

LET'S GET TOGETHER  
AND MAKE 1925  
THE BANNER YEAR!

# The Texas Spur

THE DICKENS ITEMS

PEACE, PROSPERITY  
AND HAPPINESS  
COME TO ALL THE NEW YEAR

DICKENS COUNTY

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 1925

NUMBER TEN

## FREE DELIVERY - FREE SERVICE - FREE

### Central Meat Market

Phone 69

### Spur Country Will Have Thorough Test for Oil to Begin Immediately

Mike Mikels, an able and experienced oil man, passed through Spur Wednesday of this week with five truck loads of oil well drilling machinery, derrick timbers, etc., enroute to the Pitchfork Ranch, northwest of Spur, where a thorough test for oil will be made. The first oil test well will be spudded in just as soon as the derrick can be erected. A contract has been made to drill the first test thirty two hundred feet deep or get oil. When this test is completed other tests will be made, should the first fail to show oil.

Mr. Mikels is not asking the people of Spur or surrounding country for any funds whatever, stating that all he desired was the moral backing of the country, since finances had already been arranged to bear all expenses of the tests for oil.

The Spur country has had three partial and incomplete tests for oil, each one being discontinued for lack of funds, and also at a time when strong showings of oil had been encountered. In fact, the Davis test well, six miles northeast of Spur, hit an oil bearing sand which gave evidence of abundant oil production, when the bits were lost in the hole and drilling was stopped. There is absolutely no question but that oil is here underground. The only question is in what quantities. The test well on the 24 Ranch south of Spur, struck gas, and more than one stratum of oil bearing sand.

The test wells for oil on the Pitchfork Ranch will be anxiously watched by the entire country, and we are confident that oil will be found if no mishaps are encountered. We firmly believe that there are greater and richer resources underground here than is recognized on the surface, and some day these underground resources will be uncovered to enrich and prosper the community and the people.

### DICKENS COUNTY TO HAVE SERIES OF ONE DAY POULTRY SCHOOLS

Under the management of the Agents, a series of one-day poultry schools will be held in the various communities of the county, the object being to increase interest in the poultry business, as well as to teach better methods of handling the farm flock of poultry.

These poultry meetings will be held at the school-houses of the County, and while it has not been possible to arrange a meeting at every school, they are widely enough scattered that every one who is sufficiently interested will find it possible to attend one of the meetings.

Better handling of poultry, especially as regards housing and feeding, is absolutely essential, and has never failed to pay. A good example of this was afforded in the matter of infertile egg production of the past summer in this county.

A group of farmers, under the guidance of the County Agricultural Agent, took up the matter of infertile eggs, grading and stamping the eggs produced, and so successful was the venture that the local demand took care of all such eggs produced, at a price for better than that paid for ordinary eggs. At one time during last summer, ordinary eggs were bringing only ten to twelve and one-half cents per dozen, and at the same time the stamped cited where improved practices have eggs were bringing thirty cents. Many other instances could be cited paid over and over for the effort put forth.

Following is the program arranged by the Agents, and a list of places where the schools are to be held. Every person interested in poultry is urged to be present at one of these meetings.

### Spur Municipal Band Organization Perfected Last Wednesday Night

As announced in the Texas Spur last week, a band organization was perfected Wednesday night charter members enrolled and officers elected, at a meeting held in the Spur Cotton Exchange rooms.

In the selection of officers, Mr. C. B. Cook, who has been most active and instrumental in forming a Spur band organization, was selected as business manager and head of the band to be known as Spur Municipal Band. C. R. Miller, who is also a live-wire and active in anything undertaken, was elected secretary-treasurer of the organization.

By-laws and constitution for the Spur Municipal Band will be formulated and submitted for acceptance at another meeting to be held next Tuesday night.

Plans were also matured at the meeting looking to the perpetuation of the band by an organization to be known as "Modern Boosters." This organization will have as its officers a Chief Booster, Recording Booster, Booster of Finance and a Booster of Ceremonies. It will provide a fund for boosting Spur, and all citizens will be urged to join and pay a nominal membership fee in support of the band as well as the Booster activities.

The Spur Cotton Exchange will be the regular meeting place for both the band and the "Ancient Order of Dum De Dums."

At the organization meeting the following officers were unanimously elected for their respective places: Dum De De Dum, Morris; Da De Da Dum, Berry; Miller; Da De De Da

Edmonds; Ta Te Ta Ta, Godfrey; Ta Te Te Ta, Gibson; Master of Ceremonies, C. B. Cook.

It is urged that all charter members, as well as others, be present at an important meeting to be held Tuesday night, January 13th.

Here is success to the Spur Municipal Band.

**MCADOO HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL FOR DECEMBER**

We are glad to report the Honor Roll for December for McAdoo School.

First Grade: Inez Rose, Jaunita Brown, Maralee Guthrie, Willie Brown, Martha Eldridge, Leslie Coe.

Second Grade: Opal Edwards, Benlah Phifer, Mary Edwards, Lorine Covington, Claude Rowin, Marshall McDonald, Price Neeley, Grace Womack.

Fifth Grade: Katherine Fox, Martha Womack, Rosemary Hickman, Archie McDonald.

Sixth Grade: Leamon Brantley, Kate Miller, Milton McDonald, Lawrence Fox, Ruth Wood, and Ruth Neeley.

Eighth Grade: Chester Clark, Grade Allen, Artha Womack, Susan Hickman, Mary Bass, Buell Fox, Grady Jones, Marshall Fortmy, Edna Stephenson, Beatrice Barton.

Ninth Grade: Oni Phifer, Opal Nickola.

Tenth Grade: Claude McLaughlin, Lucille Cypert, Onida McLaughlin, and Ella Mae Miller.

### JOHN SAMPSON DIED FRIDAY AT HOME NEAR CLAIREMONT

John Sampson, one of the oldest and most substantial residents of the country, died Friday of last week at his home near Clairemont, his remains being interred Saturday in the Jayton cemetery.

For years John Sampson was manager of the O-O Ranch in Kent county, resigning this position in 1910 or 1912 and removing to a small ranch which he purchased twelve miles southwest of Spur. He had been in ill health since his retirement from the management of the O-O Ranch. His ranch property was recently sold and he and family moved to Spur where they for a time operated the New Western Hotel, removing only a few months ago to a ranch home near Clairemont.

In the earlier days John Sampson was one of the most widely known cowmen of the country. About 1910, one of his sons, Bug Sampson, was killed, and another son, Dick Sampson, shot and wounded in a fight which occurred in Kent county. The killing of Bug greatly affected the father who lived somewhat of a secluded life from that time until only a few years ago when he came to Spur.

Many friends and former acquaintances of John Sampson will learn of his death with real sorrow.

### MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETING

The Missionary Society of the Christian church met with Mrs. E. L. Caraway Monday, January 5th with all members present; one new member was added to the roll, Mrs. Louise Harris.

After a short business period in which dues for the year, amounting to \$3.00 were paid, pledges for the National work were discussed and it was decided to make them in February.

The devotional lesson was read from Acts.

Mrs. Caraway gave an interesting paper, Mrs. Bell gave paper, the unanswerable testimony.

The hidden answers were discussed by all.

At the close of the meeting delightful refreshments were served.

### Help Spur Grow - MARRIED

Murray Lee, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Lee, of Spur, and Miss Pearl Blackwell, of Baird, were married at the home of the bride December 26.

Murray Lee is a young man, just out of college with bright and promising prospects for the future, and in thus starting out in life with a help-mate, the Texas Spur joins his many personal friends and friends of the family in extending congratulations and best wishes for success in business and unalloyed happiness in building and establishing a home.

### Spur Will Have the First Drive-In Grocery in all of Western Texas

That Spur is a leader and one of the most progressive towns of the entire country, is evidenced in many instances and incidents. The latest innovation in a commercial way is the establishment of a "Drive-in-Grocery Store." D. H. Sullivan, has matured his plans and will begin within the next week or ten days the construction of a brick building designed for the first "drive-in-grocery store" in all of Western Texas. The brick building will be 35 x 100 feet on the corner lot adjoining the Spur Bakery building on the south side of Harris street. The front of the building will be patterned after the drive-in gasoline filling stations thus offering customers the convenience of driving in after bills of groceries. Doorways will be placed

on the side and back of the building as well as the drive-in front, thus making it possible to drive up and load out purchases from three sides of the building. The building will be so constructed that later it can be made possible for the cars to drive through to the rear and secure their purchases in passing through.

We are now living in a fast, progressive age, when brains as well as brawn is brought into requisition to meet the demands of the times. In establishing a "drive-in grocery" D. H. Sullivan is going a step ahead in the progressive procession.

Come to Spur, the biggest little city and fastest growing town on the American continent.

### SPUR HARDWARE RED TAG SALE ECLIPSES ALL FORMER SALES

In conversation with L. H. Perry of the Spur Hardware & Furniture Company, he informed us that the annual "Red Tag Sale" just closed was the biggest of the fifteen annual sales conducted since the beginning of Spur. This too, notwithstanding the interruption in sales by the blizzard and extremely cold and uninviting weather. Mr. Perry stated that he attributed the success of this sale above others more to the extensive advertising through the Texas Spur and circularizing the country than to any other one factor. He is a firm believer in advertising, and has built up one of the strongest business concerns in the entire country enjoying a substantial and extensive trade, upon advertising, good business management and the most accommodating and acceptable service to patrons.

Long live the Spur Hardware & Furniture Company, and may its annual Red Tag Sales continue to grow in volume and favor with the public.

### THE ROSS AND GOODE CASES AFFIRMED BY HIGHER COURT

The higher court has affirmed the cases of Tom Ross and Milton Goode, convicted at Lubbock and Abilene for the killing of Ranger Robinson, thus stating that they will have to serve their sentences in the penitentiary.

