

# The Texas Spur and Dickens Item

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## BRYANT-LINK COMPANY STORE ROBBED LAST TUESDAY NIGHT

Tuesday night of this week robbers entered the Bryant-Link Company store, taking out goods to the amount of approximately fifteen hundred dollars.

The robbers gained entrance thru a rear window by breaking a small hole in a corner of the glass, lifting the latch and raising the window.

Among other things taken by the robbers were thirteen suits of mens clothing, a number of pairs of both mens and womens shoes, silk shirts, underwear, hats and ladies waists.

No clew was left by which the robbers could be identified or apprehended. Some think the robbery was committed by parties of this territory who were familiar with the town and Bryant-Link business, while others are convinced that the operations here were by the same gang which has been robbing the chain of stores in the past.

During the past several months every one of the number of stores operated by Bryant-Link Company has been robbed, the Spur store being the last one of the chain to receive notice by the robbers.

Last week Bryant-Link Company advertised that a thousand dollars reward would be given by them to assist the officers in apprehending the robbers who had been entering the Bryant-Link chain of stores. It is possible that the robbers, noting this offer, decided the time opportune to commit the robbery here since the store probably would not be watched following the announcement of a reward. And it is also possible that because of the offer the robbers decided to become bolder and complete their activities on the whole chain of stores.

At any rate, the thousand dollars reward still stands, and it is the duty of every citizen to apprehend the robbers and every one should keep an eye open for them. It may be possible that they are still in our midst, waiting for an opportune time to get out with the goods.

This is the first real robbery to occur in Spur. Several years ago we were visited by safe-blowers who operated both at the depot and in the post office, and later only a few items were removed by a party who entered the Hogan & Patton store.

From the evidences observed, the robbers, in this instance, were in no special hurry, doing their work methodically and selecting just the items they desired, leaving the general stock of goods in an orderly condition.

## EMPLOYMENT OF MEXICAN LABORERS IS BEING URGED

There are thousands of Mexicans now in the border counties of Texas. Many of them are without employment and are therefore a burden to the people in those counties. If these laborers are not given work wherever possible over Texas, they will either be taken from us by northern cities or they will return to Mexico. More than 5,000 of them have been shipped to the north since February 1st, according to witnesses.

These laborers will be needed during the cotton planting and the grain harvesting seasons and the cotton picking season. One-fifth of the farms in Texas that were in cultivation in 1919 will be idle in 1920 unless the farmers are given a supply of labor. Many of the Mexicans in Texas can be kept here ready for farm labor purposes if they are given work now.

Can you use any of them in this district? Call on Texas Chamber of Commerce for further information.—Walton Petee, manager Agricultural Department, Texas Chamber of Commerce, Houston, Texas.

## THE ALBIN WELL WEST OF SPUR WAS SHOT LAST WEEK

The Albin well, twelve miles west of Spur in the Highway community, was shot last week by the drillers. However, the shot did not have the desired effect, since it was placed in the well to loosen up the bit which was hung. A light load of dynamite was touched off with the intention of loosening the bit, but with the result that the bit was blown from the stem and in such position that it could not be removed with the fishing tools on hand. The drilling is now suspended awaiting the arrival of the necessary fishing tackle to clear the hole.

The Albin well is only approximately two hundred feet deep. Geologists who made this location say that the location is one of the most promising in this field. Surrounding the location are evidences of an eruption in the years past, and before these evidences were pointed out to the geologist he stated that the showings should appear where they are now to be noted. At several different points rocks give evidence of an up-heaval, and petrified trees of large dimensions can be seen.

A day and a night crew, we understand will be placed on this well when drilling is again resumed.

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## PEMBERTON FURNITURE CO.

PHONE 23 IN THE WENDELL BUILDING

COME IN AND SEE OUR STOCK OR FURNITURE,  
STOVES, RUGS. WE CARRY A FULL LINE OF  
LIVING ROOM, DINING ROOM, BED ROOM SUITS  
TO MATCH. ALSO DRESSERS, BED SPRINGS,  
MATTRESSES, NUOFOLDS, DINING TABLES AND  
SERVING TABLES, BUFFETS, CHAIRS, AND ANY  
THING YOU MAY WANT IN THE WAY OF FUR-  
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BE SURE TO SEE OUR "NATIONAL COOK STOVE"  
BEFORE YOU BUY!

## PEMBERTON FURNITURE CO.

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## SPUR SCHOOLS WILL CONTINUE FOR AN EIGHT MONTHS TERM

In response to the appeal sent out last week by the Spur school board to patrons of the school, asking for contributions to continue the school, a liberal answer was given, and the school term will now be extended to an eight and possibly nine months term.

The school board is now working out the only plan whereby funds can be secured to conduct the schools for another term, and it is hoped that the plan will meet with the hearty cooperation of all patrons. The prevailing conditions necessitates the increase of wages to teachers, and all other items of expense in maintaining the school will naturally be higher now than in years past. At the present time the limit has been reached in taxable rates, and the only method of securing more and necessary funds will be to increase the valuation of property within the school district. The school board proposes to separate the school valuations, assessments and collections entirely from that of the city in order that any tax derived for school purposes will be independent from the city taxes. For school purposes alone, property owners will be asked to render for taxes their property at its full value, something near what it would sell for today, and after the renditions are all in then the taxable rate can be placed within the law and only for so much money as will be required to maintain the schools a full nine months term.

It is a very urgent proposition now before the people. To maintain our school it is necessary to increase the valuation of property, and by so doing the tax will be equitably distributed among those able to support a public educational institution.

We would suggest that an equalization board composed of men who know values be appointed to place valuations on property.

## MISS MABEL HENRY CLAY FOR DISTRICT AND COUNTY CLERK

Miss Mabel Henry Clay, by throwing her "hat in the ring" sets a new political record for Dickens county, in entering the campaign for the office of district and county clerk, subject to the action of the democratic primary to be held in July.

While women have been elected to and served creditably in public offices of surrounding counties for a number of years in the past, this is the first to venture into the political arena of Dickens county.

Miss Clay has been one of the teachers in the Spur Public Schools during the past three years, and because of the fact that the salaries paid teachers has not been increased in accord with the high cost of living, and is inadequate to meet prevailing conditions, she, with many other teachers, will seek other more remunerative and suitable positions.

Miss Clay is possessed of exceptional business ability and qualifications, and should the voters of Dickens county favor her candidacy for the district and county clerk's office they are assured that the duties of the office will be in capable hands, and that the detailed work of the office will be done accurately, neatly and promptly in every instance.

We ask that every voter in the democratic primary election give the candidacy of Miss Mabel Henry Clay a due and deserved consideration before casting a ballot.

## PEMBERTON FURNITURE CO. BUILDING BIG WAREHOUSE

Pemberton Furniture Co., located in the Wendell building, is having a large warehouse constructed in the rear of the store building in which to store large stocks of goods.

The big business now being accorded the business interests of Spur calls for improvement progress, and the business men are meeting the demands in every instance.

The Ford Service Station is also having constructed a large garage and work shop back of the Godfrey store building, and in which they will store cars and conduct a Ford garage business.

Other buildings are under contemplation and soon substantial business houses will be going up on more than one street of Spur. The Citizens Garage is now maturing plans for a brick or reinforced concrete building to cover two lots on Harris Street, and four buildings are being planned to go up on the lots just south of the Spur Oil Company offices on the corner of Fifth Street and Burlington Avenue. A big two story brick is also being considered to cover the two corner lots on Burlington and Harris Street where now stands the Central Market.

The prosperous condition of the country and the extensive business coming to Spur at this time encourages these substantial building movements.

## AMERICAN LEGION POST RE- CENTLY ORGANIZED IN SPUR

The Boyd M. Williams Post of the American Legion was recently organized in Spur, and at a later meeting officers were elected to conduct the affairs of the organization.

The Post was organized with fifteen charter members, and every individual who served in the recent war is invited and urged to become a member of the Boyd M. Williams Post at Spur.

The object of the organization is to promote and further the interests of ex-service men of all branches of the navy and land forces.

## BUILDING ADDITION AND IM- PROVING HOME IN SPUR

This week H. T. Garner is having additions made to his home in the west part of Spur, and also having other improvements made on the place, thus keeping in the progressive procession in substantial building improvements.

Spur is not the least of the towns of Western Texas in building improvements and progressive movements. There is today probably more building improvements in progress in Spur than in any town its size in West Texas outside of the oil belts.

Ten years ago we predicted that Spur would develop into the city class, and there has been no occasion to discount such a prediction.

## DRILLING WILL BE RESUMED NEXT WEEK ON THE 24 WELL

T. M. Maples received this week a telegram from G. W. McFann stating that he would return this week with a driller and resume work on the 24 Ranch well. Work on this well has been held up during the past two weeks for the lack of both fuel oil and a driller. Mr. McFann is an expert driller himself, but on account of a recent operation for appendicitis he is not yet physically able to handle the drill by himself.

The well is between seventeen and eighteen hundred feet deep, the bit now being in a blue or dark-blue shale mixed with sand. The drill is expected to go out of this into a paying oil sand. Mr. McFann is confident of striking pay dirt within the next two or three hundred feet, and his deductions are based upon actual experiences and practical knowledge of underground geology.

## RAIN AND FREEZE IN THIS SEC- TION SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

A light shower of rain fell Saturday night, followed by a freeze. It is thought that practically all the fruit has been killed. Throughout the state it is reported that three-fourths of the fruit has been killed.

## BONDS CARRY IN THE SPRING CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT

In the election held Saturday, in the Spring Creek School District for the purpose of voting bonds in the sum of two thousand dollars with which to construct a modern school building, the bonds carried by a unanimous vote, there not being a single vote polled against the issue.

It is planned to build a school building in conformity with state plans in order that the Spring Creek School District will be eligible in every respect for state aid in maintaining a school of the highest class.

## SPECIAL TERM OF COURT HELD AT CLAIREMONT

District Judge Chapman and District Attorney Randel left Thursday morning for Clairemont, Kent county, where court will be convened.

A special term of the district court of that county will be ordered and a grand jury drawn for Monday, April 19th. Three murder cases are to be investigated by the grand jury.

Virgil Gee, who is in custody of the sheriff of Jones county and Emmett Stoneman, who is in jail at Abilene, are held pending an investigation on one of the murder cases.

