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The Texas Spur

AND DICKENS ITEM

A well tilled farm is more valuable to the owner and the community than an oil gusher.

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MATERIAL ON GROUND FOR DRIVE-IN FILLING STATION

Gravel is on the ground and the dirt will be broken immediately for the foundation of another drive-in filling station to be constructed by Ramsey & Moore of the Citizens Garage. This building will be located on two corner lots just north of the Nichols Sanitarium on Burlington Avenue, and the plans call for a structure which will be a credit to the town's building activity and progress.

This is the third brick business house and drive-in station under construction now in Spur. Foundations for other brick business houses will be laid soon after the first of the year. 1923 will witness the greatest substantial business building in the history of the town.

The substantial building activity is encouraged and warranted by prevailing conditions and good crop seasons. Throughout the Spur country good seasons are in the ground in every community, and present indications are that the biggest crops in our history will be produced in

JUSTICEBURG OIL TEST WELL WAS SHOT WITHOUT EFFECT

The oil test well at Justiceburg was recently given a shot of nitro glycerine in the hope of "bringing it in". However the shot did not bring about the desired end.

The well had reached a considerable depth and had the most flattering showings of oil and gas. In fact, when shot three barrels of oil per day was being drawn from the well in the slush. This fact is conclusive evidence that oil exists in that territory, and a more extensive drilling campaign will be instituted by the big oil companies, thus insuring a more thorough test if big developments do not result.

We are of the firm conviction that oil pools exist in this territory, and also sure that some day they will be drilled into. Some day vastly greater riches will be developed from underground resources than has ever been realized from surface resources.

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Holiday Greetings

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Nothing more appropriate for a Christmas or a New Year's gift.

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We will furnish you with a nice pass-book.

We welcome the Holiday Season for the opportunity it affords us to extend to you our expression of good will.

We offer you our sincere good wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Full Measure of Happiness and Prosperity for the New Year.

SPUR NATIONAL BANK

LUMBER ON GROUND FOR A MODERN RESIDENCE IN CITY

DeWitt Twadell has lumber on the ground for the construction of a modern bungalow residence on his lots in the eastern part of Spur. The foundation will be laid and construction work begin on this new residence at once.

Surely and steadily Spur is building and developing into a city of modern and handsome homes and a commercial center in the most substantial manner. No town in West Texas today has more beautiful and modern homes or more substantial business structures or handsome church edifices than has Spur within the few years since its creation, and at no time since the early boom days has the building progress been greater or more substantial than at the present time. Some six or eight residences are now under construction and just recently completed in Spur, a thirty thousand dollar church edifice is under construction, two brick business houses are nearing completion and five other brick business houses will be going up at an early date since bids are being received on some of them and plans and specifications are being prepared for others.

On the whole Spur is building, advancing and developing in the most satisfactory and substantial manner.

TERRY FARM HOME DESTROYED MONDAY AFTERNOON BY FIRE

The F. L. Terry farm home together with all household effects was totally destroyed by fire Monday afternoon of this week. The origin of the fire is unknown but is supposed to have caught from a defective flue or coals of fire dropping from a stove.

Mr. Terry and family were away from home at the time, having gone away to spend the day with neighbors.

A subscription list was circulated Tuesday in Spur, and as usual the liberal, free-hearted citizenship contributed a neat sum of money to furnish temporary relief to the unfortunate and distressed family.

CO-OPERATIVE SHIPMENT HITS ROTTEN MARKET LAST WEEK

The co-operative shipment of hogs and cattle made last week by County Agent Johnston to the Fort Worth market, is reported to have "hit a

rotten market". County Agent Johnston stated that the cattle were of poor grade and condition bringing from two to seven cents only, some shippers realizing not more than five to ten dollars for a cow. The hog market was poor he said but some

better than was the case with the cattle.

Mr. Johnston is this week pushing the sale of turkeys, and as a result the price is being advanced from the low point to which it had dropped following the recent campaign when

Joyous Xmas Time!

WHEN WE PAUSE AND ALLOW OUR FEELINGS OF GRATITUDE TO OUR FRIENDS, RELATIVES OR SWEETHEARTS TO BE EXPRESSED IN SOME SUITABLE GIFT OR TOKEN. TO ENABLE YOU TO MAKE THIS PROPER PRESENT, WE NOW HAVE OPEN FOR YOUR INSPECTION A LARGE AND WELL ASSORTED STOCK, AND CORDIALLY ASK YOU TO VISIT OUR STORE AND INSPECT THIS DISPLAY OF GOODS.

DOLLS!!
BOOKS
GUNS
MECHANICAL TOYS
KODAKS

CUT GLASS:
BOWLS
SUGAR
CREAM
CELERY TRAYS
ICE BOATS
NAPPIES
COMPORTS

DOLLS!!
TOYS
FURNITURE
MAPS
BLOCKS

JEWELRY:
RINGS
WATCHES
DIAMONDS
PEARLS
LAVALIERS
CAMEOS
STICK PINS

For Mother

FOR MOTHER:
BROOCHES,
DIAMONDS,
MIRRORS,

PICTURES FRAMES, CUT GLASS
SILVER WARE,
SEWING & SCISSOR
SETS

BASKETS,
BOOKS,
CANDIES,

For Father

FOR FATHER:
RAZORS,
CUFF BUTTONS,
WATCHES,

CHAINS,
SHAVING SETS,
HUMIDORS,
LATE FICTION,

CIGARS,
FLASH LIGHTS,
TRAVELING SETS,
BRUSHES,

For Her

DIAMOND PINS,
MANICURE SETS,
MESH BAGS,
POTTERY,
TRAVELING SETS,

DIAMOND RINGS,
WRIST WATCHES,
VANITY CASES,
CANDIES,
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Every Member of Family

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For Him

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CHAINS,
STICK PINS,
CIGARETTE CASES,

FOUNTAIN PENS,
EMBLEM GOODS,
COLLAR BAGS,
TRAVELING SETS,

SILVER WARE:
KNIVES & FORKS
SPOONS
LADLES
TEA SETS
SUGAR & CREAM

DOLLS!!
BALLS
BUGGIES
WAGONS
AIRPLANES

This Assortment Now Awaits Your Inspection!

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO VISIT US. COME EARLY WHILE THE SELECTION IS COMPLETE.

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TALCUM
PERFUMES
TRAYS, FRAMES

DOLLS!!
PIANOS
STOVES
WASHING SETS



It is important to our community that our Bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System, for it means greater safety for depositors and GREATER OPPORTUNITIES for business, both agricultural and industrial. Before being accepted as a member of this great Federal Reserve System our Bank was examined by representatives from the Treasury Department at Washington, D. C., and they also satisfied themselves of the character and worth of our Directors and Officers.

We invite your banking business. Come in.

**THE CITY NATIONAL BANK
SPUR, TEXAS**

**AN APPEAL TO JOIN
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

The preamble of the American Legion's constitution states that it is dedicated to God and Country. The Legion, during its career of only three years has demonstrated that it is the best insurance policy the Nation has.

Our post appeals to all eligible ex-service men in this community to join the Legion and to aid our fight for Americanism. The blue and gold button of the American Legion marks its wearer as one who has not thrown away his patriotism with the uniform. It means that he has not "passed the buck" to someone else to see that the sick and disabled buddies get justice and to fulfill all those things that he desired to result from the war.

Every man in the service hoped for better things after the war. More than two million doughboys, gobs and gyrenes realized that it was going to be a fight to bring to pass the things that they dreamed of. The result of this prevailing sentiment was the formation of the American Legion.

Legion members are from every branch in the service, from those who were forced to remain at home to men who won the congressional medal at Chateau-Thierry and in the

Argonne. It includes all ranks from private to general.

Our Legion post can be the most beneficial organization in this community. Its purposes are high; its ideals are untarnished. It deserves your support and the membership of every war veteran. Join **BOYD M. WILLIAMS** post of the American Legion and make it the best post in your State.

W. C. CAMERON
Commander **BOYD WILLIAMS**
Post 161.

The American Legion.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I will be at McAdoo Thursday, December 14th, for the purpose of collecting taxes, also will register your automobile at that time for 1923.

