

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

# The Texas Spur

THE DICKENS ITEMS

MAY PEACE, PROSPERITY  
AND HAPPINESS  
COME TO ALL THE NEW YEAR

VOLUME FIFTEEN

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY,

January 30, 1925

Number 13

## The Texas Spur Favored With More Than 150 New Subscribers in December and January

The editor and publisher of a weekly newspaper exerts all of his energy and the greater part of his efforts in gathering news items and presenting them to readers of the paper in an entertaining manner as possible, always giving his readers first thought and consideration, and for this reason it is always gratifying and most encouraging to meet with favorable consideration on the part of the public. That the Texas Spur is meeting the requirements in its fields of endeavor is very substantially evidenced in the fact that during December and up to this time in January more than one hundred and fifty individuals have voluntarily placed their names on our regular subscription list in addition to the names already included in one of the largest subscription lists of paid up readers of any weekly newspaper in all of Western Texas. In a single day the past week eight new names were placed on the list, each coming in the office and telling us, without solicitation, that they wanted the paper. This makes us feel good, it makes us feel that our labors and efforts are somewhat appreciated.

During the week and since our last issue the following new names and renewal subscriptions have been placed on our list:

S. C. Stevens, B. F. Davis, Spur Paint and Top Shop, C. D. Jacobson, D. F. Christopher, Dr. H. L. Duval, Jack Ward, Jim Bob Eldredge, J. E. Shockley, W. S. Boggs, S. L. Jackson, M. F. Mitchell, E. V. Arthur, T. T. Clark, E. W. Basham, A. L. King, J. D. White, W. H. Nichols, W. D. Eldredge, E. Underwood, O. C. Newberry, W. L. Pullen, H. T. Garner, W. F. McCarty, W. L. Lusk, D. G. Odam, H. S. Holly, V. W. Stephenson, C. A. Davidson, A. E. McBroom, Tom Johnson, Lee Payne.

## MESDAMES L. R. BARRETT AND W. W. SAMPLE ENTERTAIN

Friday evening from eight to eleven o'clock, Entre Nous and Friday Afternoon club members and guests were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. L. R. Barrett. Ten tables were arranged for "42". Soon all were interested in the good old game and the time flew quickly by.

Mrs. L. R. Barrett and Mrs. W. W. Sample were hostesses and following an enjoyable social hour, delicious refreshments were served to the following: Mesdames Zachry, Russell, Whitener, Manning, Moses, Grace, Whiting, Perry, Senning, Moses, Reed, Forbis, Davis, Hyatt, C. A. Love, Pierce, Murray, Lea, Link, W. H. Putman, Gibson, Edmonds, Bryant, Bill Putman, M. A. Lea, C. L. Love, Roy Harkey, Busby, Andrews, Elkins, Newt Harkey, Hogan, Rector, Stovall, Hale, Jennings, Lucas, Lewis, Johnson and Cowan.—Reporter.

## CHANGE PROPOSED IN LAW OF SELF-DEFENSE

Austin, Jan. 27.—Denial of the plea of self-defense if a homicide is committed by a deadly weapon unlawfully carried, making the homicide manslaughter, is provided in a bill introduced by Representative Normal G. Kittrell of Houston. His bill reads: "That when any homicide is committed with a weapon unlawfully carried by a slayer, that fact impairs the right of self-defense; that homicide shall be deemed manslaughter, it matters not to what extremity the defendant may have been reduced in the course of the conflict in which the homicide occurs."

## DELPHIAN CLUB MEETING

The Spur Delphian club held the first meeting of the year 1925 at the home of the president, Mrs. W. D. Wilson, on January 6th. There were twelve members present and much interest was manifested in that each member on program presented their part in full and in a very interesting manner.

The subject of the lesson was Greece, which was very ably conducted by Mrs. Roy Moses. At the conclusion of the program the hostess assisted by her daughter, Jane Douglas served a delicious salad course which was very much enjoyed.

January 20th Mrs. E. C. Edmonds was hostess to the Spur Delphian chapter, there being twelve members present at this meeting.

The lesson, Fair Italy "The Pearl of the Mediterranean" proved a very interesting lesson which was conducted by Mrs. McClure. Afterward Mrs. Ray E. Dickson in her charming manner sang a beautiful solo. Concluding the program was the round table conducted by Mrs. Hill Perry.

The subject for discussion, "Is our Modern Youth More Reckless Than formerly, if so why?" brought forth many and varied thoughts and opinions which are worthy of consideration by parents. At the conclusion of discussion the club adjourned to meet Tuesday, Feb. 3rd with Mrs. Oran McClure. All members are urged to be present at this and all meetings.—Reporter.

