she visited Miss Boles.

J. T. Lowery returned this week from Albany. Mrs. Lowery returned with him and will spend several days in Spur. While gone Mr. Lowery also went to the Saint Louis market to buy fall goods for his stores at Spur and Albany.

W. M. Moore and family returned this week from Tennessee, Kentucky and other Eastern states where they spent several weeks visiting relatives and friends. They report a very pleasant visit.

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Otho L. Hale, a prominent citizen and leading business man of Afton, was in Spur one day the first of the week and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in fine shape in the Afton country.

Miss Williams, of New Mexico, is visiting at the homes of M. and Mrs. J. C. McNeill of the Alamo Stock Farm, and Dr. and Mrs. Standifer of the city.

D. E. Foer, of Caps, was in Spur last week. He is an old time friend of S. R. Bowman and spent several days at his home a few miles north of the city.

Irvin and Leonard Jopling have moved their tin shop to Ralls where they have established a tin shop and will make their homes in the future. We wish them success.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Bragg returned this week from the Dallas market where Mrs. Bragg purchased millinery supplies.

J. L. Moore and family returned this week from a trip into the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas.

Will Waker and family are visiting Paul Douglass and family in Throckmorton county at this time.

Cleaning and Pressing at our place.—Rupert Brannen.

T. P. Hindman and family returned this week from a visit of several weeks to relatives and friends in East Texas. While gone they visited in five different counties.

Revs. White and Fair are now conducting a protracted meeting at the Espeula school house. Large crowds are reported attending and much interest manifested in the services.

Mrs. Addie Edwards and son, Charlie, returned Sunday from Ogburn where they have been the past several months. Mrs. Edwards may move from Dickens to Spur during the 1917-18 term of school.

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Where's Your Proof?

LET'S SUPPOSE YOU OWED THE GROCER \$5.00 ON ACCOUNT AND HAD HANDED HIM A \$5.00 BILL IN PAYMENT AND HE HAD FORGOTTEN TO GIVE YOU CREDIT. IF HE TRIED TO COLLECT THE ACCOUNT LATER WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE TO SHOW THAT YOU HAD PAID IT?
 NOW, SUPPOSE YOU HAD GIVEN THE GROCER A CHECK ON YOUR BANK FOR THE AMOUNT AND HE HAD NOT GIVEN YOU CREDIT. YOU WOULD PULL THAT CANCELLED CHECK ON HIM PROMPTLY AND SHOW HIM HIS ENDORSEMENT ON THE BACK, WOULDN'T YOU? WHICH PLAN IS SAFEST? WE LEAVE IT TO YOU.

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HERE AT GILPIN.

A burning August drouth is here
 The hottest time in all the year,
 We're simmering in the sun,
 The hot wind sweeps our barren fields,
 While to its breath the young maize yields;
 Its few short days are done
 We had a shower not long ago,
 Which brought the maize up row by row,
 And peas began to sprout.
 And soy beans and sorghum seed
 Began to feel the urgent need,
 And soon were peeping out.
 Also the grass beside the road
 Began to feel the urgent goad,
 And made a show of green
 But soon the moisture all was gone,
 And so the tender grass has flown.
 The like was never seen
 At Gilpin, for old Granddad swore
 He's never seen the like before,
 Not since he can remember;
 "And now I do believe" said he
 "That Gilpin is not apt to see
 A rain before September.
 We hope 'twill rain ere that,
 but still
 We're bowing to the Master's will,
 Tho our way we cannot see;
 We know in spite of drouths and wars,
 We've always been provided for,
 And we shall always be.
 Of course 'tis plain we do not know
 The reason we are suffering so,
 Nor why our hopes are vain;
 Because, in truth, we've left our dens,
 Repented and confessed our sins,
 Believing it would rain.
 We know that God does all things well,
 Altho of course we cannot tell
 They why our fields are bare
 But we consider the lillies and fowls,

He feeds the sparrows and the owls,
 And He will for us care.
 Then let us love and serve the Lord,
 And worship Him with one accord,
 While yet there's time and space.
 For soon the evening shades will fall
 And we shall hear the one clear call,
 And meet Him face to face.
 It will not matter then, we're sure,
 Whether we are rich or poor,
 According to His Word.
 But oh! how sad—how sad 'twould be,
 If He should say, "depart from me!
 Thou didst not love the Lord."
 —Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