### L. A. HINDMAN MAKING IMPROVEMENTS AND ADDITIONS

L. A. Hindman is this week doing extensive improvement work on his residence in the north part of the city. The residence building is being moved to another location on the lots, and an addition of one or more rooms and porches will be built and other improvements made. In fact, when all of this improvement work is completed, the Luther Hindman home will be one of the handsomest and most conveniently arranged homes of the city.

### WEST TEXANS JOIN MOVE FOR BUS LINE CONTROL BY STATE

That West Texans are lining up in favor of a bill to be proposed in the coming session of the Legislature to place bus and truck lines under the control of the Railroad Commission was indicated in a letter received Friday from John Q. Adams of Winters by Homer D. Wade, assistant manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

McAdams is cashier of the Winters State Bank. He told Wade that truck and jitney lines are depriving railroads of his section of a large amount of traffic, that sentiment is for more rigid control and that he favors placing them under the commission. He urged that the West Texas Chamber of Commerce support the measure.

### Buildings and Improvements Under Way in the Capitol City of Dickens

Much building and improvement 24pt Dickens the capital city of Dickens county, is keeping in the progressive procession in building, improvements and changes in general in a business way.

County Judge H. A. C. Brummett is having a drive in filling station constructed, with a stucco finish, on the southwest corner of the court house square. The building is modern in every detail and a most substantial and attractive addition to the city.

M. O. Hawk sold his cafe building to Leland Jones, and purchased Dr. Blackwell office building which is now being remodeled and reconstructed into a cafe structure. Leland Jones also purchased Terry Bros. Grocery and feed business moving it into the building purchased of Mr. Hawk.

Dr. H. L. Duvall has purchased the Dr. Hale residence in Dickens, mad on which he will make some additions and improvements. He will also build an office structure in the southwest part of the town where he will have his professional headquarters in the future. His family has arrived from the Eastern part of the state and are now domiciled in their new home.

Grady Crego recently completed a new drive-in filling station on the northwest corner of the square where he is now serving patrons and the public.

Several new residences have been constructed in the capitol city, and there are other building plans contemplated in the near future.

Altogether, the county seat is building and progressing in keeping with the general progress of the county as a whole.

### Program for Community Poultry Schools in Dickens County

Selection of eggs for Hatching—Mrs. Hollingsworth, Home Demonstration Agent.

Infertile Eggs—Production and Marketing—R. B. Johnston, County Agricultural Agent.

Feeding, Brooding and Care of Culling Hens for Egg Production—R. B. Johnston.

Care of the Growing Chicken—Feeding and care of the Laying Hen—How to secure Winter Eggs—Treatment of Common Poultry Diseases—Eradication of Blue Bugs and other Insect pests—R. B. Johnston. Practical demonstrations will be given in culling for breed-perfection instruction in building a home made brooder will be given and different types of self feeders, etc., will be shown. Be sure and be at one of these meetings.

The time and place of each meeting will be as follows: Midway, Monday, Jan. 12; Afton, Tues. Jan. 13; Highway Wed. Jan. 14; McAdoo, Thursday, Jan. 15; Duck Creek, Friday, Jan. 16; Prairie Chapel, Monday, Jan. 26; Espurilla Tuesday Jan. 27; Duncan Flat, Wed., Jan. 28; Croton, Thursday, Jan. 29; Dry Lake, Mon. Feb. 2.

All meetings will begin at 7:00 P. M.

Help Spur Grow—

### CAL MARTIN PURCHASES THE CITY DRUG STORE BUSINESS

Among the changes, sales and transfers made at the first of the new year, was the purchase of the City Drug Store by Cal Martin, purchasing the interests of G. B. Morris and Jas. B. Reed. Mr. Martin now has charge of the business, and with able assistants and clerks will hereafter give his full time and attention to the business.

### J. P. WILKES & SONS PUT ON SALE OF SHOES AND HOSE

Readers of the Texas Spur will note from an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue of the paper that J. P. Wilkes & Son are putting on a sale of shoes and hose and a few dry goods, to be closed out at cost. In many parts of the country "cost sales" and "bargain sales" are tightly considered, but it is not the case in Spur. When a Spur merchant advertises a "cost sale", the merchandise so advertised will be sold strictly in accord with the advertisement. There is no "fake advertising" done by Spur merchants nor will it be accepted knowingly by the Texas Spur.

J. P. Wilkes & Son bought large stocks of shoes and hose with the expectation of larger sales through the fall months. Being disappointed in this they are now placing them on sale for absolute cost in order to get their money back and make purchases of other goods. It is our understanding that Mr. Wilkes intends to discontinue the sale of shoes hereafter, adding other lines for the future.

During the month of December many Texas Spur readers profited by the advertisements appearing in the Texas Spur. C. Hogsn & Co., carried a page advertisement, as did Spur Hardware & Furniture Co., Salem's and Mayfield Bros., of Girard. A number of merchants carried half page and smaller advertisements, all of whom made special trade offerings which were observed and taken advantage of by the people of the trade territory.

### MRS. LESTER MAKES HANDSOME INCOME SELLING PRODUCE

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Lester, of near Spur called in last week and renewed their subscription to the Texas Spur, having the address changed to Afton where they will move and farm this year. Mrs. Lester has been very successful, and in fact made a living for the family, selling produce the past year. She sold \$550.00 worth of turkeys raised on the place. In addition to the turkey sales Mrs. Lester sold eggs and butter to the amount of \$334.15 during the year. During December her sales averaged \$55.15. Only three cows were milked, and the number of chickens raised was limited to just what the place would care for conveniently. The total sum of \$384.15 from milk, butter, and eggs and poultry, as a side line to farming is remarkable, and Mrs. Lester is to be congratulated in making more than the living while Mr. Lester farmed. Mr. and Mrs. Lester are moving to Afton this year and will farm the Grandma McCarty place. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Lester much prosperity in the Afton country.

Help Spur Grow—

### ARNOLD COPELAND SOLD HIS FARM AT FORTY DOLLARS ACRE

Last week Arnold Copeland sold his 160 acre farm east of Spur to Will Watson for a consideration of forty dollars an acre. This is one of the best farms of the country, and the low price at which sold is remarkable.

Arnold Copeland has not yet decided what he will do, but is considering moving, or at least prospecting, in the southwestern part of the state.

**1925 TO BE DRY, SAY SAVANTS AS THEY STUDY SUN**

London.—The year 1925 will be the driest the universe has experienced this century, an official of the British Meteorological Department told the Associated Press in explaining a new discovery which department experts have made and which it is declared, enables them to pick out the wet and dry years to come.

St. Swithin will have 12 months of large scale unemployment after Christmas, the department has practically predicted and the drought to come will not only dry up these soggy islands, but will dry up the rest of the world.

The statement was made after much study on the part of weather scientists and as the result of their discovery that a close connection exists between rainfall particularly in Great Britain, and the frequency of solar prominences. The latter are explained to be tongues of flaming gas that dart out from the sun's surface, sometimes to a height of 250,000 miles and at a speed of more than 150 miles an hour.

Experts have spent three years studying the relation of this phenomenon with the fall of rain and have learned that the interval between the dates when these giant fireworks are most active has grown progressively shorter during the last half century, while the periodicity of wet years in England has shown a corresponding change. The mathematical curves show a relationship that is too definite to be overlooked say the department chiefs.

This relatively is nothing new. It was noticed about 1865, and for the next 25 years every fifth year in England was wet, the other four being dry or normal. All this time the regularly and normally at the end of the 25 years the flames appeared oftener and continued to appear at regular periods for 20 years, when every third year was wet. From 1910 to 1921 the flames were more active and the alternate years were wet and dry.

**HOUSE PASSES LARGEST PEACE TIME MEASURE**  
Washington, Dec. 30—Practically without amendment the treasury and Postoffice appropriation bill, the largest peace-time measure ever before congress, was passed today by the House.

As sent to the Senate the bill carries \$763,000,000 of which \$11,000,000 is for prohibition enforcement and \$20,000,000 for the coast guard service, which plans to use nearly half of its allotment for curbing rum running.

An appropriation of \$2,500,000 for operation of the transcontinental air mail service during the coming fiscal year was approved.

Another item in the treasury-postoffice appropriation bill allotting \$526,373 for maintenance of the pneumatic tube mail service in New York City also was approved.

**COTTON SUPPLY LARGE**  
Washington, Dec. 29.—The world cotton supply this year is probably the largest in nine years, totaling approximately 23,300,000 bales of 479 pounds each, estimates received by the department of agriculture show. The estimates are from counties which produce about 95 percent of the world over and which last year produced 9,000,000 bales. The five year average for pre-war period was 23,580,000 bales.

**HAVE YOU BEEN TOLD?**  
That Herbert Hoover says the road to national progress lies in increasing real wages through proportionately lower prices.

That he says the one and only way is to improve methods and processes and to eliminate waste which aggregates more than twenty-five billion dollars annually, more than the entire national debt, plus the yearly cost of governmental operation?

That the decision of the United States supreme court last week upholding the validity of the contract provision in the anti-alien land law of California means the final exit of Japanese and other orientals as farmers in the olden coast state?

That as a result of the decision sixty thousand Japanese in California must either quit farming or carry on only in the capacity of wage earners?

That despite the decision fifty-six thousand acres of rich farm land owned by Japs born in this country, will be continued to be owned and farmed by Japs with other large holdings which belong to Japanese corporations organized before the alien land law became effective will be worked by Nipponese or other children.

**DRESSMAKER**  
Wanted—sewing of any kind—Mrs. F. I. Hale, Dickens, Texas

**CHANGES "HANS"**

Hans was a lad, from the mountains afar,  
He was poorly clad and drove a donkey for a Car.  
Dressed in Homespun cloths from His hobnail shoes  
You could see his toes.  
His lips were swelled with good Honest "snuff"

Of good things to eat, he ne'er got 'enuf.  
One day he went afar, to city to Him unknown.  
'Twas here he saw a car, and stood On the walk alone.