## JAYTON TO INSTALL WATER WORK SYSTEM IMMEDIATELY

The city of Jayton has completed plans for installing an adequate and modern system of water works to care for the needs of the town, and work is to commence immediately. Jayton is also making an effort to have the West Texas Utilities Company run its high line electric wires into Jayton, and thus furnish electricity for lighting, heating and all other purposes.

## SPUR MUNICIPAL BAND IS HAVING REGULAR REHEARSALS

The Spur Municipal Band recently organized under the management of C. B. Cook, now has a membership of some twenty or thirty musicians, and is having regular weekly rehearsals under the direction and leadership of Bert Walkerton, who has been employed as instructor and leader. Several members are awaiting the arrival of new instruments ordered, and immediately upon their arrival the band will be in position to render public concerts.

A rehearsal was had Tuesday night at which great progress was demonstrated. Another rehearsal will be had next Friday night and each succeeding Friday night, to which members are urged to take notice and be in attendance.

W. P. Godfrey has been designated "chief booster" for the band, and some three or four others will be nominated to act on the board of directors with Godfrey as "official boosters."

Colton Harris was one of the recent victims to be initiated into the "mystic order of dum-dums," and others are scheduled to submit to the degrees of membership to this order.

The Spur Municipal Band is making rapid strides in perfecting its organization, and with but few rehearsals after the arrival of instruments will be in position to render creditable public concerts. The organization which begins on a solid footing is assured of becoming a real and permanent asset to the city.

## SUIT APPEALED FROM SPUR DECIDED IN HIGHER COURT

The suit of F. W. Grogan vs R. E. Lea, which was tried in Dickens some time ago and appealed to the court of Civil Appeals, was decided by that court on the 21st, the verdict of the lower court being affirmed, and verdict announced at Amarillo. W. D. represented the defendant in this case.

## Spur Cemetery Association Raises \$550.00 In Meeting Plans For Improvement Work

At the meeting held Sunday afternoon at the First Christian Church, called by the Spur Cemetery Association with Mrs. W. H. Putman as President, a large number of interested people was present, and approximately \$275.00 was subscribed by those present as a fund to carry out the improvement work as planned by the association. Tuesday of this week the fund was doubled by the ladies of the association in soliciting throughout the business section of the city, making a total working fund of approximately \$550.00.

This amount is not sufficient to carry out the work as planned by the cemetery association, but is a substantial foundation upon which to begin. A driveway direct to the cemetery has been opened and graded, water mains are being laid to the grounds from the city water-works, and other preliminary work under way. A sexton will be employed to care for and beautify the grounds. It is the desire of the ladies of the cemetery association to have Spur Cemetery grounds beautiful and well kept, and further entertain the hope of stimulating general interest throughout the community and receive the hearty cooperation and substantial encouragement of all in endeavors and efforts to give due consideration to our "City of the Dead" and pay proper respect to those who sleep therein.

## L. A. HINDMAN MAKING EXTENSIVE IMPROVEMENTS

Some time ago the Texas Spur announced that L. A. Hindman was making some additions and improvements on his home in the city. This statement did not begin to give the correct impression. The fact is he is taking his former residence and conforming it into a modern and handsome home with extensive additions. The new building will be surrounded with porches, sun-parlors, and when completed will be one of the most attractive homes of the city. When Luther retired recently from business it was said that he intended to take life easy. He is certainly preparing himself and family for ease and comfort in home surroundings.

## EDWIN MORRIS BUILDING ANOTHER RESIDENCE IN SPUR

Some time ago Edwin Morris purchased lots and lumber and constructed a modern bungalow residence in the city. At that time there was much speculation on the part of friends as to his intentions. However, he soon sold the property and pocketed the profits. Now, in building a second residence, there are those wondering if this late improvement venture is for speculative purposes, or in maturity of plans matrimonial. At any rate the building progress continues in Spur.

## FAULTY BRAKES ON AUTO CHARGE AGAINST GROCER

What is believed to be the first case of its kind in a local county court was filed Monday against P. C. Chapman, local grocer, when he was charged before Judge Seward in the County Court at Law with having inadequate brakes on his automobile. According to Assistant District Attorney McGee similar cases have been handled in the local municipal court. The state law is seven years old, McGee said. Chapman was in an automobile collision Saturday afternoon at Henrietta and Boaz Streets. Under the law the penalty for having insufficient brakes is the same as for speeding.