I will collect at Afton, Friday, December 15th.

I will be at Spur one week commencing Monday, December 18th to Saturday, December 23.—**G. L. Barber**, Tax Collector. 6-2t.

STRAYED—Somewhere in the country 14 head of cattle branded W on hip. Anyone knowing whereabouts of any one of them, notify me at Dickens for reward.—**Frank Holden**. 6-2t.

**GOVERNORS IN CONFERENCE
SAY KU KLUX ARE DOOMED**

At the conference of governors held last week in Virginia Governor Allen of Kansas made the following address with reference to the Ku Klux Klan:

"The organization is as dangerous to the Protestant as it is to the Catholic and the negro because it exists only when the authority of government has been broken down and destroyed," he declared. "It brings hatred, chaos and menace to every law-abiding citizen who may fall victim of the private quarrels and animosities of the men who hide their identity behind a mask.

"The organization would be absurd, of course, if it were not for the undoubted hold which it has secured in many communities and where it operates, according to the character of its membership in that local community. In many places the appeal to creed has brought into the organization some excellent men who believe that they are addressing themselves to the real problem when they draw lines of religious prejudice.

"It grows very rapidly when it strikes a community and it requires about a year of experience to convince its best members that the organization has no real place of usefulness in America. It arouses the most intense bitterness; in some of the communities where I am acquainted with its activities, friends of a life time have been estranged; families have been divided; men become suspicious of their neighbors; bigotry and intolerance have thrived; poisoned pens and serpent tongues have been busy spreading scandals.

"In the South and in the far West they have committed many actual crimes upon individuals and only recently they have invaded Kansas. There they have given us the shocking exhibition at Liberty a small town in the central portion of the State, of taking the mayor of the town by violence, carrying him to a secluded place and whipping him because he refused to allow this masked society to hold a meeting in a hall which he owned in this community.

"In other parts of the State the Klan was used during the rail strike. The strikers in communities where negroes were employed, put on the garb of this organization for the purpose of frightening those who were employed in the essential industry of transportation away from their work. They have introduced in Kansas the greatest curse that can come to any civilized people—that which arises out of the unrestrained passions of men, governed either by their religious intolerance or by their hatreds.

"In Kansas we are seeking to expel it from the State. Under the laws of Kansas every organized business within the State must be chartered. The Ku Klux Klan has a charter under the laws of Georgia, but its charter has not been approved under the Kansas laws, and the action now pending in the Supreme Court of the State is for the purpose of securing a writ forbidding the Klan to do business hereafter in Kansas. As soon as this writ is issued, the blazing cross and the pasture parties, where men mask themselves and put on a fantastic ceremony in the open field and terrorize an entire neighborhood, will disappear.

"In Oklahoma a new masked order has grown up called the "True Blue." It votaries wear blue masks and only recently they made an attempt to abduct the constable of Ada township and after the fight was over two members of the "True Blue" were ready for a funeral and the constable on his way to the hospital.

"The next organization might be the "Fast Black." The Atlanta emperor has no right to presume that he has a monopoly upon those individuals who will wish to organize a masked government of their own.

"No more grotesque abuse of the term 'American' could be used than to call this organization American. Americanism is tolerant and this organized intolerance; Americanism is law abiding, and this, carried to its final conclusion is organized outlawry."

The Governors of Kansas, Oregon, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Indiana, Louisiana, Georgia, Massachusetts, North

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We will do our best to please you

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M. A. COOPER, M. D.

Rectal Specialist.
CHILDRESS, TEXAS

at this conference were outspoken in Carolina, Virginia and other states expressions of the Klan menace and the necessity of suppressing activities of the organization.

Not only executive and judicial officials throughout the country are coming to recognize the Ku Klux Klan as a serious menace to orderly, constitutional authority and government, but the people are awakening to the dangers and seriousness of condoning an invisible, self-delegated, hooded government composed of a very small per cent of the population, usurping the power and assuming the authority to regulate the morals, religion and politics of the country in accord with their individual ideas. Such an organization is un-American and can not live. It has gained its present prestige and extended membership to almost national proportions merely from the fact that the great majority of the people, in whom rests the stability, justice and powers of government, have been asleep on the job while expert, well versed and paid organizers have pussyfooted from city to town and community and under cover and in secret foisted the organization upon the country.

The more than ninety per cent of people who neither believe in such government nor belong to such an organization as the Ku Klux Klan are not going to submit to the rule of the few men who meet in warehouses, pastures and canyons, and hide their faces to try even moral lepers without a hearing and unrestrained administer punishment in accord with their own ideas of justice. It is not the American spirit. It is not in accord with law and order. It is in direct opposition to the principles of good government and the constitution of Free America. It is bordering on anarchy and not only menaces constitutional authority but will curse the land which condones and harbors such an organization.

Not only Governors and Judicial officers but the people will arise in their might and drive from our borders any organized attempt upon the part of an infinitesimal minority of men under cover of darkness and hoods to assume the powers and functions of Free American Government.

SPUR BOOT AND SHOE SHOP

We do all kinds of boot and shoe repair work, half sole, rubber heels, etc., at reasonable prices. Boot making is our specialty and all work guaranteed. Send in your measure and order for shop made boots.—**H. F. Blue**. 6-6t.

Before leaving for Weatherford to spend the holidays and a more extended visit with relatives, Andy Thomas called in and had the Texas Spur follow him, in order to keep up with the happenings at home during his absence.

A BROKEN LEG

Luther Jones is now getting about on crutches, the result of a broken leg. There is some question as to just how the accident occurred, there being several different versions on the part of friends. However, from the most authoritative sources we are informed that the accident happened in cranking a car. Possibly the rarity of one breaking a leg by cranking a car caused intimate friends to promulgate the thought of other sources of injury. However, it is recognized that a few men do sometimes "kick off" a car to prevent breaking an arm in cranking, and we doubt not that Luther took the chance with his foot rather than his arm. We trust that he will suffer only a very few days inconvenience as a result of the indiscretion.

NOTICE

Delinquent tax payers of the Spur Independent School District are here by notified that suits for collection will be instituted at the next term of district court. Spur Schools stand in great need of all tax moneys and those who are delinquent on the tax rolls are urged to come forward and make prompt settlement.

JOHN KING, Pres. School Board.
W. B. LEE, Sec. School Board.

See Spur Mattress Factory for Sanitary Mattresses. We also renovate old mattresses. All work guaranteed. Your patronage will be appreciated.—**N. O. Phillips**, Prop. 6-1t

Meal and Hulls, Cold Pressed and Hydraulic Cake, we buy and sell most everything. All the molasses are gone—raise some more cane, and bring us your business.—**Citizens Gin & Power Co.**, **Eb Johnson**.

Jim Foster dropped in at the Texas Spur office the other day and renewed his own subscription and that of his father, **J. S. Foster** at seymour and for which he has our sincere thanks and due appreciation.

W. C. Cartwright, of the Soldier Mound neighborhood, was among the number of business visitors and Christmas shoppers in Spur during the week. He reports everything moving along nicely in his settlement.

Baptist Ladies Christmas Bazaar, Saturday, December 9, in Spur National Bank directors room. Cakes, candies and fancy work for sale. 5 2c

E. C. Edmonds and family left Thursday for Fort Worth where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. Edmonds, parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Connell. They are making the trip through the country in their new Dodge car.

To Our Friends and Customers

TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS WE EXTEND THE SEASONS GREETINGS AND WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

SPUR DRUG COMPANY,

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MAJORITY RULE HAS ITS LIMITS

One of the things most misunderstood in the science of government is the so-called "rule of the majority," which has been too often substituted by careless political thinkers and talkers for the "rule of the people" which is the ideal democracy. Majority rule is an important device of our democracies, but it is merely a device and not the underlying principle at all.

Government is supposed to reflect the will of the people. It rests upon the consent of the governed in democracies and forms of government are devices to put into effect that will by that consent. Unfortunately we do not think alike, and so few steps in governmental action are approved in their entirety by all of the people. Hence majority rule as a device to decide upon courses of action that will most nearly meet the urgent wishes of the citizenship.

