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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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Lubbock Gets The "Tech" College Location.

DICKENS COUNTY MADE AN EXAMPLE IN ROAD WORK

Dickens county is the most favored in all of Texas in the matter of good roads progress and highway construction and maintenance of a state and county system of permanent roadways, for the future.

From the very beginning of Spur the advantages of good roads advocated on the part of the county press as well as the progressive citizenship and upon every occasion, when called upon, road overseers, commissioners court and tax payers have responded to the calls, met the needs and supplied to the limit the funds necessary in providing facilities for marketing transportation and through travel. In truth and fact, Dickens county is a pioneer of West Texas in road building and construction work.

The State Highway Commission also recognizes Dickens as a pioneer county of West Texas in progressive road construction work, and since our permanent road construction work was begun before the state and federal aid plans had been fully inaugurated, and Dickens county was favored with but a very limited amount of aid in its road building progress, the State Highway Department now voluntarily proposes to take over, extend and maintain our highways and make an example of Dickens county with respect to permanent, paved highways.

R. M. Hubbard, chairman of the State Highway Commission, and D. K. Martin, a member of the Commission, were in Spur Friday and Saturday of last week conferring with Judge Brummett, members of the Commissioners Court, Clifford B. Jones and other leaders in public affairs, voluntarily proposing to take over the highways of the county, extend and complete them to the south, west, north and east county lines and bear all of the burden of maintenance in the future. They further propose to put in a permanent bridge over Duck Creek on the Spur-Dickens highway at a cost of \$7,500 provided the county will bear \$2,500 of this expense as well as one-third of the expense of engineering the highway extension work throughout the county.

In other words, in view of Dickens county's struggles to build and maintain paved highways with limited funds, and in view of her past heavy and unaided expenditures to this end, the Highway Department in consideration of such progressiveness and expenditures now proposes to complete this work and maintain the highways in the future, thus making Dickens county an example of progressive road construction advancement and permanently paved highways.

Such a proposal of generous and voluntary aid coming from Messrs.

Hubbard and Martin of the Highway Commission is timely and will be fully appreciated by the people of Dickens county. The Commissioners Court at this time was exerting its every resource to provide funds to maintain the roads, and were even considering and proposing a bond issue of one hundred thousand dollars with which to maintain and repair the main highways—and everybody realizes that we are traveling over quicksands in issuing bonds for road maintenance purposes. Hereafter all county road funds may be devoted to the building and maintenance of secondary roadways only, and which will place Dickens county in a position to have the best and most complete system of lateral roads as well as through and permanent highways of any county in the state.

SPUR GROCERY PURCHASES HALE GROCERY BUSINESS

A sale was consummated Wednesday of this week whereby the Spur Grocery Company purchased the grocery stock and business of Otho L. Hale. Messrs. Twaddell and Sanders, managers of the Spur Grocery Company, will move the two grocery stocks together and occupy the Hale place of business in the Wenedell building. Mr. Hale has not yet made definite business plans for the future, but will maintain his residence in Spur.

Messrs. Twaddell & Sanders, though having been in the grocery business only a short time in Spur, have demonstrated progressive business ability in that their business has constantly grown and increased, and now in taking over the Hale business their trade will be doubly extended and widened over the territory.

While we regret to see Mr. Hale retire from the business, we congratulate Messrs. Twaddell & Sanders in acquiring the business. They are fair, square, liberal, alert and able business men and will continue to build up and extend the grocery business over the town and trade territory.

VETERINARY SURGEON NOW LOCATED IN CITY OF SPUR

Dr. Nichols and family, of Hopkins county, arrived this week in Spur and will be permanently located here in the future. Dr. Nichols is a veterinary surgeon, will maintain an office in connection with the establishment of his professional business in Spur.

A veterinary has, for some time been a professional need in Spur, and we are glad to welcome Dr. Nichols, since he comes highly recommended as a citizen and professional man, and is known personally by a number of local citizens.

FORD COUPE CAMPAIGN BEGINS IN REAL EARNEST

The campaign for the Ford Coupe given by Godfrey & Smart and The Texas Spur for subscriptions to Ford's Dearborn Independent and Texas Spur commenced August first with enthusiasm and in real earnest. By Saturday night of the first week's campaign the nine contestants for the Coupe turned in nearly two hundred subscriptions, which indicates that we will more than double the list of regular subscribers and readers to both papers in this territory—and this is our object and what we want to do. In fact we want the Texas Spur and Dearborn Independent going regularly into every home within the Spur country.

The votes turned in and the standing of each contestant for the Ford Coupe last Saturday night is as follows:

W. E. Duke, Spur	11,250
E. C. Edmonds, Jr., Spur	27,200
Mrs. J. R. Rucker, Spur	16,650
Miss Lois Vernon, Spur	15,450
Miss Vera Shepherd, Spur	7,700
Mrs. Roy Arrington, Spur	9,300
Miss Jewell Barnett, Girard	14,800
Miss Lola Loyd, Afton	5,000
Mrs. M. O. Hawk, Dickens	5,000

While the votes of the first weeks campaign vary among the contestants, it in no wise indicates the final result, since only one good day's run on subscriptions could put any one entered, or even a new contestant not yet entered, in the lead. To illustrate this point and make clear the possibilities in a subscription campaign; The above report shows E. C. Edmonds, Jr., in the lead. The last subscription he obtained Saturday was in the collection of one for thirteen years from one man, which gave him thirteen thousand votes, this single subscription placing him in the lead of other contestants. While we do not have many back due subscriptions which have been running for thirteen years, yet there are a number who owe us for several years subscription, and since votes are being given for the collection of back due subscriptions the same as for new subscriptions and renewals, each contestant is given the same opportunity, and by adding only a few three, four and five year subscriptions any one in the contest may be the leader in next weeks count of votes. The main thing is to stay on the job, go after them, get them and the one who thus obtains the most votes will drive the new Ford Coupe from the sales room of Godfrey & Smart, local dealers of Spur.