The case of Mrs. Alice Cook, charged with murder in connection with poisoning of her husband, is set for trial on Thursday.—Western Enterprise.

## DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COM- MITTEE MET SATURDAY IN SPUR

The Democratic Executive Committee, in response to a call from Chairman Williams, met Saturday in Spur. The following committeemen were appointed to fill vacancies existing in the various precincts:

J. V. McCormick at Afton; W. A. Johnson at Dry Lake; W. J. Clark at Midway; J. A. Murchison at Draper; and F. C. Gipson at Dickens.

The committee passed an order for holding precinct conventions in the various voting precincts Saturday, May 1st, and also a county convention to be held at Dickens the following Tuesday, May 4th.

At the precinct conventions delegates are to be selected to attend the county convention which will select delegates to the state convention.

## RAILROAD YARDMEN NOW ON STRIKE THROUGHOUT COUNTRY

Railway service has been crippled throughout the country, even extending into Texas, as a result of the strike now on by railway workmen. It is thought the strike will soon end, since it is said to be unlawful and unauthorized on the part of the organized union heads.

## KILL NINE RATTLES AND CAP- TURE THREE LIVE ONES

While in town one day the latter part of the past week W. H. Birdwell received word that a den of rattle snakes had been discovered out west of Spur near the B. M. Blackmon place. Mr. Birdwell had been wanting to capture a few rattle snakes for a long time, and having this opportunity he left town immediately to invade the den. However, upon his arrival the negroes on the place had killed nine of the reptiles, and Mr. Birdwell only succeeded in capturing three live snakes which he boxed up and shipped to San Antonio.

## CENSUS ENUMERATION AT DICKENS WILL END THURSDAY

Census enumerator W. B. Arthur requests the Texas Spur to announce that the enumeration of the Dickens district will end Thursday of next week. He thinks he has seen every individual, but should any one have been overlooked, they are urged to come and see Mr. Arthur or phone him and he will come see them in order to get a full and complete enumeration of every individual in the county.

The census figures secured at this time will be the rating of Dickens county for the next ten years, and it is desired that we make as good showing now as it is possible to do.

## TWO CARS OF WHEAT SOLD IN SPUR BY FARMERS LAST WEEK

Last week M. E. Manning purchased from the farmers of the Steel Hill, Duck Creek and other sections of the country, two car loads of wheat of the 1919 crop.

It is estimated that there remains now unsold in the country at least two more cars of wheat off the plains, while on the plains a number of car loads may yet be unmarketed.

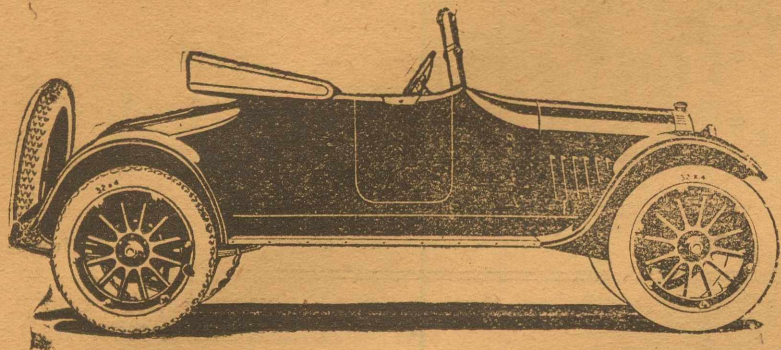
Spur is paying the top price for wheat now, and it is planned by another marketing season to be prepared to handle all the small grain and feed stuff for sale in this section.

## MARRIED.

V. A. Pierce and Miss Inez Teague, of the Duck Creek community southeast of Spur, were married Wednesday afternoon. The couple had been over to Dickens, probably to get the necessary license, and in returning they encountered Rev. A. B. Miller at Soldier Mound, who performed the ceremony uniting them in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The Texas Spur joins their friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Pierce all of the joys and few of the cares of married life.





**OAKLAND  
SENSIBLE SIX**

THOUSANDS of busy men—physicians, salesmen, contractors and others whose work requires the crowding of many miles into a busy day—are beating the clock by driving Oakland Roadsters. Through the use of this efficient and dependable car, they are making more calls in less time. They cover great distances daily without fatigue, for the Oakland is built for riding comfort. And they have found the Oakland Roadster to be as economical as it is efficient.

**CITIZENS GARAGE  
SPUR, TEXAS**

WE WILL ABSOLUTELY CLOSE ON SUNDAY

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE  
THE STATE OF TEXAS,  
County of Dickens.**

By virtue of a pluries execution issued out of the Honorable District Court of Jones County, Texas, on the 25th day of March, 1920, by the Clerk thereof in the case of Louise Snodgrass vs. Stamford Gas & Electric Company et al, No. 4037, and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I did on the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1920, at 1 o'clock p. m. levy upon, and I will proceed to sell for cash within the hours prescribed by law, at Sheriff's sale on the first Tuesday in May, A. D. 1920, it being the 4th day of said month, before the Court House door of said Dickens County, in the town of Dickens, all of the undivided interest of the defendant, Geo. E. White, in the following real estate situated in Dickens County, Texas, and being all of lots, numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 25 and 26, in block No. 5, of the town of Spur, as shown by the original plat of said town now of record in the office of the County Clerk of said Dickens County, Texas, and being the same property conveyed to J. E. Johnson and G. E. White by the Stamford & Northwestern Town Site Company by deed of date the 16th day of November, A. D. 1910, together with the Electric Light Plant, Gin, Mill, Buildings, Engines, Boilers, Gin-stands, Machinery, Scales, Fixtures and together with all and singular the rights and appurtenances unto said above described premises belonging and all electric lines, poles, transformers, meters in service, easements, rights of way and all other rights, property, improvements and fixtures composing the Gin, Mill and Electric Light Plant in the town of Spur, Dickens County, Texas, situated on said above described premises and used in any manner with said Gin Plant, Mill Plant and Electric Light Plant whether situated on said premises or elsewhere in said town of Spur, levied on as the property of Geo. E. White jointly with the said J. E. Johnson on his cross section in said suit against the said defendant Geo. E. White as such partner and individually for Four Thousand Six Hundred Twenty Eight & No-100 (\$4,628.00) Dollars, with six per cent interest per annum thereon from the 14th day of February, 1919, until paid, and the further sum of Twelve Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Four & 27-100 (\$12,984.27) Dollars with ten per cent interest per annum thereon from the 14th day of February, 1919, and the further sum of Forty and 45-100 (\$40.45) Dollars as costs of suit.

Given under my hand, this the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1920.  
G. L. BARBER,  
Sheriff Dickens County, Texas.  
23-4t.

**TO OUR CREDIT CUSTOMERS**

Friends:—We shall have to discontinue our credit department unless you pay your bills more promptly. Everything we handle is cash to us, so by the end of the month we have quite a lot out that we have paid for, putting us in a tight. Therefore in the future we shall make it strictly thirty days, don't get mad if we say no to you or your children on the third or fourth of the month.—Central Market, C. P. Harris, Prop. 23-2t

Mesdames W. W. Waldrup and W. G. Crego, were in Spur one day the first of the week to visit Mrs. W. P. Simpson who is in the Spur Sanitarium from an operation recently performed. Mrs. Simpson is now reported doing nicely and will soon be removed to her home.

J.B. Richbourg is now down in the Stephens county oil belt looking after his oil interests. He is interested in a lease near big production, and the probability is that some day soon he and his associates will become "oil magnates." Here is hoping he will realize a million from oil investments.

**NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS  
MEETING OF THE PANHANDLE  
SHORT LINE RAILWAY CO.**

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of The Panhandle Short Line Railway Company that a special meeting has been called of said Stockholders, to meet in Dalhart, Texas, on the 27th day of April, 1920, for the purpose of authorizing an amendment to the original charter of the Panhandle Short Line Railway Co., to provide for the locating, constructing, owning and operating a branch line of the road from Lubbock, in Lubbock County, Texas, and extending through the counties of Lubbock, Crosby, Dickens, King, Knox, Baylor, Archer, Wichita and Clay, to a point on Red River in Clay County, the same being on the State Line between Oklahoma and Texas.

Also to authorize an increase of the Capital Stock from Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars, to Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000.00) Dollars, change the location of the principal office from Dalhart, Dallam County, Texas, to Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, and authorize and order a bond issue of Thirty Two Million (\$32,000,000.00) Dollars, and for the transaction of any other business that may be brought before the meeting.

E. G. COOK, President.  
W. A. PRITCHARD, Secretary.

**NOTICE OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
OF THE PANHANDLE SHORT  
LINE RAILWAY COMPANY**

Notice is hereby given to the Directors of The Panhandle Short Line Railway Co. that a special meeting has been called to meet in Dalhart, Texas, on the 27th day of April, 1920, for the purpose of amending the Charter, to build a branch line from Lubbock, Texas, to a point on Red River in Clay County as ordered by the Stockholders, to increase the Capital Stock from Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) Dollars to Six Hundred Thousand (\$600,000.00) Dollars, to change the location of the principal office from Dalhart, Texas, to Wichita Falls, Texas, and create a bond issue of Thirty Two Million (\$32,000,000.00) Dollars, all as ordered by the Stockholders in a meeting that just adjourned prior to this meeting of the said Directors, and to transact any other business that may come before the board at this time.

E. G. COOK, President.  
W. A. PRITCHARD, Secretary.

Jake Scott was down Tuesday of this week from his home in the Afton section. He reports everything now in good shape in the north part of the county.

J. E. Brannen, merchant and postmaster of McAdoo on the plains, was in Spur Monday of this week transacting business matters and meeting friends and acquaintances.

E. S. McArthur, of west of Spur, was here one day during the week buying supplies and meeting his acquaintances and friends of the town and surrounding country.

Marion Mitchell was in town one day the first of the week. He is now almost recovered from the recent injuries in letting the train knock he and wagon and team off the track.