He hesitated at the crossings and Wondered at the jam,  
Even scoffed at the cops "passing" And called him a "gentle lamb"

Hans said "I'm gonna dress up and Get me a "tin lizzie, so I can Hi-tone "Elup"

So Hans journeyed home, and sold his flocks  
Hunted his traps, whil Ma mended While Ma mended his sox  
He told Ma of the sights a city did Give,

Such gay colored lights, 'Twas the Only place to live.  
All about those rich folks, his mother Said "Hans you'll com home broke."

He kissed his mother "goodbye," And started on his way  
Just think "he'd own a car" 'T'would only be a day.

A car he bought, 'twas a second hand Ford,  
He cranked and he cranked He swore about the Ford,  
And said, "It ase a crank"

When he was lank, it started Then down the street he sped  
His head he hed hgh And just almost ran nto the street Light post.

And cop he did defy. But Hans slowed down, he ran into A wall  
When his car was found, is konk Wouldn't squall.

The casings were flat, and so was Hans.  
He said his car looked like a ghost, They never found he Magneto Post.

The once shiny Motor Meter was Now old and rusted,  
When Hans got home, He was flat Busted.  
In the little log cabin 'midst the Mountains afar,  
He bought a mule to place the car, He also talks with his dad of The fool he has been.

And the money he spent, his dad Said, "Hans my son, please Don't repeat."

The city lights are dim, for no more He goes.

To the streets afar, He says, "I Prefer the village shows."  
He milks the cows, and feeds the hogs, Or follows the plow  
And is content, in that hut made of Logs.

**2 NEGROES ARE FOUND FROZEN NEAR FLOYDADA**

FLOYDADA, Dec. 26.—Two negro cotton pickers were found nearly frozen to death Wednesday afternoon by J. D. Christian a farmer living southwest of Floydada some fifteen miles. The two negroes were brought to Floydada by Mr. Christian and placed in the basement of the court house where medical aid was given them by the county. One of the negroes is in a very serious condition and not expected to live. He has not been able to speak or open his mouth for nearly a week. The other with his feet and legs frozen tells that they froze a week ago while on the way from Lorenzo to D. W. Fyfe's farm where they were employed. Their car broke down and while attempting to repair it they got cold wrapped in an old quilt they had in the car they stayed with the machine. they were not missed from the farm because the family had left home for the Christmas holidays.

The negroes have been in Floydada since the cotton picking season opened and did not try to seek shelter at any of the farm houses near where the car became disabled.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**  
2-3 Room Houses 1-5 house also 320 acres for sale or trade. See me for Bargains.

J. P. Wilkes at Store  
Spur Texas

**Farms & Ranches Get A Home Now**

The O-O Ranch of Kent County is being cut up and sub-divided into farms and small ranches

**COME NOW AND GET YOUR CHOICE**  
See our Agent for particulars

**J. H. Fulcher**  
SPUR, TEXAS

**WANTED**—Dead or alive, your Battery for repair or recharge—Godfrey & Smart. 10-1tc

**LOST**  
Goodyear Ballon Casing, and rim, Major-Hall Motor Co., tire cover Lost on highway between Spur and Rotan. Finder return to Texas Spur for reward. 1-t

**We Don't Want**  
To feel that your outward appearance is being neglected. There is No Need Of It. The way we clean, press and repair clothes is up-to-date and our prices are within your means.

**MAY WE CALL?**  
QUALITY CLEANERS  
Spur, Texas.

**Change of Life**  
"When change of life began on me," says Mrs. Lewis Lisher, of Lamar, Mo., "I suffered so with womanly weakness. I suffered a great deal of pain in my back and sides. My limbs would cramp. I didn't feel like doing my work, and there are so many steps for a woman to take on a farm. I was very anxious to get better. A friend recommended

**CARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic

to me and I began using it. I certainly improved. I went through change of life without any trouble. I can highly recommend Cardui."

At the age of about 46 to 50 every woman has to pass through a critical time, which is called the Change of Life. At this time, great changes take place in her system, causing various painful and disagreeable symptoms.

If you are approaching this period, or are already suffering from any of its troubles or symptoms, take Cardui. It should help you, as it has helped others.

Sold by all druggists. E-98

W. A. Kimmel, of two miles west of Spur on the highway was among the number on the streets Wednesday of this week, meeting with his friends. Mr. Kimmel has finished gathering his crops and is now awaiting a good rain to begin plowing and preparing for the 1925 crops.

Charlie Austin was on the streets of Spur the other day greeting his friends here.

Call No 146 **We Need Your Business!**

**We Have Anti-Freeze For Radiators**  
LET US TEST THE SOLUTION—SAFETY FIRST!

**OPEN ANY TIME!**

**MAJOR-HALL MOTOR CO.**  
C. M. MAGEORS, Prop.

Mobiloids Accessories Tires and Tubes

**GROCERIES AND MEAT**

Your Every need in Groceries and Fresh Meats is supplied at our New Store. In preparing for the Halloween Season, Call on us and we will fill your bill with a real festive board.

**SCOTT & MORGAN**

**ITCH!**

**MONEY BACK WITHOUT QUESTION**

**"HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES"** (Hunt's Salve and Soap) fails in the treatment of Itch your druggist is fully authorized to return to you the purchase price.

A Medford, Oklahoma man, among thousands who praise HUNT'S SALVE, says:

"Some people dislike to call it the Itch, but candor compels me to admit I had it badly. Your Hunt's Salve, however, cured me after many other remedies had totally failed."

**"HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES"** (Hunt's Salve and Soap) are especially compounded for the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ringworm, Tetter and other itching skin diseases, and is sold on our money-back guarantee by all reliable drug stores.

Remember, if it fails it costs you nothing, so give it a trial at our risk.

**SPUR DRUG STORE**

**SPUR FARM LANDS**

**A REDUCTION IN LAND PRICES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER, 20 1924**

*For the First Time in the History of Spur, Farm Lands Sales, we Have Lowered existing Prices.*

This applies to nearly all of our property in Dickens County, and, in some instances, the reduction is as great as \$8.50 per acre.

We believe these new prices will fully equalize valuations over the pastures, and that they will prove Attractive.

**TERMS:**  
One-fifth cash, the balance in six equal annual payments, notes payable on or before maturity, with interest at 8 per cent.

**S. M. Swenson And Sons**

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

Spur, Dickens County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas  
To all persons interested in the Estate of Mary A. Davis Deceased, Charley David Bird has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said Mary A. Davis Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in January A. D. 1925 at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at the office in Dickens, Texas this 11th day of December, A. D. 1924.—G. C. Arthur, Clerk County Court, Dickens County, Tex. By Josephine Green, Deputy.

Help Spur Grow—  
Half and Half Cotton Seed, first year from originator. 1100 pounds seed cotton guaranteed to produce 500 pound bale of lint cotton. Write me for circular and prices.—Ed Taylor, Queen City, Texas. 8-12tc

Help Spur Grow—  
SOCIAL CLUB  
The social club met with Mrs. A. C. Hindman Thursday January 1st, spending a very pleasant day. Members present were Mrs. J. J. Lilly, A. T. Ballard, H. L. Busman, G. R. Woods, M. L. Meadows, Kate Buchanan, Mrs. G. R. McMahon, Beulah Hindman, with Mrs. H. G. Gray and children as visitors, little Helen Ora Gray singing two very pretty songs, that all enjoyed hearing. The club meets with Mrs. H. G. Gray February 5th.

Help Spur Grow—  
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Brown and Children, now of Stanton, returned Christmas day, and with Mr. and Mrs. Chalk Brown and others, had Christmas dinner at their old home on the 24 ranch. They also spent several days in Spur with Chalk and family and other friends of the city before returning to Stanton. Bert, we understand, is operating a filling station and automobile accessory house at Stanton, and enjoying an extensive business.

EVIDENCE OF PARDON

By Robert C. Jones

1. Can We Know That God Has Accepted Us

(1) Paul had no doubts as to his acceptance with God. "For we know that if our earthly home of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens" (2 Cor 5:1). (2) Peter did not doubt it. "Whom having not seen ye love; in whom though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory" (1 Peter 1:7, 8).

2. Is Feeling an Evidence of Pardon and Acceptance With God

Paul felt like he was right when he was wrong. "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day" (Acts 23:1). "I verily thought with myself that I ought to name Jesus of every human being has at some time in life been deceived by his feelings. Feelings are deceptive and cannot therefore, be relied upon as an evidence of pardon. A great diversity of feelings come over the human body, some pleasant and some unpleasant. How shall we determine which ones are evidences of pardon.

3. Does Pardon take the Place in the Heart?

This is a false theory of forgiveness. Sin is the transgression of Gods law (1 Jno 4:1). The forgiveness of sins must take place in the mind of God. When he forgives us our sins, he remembers them against us no more forever (Heb. 8:12).

4. Divine Witnesses of Our Acceptance.

"There are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree in one. If we receive the witnesses of men, the witnesses of God is greater" (1 Jno. 5:8, 9). The teachings of the spirit in God's word tells us at what point God will save us.

5. Doing God's Commandments is the Divine Assurance of Pardon.

"Seek ye the Lord while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto the Lord, for he will have mercy upon him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isa. 55:6, 7). No one can question God's willingness and power to pardon those who obey him if we keep his commandments" (Jno. 3:3) "He that saith I know him and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar and the truth is not in him. But whoso keepeth his word in him verily is the life of God perfected; hereby know we that we are in him." (1 Jno 2:4, 5).

TOTAL VOTE IN TEXAS

FOR PRESIDENT GIVEN  
AUSTIN, Dec. 23—The official Texas vote on presidential candidates in the November election was announced today by the secretary of state as follows: Davis, 478,425; Cooledge, 128,240; La Follette, 42,541.

DO THIS, THIS YEAR

—See How Differently things will Appear to you. People will Like You

1. Contribute of your best to the pleasures of others. Study the character of each and sympathize with all in troubles or in joys, however small.