STATE SCHOOL PER CAPITA WILL BE \$7.50 IN 1918

The state school per capita apportionment for the year 1917-18 has been at \$750, according to information from Austin.
 The state board of education at a called session Friday, in which all members were present apportionment for the year 1917-18. The apportionment was made of a basis of 1,274,918 of scolaric age—7 to 17 years. The total appropriation for the year is \$9,561,885.
 At the session in speaking that he was gratified to know that the State board of education would make such a handsome per capita apportionment for the support of the public free schools. "Funds on the world indicate," he said, "that the State would be able to pay tionment on the first day of September of this year, which would start the schools for the incoming session on a cash basis."

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One Buick, Model 35, for sale or trade, in good condition. One Ford, 1915 Model, for sale or trade.—Highway Garage.

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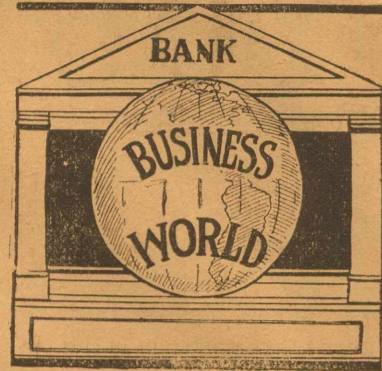
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The City National Bank

to meet as many of the requirements of its depositors as it can consistently with sound banking principles, and to become a real factor in the development of their affairs.

PRODUCING INFERTILE EGGS NOW A NECESSITY

The pure food act of Texas, almost makes it absolutely necessary to produce infertile eggs in the summer. It is against the law to buy or sell rotten eggs; and by rotten eggs in the eye of the law, we mean eggs that have started to deteriorate, especially in the development of life in the egg.

It certainly is true, that it is almost impossible to produce fertile eggs and get them to the market in a condition fit for human consumption.

A fertile egg starts to develop into the growth of a chick at a temperature of 68 degrees, then it is absolutely necessary to produce infertile eggs.

Infertile eggs, when stored in the proper surroundings, will not spoil. When stored in a dry place, they will evaporate but they cannot rot.

Eggs may rot from two important causes, namely: the presence of a partially developed chick, which deteriorate, in a low temperature, and the presence of a fungus, that passes through the pores and cracks in the shell.

Do not keep your marketing eggs in a warm room, near a fire, exposed to the sun or allow them to remain under broody hens or near kerosene, fish, citrus fruits, onions or places with mold spores.

It pays to produce infertile eggs, because you can save the feed of the males, the eggs do not hatch, withstand heat, can be preserved, can be placed in cold storage, are produced at less cost and produced just as abundantly as fertile eggs.

Do not remove eggs from the cool cellar into a very hot place.—Farm & Ranch.

STRAYED.

One bay mare, 5 years old, branded Y9 on left thigh. Also one bay mare 7 years old, branded 9E (connected) on left thigh. Will pay \$5.00 reward to any one who will take up these mares and notify me at Forbis' Ranch, Afton, Texas.—G. F. Picket. 40-4t



ALL YOUR FAVORITE DISHES

Those special ones of which you are so fond, and which at some places you have trouble in obtaining, can be found at our restaurant. We make it a point to please our patrons in every way we can, and it is just this attention to their wants that makes our place so popular. Come in and let us serve you too.

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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

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The old system of buying groceries ON AN INDEFINITE length of time has proven to be very unsatisfactory to both the buyer and the seller. The price is too high to suit the buyer, and the time is far too long to suit the seller. Therefore, the only LOGICAL route left is to adopt the PAY AS YOU GO PLAN and the question is SETTLED RIGHT. You have absolute assurance of the BEST VALUE for the money and you don't have to TAKE A CHANCE ON PAYING FOR SOMETHING YOU DID NOT GET.