Later, we expect to add a second premium in this contest, and possibly a third prize. In fact this will be a worth while campaign to the winners in the contest. We are going to put hundreds of new names on our subscription list, and we are going to collect up our back due subscriptions and get on a cash basis. We should not have let subscriptions run on from year to year as we have done, but as an excuse we make the following explanation: When we came to Spur and established this paper we heard a number of expressions of "skepticism" as to our ability to "hang on" and continue to publish the paper, therefore in soliciting subscriptions we did not insist upon the cash, and at the expiration of each succeeding year those who failed to pay we continued to let ride, showing each one our confidence in them and at the same time disproving any foundation for the expressions of "skepticism" and lack of confidence in our ability to "hang on." We have been here now thirteen years and have never missed an issue of the paper, even for Christmas, New Years or the Fourth of July. We consider this a sufficient length of time in which to gain the confidence

of readers. We have never been out or sent any one out to "dun" any subscriber now on the list, but we are now encouraging contestants for the Ford Coupe to collect up these back due subscriptions as well as to solicit renewals and new subscribers, and we ask all to give them due consideration and favorable response, and in so doing help the contestant win a car and also help the Texas Spur keep on its feet in advance for a time. Next week when one of the contestants approaches you, please greet them with a glad hand, give them your subscription for one or five or even thirteen years, and we assure you that at least three souls will be made happy, and the Texas Spur as well as the contestant will remember and appreciate your confidence and consideration.

We appreciate the work done and success of the contestants in the first week of the campaign. Being "green" in the work of soliciting subscriptions, they made remarkable progress for beginners. Those who fell behind in votes in this first report need not in the least become discouraged, because the "gift of gab" and campaign luck may come your way next week, while the leader in votes the past week may suffer a "depression" of spirits and not enjoy the pep required to enroll subscriptions, thus changing the contest leader from week to week. The determination to win and the "staying" qualities, which may not be evidenced and noticed by others in the beginning, will invite help and bring assistance to contestants in this campaign, and in the closing days of the contest, friends and acquaintances of the favored individual contestants will come to your assistance and aid their favorite candidate with big votes. Especial reference is made to Miss Lola Loyd of Afton and Mrs. M. O. Hawk of Dickens, both of whom did not begin working in the campaign until late, and thus failing to make any report last Saturday. However, they have winning ways, soliciting ability, a wide field and numerous friends, and although starting late they may advance rapidly in the contest. The truth is that a contestant may take his subscription accounts furnished them, study over it and pick out five back due subscribers and collect from them and thus obtain more than double the number of votes reported by the leader in last weeks campaign. Thus you see how easy it would be for a new contestant to enter the campaign and step right in the lead.

In connection with our expectation of adding one or two other handsome premiums for this contest, we will make a big and liberal concession to the contestants in obtaining votes, which we will tell you about next week. Remember this is just the beginning of the warmest subscrip

LOCATING BOARD VOTES UNANIMOUSLY FOR LUBBOCK

By a unanimous vote on the first ballot in Fort Worth Wednesday afternoon, the locating board for the West Texas Technological College designated Lubbock as the site for the College. We congratulate Lubbock. This college will mean much to Lubbock and all of West Texas.

Some ten days ago The Texas Spur had advance information that Lubbock had been determined as the site for the college, but pending the completion of the formal tour of the board we could not make public this information. A salesman for encyclopedias called upon us, and in conversation with him he informed us that prior to the start of the inspection tour of the locating board, he happened to be in Austin and in the capitol building at a time when members of the board were holding a conference with reference to the location of the college and the inspection tour program. He heard a member of the board say to the others that if it was already settled that Lubbock should get the college what was the use of expending time, money and energy in making the proposed tour. Another member replied that if the tour should not be made an awful howl would be heard from other applicant towns in West Texas. They then talked at length with reference to the college, during which conversation Senator Bledsoe's name was mentioned frequently.

Notwithstanding this advance information, we cherished the hope that possibly this decision could be changed in favor of Spur, but since it was not we are in no wise offended nor greatly disappointed, and sincerely congratulate Lubbock in obtaining favorable consideration in locating a great educational institution which will be of material advantage to that town and of benefit to all of West Texas. When the college is in operation we hope to be able to send some of our boys for training under its direction and supervision.

ABOVE TEMPTATION

To a tramp who wanted to earn a bite to eat a woman said: "If I thought you were honest I'd let you go to the chicken house and gather the eggs."

"Lady," he replied with dignity, "I was manager at a bathhouse for fifteen years and never took a bath."—Boston Post.

ti campaign ever held in this county. Something will be doing all the time and something happening every week. Pick out your favorite campaigner in this contest and then help them win the Ford Coupe as the capital prize.

To The Public

Having sold my stock of groceries to Spur Grocery Co., I now desire to thank my patrons for the business which they have given me in the past, and wish to assure the same has been much appreciated by me. The Spur Grocery Company will continue their business at our old stand and I am sure they will appreciate your patronage in the future.

All those who are owing me will please come in and make settlement. You will find me at my old place of business for awhile.

Very respectfully

O. L. HALE, Spur, Texas

THE SPORT MODEL

Buick Automobile

Will be Given Away

Monday, August 20, 1923.

EVERYBODY BE HERE!

SPUR BUICK CO.

The Custard Cup

By
FLORENCE BINGHAM LIVINGSTON

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CHAPTER XXVI—Continued.

Lettie patted him more absently, more and more dreamily, her thoughts withdrawing into the seclusion of anxious meditation. She scarcely noticed when he left her, at the call of his own master. . . . But his brief sympathy had given her courage. She contemplated the shattered items of her ambitious plan. That was one trouble. She had been too ambitious, hoping to make many dollars. . . .