2. Be gentle in speech. Never retort with an angry word, remembering that the second word makes the quarrel.

3. Govern yourself, guard your temper, avoid moods and pouts and sulkiness.

4. Be unselfish, deny yourself and prefer others, readily pardon any seeming lack of attention.

5. Beware of the scandal monger, and shut your ears to what not to be repeated.

6. Cultivate cheerfulness and amiability. A smiling face chases away gloom. Say pleasant and kindly things when you have the opportunity.

7. Be not intolerant, agree to differ in opinion and refuse to turn loud in discussion.

8. Remember that your best friend is your mother, and have nothing to do with those who think otherwise.

9. Do not expect too much but forbear and forgive. Do not charge a bad motive when a good one is conceivable.

10. Do not monopolize conversation or attention. And do not talk too much of your own affairs. There is a limit to peoples interest in your concerns.—Woman's Life.

BEING PLEASANT

By Dr. Frank Crane  
There are few who realize that the greatest contribution we can make to the world is being pleasant.

For all the other work we do other can be found who can do it quit as well. There is talk of our need of leadership and of our efficiency in business and in other directions of activity. These may be necessary in a way.

But they are nothing to compare with our duty of being pleasant. Pleasantness is like the sunshine. Under its influence all good human qualities develop and an unpleasant person is like a rainy day, rainy and cold. He is what Dickens would have called a "demand, moist, unpleasant body."

A pleasant person improves the atmosphere of a street car. He helps people while away the time in a railway station. He is an encouragement to workers and he is the best means of recreation for those who would pay... If we not feel pleasure it is our duty to put on an appearance of it, for it is the appearance that counts with others, and putting on a thing may often have a reactionary effect upon ourselves. By deliberately seeming to be pleasant we can come to feel so.

Just as plants need the sunshine, and will only grow spindling in the dark, so human beings need an atmosphere of cheer. It has been noticed in the family that a pleasant person is more appreciated and usually more effective, than those who are glum.

The best adornment of the face is a smile and cheerfulness goes further than beauty. Indeed cheerfulness is one of the chief elements of an attractive face.

World is hungry for cheer. Everybody wants it. You cannot sell gloom, for every person finds in himself sufficient causes for gloom without getting it from another.

Help Spur Grow—  
Ed Fpqua, of the Cat Fish country, came to town Tuesday spending a short time here trading and meeting with his friends.

Help Spur Grow—  
Mr. Greenwade, of Rochester, came up to Spur the first of the week to confer with Mr. Flournoy with regard to new theatre furniture and equipments to be installed in the new Lyric Theatre building now under construction and nearing completion. Meers, Flournoy and Greenwade are putting in one of the finest and most handsomely equipped theatres in Spur to be found anywhere in all of Western Texas.

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\$50,000 BLAZE AT ROTAN WEDNESDAY

Rotan, Texas, Dec. 31—Fire from spontaneous combustion destroyed three frame buildings and one brick at noon today. Two of the buildings were used for a garage and paint shop and the other two for mercantile purposes, occupied by Hall Music Co., Fox Dry Goods, Roominger Motor Co., and a cafe.

Seventeen new and second hand cars were destroyed. The total loss was estimated at fifty thousand dollars with no insurance. With the stiff breeze from the west it looked like for some time like the entire business district would be destroyed. The fire department was handicapped without water caused by recent freeze bursting the main at th stand pip.

DAWES PLAN FOLLOWED

Paris, Dec. 29—Government circles flatly denied today that a continuation of the Cologne occupation by troops of the allies would endanger the carrying out of the Dawes plan for the rehabilitation of Germany. It was pointed out by government officials that the Dawes experts urged the necessity of evacuating the Ruhr, but no mention was made of the left bank of the Rhine.

Help Spur Grow—  
Mike M. Young this week purchased a half section farm adjoining the town of Abernathy on the Plains. He and Mrs. Young are now making preparations to move the place about the first of February. We regret to see Mike Young and family leave Spur. We have learned to appreciate Mike M. Young as a real gentleman, a man of high ideals and true conception of life and living.

Help Spur Grow—  
Buff Orpington Roosters for sale at \$2.00 each—Mrs. T. J. Hicks Afton Texas 14-4tp

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Either the cotton is too high or the land is too cheap. For one acre of land will usually produce from one-fourth to one-half bale of cotton annually—worth from \$35 to \$75. One crop will frequently more than pay for the land. We will sell you the land for \$12 to \$20 per acre on long time payments and at a low rate of interest. If you are interested in securing a home for yourself and family where there is no boll weevil and where the climate is fine and the water good, write today to

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OVER SPUR NATIONAL BANK

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Miss Alice Powell, who is one of the teachers in the Dry Lake School is critically ill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Powell, in the city. Powell is teaching in her place in the schools. Miss Allie has had two operations performed at one of the Abilene Sanitariums, which has failed to relieve her condition. It is feared that a third operation will be necessary before relief comes to her.

Attorney B. Gf Worswick, of Dickens, was over in Spur this week giving his friends here a New Year's greeting.

Help Spur Grow—  
R. D. Baughman returned this week from Carbon and Ranger where he spent Christmas with his mother andn with Dr. Earnest and family

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**LADIES SPRING WRAPS & BEAUTIFUL DRESSES**  
In the high colors with  
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**NEW LAMP BURNS NINETY FOUR PER CENT AIR Beats Electric Or Gas.**

A new oil lamp that gives amazing brilliant, soft white light, even better than gas or electricity, has been tested by the U. S. Government and 35 leading universities and found to be superior to 10 ordinary oil lamps. It burns without odor, smoke or noise—no pumping up; is simple, clean, safe. Burns 94 percent air and 6 percent common kerosene (coal oil).

The inventor, T. E. Johnston, 609 W. Lake St., Chicago, Ill., is offering to send the lamp on 10 days FREE trial, or even to give on free to the first user in each locality who will help him introduce it. Write him today for full particulars. Also ask him to explain how you can get the agency, and without experience or money make \$250.00 to \$500.00 per month.

**LOST**—A sleeveless leather coat on the road from Spur to Red Mud. Finder return to Texas Spur office for reward.

Mesdames Elta Sandell, Frank Ewel, Carl Wood and Cora Jay, of Jayton, were shoppers in Spur Wednesday of this week.

O. H. Horner has leased his barber shop to Mr. Emory of McAdoo, and he and wife will go to Brownsville for three months for the benefit of the health of their baby who is in very delicate health. We hope the three months spent at Brownsville will restore the child to complete health.

Sam Watson has been critically ill of pneumonia the past several days and is not expected to survive. He was carried to the Nichols Sanitarium where he is receiving the best of care and treatment, and at this hour is reported somewhat improving. His many friends are hopeful that Sam Watson will survive and soon be completely recovered.

**COST \$96,730 TO ENFORCE PRO LAW IN STATE OF TEXAS**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5—It cost the Bureau of Internal Revenue \$382,642 to operate the two collection districts in Texas through which the Government received a total of \$36,863,757 during the fiscal year of 1924, as outlined in the annual report of the bureau. The combined Texas collections for the fiscal year amounted to \$28,295,285 income tax and \$3,568,472 miscellaneous taxes. The cost of the first Texas district was 187,319 and for the second district \$195,323.

Enforcing the Federal prohibition law in Texas cost the Government \$96,730, of which \$71,696 was spent for salaries of directors, agents in districts, etc., and \$23,034 was spent for the purchase of evidence and miscellaneous. A net expenditure for collecting revenue for the country of \$34,676,688 is shown, which means that it cost the Government 1.24 cents to collect every \$100. The total cost of enforcing prohibition through the bureau was \$7,509,146 and enforcement to the narcotic laws \$709,790, bringing the total for the bureau of \$42,895,625.

**STRAYED**—one brown M horse, 6 years old, 15 1-2 hands high; one dark bay mare unbranded, 14 hands high, 10 years old. Will pay \$5.00 for their return to the Godfrey Ranch on old Owens place 12 miles southwest of Spur—A. M. Hoover 10-2p

T. S. Lambert and family of Tap, were in the city last week shopping and meeting friends. Mr. Lambert is a true Westerner in spirit as well as acts. In the recent primary election he made an unsuccessful run for office, but is not the least disgruntled as a result. In fact he is making friends by his defeat, and the probability is that he will come again with better success. A good man just can't be kept down.

**W. E. FLETCHER PURCHASES THE J. P. MIDDLETON PLACE**

A sale was consummated this week whereby W. E. Fletcher purchased of J. P. Middleton the former Mat Bingham place just east of Spur on the highway, the consideration in the sale being private. The place has 113 acres, is of rich and productive soil, well improved and well located. We have no idea what the price consideration was, but if the place in the country is worth a hundred dollars an acre, this is one of them. Within a very few years such a place located as it is, can not be purchased for two hundred dollars an acre.

W. H. Smith, of Kent county, was in Spur the past week. He informed us that he and others elected to county offices in Kent county in the recent election, were sworn in for duty Monday last week. Mr. Smith was elected commissioner from his precinct. Kent county has a progressive schedule of extensive road building in 1925, and Will Smith will prove to be the right man in the right place in carrying out and consummating the program. Heretofore slow in road construction, but the plans now will make Kent one among the leading counties of West Texas in good roads construction in 1925.

A. M. Hoover, of twelve miles southwest of Spur, was in the city Thursday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. For the past two or three years Mr. Hoover has been farming the Godfrey Ranch, but since Godfrey is "motorizing" the place in farming operations, Mr. Hoover is this year looking for another place to farm. He is a good citizen and farmer, and no doubt will have little trouble in finding a place.