R. F. Rogers, of Dry Lake, was in town one day the past week shaking hands with friends and trading with merchants.

J. H. Reese, of Route A, was one of the number of business visitors in Spur this week.

W. A. Stevens, of Espuela, was on the streets Saturday greeting his friends.

G. A. Sloan was among the recent visitors in the city from the surrounding country.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of  
Dickens County, Greeting:**

You are hereby commanded to summon Fred L. Twichans, Charley Harlow, Martin Harrah and A. L. Harlow and the unknown heirs of Fred L. Twichans, Charley Harlow, Martin Harrah and A. L. Harlow, their heirs and legal representatives, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in Dickens county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published, once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, to be begun and holden at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, on the twenty-first Monday after the first Monday in January, 1920, the same being the 31st day of May, 1920, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 18th day of March, 1920 in cause No. 601, on the docket of said Court, wherein R. J. Bateman and W. H. Bateman are plaintiffs, and Fred L. Twichans, Charley Harlow, Martin Harrah and A. L. Harlow their heirs and legal representatives, are defendants; the nature of the plaintiffs' demand being a suit for the title and possession of 48 acres of land out of Survey No. 1, by virtue of Script No. 64, issued to Alexander, Crain, Harris & Brooks, Patent No. 216, Vol. 26, Abstract No. 4, in Dickens county, Texas, and being tract No. 4 out of said survey as described in decree of partition of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, in cause No. 233, styled Glasgow, Green and Davis vs. S. C. Loyd, et al, recorded in Vol. 14, page 160, deed records of Dickens County, Texas; plaintiffs alleging that they are the owners, in fee simple, of said premises, and that they and those under whom they claim have had and held peaceable and adverse possession thereof, and have title thereto under and by virtue of the three, five and ten years statutes of limitation of the State of Texas, and praying for the removal of the claims of defendants as a cloud on plaintiffs' title to said premises, for damages and costs of suit.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on said first day of the next regular term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
Witness: M. Gay, Clerk of the District Court of Dickens County.  
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 18th day of March, 1920.

M. GAY, Clerk  
District Court, Dickens Co., Texas.  
21 4t By S. L. DAVIS, Deputy.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of  
Dickens County, Greeting:**

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to cause to be published once each week for a period of twenty days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice:  
**THE STATE OF TEXAS**

To all persons in the interest of S. R. (Sol) Davis, Deceased. E. C. Edmonds, Administrator has filed in the County Court of Dickens County an application for an order to sell the following property of said estate, situated in Kent County, Texas, to-wit:

An undivided one-half interest in and to the Northwest Quarter of H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Survey No. 101, Certificate No. 10-1946, Block No. 1, containing 164.83 acres.

An undivided one-half interest in and to the Southwest Quarter of H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Survey No. 101, Certificate No. 10-1946, Block No. 1, containing 164.83 acres.

An undivided one-half interest in and to the Southwest Quarter of H. & G. N. R. R. Co. Survey No. 108, Certificate No. 10-1949, Block No. 1, containing 165.14 acres.

Which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in April, A. D. 1920, the same being the 19th day of April, A. D. 1920, at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and show cause why such sale should not be made, should they choose to do so.  
**HEREIN FAIL NOT**, but have you before said Court on the first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND** and seal of said Court at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 19th day of March, A. D. 1920.  
M. GAY,  
Clerk County Court, Dickens Co.  
21 4t By S. L. DAVIS, Deputy.

**\$10.00 REWARD.**

A light brown Jersey cow, 6 or 7 years old, horns 5 or 6 inches long, strayed from my lot March 14. Will pay \$10 for her delivery in lot.—Geo. F. Fair, Spur, Texas. 20-4t

Grundy Crego, of the Croton country, was a business visitor in Spur Friday of the past week.



**If You Even Knew**

there was going to be a hail-storm—a ruinous, raging storm—one that was bound to destroy your entire source of income—you couldn't do a thing to prevent it. No power on earth could save your property, and you know it.  
Save yourself all this Insure your crops. Protect your business. Protect your family.

**"HARTFORD" HAIL INSURANCE**

**C. Earyl Senning**

LOANS INSURANCE

**SPRING IS HERE**

THE RACKET STORE IS READY TO TRADE THE NEW

FOR OLD!

We Do Repairing, Also Varnishing or Enameling!!!

COME TO THE RACKET STORE FOR EVERYTHING!!

YOU WILL GET IT! PRICES ALWAYS RIGHT!

**J. P. WILKES, Prop.**

PHONE 24

SPUR, TEXAS

**The Spur Hotel**

GEO. F. FAIR, Proprietor.

On Block West of Theatre.

PHONE 156.

ROOMS AND BOARD

FARMERS SOLICITED

**H. F. SHEPPARD, DRAYMAN  
Hauling of All Kinds**

PHONE 168

SPUR TEXAS

**THE STATE OF TEXAS,**

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. U. King by making publication of this citation once a week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county, where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the town of Dickens, Texas, on the fifth Monday in May, A.D. 1920, the same being the 31st day of May, A.D. 1920, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of April, A. D. 1920, in a suit, numbered on the docket, of said court No. 608, wherein Thelma King is plaintiff and W. U. King is defendant and said petition alleging cruel treatment, excesses and outrages on the part of defendant toward plaintiff of such nature as to render their living together insupportable, and specially alleging that on divers times shortly after their marriage, to-wit, on or about the 1st day of April, A. D. 1919, defendant choked plaintiff, threatened her life, cursed and abused her by using vilest epithets; that on or about August 1st, A. D. 1919, defendant drew a knife on plaintiff, and threatened her life, and the the whole married life of plaintiff with defendant was a constant period of misery, humiliation and mental anguish, unreleived by any period of kindness on part of defendant toward her, wherefore she prays the court that she be divorced from defendant.

**HEREIN FAIL NOT** but have you before said court at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND** and the seal of said court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 12th day of April, A. D. 1920.

M. GAY, Clerk of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas  
By S. R. DAVIS, Deputy

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster came in Tuesday of this week from their ranch home west of Spur, spending the day here with the guests of friends and shopping with merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, of the Duck Creek community, were visitors and shoppers in Spur one day the first of this week.

See us for Blacksmith Coal.—Spur Grain & Coal Co. 23-2t

The best is the cheapest, so buy Sweet & Pure Flour.—Otho L. Hale.

**THE STATE OF TEXAS,**

To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Dickens County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon John J. Proctor by making publication of this citation once a week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the nearest county, where a newspaper is published, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in the town of Dickens, Texas, on the fifth Monday in May, A. D. 1920, the same being the 31st day of May, A. D. 1920 then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 12th day of April, A. D. 1920, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 607, wherein Ruth Proctor is plaintiff and John J. Proctor is defendant and said petition alleging that plaintiff and defendant are husband and wife, that on or about the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1917, defendant, without cause or provocation, and without the consent of plaintiff, abandoned plaintiff, with the expressed and avowed intention of never living with plaintiff again, and since which time he has never returned, or in any way contributed to her support, nor has he sought reconciliation or for the resumption of their married relations, wherefore she prays the court for a divorce from said defendant, and for general relief.

**HEREIN FAIL NOT** but have before said court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

**GIVEN UNDER MY HAND** and the seal of said court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this the 12th day of April, A. D. 1920.

M. GAY Clerk of the District Court of Dickens County.  
By S. L. DAVIS, Deputy.

WE BUY, raise and sell fur-bearing rabbits and other fur-bearing animals. Place your order with us, and list what ever stock you have with us stating lowest flat prices on large ship ments. Address 515-517 N. P. Ave., Fargo, N. D. 22 4t

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100 acres good farming land, one room and half dugout, two underground cisterns. See Mrs. Doc Edwards, Croton Flats. 23 2t p

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Toilet paper 5 cents at the Racket Store.



# Wood Cutting Prohibited On Spur Lands!

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

**I**N Some localities in past years, the lands have been shamefully cut over, regardless of our rights, and those of purchasers of land not occupied. Many otherwise honest men, have come to think that what others have done, without a penalty resulting, they can also do, and there is an increasing disposition to appropriate wood wherever it may be found, no matter to whom it belongs. This must 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

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS.

### CROTON ITEMS

Dear Editor: I just believe that old winter has had a back-set.

Every one up in our part of the country is ready for a shower.

Mrs. Winkler and daughter left Croton Friday evening for Abilene.

Here is another wonder to be added to the seven wonders of the world, J. A. Legg has a new Ford car.

Sunday morning several of the young ladies started to the singing convention with their new spring hats on their heads, but they were sitting on them as they come back. I wonder why?

We had preaching and Sunday school Sunday.

Aley Allen and Victor Crabtree took dinner with Robert Reynolds Sunday, and in the afternoon went up to Mr. Richey's to inspect improvements which Mr. Richey is having added to his residence. Everything was in A-1 shape and Happy was on the job as usual.

Wait a minute Mr. Editor.

Hello! Here I am back again. I have just been down to the mule lot to tie old Kit's and Mandy's ears down and unscrew their tails and put them in the cellar—I see a sandstorm coming.

Friday afternoon the boys met and organized a first-nine base-ball team, and Saturday evening played a match game with the Shinnery Twig boys. The score stood 30 to 6 in favor of Shinnery Twig.

Let me say to you Croton ladies that I am well pleased with your work and I sure want to be present when Quipman pulls his sweater off, and Aley gets his mouth fixed just right.

J. A. Legg and family took dinner with Mrs. Dock Edwards Sunday.

Say Rambling Bill, you are getting pretty deep into politics, I see. You are going to get some one an office if you don't look out. I have a fellow up here who has announced for the office of pig-tail—Johnnie Koonsman is his name and he is running on the Berkshire ticket. Your vote and influence will be appreciated.

J. P. Koonsman and wife paid Bob Littlefield and wife a visit Sunday evening.

Bill Prestridge and Alec Winkler represented Croton at the singing convention Sunday. I wonder why they didn't put Croton's name in for the next meeting of the convention.

Well, Mr. Editor, the sand has drifted in and filled my ink bottle till it wont flow very freely, so I'll go to bed and dream of a country where it never blows.—Knight of the Square Circle.

W. J. Hickman, of Afton, was one of the number of business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

### ENTERTAIN.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds entertained Tuesday evening in honoring Mrs. J. B. Hardin of Desdemona who has been in Spur the guest of her mother, Mrs. W. H. Putman. After a number of interesting games of progressive forty two ice cream and cake was served to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Pemberton, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Tunnell, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Senning, Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure, Mrs. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dickson, and the guest of honor, Mrs. Hardin.