Majority rule is only a device, a makeshift forced upon us because of our human disagreements. By common consent it is the fair way of settling most of these differences. The principle is the rule of the people, not the majority rule. Yet, in these days many so-called defenders of democracy would make of the majority rule as sacred a principle as time has made the people's rule.

Not that anyone would advocate the abolition of the device of majority rule. It may be improved, but minority rule would be worse. It is an important aid in maintaining democracy. But there are principles and rights that are inherent in the fundamental right of the people to rule, which not even the device of majority rule—important as it is—can take away. It is well that we learn and think upon that fact.

The majority cannot take away the life of a citizen save for recognized crime. They cannot deprive him of many personal liberties guaranteed under the Constitution and won by manning long before that document was written. The minority has certain inalienable rights and they are protected by the Constitution. Individuals cannot be forced to conform to any form of religion, and there are many other rights that not even the majority can take away—they rest on far firmer foundation than the consent of any part of the electorate, even the greater part.

It is well that these facts be considered when men, impatient of the movement of human progress, propose to give a congress which responds to every wind of momentary popular sentiment, the power to override the Constitution of the United States. Are we ready to go back to the Middle Ages when the individual had no sacred rights? If not, we had better hold to the Constitution, which not only provides for the device of majority rule, but protects individual human rights and makes sure the more fundamental principle of the rule of the people.—Fort Worth Record.

Fancy White Leghorn pullets and cockerels from the famous Johnson Hatchery at Bowie, Texas, for sale at \$1 for cockerels and 75c for pullets.—Mrs. M. M. Young, Spur, Texas. 8 2t.

THE CHRISTMAS BUDGET

And after making the Christmas money, then comes the spending of it. And this is a harder proposition than the first, for no matter how much Christmas money any of us have it is never half enough to do all the things we want to do for Christmas. It just seems no matter how little and stingy we are the rest of the year, our hearts sort of swell up and want to do real things at Christmas time. Don't know why we seem to love the children more than any other time of the year. Don't know why we have a more kindly feeling for the whole world at that time than any other. But we do. Don't we? Most all of us have felt that internal longing to remember everybody we love at Christmas time. And sometimes that feeling just grows so strong within us that it actually drives all the joy of Christmas out of our hearts because we know we can not do all the things we want to do. And some of us have even been guilty of wishing Christmas would not come and make us feel that way.

But that is not right. We should not feel that way. There must be something wrong somewhere. What's the matter? Then is the time for us to look into our own hearts and try to discover the real motive of Christmas and we see if we have the real Christmas spirit in our hearts or if we are not suffering from some wrong conception of the day. Now, if we think of Christmas as a "National Pay Up Day" and try to pay all our debts of kindness that we have contracted through the year, why of course, we will all be perfectly miserable for the whole month before Christmas, for it would be impossible. So before you start out to spend your Christmas budget, look carefully into your own heart and see if that is not one of the reasons you are dreading the holiday season. And is not that the reason your budget seems so small? If you find this to be the case then the first thing to do is to correct your Christmas motive. Get the idea out of your mind that Christmas is the ONE day of the year when you should try to pay all your social debts.

Christmas, as we see it, is the one day in the year when it should be our business to scatter cheer. To let folks know we love them, whether they are rich or poor, whether they are sick or well, whether they are up or down whether they are in or out with this big world. Whether they are our debtors or creditors, that is not the question at Christmas time. There may be a whole year or many years before us to pay those debts of kindness. Why try to do all that on the same day and neglect the real work of Christmas, that of scattering joy and sunshine where it is most needed and where it is least expected.

Suppose we try this year to give simple gifts and more of them. Spread your Christmas cheer out more, so there will be enough to go around. How much more like our Heavenly Father it would be for us to plan for everybody to receive a Christmas package on Xmas morning than for a few of the children and people to receive an arm load of costly gifts and hundreds and thousands of others go unthought of on this great Gift Day. If we could all get the right control of ourselves for this one day, and if we could all drive selfishness, Christmas selfishness and Christmas pride and Christmas rivalry out of our hearts for just this one precious day, how much happier we would all be. Give the things we can afford to give. Christmas gifts should not be valued in dollars and cents, but in love and the joy that comes with the thought that those we love are thinking of us.

To the boys and girls especially who are working for their Christmas fund, to you we come for an example of wise spending of those dollars you have made. Suppose you have made only one dollar? How are you going to spend it. It looks like it would not go far. But it will do a lot of things for your home folks. It will get a toy and a pretty pocket, and a sack of candy and an orange and a hair ribbon and a handkerchief and a pretty dish for mother or it would get several Christmas cards that would carry a lot of joy all over the country to those who are away from home. If you have only a dollar for your Christmas cheer fund just see how much CHER you can

get out of that dollar, unless you think mother or some other member of the family needs all the most. That is for you to decide. It is your Christmas dollars if you have made it. And if the dollar belongs to a girl, she might make a dozen pretty things with a dollar's worth of materials if she only knows how to use her hands as well as her money to make Christmas gifts.

For us older folks, there is nothing we all enjoy on Christmas morning more than a kind thought from our friends from all over the country. It may be a word of encouragement just when we need it most. It may be a word of appreciation that will stimulate us to greater effort throughout the whole year to come or it may be an inspiration to us throughout our life. So many of us need kind words and encouragement, and appreciation and a little boosting that would cost only a few minutes time and a two-cent stamp. And it would make us happier and do us more good than anything else in the whole Christmas time. Why, most of us can buy our own socks and suspenders and handkerchiefs and neckties and silk hose and powder puffs and poems when necessity demands it. But oh, how the most of us do suffer for the sake of a few kind words and a little cheer along the way. If some of the flowers and kind words that will be wasted on our funerals could only be sent along at Christmas time each year how much more real pleasure WE would all get out of them. Let's try it this year. And if you don't have the TIME to spare to write your kind thought to your friends, then be brave and honest enough to "Say It" to him when you meet him. My, what a happy day it would be if everyone of us would send at least one kind thought to somebody this Christmas.—By Mrs. Phebe K. Warner.

A. J. Slaton, of north of Spur, paid us a most pleasant call Monday and showed his subscription up to 1924, and which consideration we duly appreciate. Mr. Slaton is not only a successful farmer but one among the very best men of the country. We feel honored and encouraged in having such men among the readers of this paper.

Mrs. A. E. Campbell had her name placed on the Texas Spur list, to be sent to her at Thorndale, Texas, where she is spending the holidays with relatives. Mrs. Campbell will probably extend her visit at Thorndale several months.

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DICKENS HIGH SCHOOL NOTES

We had Chapel Monday morning, which was enjoyed by all.

Miss Ella B. Goen took the teachers examination Friday and Saturday. We hope she will pass, for we know she would make a fine teacher.

The Afton High School of Boy's Basket Ball came down Friday afternoon, and played ball. The scores were 47 to 0 in favor of our boys. Now we told you that the team that beat Dickens High will surely have to play for it. Their Volley Ball team of girls were also present. The games were 2 to 0 in favor of Dickens girls. We girls certainly can play, for we also defeated the Española girls.

The Wichita Rural School and Española Rural School also played basket ball on our court. The scores were 21 to 0 in favor of Wichita.

One of the most interesting games that was played were the little Junior boys of Dickens and the Juniors of Wichita. The scores were 10 to 0 in favor of Dickens. If the large boys played like these little boys played they would be real athletes for they played for what they made.—Two School Girls.