W. G. Perry, who has been in Spur through the Christmas season conducting a business, left this week for Weatherford. We remember when W. G. Perry first came to his country, stating that he was here for the purpose of cutting railroad ties from around the breaks of the Plains Cap Rock in preparation for the construction of a line of railway out of Spur. However, all talk of railroad construction has since subsided, and it may be years before it is again revived. The time is coming, if the motor trucks fail to meet the demands, when railways will cross each other every eight or ten miles throughout this country. We are living pretty fast today, but we are going a slow pace to what the next generation may go.

J. M. Thomson, of north of Spur, was transacting business in Spur the first of the week. Mr. Thomson farmed the J. P. Simmons place this past year, informing us that he had picked, rinned and marketed eighty-five bales of cotton up to date and had some five more bales in the field, making a total of ninety bales of cotton from his 1924 crop. On other words, Mr. Thomson made about ten thousand dollars worth of cotton the past year. This together with plenty feed, we consider a pretty fair business for farming, even in the Spur country. In fact a ten thousand dollar money crop is a big business proposition. We hope the time will come when we can make ten thousand dollars in a year—we could soon retire.

**STRAYED**—3 Mare mules, Tuesday night from Spur. Two blacks and one brown. Two branded with a I on the left jaw. Would appreciate any information leading to their recovery.

Miss Morra, who has been in Spur Dickens and Afton, engaged in the profession of Chiropractor with Lavina B. Conklin, left this week for Abilene where she will establish a Chiropractic office.

Henry Elkins returned this week to T. C. U. at Fort Worth where he will complete his course this term. Henry Elkins is one of the brightest, most accomplished and most promising young men of the country, and one who will be heard from in the future.

M. S. Fayer, a leading citizen of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday transacting business affairs.

D. P. Rusey returned the first of the week from Fort Worth where he spent the Christmas holidays with his parents and other relatives and friends.

Willard Chapman and family left this week for New Mexico where he expects to establish a business at some inviting trade point. We wish Mr. Chapman much success in the far west.

A. L. Smith, of Afton, was one among the business visitors in Spur.

**3500 BALE COTTON WEIGHED AT SPUR YARD**

Cotton Weigher G. W. Rash reports that he has weighed a total of 15,602 bales of cotton at the Spur cotton Yard up to Thursday of this week. Mr. Rash is now sure of weighing 16,000 bales before the close of the cotton season.

**BAPTIST W. M. S. NOTES**

Circles one and two of W. M. S. met at the church for week of prayer program and study of the mission work in foreign fields. Mrs. Mat Martin was the efficient leader for the afternoon. Mrs. Edmonds and Parker gave very interesting reports of our years work in China and South America. The ladies were then delighted with a piano solo by Mrs. Edmonds. The Lottie Moon offering was then taken and a box of clothing and cookies packed for Buckner's Orphans home. Refreshments of sandwiches and coffee were served to about 25 ladies.

Every Baptist lady of Spur is earnestly requested to meet with the Society every Monday at 3:00 P. M. to help put over our Lord's work—Mrs. Jas. H. Busby

Ben Redden, of McAdoo, was in Spur Thursday. He had just sold his last cotton, making twenty bales and a remnant.

J. E. Sparks and wife, of west of Spur, were among the shoppers in Spur the latter part of last week.

Ben Murray Hale, who has been attending T. C. U. the past term, arrived home last week for his vacation. The previous year Ben Murray attended Kemper Military School at Booneville, Mo. but preferred a Texas school in entering the college courses.

Over in Australia, we are told, qualified voters who fail to cast a ballot in elections are fined ten dollars each. If such a custom or law were followed in this country, enough money could be obtained to pay all governmental expenses without taxation. Less than half the qualified voters of this country go to the polls to vote—and yet everybody deprecates minority rule.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams arrived in Spur the first of the year to make this their home. Mr. Williams will be employed with the Spur National Bank, while Mrs. Williams will teach in Spur schools, taking the place of Mrs. Hardy who has gone to Lubbock to join her husband in that place.

Mrs. Mollie Thomas and Mrs. Vivian Owens of the city were peasant callers Thursday at the Texas Spur office, Mrs. Thomas having her name enrolled among the regular Texas Spur readers, while Mrs. Owens had the paper sent to her father, W. H. Jones of Pooleville, Texas. We are glad to pace these names on our list.

Harry Patton, who is now chief cook for the West Pasture Camp, was in Spur Wednesday to this week again meeting with friends. Harry Patton tried the meat market business, the cafe business and for a time cooked for cafes and restaurants but he just couldn't stay away from the cow camp and where he got his first experiences and learned his first lessons—and we are confident the old cowboys all were glad to see him comeback.

**Miscellany Wants!**

**POSTED**—No hunting, shooting, or trespassing of any character will be permitted in any of my pastures.—J. P. Goen. 5-8p

**WHY PAY RENT?**

We are cutting up the Figure 4 Ranch in Bailey county into 160 acre farms at \$20 per acre, giving 32 years to pay for same. Fine cotton and corn land. If you want good farm land at low prices and good terms, see this before you buy.—Perry & Cram, Agents, Plainview and Sudan, Texas. 6p

**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

A meeting of the shareholders of the Spur National Bank of Spur, Texas, will be held in the directors room Tuesday, January 13th, 1925, between the hours of nine a. m. and four p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year, and to transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

C. A. JONES, President.  
W. T. ANDREWS, JR., Cash.

Jim Crump came in from Pecos and Mrs. Crump back to Pecos immediately after Christmas.

**\$10.00 REWARD**

Strayed from my gin in Spur, one light sorrel mare mule, about 15 1/2 hands high, with big white spot in forehead. One black mare mule about same size, collar marked, had rope halter when last seen. I will pay \$10.00 reward for return of mules to me at Spur.

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**Timely Spring Needs**

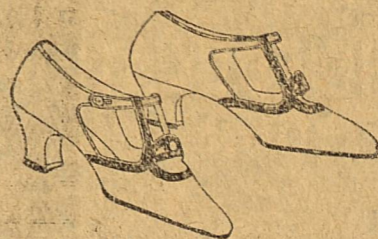
You are going to need some of the following lines of merchandise, and we are going to make it attractive to all who take advantage of the offerings!

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Charter 9411 Reserve District No. 11  
**REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF SPUR NATIONAL BANK AT SPUR IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1924.**

RESOURCES	
1 a Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, etc.	\$476,799.17
2 Overdrafts, unsecured	209.68
4 U. S. Government Securities Owned:	
a Deposited to secure circulation	25,000.00
5 Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	8,640.65
6 Banking house, \$19,000.00; furniture & fixtures, \$4,803.00; 23,803.00	
7 Real estate owned other than banking house	78,728.26
10 Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	285,174.97
13 Checks on other banks in same city as reporting bank	21,929.38
Total of Items 9,10,11,12 and 13	\$307,104.35
b Miscellaneous cash items	59.40
15 Redemption fund with U.S.Treas. and due from U.S.Treas.	1,250.00
16 Other assets	20.00
Total	\$942,662.59
LIABILITIES	
17 Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
18 Surplus fund	25,000.00
19 a Undivided profits	4,010.50
21 Circulating notes outstanding	24,600.00
22 Amount due to Federal Reserve Bank	11,472.33
23 Amount due to national banks	15,350.82
26 Cashier's checks outstanding	8,753.19
Total of Items 22,23,24,25 and 26	\$85,578.34
Demand Deposits Subject to Reserve:	
27 Individual deposits subject to check	743,349.44
28 Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	968.95
Total demand dep. sub. to res. items 27,28,29,30,31,32	\$744,318.39
Time Deposits Subject to Reserve:	
33 Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	2,485.28
35 Other time deposits	6,672.08
Total time dep. sub. o res. items 33,34,35 and 36	\$9,157.36
Total	\$942,662.59

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:—I, W. T. Andrews, Jr., Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—W. T. ANDREWS, JR., Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1925.—  
JULIA M. HICKMAN, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest: Clifford B. Jones, Geo. S. Link, W. B. Lee, Directors

Charter No. 10703 Reserve District No. 11  
**REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE CITY NATIONAL BANK AT SPUR IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON DECEMBER 31, 1924.**

RESOURCES	
1 a Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, etc.	\$321,498.89
2 Overdrafts, unsecured	98.32
4 U. S. Government Securities Owned:	
a Deposited to secure circulation	10,000.00
5 Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	22,327.34
6 Banking house, \$7,750.00; furniture & fixtures, \$3,450.00—11,200.00	
7 Real estate owned other than banking house	15,562.63
8 Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	54,118.00
10 Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	171,286.70
13 Checks on other banks in same city as reporting bank	5,366.52
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$176,653.22
14 a Checks and drafts on bks. outside of city	82.62
b Miscellaneous cash items	4,056.03
15 Redemption fund with U.S.Treas. and due from U.S.T.	500.00
Total	\$616,097.10
LIABILITIES	
17 Capital stock paid in	\$40,000.00
18 Surplus fund	25,000.00
19 a Undivided profits	7,479.82
21 Circulating notes outstanding	10,000.00
26 Cashier's checks outstanding	14,886.32
Total of Items 22,23,24,25, and 26	\$14,886.32
Demand Deposits Subject to Reserve:	
27 Individual deposits subject to check	443,752.31
28 Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	5,707.59
29 State, county or other municipal deposits	67,594.09
Total of demand deposits, Items 27,28,29,30,31,32	\$517,053.99
Time Deposits Subject to Reserve:	
33 Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed)	1,677.10
Total time dep. sub. to res. items 33,34,35,36	\$1,677.10
Total	\$616,097.10

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss:—I, James B. Reed, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—JAS. B. REED, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1925.—  
JENNIE SHIELDS, Notary Public.  
Correct—Attest: C. Hogan, P. H. Miller, E. C. Edmonds, Directors.