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WILL SOW WHEAT FOR ANOTHER YEAR HERE

J. J. Hickman, of near McAdoo on the plains, was in the city Thursday and while here paid the Texas Spur office a pleasant call. Mr. Hickman this year had about one hundred and seventy acres in wheat and oats, and harvested about a hundred and twenty or twenty five acres. Portions of his wheat crop made fifteen bushels to the acre, making an average crop of seven bushels to the acre. He immediately turned under the stubble land, planting it to maize, cane and broom corn. However, for lack of rain these crops have not been doing well, some of it now standing stunted and waiting for rain, while other portions of the field failed to come up. However, Mr. Hickman stated that he had some very good cotton and would make several bales which will be no small item considering the present high price which ranges around twenty five and six cents a pound. Mr. Hickman has about three hundred acres in cultivation on his section of land and is now planning to sow his whole place

in wheat for another year, and has a considerable portion of the land already prepared for the planting. On account of the scarcity of feed he sold his stock hogs for eleven cents a pound, there being some forty head included in the sale which was made to C. M. Buchanan who has plenty feed and pasture to care for stock. The rains throughout the McAdoo country have been light and spotted, says Mr. Hickman, but to the north a few miles heavy rains have fallen.

LOST

A Brown Jersey cow with white spot about size of a quarter in head, branded B on side. Will pay \$5.00 reward for delivery at my residence.—S. T. Clemmons, Spur, Texas.

A BIG BARGAIN

In improved quarter section near town; fine land; owner non-resident ad must sell. Good terms.—E. J. Cowan.

County Commissioner Rush McLaughlin, of near McAdoo, had business in Spur one day this week.

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

J. N. McCAGHREN SHOT SHOT NEAR MATADOR

On last Saturday afternoon as J. N. McCagren was driving into town in his automobile, he was accosted by a party who asked if he was McCaghren, and on receiving an affirmative answer fired a shot which broke McCaghren's arm.

John Harris was lodged in jail charged with the shooting, but was later released on bond.—Motley County News.

A CORRECTION.

Loys Basham, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, came in again the first of this week to appear before the Local Board for physical examination in the draft proceedings. Last week in reporting Mr. Basham's visit to Spur and what he had to say concerning his registration and possibilities of going to war we inadvertently placed him in the wrong light before the public, in that we might have left the impression that he was not only willing and ready but anxious to go to war provided the government would agree to care for and look after his family during his absence. In reality Mr. Basham is not anxious to go to war, but stated that he would be willing and ready to go if drafted and forced to go, and in that event he would be forced to leave his family in the care of the government. We make this statement in justice to Mr. Basham and to right any wrong we may have done him. Mr. Basham has the right idea with reference to the war. In fact we have heard only one man in the country say that he wanted to go to war and participate in the fighting. We all deplore the fact that we are in the war and but few are anxious to engage in the business of killing men, but the great majority are willing to go to the aid of our country when called upon. As we see it, our first duty is to God, then our home and then our country.

Mrs. W. O. Smith entertained the ladies of the Missionary Society Monday at her home. Ice cream and cake were served and the afternoon was spent in a most pleasant manner by each of the numebr present.

Miss Vera Due returned recently from Tennessee where she spent a vacation of several weeks.

FOR TRADE

Following property located in Stamford, Texas—one 8 room residence convenient to Stamford College, practically all conveniences except sewerage, in good repair and a splendid home; one 5-room residence within three blocks of the square, the best residence lot in the town of Stamford, fronting 75 feet on McHarg Ave., one block of the Stamford Inn; three business lots on the Stamford Square, paved streets on two sides and the best unimproved property on the Square; one lot in north Stamford, corner, all clear of debt. Will trade any or all of it for good farm land near Spur. This may appeal to some one who has an equity in a farm that they want to dispose of and secure a clear home. Will assume some, but not too much, and your property must be priced right. I am moving to Spur and want to concentrate my efforts at one point. Address box 8, Spur, Texas.—J. E. Johnson.

Boyd Williams, who has been at Leon Springs drilling for military service, returned this week to Spur.