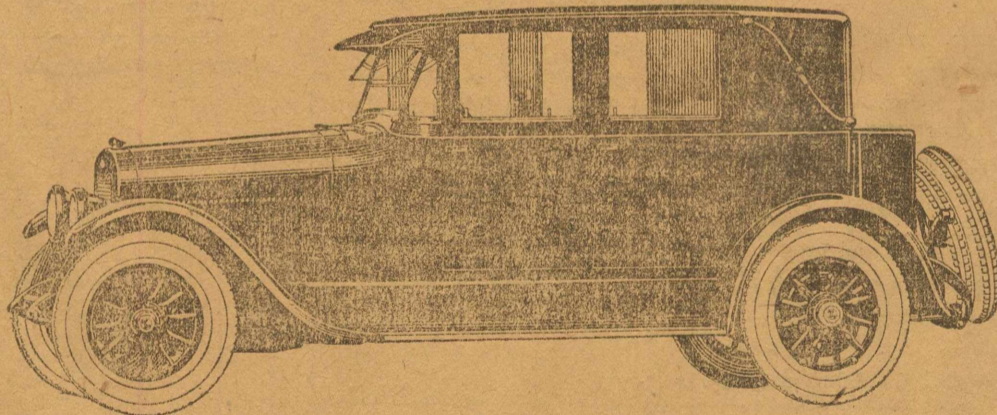
FARM BUREAU NOTICE

To all members of the Dickens County Farm Bureau, you are hereby requested to meet with your respective locals at once to elect delegates to attend the Dickens County Farm Bureau Meeting on the 30th, of December, 1922, in Spur at 2 p. m. in the County Agents office, then and there to elect one or more delegates to the annual meeting of the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, which convenes in Dallas, Texas on the 17th, day of January 1923. J. R. McMAHAN, Sec.

A. Fry was here the other day from his Cat Fish farm and ranch, stating that the Christmas spirit flows freely and broadly along the banks of Cat Fish. A. Fry is a true Westerner, broad and liberal in his views and among the best fixed men of the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Chalk Brown, of the 24 Ranch in Kent county, were visitors and shoppers Monday in the city.

Mrs. Jas. L. Wohlford and sons are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents in Albany.



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THE CHOIR INVISIBLE

As the Canadian Record editor views it:

Another Kansas girl tried to help the fire along with coal oil and she is now singing soprano in the choir invisible where coal oil isn't a commodity. Her sister who said that low necked dresses and short skirts were not unhealthy is along side of her.

In the same choir invisible and singing bass is the fellow who poked the dog out from under the barn with the butt end of a shot gun. Along side of him is the fellow who climbed thro' a fence and pulled the shot gun after him by the barrel.

Another singer jobbed a mule with a cane in a dark stall.

Holding down the alto part are, the lady who blew out the gas, the woman who wondered if evaporated gasoline is explosive, and the girl who got strychnine mixed up with headache powders.

In the senior section there is a strong representation. There is the fellow who tried to show everybody that his car would beat the train to the crossing. Yes, and our friend who looked into the gun barrel to see if it was loaded. Also the guy who tried to get drunk on home brew made in tin buckets. Then there is the fellow singing high tenor who boasted that he could grab a rattlesnake by the tail and snap its head off.

Singing bartone on a lead part is the male vamp who thought he could steal another man's wife and live happy ever after.

Some choir.

SPUR MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION

Spur, Texas, Dec. 15th, 1922.

Dear Members:

Just a confidential word among ourselves. The Spur Mutual has been organized a year, and we now have 1062 valid certificates. We have that number of well pleased members. We have lost one member by death, a few by lapse.

We as officers wish to thank the membership of Spur Mutual for their hearty co-operation and to assure you that your insurance is as good as the best.

Wishing the membership, one and all, a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year, we are,

F. W. JENNINGS, Pres.
F. G. COLLIER, Treas.
C. C. HAILE, Sec.

We are fully equipped and prepared to clean and gin your scrap cotton to the very best advantage. Bring it to us and we will do the rest.—Citizens Gin & Power Co., Eb. Johnson. tf

STATE FACES BIG LOSS IN CHANGING SCHOOL BOOKS

Texas schools face an estimated loss of one-eighth of the fund to be received from the state for 1923, to the costly changes in school books recently made by the text book commission. The loss will amount to \$1,426,620, according to S. M. N. Marrs, State Superintendent-Elect. To this should be added, apparently not included in Mr. Marr's estimate, about \$150,000 for a new book.

That part of the school tax not needed for the purchase of necessary books is given to the schools to pay teachers. As "boot" for this change in books the state will have to pay \$1,426,620, plus \$150,000. The amount thus accruing to the schools will be just that much less and will likely reduce the \$10 per capita for 1922 to a lower figure for 1923.

Country schools suffer worse than those of the cities, as they depend more largely upon the state for shipment. They do not have the sources from which the shortage of funds may be supplied: hence they will have to cut salaries or shorten school terms or both. In Collin County the shortage is estimated at \$9,000.00. In McKinney it is about \$2,050.00. In the city of Dallas the loss is about \$30,000.00. In Dallas County the loss will be about \$27,000.00. In the rural districts of Navarro County the loss is estimated to be \$47 per teacher. Similar losses will be incurred all over the state, and all these losses are due to a diversion of the money the state pays in "boot" for the change in text books.

"The change should not have been made," said Superintendent W. S. Smith of Collin County. "We had enough books to get along with next year without spending a cent for new arithmetics or geographies. The change will take just about \$9,000 away from our schools."

"Lincoln said he did not believe in swapping horses, much less in paying boot, while crossing a creek," said Superintendent A. F. McDonald, of Dallas County. "Needing money as never before, we believe the changes should not have been made. There was no dissatisfaction in our county with the books thrown out. Our teachers were coming to understand them better and to teach better."

Galveston and Gainesville protest the loss today. A wave of opposition seems to be on. State Superintendent Annie Webb Blanton advised against changing the books in use. State Superintendent-Elect S. M. N. Marrs opposed making changes, saying the money is badly needed to pay teachers.

Under Texas law, widespread changes, even when desirable, can not be made without losses. The trouble is with the law. Governor Neff declared for "a safer and saner law" governing text book adoptions when speaking before the Texas State Teachers Association in Houston recently. It is to be hoped that the coming legislature will face the seriousness of the situation and enact a law which will save the schools from all such losses in the future. In order that the full facts may be laid before the legislature, it would be well for each community and county to figure their losses and give them to the public.

Our Greeting
IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS DAY brings us the consciousness that whatever our personal animosities may be, what ever the strife between nations—merely neighborhood quarrels magnified—there is this sublime occasion devoted to peace and good will. Its spirit is the lamp which lights to higher life; its influence largely supports civilization and prevents a lapse into barbarity.

Christmas spirit means Christian spirit. In testing its effect, one has only to reflect upon the positions of races, the most advanced being those of Christendom. China, the oldest entity among peoples, has an admirable occasion upon which the citizens strive to liquidate all their debts. It is a national pay-up day, and in spirit somewhat resembles our Christmas. In Japan they have an annual event somewhat like our New Year's celebration, during which the people go about expressing good will and promoting good cheer. But Christmas has a more elevating effect than either, in that it not only typifies peace and good will, but carries the essence of unselfishness and pure love, the most common expression being the bestowal of gifts. When the Christmas influence gains to the point that its spirit shall permeate the affairs of every day in the year, the millennium will have arrived.

We have this day, and if we mar not its ideal its leaven will produce other days of the kind. In the making of a newspaper we have an opportunity to view the many forces operating upon the characters of humanity. We see the good and bad, the sincere and insincere, the selfish and unselfish. We believe the leaven of good is more active than that of the opposed forces. If we have been, able to assist the right much has been due to your co-operation and we earnestly solicit a continuation of the same. Our Christmas greeting to you is one of optimism, good cheer and hearty good wishes, and may the day completely obliterate every cherished thought of animosity and hatred from whatever cause and only cheer, love and high ideals for neighbor and country dwell in the hearts and minds of every individual reader of this paper.

THE TEXAS SPUR

W. A. Stevens moved the past week from his farm home in the Espuela community to the Snider place in the suburbs of Spur near the Experiment Station. Meeting us on the streets the other day he handed us a dollar and fifty cents to extend his subscription and with which to cheer us along and make possible the enjoyment of at least a small portion of the Christmas spirits of long ago.