**ANOTHER FIRE WEDNESDAY AT SPUR COTTON YARD**

Wednesday night another fire broke out at the cotton yard, in which a number of bales of cotton were burned. This is about the fourth fire this fall at the cotton yard.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY**

Saturday afternoon of last week Mrs. W. D. Wilson entertained a party of ten little girls for her little daughter, Hazel Ann, in recognition of her fifth birthday anniversary. Among the little guests were Annie Laura Lewis, Helen Hale, Francis Morris, Polly Clemmons, Nedra Hogan, Wynell McClure, Isabel Campbell, Ruth Cowan and little Miss Lessing. During the afternoon the little guests were entertained with various games. The birthday cake bearing five lighted candles was cut and other refreshments served, and each of the little girls were provided with paper caps for adornment in play, and on departing were given little cupie dolls as souvenirs of the occasion.

W. L. Farmer, who with his family just recently moved to the Wilson Draw community from Haskell county, called in at the Texas Spur office Wednesday and had his name enrolled with the list of regular readers. We are very glad to have Mr. Farmer as a citizen of the Spur country, as well as a reader of the Texas Spur, and wish him much of the prosperity which abounds here.

W. M. Ledford and daughter, Mrs. Arnold Copeland, returned the latter part of last week from San Antonio where they spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Ledford and sons. They made the trip through the country in a car, and report a most pleasant trip and holiday season. Mrs. Copeland said that everything was frozen in San Antonio during the recent cold weather this being the first freeze of years in that section of the state.

This writer lived three years down in the San Antonio country, and during the time there was not a day too cold for us to take a plunge in the clear waters of the rivers. The San Antonio country has the most pleasant climate and even temperature of any country in the world, and when we get rich and ready to retire, we will spend much of our time in that country.

Joe T. Salem made a business trip this week to Post City where he spent several days.

H. B. Lewis returned this week from Commanche where he had been with his father who is critically ill.

**YOU TELL 'EM**



"Prosperous movie directors can thank their lucky stars"

**Are You Thankful**

That You Can Get What you Want, When you Want it, in

**MEATS**

HERE!! Your Every Want Will be Fulfilled Here at a Price to Represent a Market

Saving!!

**CENTRAL MARKET**

**WHITE KIKER**

One of the most charming weddings ever solemnized in Rotan was that of Mr. N. H. White of Jayton, and Miss Lena V. Kiker, at the Methodist church Dec. 22nd.

The church was decorated in the color scheme of pink and white and green ferns.

Just before the ceremony Miss Mae Montgomery sang in her sweet way "At Dawning" with Miss Thelma Weatherbee at the piano.

Following this "love note" as a wedding march was sounded and the bridal party entered led by Rev. Huckabee next came the four bridesmaids, Misses Bea Bittick, Jewell Howell, Dimple Watson, of Lamesa, and Valeta Blackburn of Stephenville each charming in dresses of black satin. Then came the little flower girls, Louise Moon and Marjorie Nell Day, dressed in pink Georgette with blue trimmings and carrying baskets of rose petals.

Then Miss Jewell Smart as Maid of Honor, attractively dressed in brown and Mrs. Vaughn of Abilene, as Matron of honor.

The ushers were Misses Kathleen McCombs, Eva Dry, Elsie Huegel and Ruby Lois Settle.

The bride entered with her father and was met at the altar by the groom and best man, Mr. A. B. Smart of Jayton.

The ring ceremony was read in an impressive way by Rev. Huckabee while Miss Weatherbee played "The Flower Song" through the ceremony.

The bride was lovely in a creation of powder blue satin with pink rose bud trimmings and a blue and silver hat. She carried a bouquet of American Beauty roses. The groom wore a black Tuxedo suit.

They left for a visit to Mr. White's father in San Antonio Monday evening and will make their home in Jayton.

The groom is a prominent young business man of Jayton, being connected with the Jayton Chronicle, and is a highly respected citizen.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Kiker, and has resided in Rotan several years. She is a young lady of many and varied talents and accomplishments, and has been an acknowledged leader in social and church circles.

H. L. Pullen, of several miles northwest of Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Pullen formerly lived in the Steel community to the south and east of Spur, and he informs us that he is now arranging to move with his family back to the Steel Hill section where he will have the advantages of good and more accessible school. Mr. Pullen is a we are glad to have he and family back as resident citizens of the immediate Spur section.

Mrs. G. C. Alexander returned last week from Leuders where she had been some time for special treatment, and we are glad to note that she is reported doing nicely at this time.

WANTED—by February 1st, a vacant house—call telephone 257 101tc

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ellis, of the Rocking Chair Ranch of Kent county, were visitors and shoppers in Spur the first of this week. During the holidays Mr. and Mrs. Ellis entertained the young people of the country in a car, and report a mas Eve in their home and those in attendance report a most enjoyable occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis are among the very earliest settlers of this country and they know how to meet and entertain in the "good old-fashioned way."

Miss Blanche Miller, of the J. P. Wilkes & Son is reported improved.

Mrs. T. C. Ensey underwent a successful operation, Sunday night at the Nichols Sanitarium, and at this time is reported doing nicely and recovering. Mrs. Ensey was in critical condition, and at the time of the operation little hope was entertained for her recovery. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ensey will be glad to know that she is now rapidly recovering.

We met W. C. Presley on the street, Tuesday and he relieved the Christmas depression by moving his subscription up a year. Mr. Presley certainly knows the opportune time to come to one's rescue.

**"Tomorrow"**

What thought does this bring to your mind? One writer says, "today is the tomorrow—you were thinking of the yesterday."

As we now stand on the threshold of a new year, our hearts are filled with determination to better our conditions for serving you. The fact that today we will determine what we shall be tomorrow, prompts us at all times to conduct our business with integrity—always giving dollar for dollar value. Hoping that this new year will afford us an opportunity of strengthening your confidence in our ability to supply your requirements of Feed, Alfalfa, Prairie Hay, Maize, Lub, Oils, Gaoiline, Kerosene, to your best advantage and wishing you from our hearts a prosperous year, we are sincerely yours,

**KING & SAMPLE**

A Full Stock of Petroleum Products  
TELEPHONE 199 SPUR TEXAS

**Buying Jewelry At This Store**

IS THE SUREST ROAD TO SATISFACTION AND SAVING!

Elgin and Hamilton Watches  
Community Silverware.

"Where Quality and Service Count, I Win."

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"Actions speak louder than words—but look out for the echo."

**Essex-6 Coach**

**\$895**

Freight and Tax Extra

**Its Greatest Values Cannot Be Copied**

The Chassis is Patented

As its Coach Body changed the whole trend to closed cars, so the Essex Chassis likewise forecasts the mechanical design of the future.

Essex provides stability without unnecessary weight. It has economy without sacrifice of performance.

It is low priced without disappointment in looks or reliability.

It is more than up-to-date in design. It is in advance of any car with which its price can be compared.

In quality Hudson and Essex are alike. The patents which make the Super-Six the most enduring, smoothest motor and give it all advantages sought in eight cylinders, prevent any from copying its chassis as has been so generally done in copying the Coach body.

ESSEX HOLDS ITS OWN EVERYWHERE

**SPUR HUDSON-ESSEX AGENCY**

**C. HOGAN & COMPANY**

"We Strive to Please."

**Saturday and Monday**

Gallon Can Peacock Syrup

**75 Cents**

**ECONOMY STORE—C. A. LOVE**

Just received from the Eastern Markets  
A Big Line of

**Spring Dresses and Hats**

**Reasonably Priced!**

**WOLFE'S BARGAIN STORE**

**Saturday and Monday**

A Big Lot of Ladies and Childrens  
Gingham Dresses at

**15 Per Cent Discount**

Also a Good Grade of Ginghams at

**20 Per Cent Off**

The Davis line of Hats at 15 per cent off

**C. R. EDWARDS & COMPANY**

**BELL'S CAFE**

An Inviting Place  
For Ladies and  
Gentlemen

**For Saturday  
and Monday**

5lb. Bucket Armour  
Peanu Butter

**\$1.00**

**Joplin & Gibson**

**HOME LOYALTY!**

**BOOST, DON'T KNOCK!  
Co-Operation is the Thing!**

It has been well said that "THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES OF A COMMUNITY IS THE BAROMETER OF ITS PROSPERITY" and that when you add to these resource you aid its progress, but when you, in any way, are instrumental in subtracting or detracting from these resources, you proportionately obstruct progress.

And so it is friends, that whenever you patronize some other community instead of your own, you do so to the benefit of that other community and to the detriment of your own. NOW WHY SHOULD YOU TRADE AT HOME? If you will just stop and think about it, you will admit that there is indeed a pleasing mutuality of interest brought about by the act of trading at home among your friends.

The contrast between this method and that which involves an expenditure away from home and with strangers, is very great. THE HOME MERCHANT APPRECIATES YOUR PATRONAGE AS MUCH FOR THIS EVIDENCE OF YOUR FRIENDSHIP AS HE DOES FOR THE PROFITS ACCRUING FROM YOUR PURCHASE. On the other hand you very well know that the only interest the stranger you deal with has in you is brought about by the dollar you have to spend with him. That is the exact difference between a friendly trade and a cold blooded business transaction.

There is no use contradicting the fact, folks, that we often do things on the impulse of the moment, things we would not do if we paused long enough to give the matter a little sober thought. For instance, we pick up a paper from the big city near by and see an announcement of a "WONDERFUL BARGAIN SALE." Without stopping to consider the matter seriously, we send an order away to a stranger, when in all probability we could have bought the same goods right here in Spur, at just as reasonable a price.

It has been said that, "KEEPING OUR MONEY AT HOME, PATRONIZING HOME TRADE, is the first step, and the main essential, in the building of a REAL CITY This is indeed true. HOME LOYALTY MEANS CO-OPERATION and IN CO-OPERATION WE HAVE POWER BEYOND COMPARE.

Someone has said that "Every Knock is a Boost." DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT. A "KNOCK" is always made up of some brand of poison, and even our friend Optimist who carved that saying would side step poison.

DON'T KNOCK. Boost is the stuff, and remember that the pathway is open to you if you desire to extend the co-operation you justly owe to this wonderful community. just as seriously as you realize the beauty of the sentiment found in the Golden Rule, and endeavor to live up to it, just that surely must you realize that HOME LOYALTY PRACTICE is but another way of proving to your friends what sort of a citizen you really are.