Out of the chaos a new thought took shape, beckoned with promise, sent Lettie flying down the street again, back to the Custard Cup. She pelted through the driveway and into Number 47. With a flash of black curls she whirled into the bedroom, seized her invention from behind the sleeping-box, and was off again, racing along through the driveway and up the street, running, running, balancing the long pole with plunging compensations.

"I gotta have that tree," she repeated over and over, half sobbing still. "I gotta. I promised. Oh, Penzie, I'm gonta."

She reached the Wideawake office utterly breathless and frenzied by the inward struggle between hope and despair. Her curls whipped across her face as she dashed through the door, through the gate in the counter, past the astonished Jack, and brought up at the desk. The long pole wavered uncertainly above the head of Mr. Abbott, who dropped his pencil and jerked back in instinctive reaction.

"Here!" panted Lettie through dry lips. "Here 'tis! See—for yourself. You can have it—and the whole scheme—make as many's you want— for a dollar. Whole thing—a dollar!"

Mr. Abbott stared at the child in speechless amazement, his eyes unceasingly following the imminent gyrations of the long stick. Lettie, watching him with eagle gaze and seeing no signs of success, clutched desperately for further leverage. Perhaps apology! That was often what people required of her. Certainly if an apology or two would turn the scales, it was not a time for personal reserve.

"Excuse me—for getting mad," she gasped out. "I gotta beastly temper. To home I—I pound it out, but you—you didn't have anything to pound— quick 'nough. And excuse me for using your desk. If you'd had a gong, you know—"

"Holy smoke!" interrupted Mr. Abbott, with some faint indications of plunging into another pocket of good nature. "Don't have heart failure or jim-jammies or anything—not in my office. Sit down, sister, and grab on to yourself. Let's see if we can find out what 'sylum you come out of."

With a humpy sigh Lettie flopped into a chair; and having collected a modest supply of breath, she launched into a demonstration of her model. At the end of the stick were two arcs of wire which closed upon the card. The arcs were held together by a wire loop, which could be released by two arms, also of wire, that ran down the handle within reach of the operator.

The contrivance was crudely made. The wires were far from even, and they were clamped to the long stick with carpet tacks; but as Lettie triumphantly and repeatedly pointed out, "it worked." Mr. Abbott himself worked it a number of times, not rapidly but with undeniable results. Lettie watched him in agonized suspense.

He shook his head. "I don't see how it'd save anything. It might in some sections where the steps are high, but—"

"Oh, sir," cried Lettie, "boys would just love—"

"Shaw!" interrupted Mr. Abbott. "Point is— He paused, thinking. "It's 'most Christmas," he began presently.

Lettie came out of her chair. "Cracky, ain't it?"

He looked at her keenly. "I got a boy that's crazy over machinery. Did you say a dollar?"

She nodded. "I—I'm sorry to—ask so much," she stammered, now thoroughly humbled. "but I—I gotta have—"

He said nothing. But presently he drew out an old wallet with a pleasant pudge and extracted from it a green bill, which he slowly unfolded. It was a dollar bill. Lettie's wide eyes fastened on it with unwinking transfusion. It was the key to fairyland, the thing she had hoped for, worked for, fought for; but now that it lay before her, she was held in the awe of unreality. Her breath stopped; her body grew rigid except for the play of muscles in her throat; a mist swam before her eyes.

"Here you are, sister." He passed over the bill.

Lettie took it in a daze. She tried to speak. "Tha-a-ank—" Her voice bumped up and down; her thin chest heaved. In an ague of emotion she clutched the bill and stumbled out of the office. Never before had she owned a dollar; a tenth part of it was the largest sum that had ever come into her hands, and that had been immediately swallowed up by the Wopple-window debt.

"Oh, Penzie," she cried, as she burst into the kitchen. "I got it; I got it. Jiminy, ain't you glad?"

"Depends on what you got, dear," returned Mrs. Penfield, grown cautious through much experience.

Lettie held up her tanned fist, so tightly clenched that the bones showed white under the bloodless skin. Slowly, triumphantly, she opened it.

"Now we can have the tree and the party and fun—and ev'rything, can't we?" she shouted. "Gosh, I thought I'd never pull it off."

"Lettie, dear," sighed Mrs. Penfield, "we got to do something 'bout your language."

Lettie grinned. "Not 'fore Christmas, have we?"

"I expect we wouldn't have time 'fore Christmas," smiled Mrs. Penfield, "but we got to get at it by New Year's."

Lettie reverted to matters of more moment. "And now, Penzie, you'll do what you promised and show me how to buy a big, big Christmas? We got money 'nough now, haven't we?"

"Oh, plenty. All we got to do is to plan, and we'll get right at it."

CHAPTER XVII

Dimes, Limited.

"The reason some folks have to have so much money," explained Mrs. Penfield, "is, they don't know how to plan. Land, they'd be s'prised to know how little money they could live on if they'd only mix their brains with it."

It was admitted at Number 47 that funds were ample for the project in



Lettie Patted Him More Absently.

hand, but the young Miss Penfield was dismayed to find her capital diminished from one dollar to eighty cents, the intervening twenty being required to liquidate the final payment on the Wopple window. It seemed that one could not face a holiday in the right attitude if one were in debt, and Lettie could not be spared to earn further money before the festive day. However, Crink brought in five cents, returns from an errand, and Thad joyfully contributed one penny, gross proceeds from two hours of chicken-fencing from the Chatterbox garden. Total, eighty-six cents!

Mrs. Penfield knew a place in the country where a tree could be had for nothing. But it would take two car-fares and return; also Crink and the family hatchet. Twenty cents was segregated for the enterprise.