NOTICE

We will sell no more wood, and all hauling from Pitchfork enclosure is prohibited.—Pitchfork Land & Cattle Co., by W. H. Bryant. tf

W. R. Farrell, of the Espuela community, was greeting friends on the streets Tuesday of this week. Mr. Farrell has been suffering of an injured eye the past several months. At first he was informed that the eye would have to be removed, but he objected in the hope that the sight would eventually return. We are glad to note that the eye is somewhat improving, in that Mr. Farrell can now distinguish darkness from light and he is hopeful of having the sight completely restored by a slight operation at a later date.

Charles Blanton and family, of Aspermont, spent several days in Spur this week visiting with O. D. Blanton and family. They were returning home from a trip to Post

Miss Nell Higgins entertained with a recital by her pupils in music and expression at Dickens Saturday night at the school auditorium in Dickens. A large attendance is reported, and the several numbers of the program were rendered delightfully and in harmony, demonstrating the ability, efficiency and accomplishments on the part of teacher as well as pupils. Miss Higgins will also give a recital by her pupils in Spur Friday and Saturday nights of this week at the Methodist church in Spur, the public being cordially invited to attend.

FOR SALE—One Hot Blast Heater.—Red Front Drug Store.

Ladies work a specialty at Huie's Tailor Shop.

Greetings

WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PUBLICLY EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION TO OUR PATRONS FOR THE CONFIDENCE THEY HAVE SHOWN IN PLACING THEIR BUSINESS WITH US. MAY THE HOLIDAY BE A JOYOUS OCCASION FOR YOU AND THE NEW YEAR ONE OF PROSPERITY AND HAPPINESS.

Sam T. Clemmons
INSURANCE

P. S.—Be careful of your electric wiring and candles around Christmas trees.

Christmas Greetings

IN EXTENDING THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS; WE FEEL VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE LIBERAL PATRONAGE EXTENDED US DURING THE PAST PERIOD OF THE OUT GOING YEAR. WE TRUST THAT OUR SERVICE HAS BEEN SUCH THAT A CONTINUATION OF THE SAME FEELING OF FRIENDSHIP MAY CONTINUE DURING THE MANY YEARS TO COME. YOU WILL FIND IN THE FUTURE AS IN THE PAST STRIVING TO NOT ONLY MAKE OUR PLACE OF BUSINESS A PLACE OF SAFETY IN TRADING, BUT OUR EFFORTS WILL BE EXTENDED IN BETTERING AND HELPING TO BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY IN WHICH TO LIVE.

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SPUR, TEXAS.

MULES FOR SALE

We have a number of good young work mules to sell at the McArthur Wagon Yard

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 SUPPLY OIL LASTS LONGER—MORE HEAT
 PENNANT AUTO OIL LASTS LONGER—NONE BETTER

FARMER LIVING NEAR ROCHESTER HAS DISAPPEARED

Rochester, Texas, Dec. 18.—Jno. Warren, age 30 years, living about eight miles east of this place disappeared from his home on Monday, December 11th. No motive can be found to account for his sudden disappearance.

He was last seen at the Orient Depot here Monday afternoon, when he purchased a ticket for Sweetwater. No one can be found who saw him board the train and no trace of him can be found at Sweetwater. It is not thought that he had very much money with him when last seen.

He is married and has three small children. He has never had any family or financial troubles that are known of. Local officers can find no trace of the missing man.

The recital given Friday night of last week at the Methodist church by C. W. Collum was largely attended and highly appreciated by the many lovers of music in attendance. The program was rendered by his pupils in piano and band music, and the several numbers were presented in strict harmony and in accord with the best and highest teaching of musical technique. C. W. Collum is at the head of the Spur Band, teaching piano music as well as giving band instruction. He has demonstrated the highest ability, and in this recital his accomplishment was clearly shown in the harmonious rendition of his pupils.

LOST—White hound puppy bob tail, 7 months old, with dim yellow ears. Will pay five dollars for her return to my home 10 miles west of Spur on J. T. Garrett place.—Wylie Grubbs. 6-1tp.



Nothing Quite Like Jewelry

When it comes Christmastide, there is nothing quite like jewelry for gift-giving. It is the SAFE idea, for the recipient KNOWS that you have purchased wisely and with discretion.

What a relief it is to be able to go to ONE store and do MOST of your Christmas shopping, free from the crowded suffocation and indecision of the city streets—and the later satisfaction of being absolutely CERTAIN that everyone will be delighted.

This is YOUR Christmas store—in it will be found EVERYTHING in the gift line that could be imagined.

At modest prices, yet of nationally known worth, both for their splendid workmanship and their handsome designing, may be had the guaranteed W. W. W. Rings—in all sizes for all persons and gem-set in a way that protects the setting for life. Birth stones will be found in widest variety for every month in the year.

GRUBEN
The Jeweler



BRYANT-LINK COMPANY CHRISTMAS THOUGHTS

Touched deeply by the season that of all seasons, is the dearest to those who recognize "Christ" as a Personal Saviour, and realize that the spirit of loving and giving that permeates the breasts of those of us who in moments like these throw off far a time, at least as far as possible, all selfish desires and ambitions and find real joy in trying to make others happy. And in expressing our appreciation to those about us for their deeds of helpfulness, and in forgiving those that we may have felt for a season had wronged us. Its a good old world just as good as we allow it to be. We find what we seek if we deserve the good and pure we are rewarded accordingly. True there are thorns, but how soon we forget them when we view the beautiful roses and smell their freely given perfumes. As we look about over the world and see other nations and people so much less fortunate than we, may we not now express deeply our thanks to Him who rules destiny of men and nations. For the degree of people and plenty that come to our own land. True there are pessimists and will be until all men come to know more of the life whose Birth we now celebrate. But the liven of human brotherhood that was released in the world nineteen hundred years ago is gradually spreading and will continue to work its way into the stony and pessimistic hearts until some day the "calamity howler" will only be known by tradition, for history will not give space to those characters who have tended to tear down the glorious structure of civilization founded on those "Christ" principles that endure and finally triumph over all opposition.

We wish we could express our real feelings on this occasion. We do appreciate our customers. We feel you are our friends, your handshakes and good words of cheer have meant much to us this year, and while we haven't accomplished all we had hoped too yet we are thankful to you and every one of you and want to wish for you the blessings that were intended by the one whose birth we celebrate for all of you to have and enjoy. And as time beats out these joyous Christmas days and we shall soon be listening for the footfall of 1923. May we face this New Year with new hopes and ambitions to excel all previous years. Let's "hitch our wagon to a star" and while in this altitude ideally take a view of those things that tend to make us what we want to be. If in these words we could say something to cheer some one who may be despondent how happy it would make us. Opportunity knocks anew each morning at our door and bids us rise and fight and win. You are wonderfully made just a little lower than the angels. And placed here to help God work out his created plans to ultimate perfection. We owe it to ourselves and to our Maker to keep our visions high and our footsteps fixed in the path that leads towards the stars. Sometimes the path will lay straight and clear, sometimes it may bend to left or right. And sometimes we may have to retrace our steps in order to fix our feet firmly upon it. When that necessity arrives there should be no hesitation.

Christmas how it cheers the heart
 And warms the human breast
 True all the weeks are good to us
 But Christmas week is best.
 It makes us think unselfish thoughts
 And do unselfish deeds
 It makes us forget selfish wants
 And think of others needs.
 Oh! how good this world would be
 If we could hold this cheer
 That generates on Christmas week
 Just keep it all the year
 To smoothe the paths that are rough
 And make the hard heart kind
 To kindle friendships that grow cold
 And clear the selfish mind
 Of all the dross of selfishness
 And all its envy stains
 To make it sympathize and love
 And comfort human pains.
 Wishing you all a joyous Christmas.
 Your Friends,
BRYANT-LINK COMPANY

Miss Gruben, of Royston, is in the city spending the holidays with her brother, W. C. Gruben and family. Miss Gruben formerly attended the Spur Schools and has many friends and acquaintances among the younger set.

SCOUTS REFUSE KLAN DONATION IN ST. LOUIS

In view of the surprise and regret expressed by Governor Allen of Kansas in the conference of governors in Virginia, because the Saint Louis Boy Scouts accepted a donation of twenty five thousand dollars tendered by the ku klux klan, a dispatch has been sent out from Saint Louis stating that the Boy Scouts did not accept the tender but refused the donation, because its acceptance would be a tentative endorsement of the principles and methods of the klan.