Poet Hagins was in town Saturday from the Gilpin country, spending the afternoon here trading and conversing with his friends and acquaintances of the town and country. Mr. Hagins is making the campaign this year for county commissioner from this precinct, and it is very probable now that he will have no opponent. Mr. Hagins will make this precinct and the county an excellent representative on the commissioners board, and will be conservative as well as progressive in financial matters.

C. J. Smith, of the Dry Lake section of country, was here Saturday. Mr. Smith is another of the number of farmers now hoding cotton in the yards waiting for advanced prices as well as the opening up of the marketing conditions. While the market price quotations continue to advance, an advance being reported again this week, yet the actual cotton is not being purchased—and that is what is worrying farmers. They want and need the money, a good price is quoted for the staple, but it can't be sold at the quoted prices.

County Commissioner L. G. Crabtree, of the Croton country, was in Spur recently trading and on other business and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Crabtree has served the county as commissioner for a number of years—in fact almost since the beginning of the county. He is a most conservative man and knows how to avoid calamities. However, he is getting tired of public service and is now retiring. His retirement will be a real public loss.

W. L. McAteer was in one day this week from "Egypt", spending several hours here meeting friends. Mr. McAteer and J. P. Middleton are two farmers who have more feed than we have seen on one pace in many days. They prepare for war in time of peace.

### DRAPER.

Lots of real estate changing hands in this part but you can't get an abstract title with it.

There is an epidemic of colds prevailing here at this time.

Charlie Perrin branded yesterday. We don't know how many he branded but we understand he branded a large per cent. He has sold his calves to Foster at private price.

Alfred Williams, of Girard, spent Friday night with W. T. Lovell. He was on his way to McAdoo to see the great Comedians play their initial program.

H. B. Lewis is topping clods this week. He is an up-to-date jitney man, and farms some so to speak.

Miss Dollie Webb, of Ranger, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. T. Lovell, this week.

They say W. H. Harris, of Dry Lake, went to Colorado City, but they don't say what for.

Miss Ella Tannisch came home Friday. She is teaching school at the Twin Wells school house. She is an accomplished girl and is second to none in instructing the school kids.

Walter Murchison left last week for Kansas. We hope to have him back soon and hope he will be it, when it comes to doctoring sick cars.

Alfred Jackson returned from New Mexico Friday but we didn't see the wagon he brought.

We were in town Monday and Tuesday and found the town greatly excited, and learned on inquiry that our editor was missing, hope he has shown up by this time.—Rambling Bill.

T. B. Sullenberger, of the Steel Hill section, was in town one day this week looking after business matters. The past year Mr. Sullenberger quit his farm and superintended a mercantile business in Duke, Oklahoma. However, he is convinced that farming is the best paying and most agreeable business. Here is hoping he will make a bale of cotton to the acre this year and get fifty cents a pound for it.

J. W. Chalk, a leading citizen of Roaring Springs, passed through Spur the past week, returning from the oil belt. In passing through Spur he acquired some oil leases here, in view of the promising prospects for an early development of this field. We are all confident that oil will be found here, and the greatest suspense is only in waiting for the day of the announcement to arrive.

### NO TRESPASSING.

Hunting, trapping and trespassing is absolutely prohibited in the pastures owned by Jones and Elliott. tf

### AUXILLARY MEETING.

C. W. B. M. Auxillary met with Mrs. D. H. Sullivan April 12th with fourteen members present and one visitor, Mrs. John Hardin.

Mrs. Adams being leader read the 17th chapter of Luke. Prayer by Mrs. A. L. Brasher. Round-table discussion on Busy Women. Song by Mrs. Dickson. Mrs. Bill Putman gave an interesting paper on the Philippines. Mrs. Ted Brannen told an interesting story of God in our home. Mrs. Adams also gave a paper on Medical healing.

Delightful refreshments of cream and cake were served.

Meeting dismissed by Mrs. W. H. Putman with prayer.

Andy Wooten, of near Wake over in Crosby county, was a business visitor in Spur Monday of this week. Mr. Wooten is making the race this year for commissioner from his precinct, there being three other gentlemen in the race for that office. Andy Wooten will make Crosby county a fine county commissioner should the voters of his precinct favor him with the office. He is a man well informed of the needs of the country, is conservative and will administer the public affairs intelligently, conservatively and to the interests of all.

Frank Williams, of north of Spur, was here Tuesday of this week trading and on other matters. Messrs. Williams and Twaddell are among the very first men to take hold of and definitely settle the proposition of developing this section for oil and underground resources—and whether or not oil is discovered as a result of the drillings now under way, Messrs. Twaddell and Williams are due much of the credit for starting and consummating the development work.

O. C. Arthur, candidate for county and district clerk of Dickens county, was in Spur Saturday of the past week meeting the voters in furthering his campaign. While here Olen was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Olen Arthur is as a most pleasant gentleman, and should he be favored above the two other candidates now in the race, he will give the public good service in every instance.

W. D. Thacker, candidate for commissioner from the Croton precinct, was in Spur one day this week furthering the interests of his campaign and attending to other business matters. It is very probable that Mr. Thacker will not have an opponent in the race for office. He is a good man for the place and everybody recognizes this fact.

### \$10.00 REWARD

For two stray brown horses, one branded T5, foretop cut, weighs 1100 pounds; one branded stripe around fore leg, scar on muscle left foreleg, weighs 900 pounds. Last seen at Soldier Mound Saturday.—Phone the Clay Hotel at Dickens or notify Toad Wiley.

Mace Hunter, of five miles east of Spur, was on the streets Saturday. Mace has been advertising planting cotton seed for sale, and has been having calls for the seed. Western Texas is this year furnishing planting seed for both cotton and feed stuff to the Eastern part of the state and even other states further east. West Texas is coming into its own.

J. M. Howze, of the Highway community, was in Spur Saturday. He with other farmers of the country who have shipped cotton out to markets, were to meet here Saturday for the purpose of discussing what moves now to make, but we have not been informed as to what action they decided to take.

J. S. Worsham, of three or four miles west of Spur, was in Spur Monday. He was suffering from a severe injury received in doing a blacksmith job on his farm. He was sharpening points, let his tongs slip and the hot point flew up and struck him across the nose. He attributes the injury to the fact that he was "scabbing" on the blacksmith, and in future he may more strictly observe the union rules.

Mr. Fulcher, of Snyder, was in Spur this week with a view of buying property and locating here. Spur Real Estate and Exchange sold him the R. N. Thomas home in the east part of Spur. Mr. Thomas and family will move back to their farm home two or three miles southeast of Spur, and we understand that Mr. Fulcher and family will soon move into their new home.

J. Z. Smith came in Tuesday from Red Mud. He was looking for a school teacher to finish teaching the full term of school at the Lower Red Mud school house. He says they have the money to pay a good price for a good teacher for a month or six weeks time.

Mr. Gilmore, of Dickens, called in one day this week while in town and showed up his subscription to the paper. Thanks. Call again.

Buy Sweet and Pure Flour and eat good bread.—Otho L. Hale. 22tf



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**DEMOCRATIC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for office, subject to the Democratic Primaries to be held in July, 1920:

For County Judge:

CHAS. McLAUGHLIN

F. N. OLIVER

B. G. WORSWICK

For District and County Clerk:

O. C. ARTHUR

S. L. DAVIS

MABEL HENRY CLAY

For Tax Assessor:

G. B. JOPLING

R. L. CARLETON

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:

G. L. BARBER (Re-election)

B. G. FORD

H. J. PARKS

For County Treasurer:

C. H. PERRY

For County Commissioner:

Precinct No. 3:

P. E. HAGINS

Precinct No. 4:

W. D. THACKER

For Commissioner and Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1:

E. L. HARKEY

**Bryant-Link Co. Robbers Caught at Stamford**

Two Mexicans, who robbed the Bryant-Link store here Tuesday night, were arrested at Stamford Thursday evening as they left the train. They had the stolen goods in tow sacks, walked to Jayton and sold some of it there.

**NOTICE.**

Wood cutting, hunting, trapping, and trespassing in any manner upon the ranch of Frank Corn is prohibited under penalty of law.—I. R. Powell.

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**PICOTING**

I have a special machine for this work, installed in my home.

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Judge F. C. Gipson came over Saturday from Dickens and spent an

If you want the best flour on the market, buy Sweet & Pure Flour.—Otho L. Hale.

C. I. Cannon came over to Spur Tuesday from his ranch over in Crosby county.

L. H. Edwards was in Spur Tuesday from his farm and ranch on Croton Flats. He reports everything in good shape.

List your property with us for quick sale.—Spur Real Estate and Exchange. 24-2t

D. D. Hagins, of the Duck Creek section, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

J. A. Zinn, a leading citizen of the Afton country, had business Tuesday in Spur.

Mrs. Standifer and Misses Robbie and Donnalita, are visiting her father, Dr. H. C. Caylor, of Canadian.

H. N. Patton, of east of Spur, had business in the city one day during the week.

Misses Moore, of Steel Hill, were among the shoppers Saturday in the city.

H. P. Cole, of a mile or two south of Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur one day the past week.

G. B. Erath, of the Steel Hill community, was here one day the past week transacting business affairs and meeting friends.

The Misses Gilbert, of the Twin Wells community, were visitors and shoppers in the city Saturday afternoon.

R. W. Moore, a leading citizen and successful farmer of the Steel Hill community, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday.

Miss Mary Ella Forrest, county agent of womans' work, was in Spur Tuesday looking after her duties in this section.

W. J. Elliott was in the city one day the first of the week from his Spring Creek Farm and Ranch southwest of Spur.

T. S. Lambert, of Tap, was among the many in Spur Saturday. He says things are coming nicely in his section.

R. D. Williams, of Red Top, was in Spur Monday of this week meeting friends and acquaintances and also trading with merchants.

Alec Winkler, of the Croton section of country, was one among the many visitors to Spur during the past week.

**THE DIME CONVENTION.**

(By S. T. Clemmons)

We have gathered here, said the original dime

To tell of our records, and what steps in crime,

The Henery Club, of the Methodist Church

Have guided our footsteps before we're left in the lurch

To jingle and jangle in the Missionary Box.

Soon to pass into solid round rocks.

Said the first small dime, the brightest of all,

I arise in trembling to tell of my fall.

Fresh and bright I came from the mint

With conscience clean, and not a tint,

Of that which bows my head in shame,

Before I got caught in this grafting game.

Into the hands of the gang I fell,

And was sent forth into my work of 'oh well,

To double and treble and profiteer,

And a dime no longer am I this year.