The next morning an important expedition set forth from The Custard Cup. Mrs. Penfield went along as guide, but the motive force was Lettie, who bore the badge of authority in

a small purse containing sixty-six cents in negotiable form. She was easily the happiest child in the whole city. Her feet pressed the rainbow path of Promise; her fingers held the wand of Possibility; her starved life was suddenly illumined with the light of joy, dazzling by contrast, scarcely to be believed, permeating her being with a feeling of unreality.

The Penfields had a long walk, but the morning was beautiful, bright and crisp, with a bracing quality that emphasized the cheerful spirit of the season. There had been rain a few days before, washing the haze from the hills, giving greener life to lawns and trees. The streets were bustling with activity. Expressmen and delivery boys were busier than usual, running up steps and ringing doorbells with an agreeable appearance of rush; people were hurrying in every direction, carrying packages of delightful mystery.

Mrs. Penfield guided Lettie to a store that catered to shoppers whose desires were ambitious and whose resources were small. Head held high, Lettie pushed her way through the crowd that thronged the aisles. The first item on her list was tree trimmings. But she blinked in bewilderment at the array before her. And a dime was the limit, the absolute limit for this department. Lettie set her teeth and eliminated systematically until she reached the most for the least, which gave her three yards of thin silver tinsel for ten cents.

Candles? Most emphatically! A Christmas tree without candles is an evening sky without stars. For the affluent, candles were provided in boxes, at ten cents per; but others might be had at the rate of six for five cents. Six were so had by Lettie, who then turned her mental batteries upon the subject of holders, essential to safety of branch and limb. But candle-holders were ten cents. They came in sets of twelve clamped to a card, and you were obliged to take the entire lot or go without.

Lettie stood before the display so long that impatient shoppers disputed the space she occupied, so absorbed that the interrogations of floor-walkers failed to penetrate her consciousness. Her heart pounded in a panic. How could she do what couldn't be done? She looked around. A woman stood beside her, engaged in mental work on candle-holders. With the intuition of wide experience, Lettie appraised her instantly.

"Landy gracious!" she cried. "Ain't it a fright the way they lump 'em?"

The woman looked up. "Ain't it?" she agreed. "And the six-for-five candles are longer'n them in boxes, too."

"I gotta scheme," said Lettie. "What say if we go snucks on a card?"

"I'd be glad to."

Thereupon nickels were pooled, and a card was purchased and divided, to the infinite satisfaction of everybody concerned.

The Penfield plan allowed another dime for candy, but it was no easy matter to decide upon the variety. Divisibility had to be considered, as well as bulk. Fortunately, the lower the price, the higher the color, so the latter quality took care of itself. Lettie, pacing up and down before the long counter of heaped-up candies, came to rest before "plain mixed" and "midget mixed." Undenably they represented the best values. The midget would yield greater numbers, but plain mixed would surely melt less rapidly and therefore give longer entertainment to the consumer. Ultimately Lettie's money was on plain mixed.

The other purchases required little selection and were speedily made. They consisted of a tablet of plain, good paper for one dime; two packages of envelopes, for another; a spool of white thread, five cents; and a stick of pink-and-white candy, one cent. The latter would help decorate the tree and also serve as a gift for Thad.

During all these transactions Mrs. Penfield had been merely an attentive bit of background, but in the following few minutes she was called upon to take an active stand. It proved to be no simple matter to get Miss Lettie out of the store. So engrossed had she been in the purchases on her tentative list that she had scarcely cast a comprehending glance at other commodities; but now that her responsibility was over and her cash exhausted, she turned a fascinated eye upon tables and counters of alluring articles.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Great Only by Comparison. The superiority of some people is merely local. They are great because their associates are little.—Johnson

LIVE STOCK FACTS

Deficiencies of White Corn for Feeding Pigs

In an experiment conducted at the Illinois experiment station four sows fed white corn and tankage produced and raised pigs in two consecutive litters as well as did four other sows fed yellow corn and tankage. Two of these sows fed white corn were continued on a ration of white corn and tankage for a third gestation period. One sow farrowed a normal litter, but had inflammation of the udder, followed by pneumonia which resulted in her death. The other sow farrowed a dead litter at the end of a gestation period of 124 days. The pigs had less hair than normal pigs. They were examined for goller, but nothing was found. This sow was bred for a fourth litter and fed the same ration, with potassium iodide added. The litter came dead at the end of a gestation period of 118 days. For her fifth gestation period, 1 per cent of cod liver oil was added to the ration of white corn and tankage. This litter came normal at the end of a gestation period of 118 days.

The pigs from the first litters of the white-corn sows, when continued on the ration of their dams, failed to attain a weight of 75 pounds. These pigs, farrowed in March and April, began dying six weeks after weaning time, and all were dead by December 17. For several weeks preceding death, a number of the pigs had a nervous trouble manifested by a general inco-ordination of parts, accompanied by convulsions every few days. It was also evident that the ration of white corn and tankage was less palatable than yellow corn and tankage, after the first month. Some pigs died within five or six weeks, while others continued on a low plane of nutrition for months.

Autopsy, after the death of those pigs which had been on this ration for some time, showed lung congestion or pneumonia in some cases; a few pigs had stones in the kidneys; in two cases, soreness of the eyes was found; and other pigs showed no complications.

White corn and tankage do not, therefore, make a complete ration for pigs immediately after weaning. For growing and fattening older pigs, the deficiency is less marked. Pigs started on this ration at 50 to 75 pounds may or may not show indications of a ration deficiency before a marketable weight is attained. The exact nature of the deficiency in the ration of white corn and tankage is not definitely known, but considerable evidence has been put forth to show that a growth-promoting substance known as vitamin A is lacking in this ration. The deficiencies of this ration can be overcome by feeding the pigs forage or legume hay. The various grains and protein supplements have not been thoroughly tested, but some experimental work would indicate that a number of the more common grains and protein supplements are also low in this growth-producing vitamin.