As klan principles, methods and activities become more pronounced, greater and stronger opposition will develop and the organization will have to retreat or unmask.

WHY FARMS ARE BEING DESERTED THROUGHT THE NATION

Washington, Dec. 19.—Thousands of the country's agricultural population are being forced by present economic conditions to leave their farms and ranches in the hope of finding employment and a livelihood; in urban industry.

This migration from the land to the towns and cities is taking place in practically every section of the country. Not only agricultural laborers but tenants and owners of farms are represented in this great and ominous movement.

The Department of Agriculture has been gathering statistics on the subject and finds that in July, August and September persons who left the farms for the cities were twice the normal number. In a summary of economic conditions affecting agriculture just issued by the bureau of agricultural economics of the department of Agriculture appears this statement:

"Another development of great significance is the movement of the population from farms into urban industry. Figures compiled within the month by this Department indicate a very abnormal movement of population from farms to towns now taking place. Thus has the economic unbalance of three years brought its final, painful—but irresistible—corrective force into action."

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace in his annual report, refers to this exodus from the land of "farmers and farmers' sons", but expressed the opinion that it was a "hopeful sign" because "it means a more rapid readjustment."

Members of Congress, especially those from Middle Western, Western and Southwestern States, do not share Secretary Wallace's comfortable view of the situation. They regard this migration from the land as a sign of the gravity of agricultural conditions not only at the present but for the future. They do not believe it promises a "more rapid readjustment," but a curtailment of production and a serious aggravation of economic problems in the large cities and industrial districts.

Bankruptcy now and utter lack of prospects for the future are reasons for this shifting of farmers and agricultural laborers from the farms to the urban centers, these Congressmen contend. The prices of agricultural products are now and have been for many months below the cost of production. The farmers are unable to pay their debts, hire help or support their families. They are being driven to seek in the cities a better living than they can obtain with all their industry from their land.

Unless the President and Congress hasten to afford a large measure of relief to the farmers of the country, western Senators and Representatives declare every other industry will experience the panic which has pauperized agriculture. They are criticizing President Harding and the Republican leaders in congress for trying to compel western Congressmen to support the ship bonus bill as a prerequisite of getting any assistance for the thousands of farmers who are offering the worst distress in the history of this country.

G. A. Howsley departed from Spur Tuesday for the twelfth consecutive year to spend the holidays with his family at Albany. We this year wish him the merriest Christmas of them all, and may the New Year find him back in Spur at his post of duty with renewed vigor and determination to assume his usual prominent place in making the town more progressive and prosperous.



When you leave your order at this market and we say "Yes, ma'am, we'll send it up right away," that's exactly what we will do. You can depend upon the wholesomeness of our stock of meats and the promptness of our delivery.

CENTRAL MARKET Phone 69

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 Order traps and baits now. Send coupon below at once to Foulke Fur Co., St. Louis, for lowest prices on supplies, get free samples NOKEVA (kills human scent) and REMOV-A-SMELL (gets stroye skunk smells instantly). Get free Trapper's Farmer showing traps and new paste baits, game laws, how to trap and grade furs. We keep you posted on market and send fur price lists all season. All Free—send today!

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Home Grown Nursey Stock is but for the rugged climate of West Texas. Our trees, rose vines, evergreen and strawberries are well adapted to this section. Our everbearing strawberries are absolutely pure strain of "Progressive and Neverstop." We sold fruit throughout the season until frost. Our plums, apples grapes and cherries are bearing all over the West. Send list of what you want to Plainview Nursery, Plainview, Texas.

Christmas trees delivered in good shape any where. 7-3m.

FOR SALE—Grubbed Wood.—E. L. Bourland, Gilpin, Texas. 6-4tp.

TEXAS WOMAN MAKES STRONG STATEMENT

Seymour, Texas: June 20-22.—When asked for her candid opinion, Mrs. L. A. McClusky of Seymour made the following statement: "I have been using Dr. Barbee's Piorrhea Remedy and it is the only medicine I have ever found that would stop my gums from bleeding. It has so healed my gums that I can use the tooth brush freely as I wish. My mouth feels cool and perfectly easy all the time. I think it is the best and most sanitary mouth wash I ever knew. I would not take anything for the good it has done me. I expect to always keep a bottle on hand." At your Druggists.



Mr. and Mrs. Careful Spenders, we are addressing these few remarks to you: We believe that when you buy coal you want to get your money's worth and if such are your intentions it should turn your footsteps or your phone call in the direction of this coal yard.

P. H. MILLER
SPUR, TEXAS

**Buy Christmas Good
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**RACKET STORE HAS THEM
PRICES ALWAYS RIGHT**

J. P. Wilkes, Spur

NOTICE

All parties whomsoever are hereby notified and warned that hunting, wood hauling and trespassing in any way is absolutely forbidden in any of my pastures, and all violations of this warning will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.—Ed Lisenby. 49ff.

Douglass Buchanan called in recently and had the Texas Spur sent to his address at Greenfield, New Mexico. The Texas Spur is extending its list of readers, and eventually it is not impossible to cover the entire South and West as well as the Great Spur territory.

H. E. Grabener, of east of Spur, was in the city one day during the week meeting with friends and transacting business affairs.

A big fine baby boy was born Sunday of this week to Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Smith of the Red Mud community to the southwest of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Horn, of near Girard, were most pleasant callers in our sanctum sanctorum last Saturday, leaving with us the cold cash to the amount of three dollars for two yearly subscriptions to Texas Spur. Mr. and Mrs. Horn are among our most valued and appreciated readers and friends. We wish them a merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.

E. L. Brown was another of our very pleasant and agreeable callers the other day, having his name added to the list of Texas Spur readers. Mr. Brown is a substantial citizen and good farmer and we are glad to number him among our friends and readers.

F. E. Henze, a good citizen and farmer of near Spur, called in the other day and had his name enrolled as a regular reader of the Texas Spur. We are very glad to have Mr. Henze among our readers, and wish him much of the prosperity which abounds in the Great Spur country.

**DEMOCRATS SHOULD
GET TOGETHER**

The democrats won four notable victories in the recent election by electing Alf Smith governor of New York, Edward I. Edwards senator from New Jersey, James A. Reed senator from Missouri and Earle B. Mayfield senator from Texas.

Alf Smith is a Knight of Columbus and wet.

Edward I. Edwards is wet. James A. Reed is anti-Wilson, anti league, anti-prohibition and anti about everything in sight.

Earle B. Mayfield is, or was a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

Wouldn't it be a grand idea for these four gentlemen to assemble and draw up the next democratic platform.

On prohibition, they would stand three to one in favor of modifying the Volstead act.

On improved farm marketing conditions, they would stand two to two. On the klan issue, they would stand three to one against.

On the league of nations they would divide, but the Lord knows how. Mr. Reed would certainly be against it.

On the bonus, they would severally and collectively place their ears to the ground.

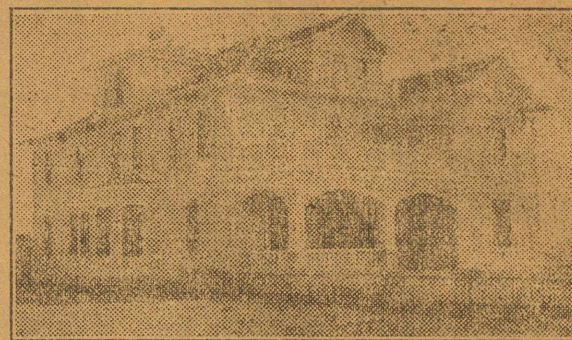
On the question of providing a boss for the democratic party, they would vote "aye" vociferously.

On the question of who that boss should be, they would split four ways—Smith favoring Tammany; Edwards, the association opposed to Volsteadism; Reed, himself, and Mayfield, the klan.

Of course, we democrats can probably win in 1924 with such a combination, but what are we going to do with our victory after we get it.