MAKING A BIG CROP OF MAIZE AND FEED STUFF

Bert Duncan, of near Dickens, called in Saturday at the Texas Spur office and reported that a fine boy was born to he and wife August 12th. In speaking of his crops Mr. Duncan said that he now has prospects of making a big crop of maize and that he will probably have one hundred tons to sell. He now has fifty tons in his crop which has already matured and will make regardless of whether or not it rains. He is a good man, a good farmer and we are glad to see him coming out on "top" this year. At the present time maize is selling for sixty dollars a ton, and we understand that certain buyers at other points of this part of Western Texas are contracting to pay fifty and sixty dollars a ton for the new crop of maize now maturing. At the present prices of all farm products, the farmer who makes good crops and has little to buy will be recognized as "leading men and prominent citizens" in reality and by rights. This is as it should be.

Read The Texas Spur, \$1.50.

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Farmers Cash Store
Spur, Texas

Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

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.

E. H. Blakley, of Afton, was here Thursday, this being his first visit to Spur in the past two or three months. In speaking of the crops of that part of the county he said that they probably had better crops than they deserved, however, they appreciated the favor thus shown them. On his place he said that there would probably be sixty or seventy tons of maize made, and the cotton he said gave promise of one half to three fourths of a bale to the acre. We are glad to note that Mr. Blakley's health is improving.

Luther Kimbro, of near Spur to the north, called in at the Texas Spur office Tuesday and had us change the address of his paper to Oklahoma where he and family will move at an early date. Mr. Kimbro has just sold out his crop, he and Mr. Carr farming together. They sold to C. D. Copeland, the consideration being fourteen hundred dollars cash, they having a hundred and sixty acres rented on the H. T. Garner farm. Mr. Kimbro stated that the crop was a good one with the exception of some new ground cotton, the feed stuff being a good average crop for any year.

R. C. Forbis and Mr. Jenkins were in Spur Wednesday from the Forbis ranch north of Afton. That part of the country has had good rains and the grass is coming fine, and good winter pasturage is now assured.

Bill McArthur was here recently from Tap and reports everything moving along nicely at this time.

Miss Lottie Boles returned the latter part of this week to her home in Lubbock after spending the week in Spur the guest of Misses Robbie and Donnalita Standifer.

Mr. Hellums, of Hico, spent several days this week in Spur the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Grace.

Will Watson, of nine miles east of Spur, was among the visitors in Spur the first of this week.

Mrs. Carl Hail returned last week from an extended visit to friends and relatives at Throckmorton.

Walter Carlisle recently bought eighty acres of farm land on Duck Creek from W. W. Lewis.

Mrs. F. W. West, of two or three miles west of Spur, was among the shoppers in the city the latter part of last week.

Judge A. J. McClain, wife and son, Porter, were in Spur the first of this week from their home on Cat Fish.

Mat Howell, of Red Mud, was a business visitor in the city the latter part of the past week.

Seventeen people were baptized the first of the week near Tap as the result of a protracted meeting conducted by Rev. Self and other preachers.

John Self, of Red Mud, was in Spur the first of this week and spent the day here with Firm Self and family.

M. B. and W. W. Lewis, of east of Spur, were in the city Saturday.

Hamp Collett came in Saturday from his farm home two or three miles southwest. He reports having had good rains in that section, but of course he needs more to make bumper crops.

Willis Smith was here Saturday from the Moore ranches six miles west. He is superintending both the J. L. and W. M. Moore ranches during their absence in Arkansas and Tennessee.

J. Anderson Davis, of four miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Saturday trading and greeting his numerous friends. He is very desirous of a rain at this time, and says that it must come soon to save his crops.

R. P. Davis, of the Dry Lake community, was among the number here Saturday.

W. W. Franklin, of five or six miles east of Spur, came in Saturday and spent the afternoon here on business.

Oregon & California Railroad Co. Grant Lands. Legal fight over land at last ended. Title reverted in United States. Land, by Act of Congress, ordered to be opened under the homestead laws for settlement and sale. Two million three hundred thousand acres, containing some of best timber and agricultural lands left in United States. Large Copyrighted Map, showing land by townships and sections, laws covering same and description of soil, climate, rainfall, elevations, temperature, etc., postpaid One Dollar.—Grant Lands Locating Co., Portland, Oregon. 38-3m

Jim Smith came in Saturday from his farm home west of Spur.

J. H. Hooper, of three miles southwest of Spur, was among the visitors here Saturday.

J. H. Reynolds came over from Dickens one day the first of the week, spending an hour or two in Spur on business.

Sheriff Bob Goodall, of Kent county, was in Spur Monday, spending a short time here on official business.