Pastures or legume hays correct the deficiencies of white corn. The deficiencies of white corn are noted only after continued feeding in the dry lot. —John B. Rice, H. H. Mitchell and R. J. Lable, Illinois Experiment Station, Urbana.

Pays to Know How Many Animals Farm Will Feed

The man who consistently follows a well-established live-stock system on his farm is more prosperous than the man who tries to be in when conditions look good and out when they look bad, said H. M. Garlock of the Missouri College of Agriculture at Farmers' week. Usually the man who follows the in-and-out system is out when he should be in and in when he should be out.

Consistent live-stock farming offers several opportunities to the farmers. By consistent live-stock farming is meant a system where a definite number of live stock is included as a part of the farm operation. The number of live stock kept should vary with the size of farm and crop rotation. Meat animals will furnish a market for crops and crop residue, distribute labor throughout the year and produce additional values in barnyard manure to maintain the soil fertility.

There is no set rule for balancing our crops and live stock that will fit all farms because of the difference in their location, size, topography, fertility and proximity to markets, but there should be some relationship between the crop rotation and the number of meat animals kept. The United States produces annually between two and three billion bushels of corn, and, according to the best information, about 80 per cent of this is fed to live stock while only about 8 per cent is used for human food. These figures would indicate that the men producing corn are dependent upon live stock for a market for their product.

It is human nature to attribute the success of others to chance.

It takes the average man a lifetime to correct his bad grammar.

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\$60 PER BALE ADVANCE ON COTTON BY BUREAU

R. D. Jones, of the Texas Farm Bureau, is conducting a campaign in Dickens county for new members, and is meeting with good success.

With reference to the cotton situation, the Farm bureau paper has the following to say:

"We want to call especial attention to our members and to everyone else concerned that it is not the cotton of our organization that is breaking the price, but it is the cotton of the unorganized growers who are dumping even at this early date on the market in excess of the consumption demand that is breaking the price. It is freely predicted that the growers of cotton will market the crop so fast that the prices will temporarily go down below 20c a pound, and while it seems almost unbelievable that farmers and bankers will permit this crop to be sacrificed at such a low price in the face of the greatest certainty for an advance in the market which we have perhaps ever had at this season, we are compelled as an organization to deal with conditions as they are and not as we would like for them to be, and with this idea in view the financiers from whom we are compelled to get funds to advance to our members will not loan us more than 60 per cent of the market value of the cotton at the time of delivery. On account of this fact, advances in the future, until further notice, must be limited to \$60.00 per bale on unclassified cotton and 12 cents per pound on bales weighing under 500 pounds. Since arrangements had been previously made to advance 15 cents a pound and the maximum of \$75.00 per bale the market has broken almost \$25.00 per bale, and in acquainting our members and the general public with the reason for this unwarranted and unreasonable decline in the market, we have to call your attention to the fact that it is the unorganized cotton being rushed to the market, either voluntarily by the growers or under the pressure of their creditors, and no man is wise enough to know how low the market will go, as that will depend entirely upon the number of men who show the poor judgment to sell at this time."

"We trust the market will not go so low that we are unable to borrow the \$60.00 which we are now prepared to advance. Bear in mind that the cotton of every man who joins the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association and whose cotton is shipped to the organization is a volume of cotton under control that will no longer contribute its part to the decline of the market and that it is to the interest of every member in the protection of his own welfare to bring every possible cotton grower into the organization in order to stop this senseless decline in the market."

FOR SALE—10 room house on Hill, good concrete cellar, garage and servant house, corner lot. Will sell or trade for real estate. See or write Mrs. Kate C. Buchanan, Spur, Texas, 41 tf.

NEW PRESIDENT'S POLICIES ARE OUTLINED

While formal statement of national policies of President Coolidge will not be announced until after the funeral of the late President Harding at Marion Friday, the newspaper correspondents have elicited a formal statement in substance as follows.

1. Nonaffiliation with the League of Nations in any form.
2. Adherence to the world court protocol, with reservations specifying that no indorsement or affiliation with the League of Nations is contemplated.
3. Insistence upon repayment of the allied debt upon reasonable terms which are within the ability of the debtor nations. This applies only to the debts not yet funded. Arrangements for repayment of the British and Finnish debt having already been agreed upon.
4. Nonparticipation in the R. controversy except upon joint invitation from all powers concerned and then as advisor only and not umpire.
5. Resumption of relations with Mexico upon completion of pending negotiations at Mexico City.
6. Noninterference with Congress in legislative work, especially regarding railroads and agriculture.
7. Government interference in the coal situation should the rupture of negotiations between anthracite operators and miners threaten a strike Sept. 1.
8. Strict enforcement of prohibition and opposition to attempts to modify the Volstead act, except to permit sealed liquor stores on foreign ships entering American ports.

CO-OPERATIVE SHIPMENT AUGUST 14TH.

There will be a cooperative shipment of livestock made on Tuesday, August 6, and I do not advise shipping any stock, especially thin cattle, if you are prepared to hold them at.

The hog market is very good, with top around eight cents, but canner cows are as low as could possibly be, and poor yearlings are about as bad.

This shipment is being made strictly for the benefit of those who have a few head of fat stuff, which they seem to have no reason for holding, as there seems little chance of the market getting better, and for the benefit of those who have stuff which they do not hold longer. Due to the low prices, I do not advise the sale of a poor grade of stuff.—Johnston, County Demonstration Agent.

Bran Muffin Recipe By Washington Chef



Anthony Giacofci

Housewives may now regale their guests with the same kind of bran muffins Marshal Foch and many other noted visitors at Washington have talked about. The opportunity is presented through Anthony Giacofci, chef of the New Willard Hotel, one of the big hostels of the National Capital. Here is the recipe which Chef Giacofci says will make one dozen muffins:

Four tablespoonfuls flour, four tablespoonfuls bran, one tablespoonful lard, one tablespoonful butter, one tablespoonful baking powder, one tablespoonful sugar, two eggs, one-fourth pint cold milk, a pinch of salt.