Such a question seems rather superfluous, the idea of what to do with the government after getting control of it having virtually disappeared, and the idea of getting control, regardless of what ought to be done with it, having become the sole inspiration.—Exchange.

FOR SALE—New Ford car. Will sell cheap, see car at Ford Service Station.—H. A. C. Brummett. 1t



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SPUR GRAIN & COAL CO.

TO THE PUBLIC

This is to give due notice that hunting and trespassing of any character is forbidden on any of my land or pastures.—Chas. Perrin. 3ff.

NOTICE

Hunting and trespassing of any character is forbidden in any pastures.—J. B. Morrison. 6ff.

Cut your cane before frost and bring it in and let us make it into syrup for you.—Citizens Gin & Power Co., Ebb. Johnson. 53-4f.

If you want your scrap cotton cleaned and ginned in the best possible manner, bring it to the Citizens Gin & Power Co. 53-4f.

Let us have that next cow or yearling hide.—Central Market.

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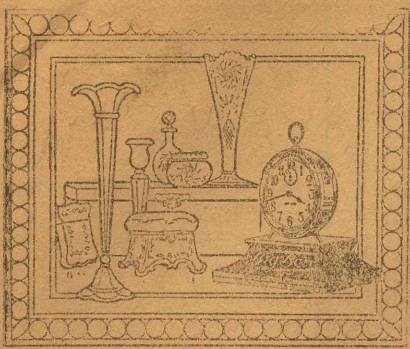
WE HAVE PLACED ON SALE A LARGE ADDITIONAL ACREAGE OF SPUR LAND WHICH WILL OFFER A WIDE RANGE OF SELECTION TO INTENDING PURCHASERS OF EITHER FARM OR RANCH LANDS.

List of offerings and prices may be ascertained on application to our office Terms will be as heretofore: one-fifth cash, balance in six equal annual payments, with privilege of paying any or all notes before maturity with eight percent interest only to date of payment.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

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Ever since the three Wise Men bore gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh to the lowly manger at Bethlehem, the Christian world has commemorated Christmas time with gifts and expressions of kindly sentiments. The message which we would bring to you at this time is one of thanks and appreciation for your good will and your friendly co-operation during the year now closing.

To this we should add our heartiest and sincerest good wishes for a real old-fashioned "Merry Christmas" and a most pleasant and prosperous "New Year."

GRUBEN THE JEWELER
SPUR, TEXAS.

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\$900 to \$1200-a-year office positions guaranteed by 26 Special Scholarships at \$25 discount from catalog rates. Scholarships good at any time—home study free. \$5.00 cash for new name of any one accepting this Holiday Offer. Send names and ask for Offer 5 today. Abilene Draughon Business College, Abilene, Texas. 1tp.

Our trees are bearing all over West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, as they are varieties best suited to your locality. We sell shade trees to schools, churches, parks and for municipal planting at a very low price. Send us a list of what you will need. A catalog will be sent upon request. Plainview Nursery Co. Plainview, Texas. 51-3m

A. J. Huckabee, a leading citizen of the McAdoo country, was in Spur Monday trading, and upon meeting us handed us three big silver dollars on subscription with the injunction to enjoy the Christmas spirit, therefore we will eat, drink and be merry and remember him on this eventful day.

Sim Moss, of the Afton country, came down one day the latter part of the week and spent a couple of days here trading and meeting with his friends. He reports everything in his section of the county now in good shape, and everything and everybody quiet, peaceable and prosperous.

Wayne Van Leer and family were among the many shoppers and visitors in the city Tuesday of this week.

S. B. Boykin, of the Soldier Mound community, was here the first of the week, milling with the Christmas crowds which have thronged the streets daily.

GOVERNMENT CALLING IN WAR STAMPS & VICTORY BONDS

Holders of called Victory Notes, due for presentation December 15, should now make arrangements with their bankers to surrender these securities, it is pointed out by Dinsmore W. Hume, Federal director of Saving, Headquarters in the Federal Reserve Bank here.

The 4 3-4 Victory Notes of the series A to F, inclusive, are called by the Treasury Department for payment Dec. 15. The cash may be had on these, or the proceeds may be invested in Treasury Savings Certificates, issued in \$1,000, \$100 and \$25 denominations, maturing five years from date, registered as to principal and interest, and bearing a total of about 21.95 per cent in five years. Uncalled Victory Notes—those due in May 1923—may also be presented now for investment of the proceeds in Treasury Savings Certificates.

In 1919, when Victory Notes were sold by the Government, the people of this reserve district subscribed for \$87,504,250. They were bought by 3.5 per cent of the district population.

All 1918 Series War-Saving Stamps are due for payment Jan. 1, Mr. Hume said. These may be surrendered now at banks and postoffices. When surrendered, new Treasury Savings Certificates will be issued now or cash will be paid Jan. 1. Most holders, surrender records show, desire to continue holding Government securities and are taking Treasury Saving Certificates in exchange. Holders are requested to consult their postmasters.

"This money represents saved money—in many cases, money that was gotten together and invested after rigid self-denial. The safe re-investment of the money will benefit the individual, community and nation. Persons who will receive money from Victory Notes or 1918 War-Saving Stamps are urged to investigate very carefully any 'investment' scheme that may be brought to them. With all of this money coming due, a great many sharpers are abroad in the land. It is better to be safe than sorry. Consult your banker and postmaster", Mr. Hume, said.

STEEL HILL SCHOOL NOTES

Our work is moving along nicely with Prof. C. Evans as principal and Mrs. Evans as primary teacher.

We have had a box supper and have ordered more library books with the proceeds. These books are to be used by the entire community, should they want them. Some one of the High School pupils will always act as librarian.

A new basket ball has been purchased. Our senior girls will soon be ready for match games.

Work has begun on a programme to be given in the school building, by the pupils, Saturday night before Christmas Day. We will also have a tree.

Watch for our honor roll next month.—Reporter.

Judge F. C. Gipson, of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday transacting business and meeting with his many friends of the town and country.

A GOOD MAN GONE

We learn with real regret that C. A. Gladdish, of the Midway community, having sold his farm home and loaded his household effects, departed this week for Bowie, Texas, where he intends to make his home in the future.

He sold his farm to Price Hindman for a consideration of thirty dollars an acre.

Mr. Gladdish was one of the best men and citizens of the country, and we regret very much to note his removal from this section.

MARRIED

Mr. M. H. Hutto and Miss Gladys Puckett, of the Dry Lake community, were married Sunday of last week, the ceremony being performed at the home of the bride's parents and witnessed by a number of the intimate friends of the contracting parties.

Mr. and Mrs. Hutto are two of the leading young people of their community, and the Texas Spur joins their many friends in extending congratulations and very best wishes to them in their venture over the matrimonial sea. May their voyage be void of adverse winds and squalls and marred only through excessive prosperity, and the realization of cherished dreams.

H. C. Cravey, of the Red Mud community to the southwest of Spur, was among the number on the streets Tuesday of this week. Mr. Cravey is one of the oldest citizens of this country, having come here in the early days, suffered the frontier hardships and did his part in paving the way for the present day settlement development. These "old timers" are entitled to our highest regard and consideration during their few remaining days with us, and a starry crown when they cross over the Great Divide.

W. A. Johnson, of the Dockum Stock Farm three miles northwest of Spur, returned Monday from a business trip to Fort Worth and other points along the line.

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES.

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In County Attorney's Office

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Christmas Greeting!

THERE ARE DAYS FOR SENDING MERCHANDISE. AND DAYS TO SEND A BILL: BUT THIS ONE DAY OF ALL THE YEAR WE SEND YOU JUST "GOOD WILL".

Otho L. Hale

GROCERIES

NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the shareholders of The Spur National Bank, Spur, Texas, will be held in the Director's Room of said bank on the 2nd Tuesday in January 1923, being the 9th day of January 1923, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. for the election of directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of any other business properly coming before said meeting.

C. A. JONES, President,
W. T. ANDREWS, Jr., Cashier.

6-1f.