W. T. Andrews left Spur Wednesday for Stamford and other points where he will spend a vacation of a week or two.

Mrs. Laura Grantham is on an extended visit to relatives and friends at Lamesa.

Tom McArthur came in the latter part of this week from his home near Tap, spending a short time here on business.

H. C. Allen, a good farmer and citizen of the Dry Lake community, was a recent visitor in the city.

E. J. Cairnes came in Monday from his ranch south of Spur and spent the day here on business.

Mrs. Arnold, of Lueders, is in the city on an extended visit with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Busby.

This week we noted the first water melons of the season to be marketed in Spur.

J. R. Rogers, of near Draper, was in Spur the first of this week.

G. S. Jones, of near Spur, had business in the city Thursday morning of this week.

Ed Lisenby, of Dickens, was in Spur Saturday on business.

Judge F. C. Gipson, of Dickens, was in Spur the latter part of last week.

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SPECIAL INVITATION TO VISIT EXPERIMENT FARM

I wish to call your attention to some of the work along the advanced lines of agriculture that is being done at our local experiment station, and suggest that in case you have not done so, to visit the station at your very earliest convenience. There are some splendid lessons to be learned from a dry year and the results of these investigations are very out at the present time.

Some of the things I am sure you would be interested in seeing:

The breeding plats which contains over one hundred selections of feterita, which contains many types of stalks and heads well established. In one row feterita is eighteen inches high and in adjacent rows it has reached a height of six feet—both rows being in full head.

There is some very interesting work in soil management, methods of preparing the land, date of planting cotton, milo and cow peas, a great bulk of alfalfa work and various methods of cultivating.

Over five hundred different varieties of field crops are now growing and giving an indication of their relative value for a dry year.

Scientific agriculture is nothing but "organized common sense," and it is my opinion that any farmer or ranchman would be materially benefitted by visiting the station at this time and getting in touch with the problems that are being studied.—R. E. Dickson.

NO DOUBT OF MRS. LOIS PURSLEY'S SUICIDE

As there seems to be doubt in the minds of some of our people in regard to Mrs. Lois Pursley committing suicide, at the request of the Herald ex-Sheriff D. I. McCombs wrote a letter to R. D. Campbell who lives at Granite, Okla., and is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Pursley, asking for particulars of the tragedy.

The reply received a few days ago by Mr. McCombs leaves no doubt that Mrs. Pursley deliberately planned her own death and successfully executed her plans.

At the time her brother was assassinated, it will be remembered that the assassin made futile attempts to kill Mrs. Pursley, and among the numerous wounds inflicted was one on the arm. This injury proved to be of a very serious nature, and up to the time of her death had made no progress toward healing. Only a few days before her death physicians informed her that amputation would be necessary in order to save her life.

Mrs. Pursley left a statement to the effect that she had rather be dead than to undertake to go through life with only one arm, and that she had already suffered enough.

Mr. Campbell says the deed was committed in an upstairs room at his home, and that Mrs. Pursley was alone when she fired the shot that ended her life.—Jayton Herald.

Old scrap iron of every description wanted by Spur Produce Company.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT WANTS HORSES & MULES

The attention of horse owners and breeders is called to the accompanying announcement of the War Department concerning the purchase of horses and mules for war purposes. Breeders who can offer horses in car load lots are enabled to deal directly with the government. It is practicable also for groups of farmers to organize and offer car load lots. County Farm Agent Crawford of Dickens county will be glad to aid farmers in conducting such negotiations. He will name a day for assembling the animals at a convenient place in the county for an examination by the local committee of horsemen, and the farmers can authorize one of their number to communicate the offer to the remount officer of the district. In this way farmers will be put to no further expense or risk than bringing their horses to the point of assembly for preliminary inspection and then assembling them again for official inspection if their offer is favorably entertained.

The prices at which they should be offered is a matter for the determination of the farmers. County Agent Crawford has a list of estimated prices which the government has been paying, the price of course varying somewhat according to location and quality of the animals.

NOTICE.

We take old wagons and buggies as part pay on new wagons—Racket Store.