Now let's put this into practice. The next time you need merchandise or service, and the next and the next, BUY IT IN SPUR. This is but a simple procedure, easily followed, but the result is wonderful to contemplate. It keeps your money in circulation in your own community, banks it here and thus helps to build up and constantly add to the financial resources of the community.

On the other hand, sending or spending your money away from here is a distinct loss to Spur and its people. You have side tracked a substantial portion of the community's assets and transferred them to some other community. You have really done your home town and merchants an injury and yourself no material good.

Merchandise and Service of the Best is Here in Abundance. There isn't a business man in Spur today but who is ready to serve to your satisfaction both as to quality, quality and price. We want you to look over the names of those who are responsible for this page and you to realize that this is true. And these are but a part of the number ready to serve you and treat you right.

THINK THIS OVER, AND IN FUTURE LET'S TRADE IN THE HOME TOWN!

THE NEW  
**CHEVROLET**

For Economical  
Transportation

**Gilley  
CHEVROLET  
Company**

**Tri-County  
Lumber Co.**

The Best Yard for  
The Best Lumber

**Good Coal Too!**

**Spur Cream & Bottling Works**

Ice Cream, Bottled Coca Cola, and all  
Corbonated Beverages,

Phone 50.

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For All Automobile Ills!

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Anything for  
Buildings!

**For Saturday  
and Monday**

9x12 Congoleum  
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**\$13 to \$15**

**J. P. WILKES  
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3 Cans for

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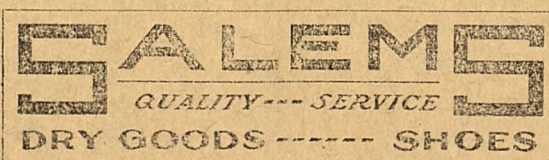
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Cash Only  
Spur Grocery  
Company**

**Brazelton  
Lumber Company**

A Good Yard in  
A Good Town!

**SPUR NATIONAL BANK**

Bank With Us and You Can  
Bank on Us!



**Saturday and Monday**

25 oz. Can K. C. Baking Powder

**20 Cents**

**BRYANT-LINK COMPANY**

**THE CITY NATIONAL BANK**

The Bank of Service.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the welfare of Lucile Lucas, a minor:

Mrs. Beulah Lucas, has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, Texas, an application for letters of guardianship upon the estate of Lucile Lucas, a minor, which said application will be heard by this court at the next regular term thereof to be holden in the town of Dickens, in said Dickens County, on the 19th day of January A. D. 1925, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minor are cited to appear and contest said application if they so desire.

Herein fail not but have you then read there this writ, on said 1st day of the next term thereof, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court this 2nd day of January A. D. 1925.

O. C. Arthur, Clerk of the County Court, Dickens County, Texas. Josephine Green, Deputy 10 2-3

THE STATE OF TEXAS To All Persons Interested in The Welfare Of Clotilde Isabelle Rasberry, A Minor:

T. E. Rasberry has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, Texas an application of letters of guardianship of the estate of said minor, Clotilde Isabelle Rasberry, and on the 17th day of December A. D. 1924, by an order of the County Judge of said Dickens County, the said T. E. Rasberry was appointed temporary guardian of the estate of said minor, and at the next regular term of said court commencing on the third Monday of January A. D. 1925, the same being the 19th day of January, A. D. 1925, at the court house thereof, in Dickens Texas all persons interested in the welfare of said minor may, and they are hereby cited to appear and contest said application and appointment, if they so desire, and if said appointment is not so contested at said time, said appointment shall be made and become permanent.

HEREIN FAIL NOT, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Dickens Texas, this 17th day of December A. D. 1924.

O. C. Arthur, Clerk County Court, Dickens County, Texas. Josephine Green, Deputy

\$200,000 LOSS IN FIRE AT SNYDER

SNYDER, Dec. 23.—Fire originating in the cotton gin yesterday, this morning destroyed the Snyder cotton compress along with about 1-500 bales of cotton, entailing a loss approximately \$200,000.

Several boxcars loaded with cotton were destroyed.

WAGON RUNS OVER LITTLE GIRL AT CROSBYTON

During one of the foggy mornings some ten days ago little Marie Sledge 9 years old, happened to a serious accident when she fell from the wagon wheel on which she was standing, the wagon running over her body—Review.

Dangerous Coughs Go Quickly With Old-Time Pine-Tar Honey

Perhaps the best remedy ever discovered for a persistent cough that has hung on and on, and which may develop into a more serious condition, is that old-time tried and proved medicine that our parents and grandparents relied on—Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey. The prompt relief is almost magical, and a day's use will often break up a bad cough or chest cold entirely. Doctors say the pine tar quickly loosens and removes the phlegm and congestion which are the direct cause of the cough, also healing sores, while the honey both soothes irritation and gives a pleasant taste.

But be sure you get the genuine and original Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey, and no other. There have been many imitations, but the original is still the best, as it is scientifically compounded of just the right proportions of pine-tar, honey and other healing ingredients which the best doctors have found to aid in quick relief. For coughs, chest colds, bronchitis and almost every other throat irritation, including children's spasmodic croup. Often stops a severe cough overnight. Dr. Bell's is only 50c at any good drug store.

DR. BELL'S PINE-TAR-HONEY FOR COUGHS

FOR OVER 200 YEARS

haarlem oil has been a world-wide remedy for kidney, liver and bladder disorders, rheumatism, lumbago and uric acid conditions.

GOLD MEDAL HAARLEM OIL

correct internal troubles, stimulate vital organs. Three sizes. All druggists. Insist on the original genuine GOLD MEDAL

WASHINGTON MUST WINK AT LIQUOR POSSESSION

By Harry B. Hunt, NEA Service Writer

Washington, Dec. 29.—Of all the puzzling problems prohibition has brought, none causes so much difficulty here in Washington, where social affairs play so great a part in the lives of higher officialdom, as this: Just where do social obligations leave off and official obligations begin? Or vice versa?

For if Federal officials carried their official consciences with them to dinner parties and receptions it would be impossible for them to maintain the courtesies which guests must properly display toward their hosts.

Instead of sticking out the evening, joining in the gayety and good times, the official who carried his official conscience on his sleeve would be required, perforce, to call a cop and have the place pinched.

All claims of prohibition enforcement officers to the contrary notwithstanding the fact remains that he serving of alcoholic beverages both before and after dining, is the rule rather than the exception at the capital's social affairs.

Officials and others in the government service, sworn to uphold the constitution and the law, must either wink at the practice or become social outcasts.

If they fulfilled the full spirit of their official duty they could do no less than become informers against their friends whom they know to possess and serve liquors not allowed by the law.

The result is that while personally they may not partake of the forbidden drinks (though that is by no means a universal rule), they wink at its possession and use by others, thereby abetting if not assisting in the violation.

Of course where there is a goodly proportion of officialdom at an affair the availability of cocktails and highballs is not made too conspicuous. The good host, like the good guest, has his obligations.

At such times the liquid refreshments are served at a place apart, easily found and readily accessible to all who desire them, but not flaunted in a manner to taunt or embarrass the official with a conscience.

To think for a moment, however, that these officials are unaware of the reason for the popularity of that part of the house which they themselves do not visit, but from which other guests return refreshed and revived, would be credit to them with a stupidity beyond their due.

The result of this situation is that social drinking in Washington, despite six years of "prohibition," is on the increase rather than the decrease, as compared with two or three years ago.

Social obligations on the part of officials prominent in capital affairs virtually immune from molestation by the prohibition authorities.

This goes all the way up the line, even to the commissioner of internal revenue whose specific duty it is to enforce prohibition.

Not that Commissioner Blair is intentionally or wilfully lax in his orders for enforcement. Probably more than usual precautions are taken to avoid an open display of liquor when he is a guest.

But if Blair were to swear out search warrants for the homes where he has "reasonable knowledge or belief" that bootleg liquor might be found, many of the best homes in Washington would be raided. But—

By such an act he would violate the "rules" of the game. He would ravage personal relationships. He would be a social outcast.

And no official in Washington seeks that stigma.

A. L. RAT DEAD AT HIS HOME IN KENT COUNTY

A. L. Ray, one of the early settlers in this section, after an illness lasting more than a year, finally gave up the struggle and passed on to his eternal reward Friday night of last week. The funeral services were held at the Jayton cemetery, Saturday a. m. the Methodist pastor, Rev. Barnett being in charge. Mr. Ray was a man of strong mental powers and great moral integrity. He served this precinct as Justice of the Peace until his health failed him when he resigned. He enjoyed the respect and confidence of all his acquaintances and his death is a distinct loss to the community. His age at the time of his death we understand was 76 years. The loved ones have our sympathy in their great sorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross and little son, Tom Griffin, were shopping and visiting in Spur, Monday of this week.

HEARING RESTORED OFTEN IN 24 HOURS

Amazing Results in One Day By Use of Virex Formerly Known AS Rattle Snake Oil

Deafness and Head Noises need not be dreaded any longer since the discovery of a widely known physician. Now it is possible for some of the most obstinate cases of deafness to be relieved in a day's time by the application of a prescription formerly known as Rattle Snake Oil. This treatment is meeting with wide success all over the country.

Mr. D. M. Lopes, a Pennsylvania man, says: "I used the treatment at night before retiring. The following morning I could hear the tickings of the alarm clock that I was unable to hear before. Now my hearing is restored perfectly after many years of deafness."

Mr. Ben Jackson, who lives in Indiana, says: "Before I used Virex I could hear nothing. After ten days I could hear my watch tick."

Angeline Johnson, a Mississippi resident has been stone deaf for eight years. She says, "Virex has stopped my head noises and I can hear the train whistle 3 1-2 miles away."