I was turned first into a piece of cheese cloth

That a poor boob bought for a dollar 'by gosh.

Then as a dollar for sugar I went,

And now behold me, I repent, I repent.

Then the dime with the hole in the edge

Arose from his seat and tremblingly said,

A member of this Henery Club,

Told me I was only a poor little dub,

Like the man from whose pocket I came

And was not fit for this grafting game

(Then with some putty she plugged my face,

And traded me for a bit of lace.

To later adorn a nightly robe

For which she sold (not to stand government probe)

Then the slickest dime from the bunch came forth

I've been into all games he quoth,

But the Henery Club skins them all

When it comes to making a dime "hit the ball."

With a dime—just ten lonely cents you know,

They grafted and grafted and made me grow.

To a round iron wheel, with an eagle too,

But now, by heck, I'm glad I'm thru,

For I'm ashamed to meet those friends of mine

Who knew me when I was only a dime

And then from a corner came a voice so mild,

I started a dime, and I'm still a child,

Safe and snug in Milady's book,

I spent my time while from Dad she took

The long green bill she'll present to-day,

And tell how, if we'd only pray

All could do as well as she,

And make a dime grow like a tree.

The meeting was busted then and there,

As the Henery Club thought it unfair

That a dime so small should "spill the beans"

And thus ended the convention amid awful scenes—

No Votes For Women.

The ladies of the Methodist Church met in a social meeting at the church Monday, April 12, 1920, from three to six o'clock.

The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and begonias.

In January each lady member was given a dime and asked to use it in the best way possible in making more money by April. The money was turned in and the total amount was \$114.50. Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Cephus Hogan deserved credit for the largest amount; each making over \$10.

The following program was rendered:

Address—Mrs. M. E. Manning.

Piano duet—Audrey Barber and Oauline Ramsey.

Piano solo—Mary Berta Perry.

Piano solo—Inez Sikes.

Reading—"The Divine Convention."

Mrs. M. H. Lee.

After the program everyone enjoyed a social hour and Mrs. G. F. Sikes was declared as the best poetess of the ladies. After the social hour ice cream and cake was served by Misses Barber, Ramsey and Sikes.—Mrs. J. J. Smeiser, Sec.

W. L. Gragson was a very pleasant caller Saturday afternoon at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything in fine shape in his section with good prospects for bumper crops again in 1920. With good crops again this year the Spur country will become the leading factor in West Texas development and progress in all lines.

Frank Hale was on the streets one day this week. Frank is this year living in town, and at the same time superintending operations on the Sunshine Ranch southeast of Spur.

Odell Johns is now carrying his arm in a sling because of cranking a car at the wrong time. Bones in the wrist were broken from the cranking operation.

Johnson Hunter, of six miles east of town, was in Spur Tuesday. He has all of his land prepared for planting and is now waiting only for that time to arrive.

Singer Sewing Machines for sale at the Racket Store. 22 4t p

A boy was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Ensey at their home in the east part of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brothers returned the first of the week from a visit and business trip to Quanah.

Bill McArthur was in town Tuesday of this week meeting his friends and transacting business affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster were in the city Monday from their ranch home west of Spur.

Tom Dodson, of north of Dickens, was on the streets of Spur Monday of this week.

R. R. Wooten, a leading farmer and stockman of the McAdoo country, was in Spur Monday of this week.

J. H. Meadors, a leading business man of Dickens, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

C. H. Parr, of the Steel Hill community, was in town one day the past week.

Ira Slayden, of west of Dickens, was among the visitors to Spur during the past week.

Recently a boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Blackmon at their farm home west of Spur.

W. C. Messer, of Espuela, was one of the many visitors in Spur during the week.

Mrs. W. J. Elliott was a visitor and shopper in the city Monday from her Spring Creek farm and ranch home southwest of Spur.

C. F. Cates is this week having a garage building added to his new cottage home recently purchased of J. W. Meadows.

A. V. Womack and Mr. Conner, of the plains country, were among the business visitors in Spur Monday of this week.

R. J. Williams, of the Red Top section of country, was in Spur Monday of this week. He reports everything in good shape in his part of the country.

Will Tallant, of south of Spur, was here meeting friends one day this week. He is now farming with the expectation of harvesting bumper yields.

E. D. Butler, of the Cat Fish section of country, was a recent business visitor in Spur. He reports everything in good shape in his part of the country, and everybody expecting bumper crops again this fall.

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G. W. Ddson was here Monday of this week from his Tennessee Valley Farm. He says everything is coming nicely and very promising at this time with respect to crops and conditions in general.

J. P. Middleton, of a mile or two west of Dickens, was in Spur recently seeing the crowds and meeting with his friends.

S. H. Twaddell, of two or three miles north of Spur, was here Monday transacting business matters and trading with merchants.

Messrs. Bert and Chalk Brown, of the 24 Ranch, were among the business visitors in Spur Monday of this week.

**G. L. Crawford's**  
**HOUSEHOLD GOODS**

Will be Sold at Auction

**Saturday, April 24th**

Beginning at 2 O'clock

Two Blocks West of Gem Theatre

The following is a partial list of things to be sold to the highest bidder for cash:

Library Table  
Stoves  
Chiffonier  
Dining Table  
Kitchen Cabinet  
Refrigerator  
Cooking Utensils

Rockers  
Beds  
Dresser  
Rugs  
Chairs  
Dishes

And other numerous articles. Also a young, pure bred Jersey cow, giving about three gallons of milk daily.

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## Some People Are Talking About High Prices STOP AND THINK, AND YOU WILL NOT BE QUITE SO WORRIED

SOME PEOPLE MAY THINK BY SENDING AWAY THEIR MONEY TO SOME OTHER POINT THAT THEY WILL BETTER CONDITIONS. LOOK YOUR NEIGHBOR OVER, AND YOU WILL FIND THAT THOSE WHO ARE HOME BUILDERS AND HAVE THE BEST BANK ACCOUNTS, USUALLY TRADE AT HOME, HAVE THE CONFIDENCE OF THE MERCHANT AND HIS NEIGHBORS, AND IS AND DOES LEND HIS ENERGY TO HELP THE GENERAL COMMUNITY WHERE HE LIVES. WE APPRECIATE FRIENDS, AND ARE TRYING AND HOPING TO IN THE FUTURE PLEASE THOSE OF THE LOYAL CLASS. WE ARE WELL VERSED ON THE TOPIC OF THE PERCENT THAT WOULD PREFER TO ACCEPT THE ADVERTISING OF A FOREIGN CORPORATION THAN TO ACCEPT THAT OF HIS NEIGHBOR OR HOME MERCHANT. WE ARE THANKFUL TO STATE THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR MANY OF OUR CUSTOMERS TO ACCEPT MUCH OF THE ABOVE.

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# Love Dry Goods Company

SPUR, TEXAS

"THE PROGRESSIVE STORE"

SPUR, TEXAS

J. T. Holloway, of Espuela, was a recent business visitor in town.

T. L. Dozier, of the Dry Lake settlement, was a recent visitor to Spur.

L. L. Arnold, of Duck Creek, was in Spur Wednesday.

G. S. Jones, of Dry Lake, was here one day during the week transacting business affairs.

H. C. Allen came in Monday from his farm home in the Dry Lake settlement.

T. E. Love, of Tap, was in town Saturday trading and meeting with friends.

J. J. Lilly, of north of Spur, was among the number on the streets Saturday.

W. C. Mitchell, of Red Mud, was here one day the first of the week on business.

Judge A. J. McClain, of Cat Fish, was in town Wednesday. He reports everything in good shape on Cat Fish at this time.

Eb Johnson returned this week from a business trip to the Eastern part of the state where he spent several days.

W. W. Sample, who has been spending several days of the past week in Hillsboro and other points, returned the latter part of this week.

W. E. Duke, of the Watson community, was on the streets one day the first of this week buying supplies and greeting his friends.

H. J. Parks, of east of Spur, and who is campaigning for the sheriff's office, was among the many in Spur Saturday.

Howard Campbell was in recently from the Elliott farms.

D. W. Pritchett was a recent visitor in the city.

John Self was here last week from Red Mud.

W. H. Cartwright, of the Soldier Mound community, was a recent visitor in Spur.

Dick Sampson and wife were visitors in Spur Monday from their home on the Paddle ranch.

H. G. Draper was among the number in Spur the latter part of the week.

Jim Walker was here Saturday of the past week trading and shaking hands with friends.

R. J. Hairgrove, of Dry Lake, was here Wednesday greeting friends and on other business.

J. E. Sparks, of southwest of Spur, was among the many in town during the past week.

W. A. Smith was here Saturday of last week from the Red Mud country.

Jesse Willis, of the Duck Creek section, was among the crowds in town Saturday.

J. C. Weir came in Saturday and spent an hour or two here buying his supplies and conversing with friends of the town and surrounding country.

M. C. West, of five or six miles to the south of Spur, was among the number on the streets Saturday of the past week.

A. C. George, a leading citizen of the Highway community, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday of the past week.

G. R. Wood, of north of Spur, was transacting business here Tuesday.

D. G. Simmons, of the Duck Creek country, was among the many to visit Spur in a business way during the past week.

Hugh Gray, of two or three miles northwest of Spur, was here Saturday shaking hands with his friends and acquaintances.

Mrs. J. C. McNeill, of the Alamo Stock Farm west of Spur, was a visitor and shopper in the city one day the past week.

J. L. Karr, of Espuela, was on the streets Wednesday. Recently Mr. Karr made a trip to Fort Worth, taking in the Fat Stock Show. He said that he among others was disappointed this year in the show, in that it appeared that the management was after the dollar more than to entertain and educate the people who attended.

It is now time for all of us to begin plans for our annual fair. Everything now indicates that we may have the greatest fair within the history of the organization. Let us all—every farmer of the whole country as well as the business men, take a personal interest in making the 1920 fair the biggest and best.

J. O. Yopp, now becoming a noted farmer of the Steel Hill community, was in town Wednesday transacting business in connection with his farming operations and incidentally meeting friends. Mr. Yopp expects to make a good stake from this year's crop, and we hope he does.

R. L. English was among the number in Spur during the week from the Dry Lake section of country. Mr. English moved the first of the year from the Highway community to Dry Lake where he purchased one of the best farms in the country.