SUIT FOR \$191,000 AGAINST A SWEETWATER BANK

Suits involving \$191,000.00 have been filed against the banking firm of Thomas Trammell & Company of Sweetwater. The City of Sweetwater is plaintiff in one suit seeking to recover \$87,000, and the remainder of the amount involved is represented in a suit filed by the county asking for recovery of \$104,000. The banking firm secured these funds on deposit through an official source as depository for Nolan county and the City of Sweetwater. The Trammell bondsmen are cited jointly with them in the suit.—Post City Post.

J. I. Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur, was in the city Saturday for the first time in several weeks.

Read The Texas Spur, \$1.50.

FARM FOR SALE.

One-half or all of my place for sale, five miles south of Girard on public highway in Kent county, known as the Gertrude Pursley farm, known also to be one of, if not the best place in Kent county, well improved, good house and barn, three good rent houses, good cistern at each place, two never-failing wells with windmills, young orchard. This tract contains 638 acres, 500 acres in good state of cultivation, all under hog wire fence. Will throw in several hundred dollars worth of plow tools. See or write me for terms and price.—M. M. Young, Girard, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shugart, of eight miles east of Spur, were recent visitors in the city.

A seven thousand dollar stock of Drugs and Fixtures for sale or trade for land. Call at Texas Spur office for particulars.

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THE COTTON SAMPLING LAW HAS BEEN MODIFIED

The last session of the legislature modified the permanent warehouse law so that ginner will not be compelled to take samples at gins if they have a written order not to do so.

All ginner are having the blanks printed that farmers may sign when they bring a bale of cotton to the gin, requesting them not to take samples, and most of the farmers will sign them.

As far as we know there has never been a bale of cotton sold by the gin sample, and nearly every farmer to whom we have talked concerning the sampling features of the warehouse law, is opposed to it.

The warehouse department tried hard to retain the sampling feature of the law and the ginner will necessarily have to get a written order from each farmer, or run the risk of getting into trouble if they do not take the samples.—Forney Messenger.

TO TRADE.

House and lot in Spr, well located, good water, will trade for cattle.—A. A. Fry. 39tf

The Episcopalian minister was in Spur and held services Monday night at the Presbyterian church.

Sheriff R. L. Collier is in south Texas on official business.

Cleaning and Pressing at our place.—Rupert Brannen.

Oregon & California Railroad Co. Grant Lands. Legal fight over land at last ended. Title revested in United States. Land, by Act of Congress, ordered to be opened under the homestead laws for settlement and sale. Two million three hundred thousand acres, containing some of best timber and agricultural lands left in United States. Large Copyrighted Map, showing land by townships and sections, laws covering same and description of soil, climate, rainfall, elevations, temperature, etc., post-paid One Dollar.—Grant Lands Locating Co., Portland, Oregon. 38-3m

Miss Creola Richbourg returned the latter part of the week from the Tom Owen ranch where she spent several days with Mrs. Owen.

LODGE DIRECTORY Spur Lodges

Spur Chapter No. 34, R.A.M., meets Monday night after full moon, R. C. Forbis H. P., Sam T. Clemmons Sec.

Spur Lodge No. 1023, A. F. & A. M., meets Thursday night on or before full moon, Jno. B. Hardin, W. M., Oscar Jackson, Sec.

Spur Chapter No. 164, O. E. S., meets Thursday night before and after regular communication of Spur Lodge No. 1023, A. F. & A. M., Mrs. Lula K. Manning, W. M., J. C. McNeill, W. P., Mrs. Elizabeth Beck, Sec.

Spur I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 771, meets every Monday night, E. Berry, N. G., J. W. Carlisle, Sec.

Spur Rebekah Lodge No. 178, meets every Friday night, Mrs. Jessie Donald, N. G.; Miss Lizzie Morgan, Secretary.

Spur K. of P. Lodge No. 419, meets every Tuesday night, W. T. Andrews, C. C., J. F. Vernon, K of R. & S.

Spur Homestead Lodge No. 3144, meets 1st and 3rd Thursday night, Chas. Whitener, Foreman, Tot Walden, Correspondent.