Mix the above thoroughly, flour with baking powder, add lard and butter, mix and add bran, eggs and milk, bake in hot oven twenty minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Martin and R. M. Hubbard, of Austin, were the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford B. Jones at the Spur Inn.

GAS

If food is not properly prepared, it can become a poison. Ten presses of the stomach, causing a nervous headache. Simple buckthorn, etc., as mixed in the food, foul, decaying food matter, thought was in your system which caused gas and pressure on heart. Adlerika expels poisons and gas from BOTH upper and lower bowel. EXCELLENT to guard against appendicitis.

City Drug Store

W. S. Campbell and family moved last week into their new home just completed on Hill Street.

The first services were held Sunday in the new Baptist church, and quite a number were in attendance. While the church has not yet been completed, the basement department is prepared for use pending the completion of the entire construction plans.

John Hahn, of Stonewall county, spent several days of this week visiting with his brother, Jim Hahn and family, of west of Spur.

No hunting, fishing or trespassing is permitted on my premises.—J. Carlisle. May 24p.

Mrs. J. P. Middleton and children of near Dickens, are this week visiting with relatives in Fisher county. Mr. Middleton was in Spur Wednesday and stated that they had gone to Fisher county to obtain a supply of black-eyed peas to tide over the drouth.

J. L. McGraw, traveling representative of R. G. Dun & Co., of Forth Worth, was in Spur and this territory during the week.

Hot Barbecue every day bring your bucket and get the gravy.—Central Market, 34tf

Misses Nellie and Lula Goff, Pauline Ramsey and Mr. Clark Forbis, accompanied Mrs. Henry Clay to Stamford Saturday who were returning to her home in Ranger after a weeks visit in Spur.

I got yore letter askin me if I had learnt ennything about how to make licker since I bin in the mts. 4yrs. I shud smile that I hev, and you can make munney if you foller the follering.

- 2 bu. corn meal.
- 2 bx. red devil lye
- 4 bx. sulphur matches
- 2 bu. stable manure
- gal. black molassus
- 1 lb. nux vomiter.
- 1 ball potash.

All this to stay in barl or water til it begins to bile up, flies and insecs that get in the mash won't hurt it, and a ole beef hed put down in the mash with the above engeedymnts helps to giv age to the licker, no questshuns is ever ast about how it is made hope you are well and still out of jale.

yore ole pal Tom

so also has the coat suit. There are many women who declare it to be ideal for motoring. Camel's hair, homespuns and velours are used for many attractive models. The coats are almost invariably hip length and straight. The skirts are often wrap-around. This does not mean that each suit has not individual charm. The braid binding on one, the huge patch pocket and leather buttons on another, are features which give variety to costumes cut on practically the same lines.

A word might be said about frocks suitable for motoring. The experienced woman knows that eponges, ratines and jerseys are the best weaves, because they are almost non-crushable, and this is a feature to be reckoned with. Under capes and coats, silk frocks and summery cottons lose their freshness in no time, while knitted things look attractive even after a long trip.

Hats for motoring must of necessity be small. The popularity of the cloche

Effective Blouse for Separate Summer Skirt

Some of the new blouses are shaped with necklines that call for fichu or arrangements of lace, and these are most effective when made up in the thinner materials that are more appropriate for summer wear. For instance, there will be a thin silk blouse that has its organdie fichu, or there will be a heavy ratine silk blouse that is provided with a wide piece of heavy lace arranged about the square neckline. They are all most graceful in appearance, and they are all designed to be worn, most effectively, with the separate summer skirts which are so much a portion of the season's fashion.

quarter into his hand and asked him who it was he had brought up in the elevator with her that afternoon. "He looks so much like a sort of a cousin of mine that I'm practically certain he must be," said Hope, largely excusing herself.

"That's Mr. Jones, miss," grinned the boy. "He certainly must be a cousin or something, because he has just been after me to ask what-all his name was named. Would Jones be the right name, miss?"

"It would do," said Hope—and then, "What is his other name?"

"Mr. Brandon Jones, miss," said the boy. "Very nice gentleman—all the Joneses is fine folk. Lives in the apartment just above yours only it hasn't any kitchen, because he gets all his meals out and the kitchen's none been made over into an extra room to hold his books. He's a very learned gentleman, miss, I should say."

And all this though interesting, did not any better explain why Mr. Brandon Jones had ridden on to Lovel avenue.

Daphne and Diana declared the corn bread to be exactly like the corn bread old Sally used to make. They were feasting merrily on it when the bell of the apartment rang. They exchanged surprised glances, for callers never came unannounced in that apartment. Hope fled to the door, and there stood Brandon Jones.

"Excuse me," he began, and before he had time to go further with his apologies he whiffed and said: "My, but that smells good! I smelled it way up in my apartment, and that's why I came. You see—"

"I'm sure we all would like to have you come in and share it with us," said Hope, looking at Daphne and Diana, who had now appeared in the hall.

And so Brandon Jones was ushered into the living room, where the large table had been spread for dinner. Brandon then explained. He hoped Miss Mawson—the elevator boy had told him her name—would accept his apologies.

He had sat beside her on the car and had been interested in the interest she showed in that corn bread advertisement. He had seen her before and knew that she lived in this apartment, so when she rode past her street he knew it must be because of her preoccupation in this advertisement.

He got off where she did and followed her into the grocery store, and to his delight she bought the cornmeal. Later he got the tempting smell of baking corn bread through his open window above—corn bread and coffee, just as the picture had suggested. He was looking for a good rule for corn bread—he thought perhaps he might be able to secure hers.

But why all this excitement about corn bread?" said Daphne, who was waiting.

Mr. Jones said it was absurd of him to have begun at the beginning and explained that at first. "You see, I'm an advertising man—Jones & Sevcik."