R. A. Brown was here Saturday from the Highway community.

W. F. Foreman, of Espuela, was in the city Saturday.

Chas. Gunn, of north of Spur, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Comie Foreman and wife were in the city one day the past week shopping and visiting with friends.

J. M. Aston, of Espuela, was here one day this week buying supplies and meeting friends.

W. D. Blair, of east of Spur two or three miles, was among the number in the city Monday of this week.

W. W. Franklin, of three or six miles east of Spur on the Highway, was in the city Tuesday trading.

Buster Bural was in town Wednesday from Duck Creek, spending an hour or two here trading and on other business.

W. P. Marshall was here Tuesday from the Duck Creek country, spending several hours here with friends and trading.

H. H. Hill, of the Dry Lake community, was in town one day this week meeting his friends and looking after business affairs.

W. T. Andrews, of the Spur National Bank, has our thanks for a dollar and fifty cents, showing his subscription up a year ahead of time.

Tom Cherry, a leading citizen of the Dry Lake country, was here Saturday attending to business affairs and greeting friends.

R. M. Hamby and wife are leaving Spur Friday for Marlin where they will spend a month or more. Before leaving Mr. Hamby called in and had the Texas Spur follow him to Marlin.

C. A. Denson, of Dry Lake, was in Spur Saturday of the past week.

J. T. Garrett was here Saturday from his home west of Spur.

W. C. Garrett came in one day this week from his farm and ranch several miles west of Spur.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was here Monday transacting business matters.

Will Edgar, of west of Spur a few miles, was among the crowds here Saturday.

J. V. Randolph was here trading one day the past week from his home south of Spur.

W. F. Shugart, of east of Spur, was on the streets Wednesday of this week.

W. R. Rouse, of the Steel Hill section, was among the number in Spur this week.

John Randall, an old timer of the Steel Hill section, was among the visitors to town the past week.

S. B. Scott came in from his farm home and spent the week end in Spur with his family.

L. S. Scott was in town Saturday from his farm home. He says everything is looking good.

E. J. Cairnes was here this week from the Paddle ranch looking after business interests.

L. C. Ponder recently returned from a very pleasant visit back to his old home in the Eastern part of the state.

Roy Butts, of Steel Hill, was here the latter part of the past week trading and transacting other business affairs.





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**RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION**  
The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Dickens, Texas, to be held at Roaring Springs on May 8, 1920, to fill the position of rural carrier at Afton, Texas, and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other postoffices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. Both men and women, if qualified, may enter this examination, but appointing officers have the legal right to specify the sex desired in requesting certification of eligibles. Women will not be considered for rural carrier appointment unless they are the widows of U. S. soldiers, sailors or marines, or the wives of U. S. soldiers, sailors or marines who are physically disqualified for examination by reason of injuries received in the line of military duty. Form No. 1977 and application blanks may be obtained from the office mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

Baxter Scoggins, who several years ago lived on a ranch southwest of Spur, spent Monday here greeting old time friends and acquaintances. He is now and has been during the past two or three years making his home in Wichita Falls, having sold his ranch property at the beginning of the hard years. Baxter told us that there were other and easier ways of making money than by ranching, stating that he formerly thought a fellow had to have a few cows and look after them in all kinds of weather in order to live, but that he has found he knows how to do other things giving better returns for his efforts.

J. I. Greer was in the city Monday from his Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur. He had been over to Dickens to meet with the commissioners court in an effort to get a roadway opened up through his community. Roads are already becoming an item to this country and in the years to come will become more so. Dickens county has always been a leader in the good roads movement, and today has more roads and better roads than any other county in West Texas, and as a result Dickens county is a more desirable place in which to live.

J. J. Hickman, of near McAdoo on the plains, was a business visitor in Spur Monday of this week, and while here had us mark his subscription up ahead of time. Mr. Hickman is one of the biggest farmers of the plains country, and each year devotes a considerable acreage to small grain. He is also one among the farmers of this section who believes in having farm machinery to do the farm work. Such farmers will become more and more numerous as the years go by.

W. W. Garner, of ten or twelve miles west of Spur, was in town Monday greeting his friends and transacting business affairs. He says his section of the country has a fine season in the ground and the very best crop prospects at this time. He has practically all of his land prepared for planting and is now only waiting for the proper time to come to put seed in the ground.

W. W. Waldrup, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday of this week. He was here probably winding up the details for the commencement of a ten thousand dollar residence in the city on the lots recently acquired on Burlington Avenue.

There is no flour better than Sweet and Pure.—Otho L. Hale. 22tf

**DIFFERENCE IN SCHOOLS OF TODAY AND YESTERDAY**

There is quite a difference in the way schools are taught now and when I was a school boy. Is the change for the benefit of the children or against? I will give how the teachers conducted the schools when I was a boy, then you all can be your own judge. The teacher only got \$1.50 a scholar and boarded themselves. They would teach from early in the morning until about five thirty or six o'clock in the summer time. Every Monday morning he would read his rules to his school and the boy or girl that disobeyed his rules got a licking; he made his promise good. Then when the boy or girl went home, if their parents found it out they got another skinning and was sent back to school. I have got skinned at both ends of the road; I have all my skin yet except a piece I knocked off with some barbed wire the other day. I never got a lick amiss unless they struck at me and missed me; I tell you they hit center every time. Do they do that now? Leave that for me to say. They used the old blue-backed spelling book, McGuffey's readers, Davies arithmetic, Webster's dictionary and across one side of the house was a writing desk. Each scholar that was writing had a copy book and foolscap paper. The teacher would set up copies, show us how to hold our pens, how to make capital letters and how to shade our letters. We had no blackboards, no lead pencils, no tablets; we wrote with pen and ink, those who were ciphering had slates and pencils. All walked from one-half mile to three and four miles. All of us went barefooted; girls from twelve to fifteen went without shoes. We had no horse to ride no buggy, no car. Can children go that way now days? Guess for yourselves. Now they put in one or two days in each month getting up some kind of a program, entertainment, box supper, musical, football, baseball, something to draw the children's minds from their studies. Then children would learn more then in three months than they do now in eight. I know what I am talking about. I have been living here in a quarter of a mile of a school 18 years. A teacher can tend a good crop the way they teach now and attend his school. Still they are crying for bigger salaries. Now a few thoughts about the old messy backed farmer, the drag of the world, the one that feeds and clothes the world. Every farmer ought to plant just enough for his own family for two years. Maybe we could get some of these men out of town to help make a living for the people. Get out in the heat and cold and rain, it would change their color, get some of the paint and starch off of them; couldn't take in quite so many picture shows. Their help out here plowing would help make the people a support. See them skinning down the street, stepping about 10 or 12 inches at a step, looks to me like they would jerk their ribs loose from their backbone. See the old farmer with one leg away behind, after while he will bring the other up; wore out, tired down, hungry. If he gets anything to eat, he has to pay from fifty cents to a dollar. When any of them comes around us we give them the best we got and a bed to sleep on. Glad for them to come and stay with us. They remind me of a candidate, everything is all right till they get back to town, then they forget all this. Us farmers ought to raise family crops or all of us move to town and all starve together. Lumber is so high we can dig us a dug out and cover it with dirt, that is good enough for an old farmer, his wife and children. That will be about our caliber, we never have any fine clothes to get dusty no way. May continue another article in future, especially if any one kicks at this. Every change, or nearly so, they make is detrimental to the farmer and his family. He don't realize \$25 a bale for his cotton, everything else makes from 10 to 100 cents on the dollar. Now if anyone gets ruffled at this come to me and make apologies I'll give you.—R. S. Holly.

S. R. Bowman was a business visitor in Spur Monday of this week, spending an hour or two here trading and greeting friends. Mr. Bowman has several acres of alfalfa on his farm and on which he has fine white hogs now running.

S. W. Stephenson, of the McAdoo country, was a recent business visitor in Spur, reporting everything in good shape in his section at this time and big crops expected this fall.

Tom McArthur was here Monday from his farm and ranch over on Red Mud. Tom intimated that when he had a branding he would kill a calf and might invite one or two particular friends out on that occasion.

**EGGS FOR HATCHING**  
Thorough bred White Leghorns, \$1.50 per setting; \$7.00 per 100.—White Poultry Farm, Afton, Texas. 4

Ed Hufsedler was in town one day during the week from his home in the Dry Lake community. He reports everything in good shape.

**PEANUT SEED**—70 bushels prime Spanish Peanuts on Crabtree farm at \$2.00 per bushel. Get yours.—L. G. Crabtree. 22-4t

Wall paper at the Racket Store.

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To your horse, cattle, hogs and poultry. The extra production of milk and eggs, and making the animals stronger is not comparable to the small cost of using it. We have Hess—Legears—Lees and International to choose from.

**Red Front Drug Store**  
G. R. ELKINS, Mgr.

Ben Holly was here recently from the Steel Hill community.

Singer Sewing Machines for sale at the Racket Store. 22 4t p

D. J. Hairgrove, of near Spur, was in the city one day this week.

Come to the Racket Store to buy and to sell what you do not want.

C. P. Allen, of Duck Creek, was in town Saturday and while here paid The Texas Spur office a pleasant call.

REGISTERED Duroc Jersey Male for service at Experiment Station, at \$3.50. 22-8tp

A. M. Sheppard, of two miles to the north of Spur, was on the street's one day the first of this week.

The best is the cheapest—that's why we sell Sweet and Pure Flour.—Otho L. Hale. 22tf

R. D. Shields, J. H. Meadors, J. H. Edwards and other prominent citizens of Dickens, were among those in the city Wednesday.

G. H. Kitchens, of the McAdoo section of country, was one of the many business visitors in Spur the latter part of the past week.

83 Model Overland for sale, brand new casings all around, car in first-class shape, will take good cow or horse as part pay. Also have pigs to sell at \$8.00 at six weeks old. See Ed Duncan, 2 miles north of Spur. 2p

Dixey Smith, of Snyder, was a business visitor in Spur Monday of this week, coming over to purchase a new Franklin sedan for his mother, the car being purchased from E. L. Caraway.

**CARS AND STORAGE BATTERIES**  
Have full line of new Exide Storage Batteries, and can fit any car. Also have several used cars in good condition mechanically to sell at bargains.—Highway Garage, E. L. Caraway.