Spur Triangle Camp, W. O. W. No. 2621, meets 2nd and 4th Saturday nights, J. Mont Taylor, C. C., F. W. Jennings, Clerk.

McAdoo Lodges.

Rumfield Camp No. 3171, meets every 1st Wednesday night, R. I. Wallace, C. C.; R. I. Todd, Clerk.

Dickens Lodges.

I. O. O. F. Lodge No. 652, meets every Friday night. Visiting members cordially invited. G. T. Snodgrass, N. G.; D. J. Harkey, Secretary.

W. O. W. Camp, No. 582, meets 2nd and 4th Monday nights each month, L. R. Harkey C. C., M. Gay, Clerk.

Red Mud Lodges.

Red Mud Camp No. 2355, meets every Friday night before each first and third Sunday in each month, J. M. Perkins, C. C., J. E. Sparks, Clerk.

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Miss Creola Richbourg spent two days of this week in Afton with friends. She has a class in music, voice and expression and will teach in connection with the Afton school.

Ed Hufstедler's father-in-law, of east Texas, spent several days of last week at his home in the Dry Lake country.

Cleaning and Pressing at our place.—Rupert Brannen.

George Awalt left this week for Abilene and other points where he will spend some time during the next several weeks or months.

Cleaning and Pressing at our place.—Rupert Brannen.

F. Fullbright, of Dickens, was in Spur one day this week.

THE STATE TAX HAS REACHED ITS LIMIT

The State Automatic Tax Board has fixed the state ad valorem and school taxes for his year at 35 cents on the \$100 valuation of property, which is the constitutional limit. This is the highest tax rate of many years.

FOR TRADE

Following property located in Stamford, Texas—one 8 room residence convenient to Stamford College, practically all conveniences except sewerage, in good repair and a splendid home; one 5-room residence within three blocks of the square, the best residence lot in the town of Stamford, fronting 75 feet on McHarg Ave., one block of the Stamford Inn; three business lots on the Stamford Square, paved streets on two sides and the best unimproved property on the Square; one lot in north Stamford, corner, all clear of debt. Will trade any or all of it for good farm land near Spur. This may appeal to some one who has an equity in a farm that they want to dispose of and secure a clear home. Will assume some, but not too much, and your property must be priced right. I am moving to Spur and want to concentrate my efforts at one point. Address box 8, Spur, Texas.—J. E. Johnson.

Read The Texas Spur, \$1.50.

J. B. YANTIS & CO. of DICKENS have just installed a Sherer Pure Food Counter for bulk groceries. This counter presents a very handsome appearance and is one more guarantee that the bulk goods Mr. Yantis & Co. sells will be clean and sanitary. We congratulate Mr. Yantis on his enterprise in "Sherer-izing" his store.

THE SHERER-IZED STORE

I am running a Shererized store: I wouldn't go back any more, for a carload of scads, to the way of our dads, to the lippy old methods of yore.

You ask, "what does Shererized mean?" Well firstly, it's making things clean; in a Shererized store there's no junk on the floor; no dirt or disorder is seen. The goods are protected from fleas; the mice do not know at the peas; the rat never gloats o'er the shaker rolled oats, and the cat dosen't roost on the cheese. The goods that a customer buys aren't specked by the frolicsome flies, and no bow-wow can weep on the crackers I keep no matter how often he tries.

Folks come to my Shererized store, and when they have looked the place o'er, they murmur, "Gee Whiz! How delightful it is! We've seen nothing like it before!" The customer cheerfully spends and when from my palace he wends, he gives me no knocks, but boosts as he walks, my Shererized store to his friends.

Oh, here in my Shererized shop, economy's always on top; for things are at hand, at my instant command. I don't have to trot till I drop. The goods are in sight of the scale, I am wasting no time in a sale; I gamtol and smile in the old fashioned style, as I merrily take in the kale.

The problems that bothered my brain, and drove me three-quarters insane, in the times that are past, have been settled at last; the word "Shererize" will explain. The problems of loss and waste, the problem of profitless haste, and ten thousand more, of the grocery store, have all from my doorway been chased.

I'm running a Shererized store, I don't tear my hair any more, I don't sprinkle tears on my whiskers and ears, or spend my nights walking the floor.

WALT MASON.

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