Roy Fisher, Iowa man, says, "I hadn't heard a watch tick for eleven years—now I can lay my watch on the table and hear it plainly."

Mr. W. A. Lumpkin, of Oklahoma, says, "After being deaf 38 years, I used your treatment only a few days and hear fairly well."

Mr. Anthony Chapman, of Michigan says, "The terrible head noises have stopped entirely and my hearing is practically back to normal."

Deaf Baby Now Hears

Mrs. Ola Valentine, of Arkansas, says, "My little boy, now 5 years old had been deaf since about 4 months of age. Now he hears very well and is learning to talk."

Mr. Mather Pelleys says, "My young son, deaf for years, has used Virex for only three days and he hears almost as well as ever before."

Such amazing reports come from all over this country and Canada. The prescription which is known as Virex, is easily used at home and seems to work like magic in its rapidity on people of all ages.

So confident are we that Virex will restore your hearing quickly, and to introduce this remarkable treatment to a million sufferers we will send a large \$2.00 treatment for only \$1.00 on ten days free trial. If the results are not satisfactory the treatment costs nothing.

Send no money—just your name and address to the Dale Laboratories, 2064 Gateway Station, Kansas City, Mo., and the treatment will be mailed at once. Use it according to the simple directions. If at the end of 10 days your hearing is not relieved, your head noises gone entirely, just send it back and your money will be refunded without question. This offer is fully guaranteed, so write today and give this wonderful compound a trial.

FOURTH CLASS POSTMASTER EXAMINATION

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to be held at Spur Texas on Feb. 7, 1925—2:00 P. M.

as a result of which it is expected to make certification to fill a contemplated vacancy in the position of fourth-class postmaster at Dickens Texas, and other vacancies as they may occur at that office, unless it shall be decided in the interests of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement. The compensation of the postmaster at this office was \$892 for the last fiscal year.

Applicants must have reached their twenty-first birthday on the date of the examination, with the exception that in a state where women are declared by statute to be at full age for all purposes at eighteen years worn eighteen years of age on the date of the examination will be admitted.

Applicants must reside in the territory supplied by the post office for which the examination is announced.

The examination is open to all citizens of the United States who can comply with the requirements. Application blanks, Form 1753, and full information concerning the can be secured from the postmaster at the places of vacancy or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Applicants should be properly executed and filed with the Commission at Washington, D. C., at the earliest practical date.

Milton Rasberry, George Martin, Will Cowan, Bennet Haney and Albert Power, of the Afton country spent several days of this week in Spur meeting old friends, forming new acquaintances and taking note of people of Spur.

H. C. Eldridge was in Spur Tuesday from the McAadoo courtcaion day from the McAadoo country, spending the greater part of the day trading with the live-wire merchants of Spur and meeting with his many friends of the town and surrounding country.

Another Big Sale

At J. P. Wilkes & Son

Now This Sale is to get Rid of

Shoes and Hose and a few Dry Goods

Our Shoes are the Best made, and Going to Sell Them

AT COST!

Come in and Shoe the Whole family in This Sale!

Starts Saturday, January 10th And lasts Until Shoes and Hose Are Gone!

J. P. Wilkes & Son Spur, Texas

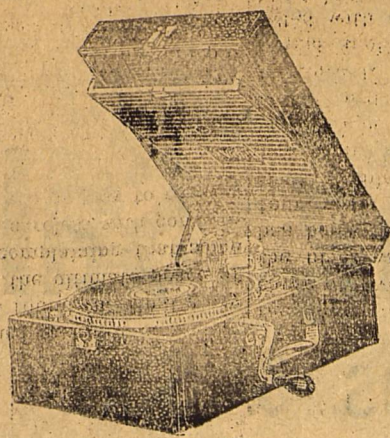
Auction Sale Jersey Cattle

I will have a car load of Jersey Milk Cows, with Young Calves, and Heavy Springers, to be sold at auction to the Highest Bidder in Spur, Texas Saturday, Jan. 10

Sale starts at 1:0'clock at the O. K. Wagon Yard This will be your opportunity to get a good Milk Cow

Sparkman & Fox

H. W. Seals, Auctioneer.



The New Portable VICTROLA \$35.00

We Have a Large Selection of Victor Records, Needles and Victrolas.

Call in and See Them!

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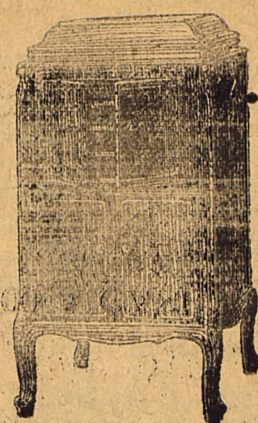
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We Increased Our Volume of Business in 1924 to a Large Per Cent Over Our 1923 Business!! Call in and See Us!!

We are going to Continue to Increase Our Business, and in Order to do so we are Going to Offer You Greater Bargains for Your Money!

SPUR HARDWARE AND FURNITURE CO.

"SPUR'S OLDEST STORE"



Congressman Jones Suggests Plan For the Peace of the World

Many millionaires were made by the World War. Many others made rich. The morning after the war was declared the munition makers and those engaged in making the essentials of war were much better off financially than they were the night before.

But, when the Government wanted men for the military and naval service it simply listed the young manhood of the Nation and called it into service on its own terms.

Now why should not the same method have been used with reference to the property and plants of those engaged in the manufacture of all the supplies essential to the waging of that war?

More than six years ago on the floor of this house I advocated the mobilization of every resource of the Nation—of men, of supplies, of everything that constitutes the Nation's resources.

Much has been said in recent years about various plans to promote world peace. But do you know what I think would do more than any or all of these plans?

In the centuries that are gone nearly all of the wars have been commercial wars. A few have been wars of liberty, but even in wars of liberty one side has been fighting for commerce.

If notice were now given that in the next war no man would have opportunity to make these enormous profits there would only be a war when it was necessary.

War has cost seas of blood, broken hearts and billions of treasure. There is no royal road to peace along which great armies may march in regal splendor to the tunes of martial music.

Control of truck and bus lines by the State and requiring them to put measures proposed at the recent high-James E. Ferguson presided.—The Telegram.

OWNING OUR OWN HOME

It's all our'n—though of a truth it's nothing more than fifty by one hundred and fifty feet of the best dirt in all Texas with a dinky little old cottage sitting right square down in the middle of our kingdom.

To some, just a dinky little old cottage sitting on its 50 x 50 counterpane of mud and mortar is a grand place, a mansion filled to the brim with lordly things.

G. W. Dodson, of the Tennessee Valley Farm, north of DeWitt, was among the many in Spur the first of the week. We are sorry to note that Mrs. Dodson, who recently underwent an operation, is not improving in health as rapidly as could be hoped for.

Will Walker, accompanied by Burl Harrington and others, returned the first of this week from the plains country where they had been moving houses for the plains people.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, of DeLeon, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller this week, and also prospecting with view of locating permanently in Spur.

the power of any other nation to offer Ours has been the privilege of contributing a little mite to the dignity and pride of a home-loving town peopled with home loving citizens.

Just a 50 x 150 plot of dirt in this sun drenched land of ours. And a dinky little old house sitting so grandly in the center. Just a home, with the flowers and graceful palms growing all about.

J. Z. Smith, of Red Mud, was in Spur Monday selling some to his produce and doing a little trading in realty he lost a sleeveless leather coat, wool lined, on the road out to his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilbert and sons, Mack and John O. of Idalou, were in Spur this week visiting Miss Willie Lee Gilbert and their many friends in Spur.

L. C. Arrington, who has been spending the past year improving his lands on the plains out near the border, was in Spur during the week and informed us that he has rented out for this year, and after Feb. would be back at home for the year.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, of DeLeon, were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Miller this week, and also prospecting with view of locating permanently in Spur.

G. H. Tallent, of Gilpin, was in Spur Monday meeting with his friends and trading with the Spur merchants. C. N. Kidd, was among the number of business visitors in Spur the first of the week.

MARRIED

Weldon Grimes, grandson of Mrs. C. Fite, and Miss Dorabel Graves formerly of Abilene were united in the holy bonds of matrimony December 31st.

For several years Weldon Grimes has been chief clerk for Mrs. Evans in the Spur postoffice, while Miss Graves has been for sometime one of the employees of the City National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Morris, of Lorenzo returned home Monday, after spending some time in Spur visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Morris.

T. J. Hicks, of Afon, was the pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office one day the past week. Mr. Hicks had just returned from Gary, Oklahoma, where he had spent two weeks under treatment and resting and recuperating his health which was very much improved and we are glad to note.

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Mrs. R. D. Baughman came to our aid and extended substantial encouragement to us this week by giving us a check for two years subscription to the Texas Spur, which we appreciate.

S. H. Moore, of south of Spur, was in the city the first of this week. His son recently lost an overcoat which was advertised in the Texas Spur. The coat is now back in the hands of the owner.

Weakening Night Coughing Banished Very Simple Way

It is really astonishing how a persistent, exasperating cough that has kept you awake night after night, and gradually wearing you down usually stopped short by a very simple method.



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LYRIC THEATRE WEEKLY PROGRAM

MONDAY, JAN. 12th:

"Eagle Feather" 10c & 30c.

TUES. & WED. 13 & 14th:

"Judgement of Storm" 15c & 35c.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15th:

"Go Getter" 10c & 30c.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16th:

"Ruth of the Range" 15c & 35c.

SATURDAY, JAN. 17th:

"Cupid's Brand" 10c & 30c.

JACKHOXIE, The Star. A Western!

Wonderful Grocery Opportunity!

If you have not been trading with us, you are missing a rare opportunity to supply your needs.

Saturday and Monday

We are Featuring a 5lb. can of Armour Peanut Butter for \$1.00.

JOPLIN & GIBSON, SPUR

A Car Load of Pure, Country-Made

Ribbon Cane Syrup

AT \$6.00 A CASE

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