J. E. Garland was here Saturday of the past week from the Girard section of country, and called and had his subscription shoved up ahead of time. Thanks. That is what pleases and gives us substantial encouragement.

C. P. Harris left last week for Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he will be some time for the benefit of his health. Since having the flu Mr. Harris has been in poor health, and it is in hopes of regaining his former good health that he is now taking this vacation, and we hope that he returns completely restored to good health.

J. T. Cozby, of east of Spur, came in with the crowds Saturday.

E. N. Brown, of the McAdoo country, was here Tuesday on business.

If you want good bread, use Sweet & Pure Flour.—Otho L. Hale.

R. C. James was here one day the past week from the Highway community.

W. S. Leach, a leading citizen of the Espuela community, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

**WANTED**  
Good all-round girl for hotel work.—Hotel Midway. 23tf

Sweet & Pure excels any flour put up in Texas. Try a sack and be convinced.—Otho L. Hale, Spur.

S. M. Bailey, of McAdoo, was here Saturday transacting business and greeting friends.

W. S. Campbell made a business trip this week to Cisco and other points in the oil belt.

C. B. Blankenship, of Duck Creek country, was among the many on the streets Saturday.

Good bread is the principal part of a good meal, so use Sweet & Pure Flour.—Otho L. Hale.

A. W. Jordan and wife, of Steel Hill, were shoppers and visitors in the city Saturday of the past week.

See us for special bargains in business and residence lots.—Spur Real Estate and Exchange. 24-2t

Walter Jordan, of Duck Creek, was in town Saturday trading and on other business.

We have no hesitancy in recommending Sweet & Pure Flour.—Otho L. Hale, Spur.

L. H. Perry returned last week from a business trip to Stephenville and other points in the eastern part of the state.

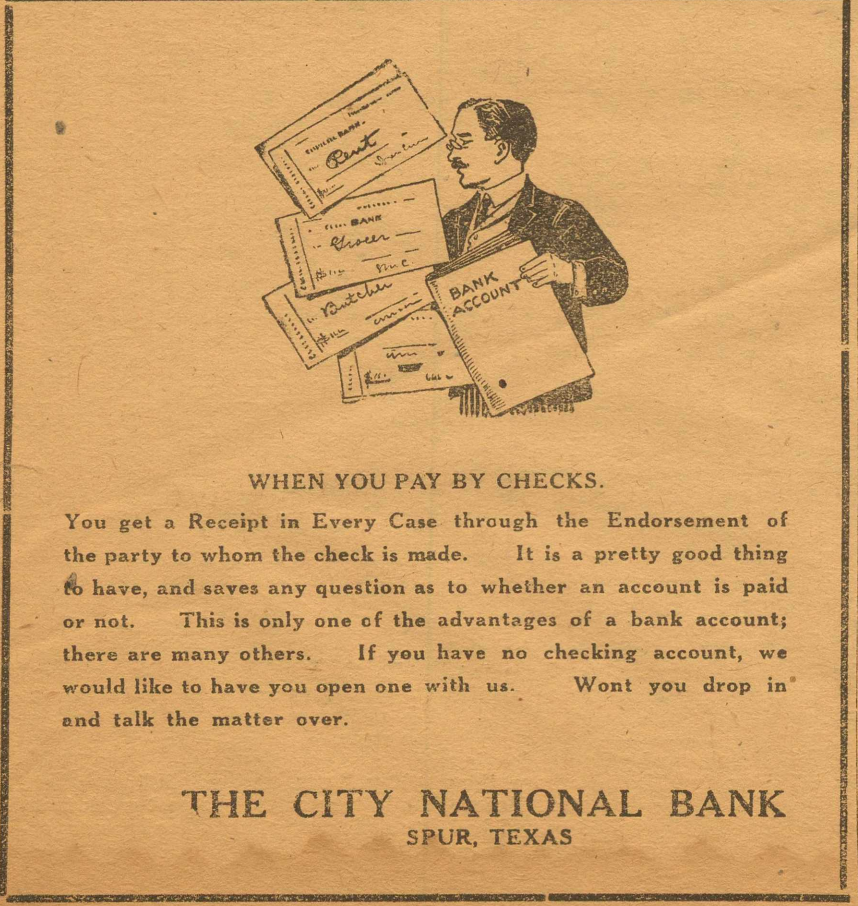
Jim Jay, a leading citizen and business man of Girard, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday of the past week.

Three Poland China sow pigs from the champion sow, for sale at \$30 papers furnished.—Veltou Blackmon, 12 miles west of Spur. 24-4tp

W. A. Johnson, of the Dockum Stock Farm three miles northwest of Spur, was here Monday of this week on business and greeting friends of the town and surrounding county.

**SCHOOL DAYS (1914)**

The happiest time I ever had, when we were going to school. We had no thought of the future years, But accepted with pleasure what old times brought. Our teacher was stern and good as could be, Though she wouldn't be crossed by the biggest one there; And of ten we'd cut for her a bundle of switches. One day a line she drew across the ground, She placed us "boys" who wasn't content. Day after day we held our ground and dared not touch the line. One evening says "Alvil" let's make a charge across the line And burn those play-houses beside the fence. As quick as spoken was the onward rush That brought ruin to the happiness of smaller boys. But times have changed a heap since then And we're scattered just as well Tho few remain to look upon the burned and ruined heap, A new one stands upon the hill, but it isn't half so dear to me. Since then Cupid shot his arrow thru our ranks, Six times the wedding bells have rung—six times their echo kiss air. Two kind and happy hearts wove in one of love. Then baby came with golden arms, blue eyes and sweet caresses, To bind their lives more closer That they may stand the strain of future years. We bow our heads in sorrow for those that have gone to rest. Their lives were bright as any candle gleaming from a pearly arch. Those days, sweet memories will linger with us till we meet again. —Martin Koonsman.



**WHEN YOU PAY BY CHECKS.**

You get a Receipt in Every Case through the Endorsement of the party to whom the check is made. It is a pretty good thing to have, and saves any question as to whether an account is paid or not. This is only one of the advantages of a bank account; there are many others. If you have no checking account, we would like to have you open one with us. Wont you drop in and talk the matter over.

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Plenty of nigger head coal at \$12 per ton delivered to your bin.—Western Grain & Coal Co., Phone No. 3.

J. Carlisle, of Duck Creek, was in town Saturday trading and meeting the old timers.

DUROC JERSEY BOAR for Service at my place Twin Wells.—H. E. Evans. 24tf

John D. Hufstедler, of Dry Lake, was among those in Spur Friday of the past week.

The ladies of Dry Lake will give a box supper Friday night, April 23rd, for the benefit of the Methodist church.

S. B. Boykin, of the Soldier Mound community, was in town one day during the week trading and transacting other business affairs.

Jeff Smith was in town Monday, and on meeting us handed us a dollar and fifty cents to shove up his subscription twelve months. Thanks.

Mrs. A. Lollar, of near Girard, was in Spur Monday of this week shopping and visiting with friends of the city.

Tom Greer was in town one day the first of the week from the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles west of Spur.

E. L. Smith, of Route A, was here one day recently trading and shaking hands with friends and acquaintances of the town and surrounding country.

W. A. Bowen, of Route A out of Spur, was here recently greeting the townspeople and others here that day.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, of the Duck Creek country, were visitors and shoppers in Spur Saturday of the past week.

STRAYED—Coming two year old heifer, marked crop and swallow fork right ear, branded F on left hip. Owner please call for heifer and pay expenses.—H. E. Evans. 24tf

R. T. Moore, of Jones county, was here this week visiting with S. J. Ousley. He was also here with a view of buying property and later becoming a resident of this section of the great west.

J. P. Koonsman, of Croton, was among the number in Spur Saturday of the past week. He stated that everything was looking good in his section, and that the election passed off quietly and peaceably Saturday.

County Commissioner Rush McLaughlin, of the McAdoo country, was in Spur Saturday afternoon buying supplies and attending to other business affairs. He reports everything now in good shape on the plains, they having had a light shower of rain the latter part of the week which contributed somewhat to the good season already in the ground.

Get your coal early. \$11 per ton at the yard.—Western Grain & Coal Co., Phone No. 3.

J. N. Zumwalt, of the Highway section, was in Spur Saturday trading and on other business.

Ol Taylor was here Saturday from Duck Creek meeting his friends and boosting everything in general.

W. F. Cathey, of north of Spur and near Dickens, was in town one day the past week.

G. W. Chancellor, of north of Spur a mile or two, was transacting business here one day this week.

Mebane cotton seed for planting to sell at \$1.50 per bushel.—Mace Hunter, 5 miles east of Spur. 22 3t p

J. L. Puckett, from 'Egypt' was in town one day the past week greeting friends.

A. J. Slaton, of near Dickens, was here trading one day during the past week.

S. W. Rather was in Spur one day during the past week from his ranch home on Cat Fish.

Miss Robbie Weir, of east of the city, was among the shoppers and visitors in Spur Saturday.

White Leghorn eggs for sale at \$1.50 per setting.—Mrs. J. B. Richardson, Spur, Texas. 20tf

Misses Maples and Thelma Harkey spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives and friends at Jayton.

Better get your coal now! Only a few more cars coming before storage season.—P. H. Miller.

B. G. Worswick came over Saturday from Dickens and spent the day in Spur on official business and incidentally furthering his campaign for the county judge's office.

J. R. McArthur, of the Tap section of country, was among the number in Spur Monday of this week. He says everything looks good in his section with respect to crop prospects and conditions at this time.

E. H. Blakley, of the Afton country, was a visitor in Spur the past week. We are very glad to note that Mr. Blakley is now greatly improved in health, and is looking more like his old self.

### TO PIG CLUB BOYS.

I have registered big bone Duroc Jersey pigs, six to ten weeks old, to sell at \$25 each, and am giving \$10 for first and \$7.50 for second prize at our fair this fall.—W. A. Stearns, Spur, Texas. 24-3tp

### A SCHOOL TEACHER WANTED.

At once for one month or six weeks to finish term of Lower Red Mud School. Will pay good salary. See J. Z. Smith or call at the Texas Spur office.

C. Darden, of Girard, and who is making the race for county attorney Kent county, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Dr. Blackwell, of Dickens, was in Spur one day the past week on professional business and meeting his many friends here that day.