"I didn't know you were that," said Daphne, with much interest, hearing the name of the large advertising concern in the city.

"And we just took over the account of Volger's corn products—want to make a big thing of it. I thought a picture of corn bread would make a good street car card—tried to get our artist to make it as real as possible. Mr. Hancock thought that was a little too simple—wanted to try something clever, you know. But we thought we'd try it out. So when I saw you, Miss Mawson, reading the advertisement I felt that at least one street car rider was interested. And then, by jove, you went to the store and bought the cornmeal. I'll have to tell Hancock—"

Mr. Jones ate two, then three pieces of the corn bread and declared that Miss Mawson was the best cook in the world, and Diana made a face behind his back because she had cooked all the rest of the dinner, which they had urged him to share with them, and he never thought to say what a good cook she was.

But then right from the first Mr. Jones had eyes only for Hope.

"And that was as it should be," said the practical Daphne a month later when Hope and Brandon announced their engagement, because usually the men they knew admired all three—and divided admiration," continued Daphne, "is not conducive to diamond solitaires."

Want to Reach One Hundred? Ostriches are regular octogenarians, as most of them live to be from seventy to ninety years of age, while individuals that reach the century mark occasionally occur, says Nature Magazine of Washington. These novel speedsters of the sandy plains eat grass and grain in generous amounts, and for dessert consume pebbles, glass, or even iron, or any other scraps of metal they can get hold of. This foreign material aids them to digest their food in the same way that grit is essential in the diet of the ordinary hen.

WANTS TO HELP OTHER WOMEN

Grateful for Health Restored by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Chicago, Ill.—"I am willing to write to any girl or woman who is suffering from the troubles I had before I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. My back always ached, so I could not go about my housework, and I had other troubles from weakness. I was this way for years, then my sister-in-law took the Vegetable Compound and recommended it to me. In the time I have been taking it and it has done wonders for me. I keep house and am able to do lots of work besides."—Mrs. HELEN SEVCIK, 2711 Thomas St., Chicago, Ill.

Women suffering from female troubles causing backache, irregularities, pains, bearing-down feelings and weakness should take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Not only is the worth of this splendid medicine shown by such cases as this, but for nearly fifty years this same sort of experience has been reported by thousands of women.

Mrs. Sevcik is willing to write to any girl or woman suffering from such troubles, and answer any questions they may like to ask.

Lilacs. Lilacs were imported into England by John Gerard from Persia in Elizabeth's reign. He brought the purple variety. Our forefathers brought them out to Canada as the shrub is not a native of America.—Montreal Family Herald.

Had His Own Twelve-Pounder. First Visitor (on board ship)—I tell you what, wouldn't you like to hear those six-pounders roar? Second Visitor—No; I get enough of it. Our new baby's a twelve-pounder.

Billion Trees. The American Tree association is working to the end that a billion trees be planted in this country in 1923. In other words, reforestation cannot be accomplished merely by debate.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

What fierce, undying love men and women have for each other—on the screen.



is what you want for your skin trouble—Resinol to stop the itching and burning—Resinol to heal the eruption. Scratching makes it worse, besides being embarrassing and dangerous, but the smooth, gentle ingredients of RESINOL OINTMENT often overcome the trouble promptly, even if it is severe and long-established. Bathing the affected part first with RESINOL SOAP hastens the beneficial results. Resinol products at all druggists.

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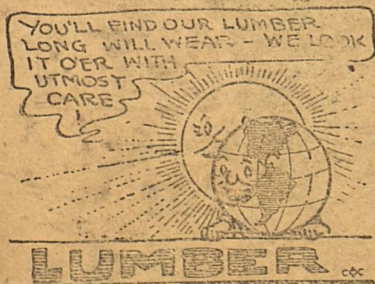
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SURGERY PATIENTS AT THE NICHOLS SANITARIUM

Following is a list of the patients undergoing surgical operations at the Nichols Sanitarium during the month of July:

Mrs. H. H. Williams of Peacock, Harold Jean Williams of Roaring Springs, Mrs. A. O. Tarts of Peacock, Mrs. M. J. Shaw of Deikens, Mrs. H. L. Rogers of Spur, Mrs. A. J. Richey of Dickens, Mrs. J. L. Patton of Peacock, Harvey Pool of Afton, Mrs. O. C. Overstreet of Dickens, Lilburn McElyea of Spur, P. L. Mars hall of Spur, Edwin Morris of Spur, Mrs. H. F. Kilgore of Spur, Lon Kiziah of Dickens, F. D. Holly of Dickens, Elizabeth Hicks of Dickens, Mrs. E. E. Hairgrove of Spur, Mrs. M. B. Foote of Jayton, Miss Myrtle Edgar, of Spur, Elmer Denison of Spur, Mrs. Emmett Daubb of Dickens, Katherine Karr Epsuela, Mrs. J. F. George of Aspermont and Henry Alexander of Aspermont.

As said heretofore, and generally recognized throughout the country, the Nichols Sanitarium has gained a wide reputation in surgery, and Dr. Nichols, at its head, has the confidence and high regard of all who know him. The Nichols Sanitarium is doing a real service to the country and is a great asset to Spur.



Every foot of lumber offered by us to the public is expertly inspected before it is placed on sale. You can feel assured that a lumber purchase made of us will live up to your expectations and that our prices are correct.

P. H. MILLER
SPUR, TEXAS

DICKENS CITIZEN HONORED BY DALLAS COMPANY

Mr. J. P. Middleton of Dickens, and General Agent of the United Fidelity Life Insurance Company of Dallas, Texas, was one of a small number of representatives who recently won the much coveted prize of a two weeks tour thru Yellowstone National Park and Yosemite Valley. Mrs. Middleton accompanied her husband on the trip.