FOR SALE—98 acres, 70 in cultivation, all fenced, house, barn; water; wood; grass; \$40 acre.—J. T. Walder Spur, Texas. 4-3t

A. F. Autrey, of near Spur, paid us a most pleasant call one day this week, having his name placed on the Texas Spur honor roll. Mr. Autrey has been here several years, and no doubt since becoming acclimated will become permanently located. We are glad to have him among our permanent citizenship and also one of the regular readers of the Texas Spur.

Mrs. A. C. Hindman, of near the city, was a very pleasant caller Monday at the Texas Spur office, having her name placed on the subscription list as a regular reader of the Texas Spur, and which we appreciate very much.

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NOTICE

PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE ESTATE OF SOL DAVIS DEC. ARE REQUESTED TO CALL AND SETTLE THEIR ACCOUNT AT ONCE. IT IS MY PURPOSE TO CLOSE THE ADMINISTRATION ON THIS ESTATE AT AN EARLY DATE AND TO DO SO WILL NECESSITATE THE COLLECTION OF DEBTS DUE ME.

E. C. EDMONDS, Adms.

OFFICE CITY NATIONAL BANK SPUR, TEXAS.

GINNERS REPORT GIVES DICKENS 13,266 BALES TO DEC. 1

The last ginner's report gives Dickens county a total of 13,266 bales ginned up to December 1st. To the same date last year there had been ginned a total of 14,037 bales, showing a decline this year of nearly a thousand bales.

In Kent county, 6,861 bales were ginned this year, while 8,130 bales had been ginned last year, showing a decrease of more than 1,250 bales this year in comparison with that of 1921.

The cotton marketing situation throughout the country is getting better in hand, through cooperation and systematic organization, and the possibility is that a much less cotton production can be had with a much greater income from its sale in future. The world, and especially all business men, realize and know that if only one man produced all of the cotton that it could and would be sold at a good margin of profit to the producer. Since thousands of men are engaged in the business of cotton production, and since they market it in a haphazard way, the cotton business is more at the mercy of the speculator. Organization, cooperation and system will materially aid the cotton farming business, even though it be impossible to completely solve its problems.

MAYFIELD GETS 134,000 MAJORITY

Austin, Texas, Dec. 18.—Earle B. Mayfield received 264,260 votes to 130,744 for George B. Peddy in the United States senatorial race, at the general election, the official count of the canvassing board shows today. Seven small counties were unreported. All Democratic nominees were elected.

Lon A. Smith led the ticket of state officers, with a total of 366,572 votes. Governor and Lieutenant governor votes are canvassed by the legislature.

W. F. Foreman, of Espuela, was here Monday.

BIG FLOOD SCENES IN "THE CALL OF HOME"

Gasnier Scores with Great Production for R-C—Thrilling Episodes Abound in Play

Adapted from the novel "Home"

By George Agnew Chamberlain
Directed by L. J. Gasneir
An R-C Picture

Alan Wayne	.....	Leon Bary
Alix Lansing	.....	Irene Rich
Gerry Lansing	.....	Ramsey Wallace
Gerry's Mother	.....	Maragret Mann
Clem	.....	Jobyna Ralston
Nancy Wayne	.....	Genevieve Blinn
Captain Wayne	.....	Wadsworth Harris
Butler	.....	James O. Barrows
Kemp	.....	Carl Stockdale
Lieber	.....	Emmett Kinz
Margarita	.....	Norma Nichols
Priest	.....	Sidney Franklin
Consul	.....	Harry Lonsdale

Not the least vital factor that has served in the development of Gasnier productions into screen subjects of the first rank is Louis J. Gasnier's faculty for selecting casts embracing players of really great skill rather than great reputations. So far as acting is concerned, Gasnier productions distributed by R-C Pictures are unquestionably worthy of the highest commendation as works of art.

Take, for instance, "The Call of Home", the current feature attraction at the Gem Theatre, where it is entertaining hundreds of movie fans with its poignant feeling, its clean-cut drama and the manifold thrills provided by the spectacular flood scenes.

Irene Rich, who has the female lead, is an actress of wide reputation who states herself that she has done the best work of her career in "The Call of Home."

Leon Bary is another well-known

player for whom the directorial art of Gasnier has done much to lift to his present high standing in his profession. He was for several years one of the best known actors on the Parisian stage and has served as leading man for such players as Sarah Bernhardt, Rejane and others.

Then there is Ramsey Wallace who has the role of the young husband—a part he plays with vigor and understanding. Other in the cast are Margaret Mann, Jobyna Ralston, Genevieve Blinn, Wadsworth Harris, James O. Barrows, Carl Stockdale, Ernest King, Norma Nichols, Sidney Franklin and Harry Lonsdale.

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Don't forget this picture as a Xmas treat, December 25th and 26th. Prices 25 and 50 cents.

ATTENTION FEEDERS AND SHIPPERS OF CATTLE & HOGS

The Fort Worth market beats them all and is the highest market on hogs and fed cattle in the country. Hogs sell every day here 40 to 50c above Oklahoma City and Wichita tops and fed yearlings especially sell higher here than elsewhere. If you have hogs or cattle to ship and want the most money for them, bill them to Daggett-Keen Com. Co. Fort Worth, Texas. We are leaders on this market. For further information, write, wire or phone us.

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THE SPUR DRUG COMPANY IS AGAIN DOING BUSINESS

After an intermission of several weeks in transacting business and caring for trade on account of destruction by fire, the Spur Drug Company is again doing business.

The new furniture and fixtures installed makes the Spur Drug Store one of the most handsomely equipped and furnished drug stores in all of Western Texas, and one of which Spur can be pardonably boastful.

W. C. Gruben in his jewelry department is also equipped in furniture and fixtures to compare favorably with his surroundings.

Although the fire is regrettable and caused financial loss, yet it resulted in good, in that finer and handsomer furnishings and equipment have been installed, thus giving two establishments of which Spur can feel prouder and more boastful.

ROARING SPRINGS BECOMES AN INCORPORATED CITY

Roaring Springs is now a full fledged city, in a class all by itself.

Following the recent favorable election on the question of incorporating, the election to name the first set of city officers was held Tuesday, of this week, with the following result:

Mayor, O. O. Love; Councilmen, J. A. Goodwin, H. W. Keahey, Dr. J. F. Hughes, G. F. Stephens and G. E. Miller.

As soon as the election returns are canvassed the new officers will start grinding, and one of their first official acts is expected to be the enactment of an ordinance prohibiting the running at large of live stock.—Motley County News.

R. A. Brown met us the other day and told us he was leaving this week for his new home out near the line of New Mexico where he will begin immediately the work of farming. We regret to see him leave the Spur country but wish him much prosperity and bountiful crops in his farming operations in the "far West."

MOVING TO THE SPUR COUNTRY TO ENJOY PROSPERITY

A. W. Watson and family, formerly of Blanket, Texas, arrived in Spur last week to take up their permanent residence with us and enjoy some of the prosperity which abounds throughout the Great Spur Country.

Several months ago Mr. Watson came to Spur prospecting, and after looking the country over decided this was the place to settle, with the result that he purchased the J. E. Johnson farm home on Duck Creek two miles east of Spur, and where he and family will make their home in the future.

Mr. Watson is a substantial and progressive citizen and we are glad to welcome him to the citizenship of the Spur country.

TEACHERS INSTITUTE NOW IN SESSION AT STAMFORD

Sunday every school teacher in Dickens county departed for Stamford where the five county teachers institute convened Monday morning and will remain in session throughout the week. The counties forming this institute are Dickens, Kent, Stonewall, Jones and Shackelford.

Because of the institute meeting all of the schools of the several counties were dismissed until the first day of January, giving an intermission of two weeks for the holidays.

ATTEMPT TO ROB LUBBOCK MAN PROVES ABORTIVE

Lubbock, Texas, December 18.—The first attempt at highway robbery in Lubbock this fall was reported by Dad Kinz, employed at the Lidell Hotel. While going home about 8:30 p. m. a man sprang upon him forced him to the ground demanding that he give up his money and receiving no reply decided to go through the pockets of his victim, whereupon King began to call for help the highwayman became frightened and fled into the darkness toward town.

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