W. C. Bennett and wife, of the Gilpin country, left the first of the week for Cooper, where Mr. Bennett has accepted a position with an engineering corps. He had started a crop, but sold out to take this position.

George Renfroe was in town Monday from his ranch home northeast of Spur. George is this year putting in a big acreage of new ground for cultivation, having bought a tractor with which to do the sod breaking.

C. D. Copeland was in town Tuesday from his farm seven or eight miles east of Spur. Mr. Copeland is again this year preparing a big acreage for the various crops and expects big yields.

W. E. Fletcher this week purchased the E. J. Cowan residence in the west part of Spur, the consideration not being made public. Mr. Fletcher and family will move to the place in June.

M. C. Hobson, who the first of the year moved to Olden in Eastland county, has been spending the past week in the Spur country winding up his business affairs here.

C. N. Kidd, of Dry Lake, was one of the many business visitors to the city the past week. While he talked somewhat 'pessimistic', he appeared to be 'optimistic' to us.

R. S. Holly, of north of Dickens, was in Spur Monday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports everything all right in his section of the country at this time.

Mr. Byrd, who recently moved to this section and is this year making a crop to the north of Spur two miles, was in town Saturday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

W. P. Sampson, of Dickens, was in Spur one day recently transacting business matters and meeting his numerous friends and acquaintances of this part of the country.

W. F. Godfrey returned the first of the week from a trip to Jakehamon where he owns some town lots and is interested in the development and progress of the town.

Mrs. John Roberts was returned recently from Marlin where she had been under treatment by specialists. She is very little improved in health, and is now reported in a very critical condition. It is hoped that her condition may soon improve.

E. D. Jackson, of near Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday of this week. He recently purchased a farm west of Dickens and moved from his ranch over in the Draper section, the move being made in order to take advantage of the better schools at Dickens.

J. A. Legg, a leading citizen of the Draper country, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday of this week. He reports everything in good shape now at Draper, but said that a good, ground-soaking rain would do much to relieve the suspense of farmers at this time.

J. H. Sparks, of west of Spur, was among the large number of visitors in Spur Saturday. Mr. Sparks recently knocked his shoulder out of place, and for this reason had been unable to get about much. However we are glad to note that he is now almost completely recovered from the accident.

H. E. Evans, of the Twin Wells section of country, was a business visitor in Spur Monday of this week. He has a stray heifer on his place which he desires to be removed by the owner, as will be noted by an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue of the paper.

Mat Bingham, who for some time has been down in the Strawn country getting out fence posts on the Swenson ranch in that country, returned this week to Spur to spend a few days with his family. Mr. Bingham has had the flu, and several weeks ago Mrs. Bingham went down to be with him and care for him. He informed us that his crew of men were now getting out about two car loads of posts each week. They will be shipped here and used in fencing the Swenson pastures.

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THIS SHOULD BE DONE NOW.

## The Spur National Bank

Jack Renfroe was in Spur Tuesday from his ranch up on the plains.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Putman were visitors in the city Monday of this week.

Chas. Perrin was in Spur Monday from the Draper country, spending the greater part of the day here trading and conversing with his many friends.

C. H. Scott, of the Duck Creek country, was among the many here Saturday of the past week, trading and on other business.

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Saturday, April 17th



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### TO THE VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY

It will be impossible for me to see all the voters of Dickens County before the primary elections, owing to the unusual amount of work to be done in the Clerk's office. The office must be kept open and I am compelled to "keep on the job." I have only one girl helping me, (should have 3 more.) Mr. Gay, the present Clerk, has been in poor health since last June and is now in New Mexico recuperating, and he will not be back until the last of May. Therefore it is up to me to keep things going. If I fail to see you do not forget me when casting your vote next July.

**S. L. DAVIS**, Candidate for District and County Clerk (Has served as deputy Clerk since October 1st, 1917.)

**J. H. Hooper**, of south of Spur, was among the recent business visitors in town. Last year Mr. Hooper made a mint of money in government work while his family made a bumper crop at home, thus pulling him out of the "drouth hole" and probably placing him on easy street.

**J. C. Stephens, Jr.**, of the Duck Creek country, left Spur Wednesday for Moran where he will farm this year, calling on us before leaving and having his paper follow him to his new location. Mr. Stephens has been here too long to think of establishing a permanent home elsewhere, therefore we will expect him back in this country next year.

### J. Q. WARD DIED FRIDAY AT SWENSON, STONEWALL CO.

**R. C. Forbis**, Jim Keller, J. J. Albin and Chas. Windham attended the funeral of J. Q. Ward Saturday at Aspermont. J. Q. Ward has been a resident of Stonewall county and this Western country for the past thirty years, and is said to have helped more needy people than any other man of similar means. He was a man who had many friends. He was injured in being thrown from a horse, contracting pneumonia following the injury which caused his death. The funeral was one of the largest ever witnessed in the county.

Some time ago **J. R. McMahan**, of three or four miles to the northwest of Spur, brought in a pair of shoes which he found between his home and the iron bridge on the Spur-McAdoo road, asking us to advertise for the owner. Up to date we have neglected to do so. However, the party who lost a brand new pair of white shoes which had never been removed from the box, can now be advised that they are at the Texas Spur office. Should the owner of these shoes fail to come in very soon, Mr. McMahan and the writer have decided to wear them time-about.

**W. R. Heatherington**, of Route A out of Spur, was among the number on the streets Saturday of the past week. Mr. Heatherington reports everything in the very best shape with respect to crop prospects and conditions now.

### EVERYTHING NOW LOOKS GOOD FOR OIL ON THE DAVIS WELL

The drillers on the Davis well are now drilling in brown shale mixed with lime at a depth of approximately thirteen hundred feet. The drill has been in a shale-sand, becoming darker as the bit went down, for the past two hundred feet. The drillers expect to go out of this shale into a harder shale or rock—and then look out they say, because a pay sand may show up.

Up to the present time every indication has been favorable, and the drillers are as confident today that it will be a real oil well as they are that they are now drilling in shale.

It is not improbable that within the next few months Spur will be a teeming oil center.

In the beginning we believed that if the drills were put down to a depth of four thousand feet a gushing oil well would show up—and we still believe it today—while the drillers think oil will be found at a much less depth.

**J. C. Stephens, Sr.**, of the Afton country, is reported seriously ill at his home. For several weeks he has been confined to his bed. J. C. Stephens is one of the few remaining old ex-Confederate Soldiers of this country, and as the evening shadows of life are closing round him he is assured of the highest esteem and loving thoughts on the part of the "sons and daughters" who know him and appreciate to some extent the sacrifices made for a "lost cause."

**J. H. Jones**, of west of Spur, was here during the week conversing with friends and acquaintances. Mr. Jones is interested in some very valuable oil lands in Eastland county, and during the past several months has been spending considerable time looking after his interests. Only a portion of the land has been leased, and the probability is that the lease price will soar in the near future as development progresses around the land.

**Geo. F. Fair** informed us Thursday that he had leased the Spur Hotel to Mr. Barley who now has charge of the business. The hotel and restaurant businesses in Spur are apparently among the biggest and most prosperous businesses in the town.

**Jim Smith** came in Saturday from the Dry Lake country, spending the day here meeting his many friends and acquaintances. Jim intends this year to make enough from his crops to either retire or establish a banking business—and we hope such expectations may be realized.

**J. F. Parr**, of west of Dickens, had business in Spur one day during the week. Mr. Parr is giving his whole time now to road work, he being employed by the commissioners to operate the new tractor road grader—and it is said that he is doing the very finest work.

**Tom Clark** recently bought the old building standing near the Spur Blacksmith shop, moved it to a lot on the block south of the Miller lumber yard and where he is now conducting a work shop.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. McCulloch has been suffering the past week of scarletina, but at this time we are glad to note is doing very nicely.

### OKLAHOMA OIL MEN TAKE STOCK IN SPUR OIL COMPANY

**O. E. Maple**, who is interested with Mr. McGee in lands of the Spur Farm Lands, and **Geo. W. Geohler**, of Grand field, Oklahoma, were in Spur this week and invested considerably in the oil developments now in progress. Mr. Geohler is already a millionaire as a result of wildcat oil investments and developments in Oklahoma, and he is pleased with the showings now being made in the Spur country—so much so that he is spending some of his millions here betting on this field.

**Will Smith** was here from Dry Lake the latter part of the past week transacting business, and incidentally had his subscription to this paper shoved up a notch or two. Nothing ever pleases us more than to meet up with such remembrances.

We received a letter from **J. L. Moore** this week. He recently moved from west of Spur to the Ozark Mountains in Arkansas. He didn't say so, but we are confident that he wants to come back—at least he wants to hear from this country.

**Ed Duncan**, of two miles north of Spur, was on the streets Saturday. Mr. Duncan has almost completed his new brick farm home which is one of the finest country homes in this part of the great West.

**R. L. Carleton**, who is at present teaching the Wilson Draw school, as well as making the campaign for the tax assessor's office, was in town Saturday meeting voters and pushing his campaign.

**S. L. Smith** was here recently greeting friends.

**Marshall Miller** was in town Wednesday transacting business.

### BIG CIRCUS COMING TO SPUR SATURDAY, APRIL 17TH

**Christy Bros.** will be in Spur Saturday, April 17th and will give two performances, at 2 and 8 p. m. of an united wild animal exhibition, including not only a great variety of wild animals, but trained animal exhibits and the various entertainments with big circuses. Get ready for the circus. Everybody will be here that day.

**H. C. Parsons**, of west of Spur, was here one day during the week greeting friends and acquaintances of the town and country.

**J. T. Walden**, of five or six miles east of Spur on the Highway, was a business visitor in Spur Saturday of the past week.

**A. E. Ewell**, of the Highway community, was here the past week with the crowds now daily thronging the streets of Spur.

**A. Fry** and **A. A. Fry**, of the Cat Fish country, were in town Tuesday greeting their friends and attending to business matters.

**Homer Garrett**, who is this year farming in the shinnery west of Spur, was in town Wednesday buying supplies and meeting his friends.

**W. T. Lee**, who has been making his home here for some time, moved this week to Mörkel where he will make his home in the future.

**J. Anderson Davis**, of four miles northeast of Spur, was here Saturday shaking hands with his numerous friends and acquaintances.

**J. C. Dopson**, who is this year on the R. R. Johns place north of Spur, was here one day during the week transacting business matters.

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