Mr. Middleton has made an enviable record in the Pyramid Club, an organization of the Company which numbers those agents that make themselves prominent by continuous sales production. Mr. Middleton's record of forty weeks was broken only by the Yellowstone Park trip, which honor he had already earned by his most efficient service.

On July 3rd, at high noon, a special solid steel train, consisting of baggage car, coach, diner, pullmans, observation and compartment cars, left the Union Station at Dallas, over the Rock Island Lines, headed for the great and scenic northwestern country, carrying those Pyramid Club members of the United Fidelity Life, fortunate enough to qualify for these prizes.

At Colorado Springs the 'Guide' led the party up Pikes Hill before breakfast, an event that will not be forgotten by those that had the pleasure of "toppling over" when on top of the world. After a drive thru the Garden of the Gods, and other points of interest, the party hurried on to Denver, the 'Merry makers' settled down to the routine of having a glorious time from early morning until late at night;—new scenes, new thrills, new jokes, and the unexpected crowded into each waking hour.

At Salt Lake all were instructed, directed, and commanded to repair to Saltair, and bathe in the Great Salt Lake. In Yellowstone from Old Faithful, to Lake, to Canyon, and Mammoth, the tourists were dumb founded in climaxes. Beautiful and indescribable scenery, marvelous sun rises and sun sets, winding roads up the mountains, and thru the Canyons guaranteeing a thrill a minute, with

swimming, horse back riding, hiking and fishing for side amusements, made the party realize more and more the deep gratitude which they owed to those responsible for the details, and the carrying out of the trip.

WACO NEGRO HANGED FOR EIGHT MURDERS

Waco, July 30.—Roy Mitchell, convicted of six murders, paid the extreme penalty here today for the murder of Mrs. Ethel Denecamp in January of this year.

The trap was sprung at 11:02 and Mitchell was pronounced dead at 11:24.

Mitchell's neck was broken by the fall and he did not move after the drop. According to physician, his heart almost ceased to beat shortly after the drop, but then revived to a remarkable extent.

Mitchell's last words, uttered after the black cap had been adjusted, and just before the trap was sprung, were "Take me home." Previously, just as he walked into the scaffold, Mitchell hollered to the crowd:

"Goodbye, everybody."
These were the only words uttered by Mitchell after reaching the gallows. He walked to the gibbet with a firm step and a smile on his lips. On the way to the scaffold he bade goodbye to the prisoners in jail.

To his spiritual adviser, Rev. O. T. Hatfield, pastor of the Nazarene church and to County Attorney Farmer, who conferred with him an hour before he was led to the gallows, Mitchell accepted responsibility for the eight murders with which he was charged, for six of which he was tried and convicted. In the Concord triple murder, for which two other negroes were convicted Mitchell exonerated these two but said there was another man with him and helped to commit this crime, the murder of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Barker and 13 year old Homer Turk. He told Rev. Hatfield and County Attorney Farmer that he was alone in the commission of the other crimes and that he had told the truth in his confessions.

HAPPY, PROSPEROUS HOMES BULWARK OF CIVILIZATION

Happy, prosperous homes are the bulwark of any advancing nation. It is not battleships, nor great armies, nor spire pointed and turret crowned cities that make a nation great; but comfortable, congenial homes. It is the home that promotes loyalty, harmony, love and service. Neither club nor hotel, no matter how elaborate; neither lodge nor place of business, nor hotel, no matter how elaborate; give to humanity the wholesome inspiring influence of the home. The home is the axis of civilization, the unit of society, the school of virtue, the source of good government, the very foundation of our nation.

A man who has made a happy home for his wife and children, no matter what he has not done that, and it is his own fault, tho he be the highest in the land, he is the most pitiable failure. With all the mad pursuit of gold which characterizes the present age, still there is no fortune a man can leave to his family so great as the memory of a happy home. Quite well did Victor Hugo say:

"A house is built of brick and stone,
Of tiles and posts and piers;
But a home is built of loving deeds
That stand a thousand years."

The home of a family largely reflects its character, and the home that is planned by the family and built to order can be made more nearly to meet that family's needs than any house it may casually rent. The renter moving from house to house always labors under difficulties in accomodating his household furniture to the arrangement of the rooms, and the careful woman of the house is constantly irritated by the inevitable misfits, which if not endured are only cored at the expense of frequent purchases.

But the owning of a home carries with it tangible benefits not measured in any medium of exchange. To the family reared in the old homestead every room has a history and about the whole house clusters memories too tender and too sacred to be expressed in words for after all the

world is largely governed by matters of sentiment. Where is the person who if he could, would not gladly buy the old homestead to prevent its destruction by an owner to whom it is nothing but an old house to be removed to give place to a modern structure?

The habit of moving from place to place—largely a habit—is peculiarly American, and it is a serious fault. For by that habit Americans deprive themselves of all home sentiment, a really important element in the make up of the well rounded character.

A SECOND ENGINE BEING INSTALLED AT LIGHT PLANT

A second V type, two cylinder, Fairbanks Morse, 100 horse power, engine is this week being installed at the electric light plant by the Spur Light & Power Company. This engine is in addition to the 75 horse power engine now being used by the plant, thus giving more than double the former capacity, and furnishing equipment for any emergency that may arise. A second generator is also being installed, thus in every particular being prepared to give continuous and uninterrupted service, regardless of accidents and possible break downs.

The Spur light and power plant is now one of the very best and most modernly equipped plants in all of Western Texas, and the managers, Messrs. Stovall & Lea, are giving the city and citizens unexcelled service in every particular.

On every hand Spur has substantial evidences of permanent progress and material advancement. It is very evident, even to the casual visitor and observer, that the town is really developing into a modern, metropolitan city.

People from every section of the country are enjoying the picnic and barbecue at Dickens Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Geo. T. Snodgrass and children are spending the week in the north part of Dickens and Motley counties, visiting with relatives.