## DIED

Dale Rogers, the little two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Rogers, of the Draper country, died Sunday at their home after a brief illness of pneumonia. The remains were interred in the Dickens cemetery. The Texas Spur extends sincere sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Rogers in their bereavement.

## COUNTY COURT CONVENE MONDAY IN DICKENS CITY

County court convened Monday with Judge Brummett presiding, E. G. Worswick prosecuting and O. C. Arthur as clerk of the court.

Among the number of cases disposed of up to this time are the following:

P. H. Miller vs J. E. Renfro, et al, suit for debt, judgment for plaintiff against J. Renfro and the plaintiff takes nothing against other defendants.

D. F. Cox vs John Gardner et al, suit for debt, judgment for defendant.

State of Texas vs Frank Clements, charged with aggravated assault, tried by jury and found not guilty.

Love Dry Goods Co. vs R. L. Overstreet et al, suit on account judgment by default against Overstreet, other defendants being relieved of any responsibility.

There are a number of other cases on the docket to be heard and tried during the term of court which will remain in session throughout the week.

## Two New Brick Business Houses Being Completed This Week in City of Spur

The new filling station of Green Turner in the south part of town and the new garage addition to the Sunshine Service Station in the north part of town, are being completed this week and will probably be open for business. Both buildings will be of stucco finish and most handsome structures. The new Lyric Theatre building is also nearing completion and will probably be opened to the public by the middle of February. Construction work on the new "Drive-in Grocery" by D. H. Sullivan will begin soon, as will also other brick business houses plans for which are now maturing.

## THE MIDWAY CLUB MEETING

The Midway Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday, January 6th at the club room. A very interesting and valuable demonstration on tailored finishes was given by our Home Demonstration Agent. Our next meeting will be on Jan. 20th at the school house. We have some very important business to attend to. Every club member is especially urged to attend this meeting and every woman in the community is especially invited to come.—Pres.

## AUCTION SALE OF MULES TO BE HAD IN SPUR SATURDAY

Lee Morris, auctioneer of Vernon, has been in Spur throughout the week arranging for an auction sale of mules Saturday. Some thirty head of work mules and horses are being shipped to Spur for this sale. Mr. Morris also offers his services to the people of the country on this occasion and also on First Monday or Trades Day, to auction anything for anybody that may be brought to town for that purpose. Mr. Morris contemplates locating here, and is of the opinion that a regular auction sales day in connection with the Trades Day could be made beneficial to the people of the country in making exchanges and purchases of not only livestock but anything of value on the farm.

Everybody is invited to come to Spur Saturday and also Monday, Trades Day, and see what is going on. There is always "something doing" in Spur.

—Help Spur Grow—  
"AMERICA" SHOWN AT THE LYRIC MONDAY AND TUESDAY

"America," one of the best pictures sent out on the film circuit was shown last Monday and Tuesday at the Lyric Theatre, the house being filled to capacity at each showing. W. W. Flournoy is giving Spur the very highest class pictures, and under his management the Lyric is second to no other of the country. As a rule people, especially of the Spur country, take good things for granted and say but little about it. However, we frequently hear favorable comments upon the management of the Lyric Theatre and high commendation of the pictures being shown.

## THE TEXAS SPUR WILL HAVE CROSS-WORD PUZZLES

Cross-word puzzles have become so very popular that we have decided to add this feature to the Boys and Girls' Department of your Magazine Section. Prizes will be offered by Aunt Mary, who edits the Boys' and Girls' page, for the best Cross-word puzzle drawn by any boy or girl under 17 years of age. Puzzles must not exceed 30 words, and each word must appertain to a product which is grown in Texas (either a garden or farm product, or livestock, or poultry).

The editors of the Magazine Section hope to find a sufficient number of good puzzles, after the prizes have been awarded, to publish one each month in the Boys' and Girls' Department.

The leading story for the February Magazine Section is entitled: "Radio in the Town and on the Farm," written by David J. Morris, a farmer of Williamson county, who finds time between crops to build radio sets for the farmer folks and town folks of his county.

## DIED

Mrs. Craig Parsons, of west of Spur, died Sunday after an illness of some time, her remains being interred in Spur Cemetery. Mrs. Parsons was brought in to the Nichols Sanitarium where she underwent an operation in the hope of relieving her condition, but all that could be done in medicine and surgery failed to relieve her condition.

The Texas Spur joins friends in extending sympathy to Mr. Parsons and the family in this great bereavement.

## SANITARY CAFE NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

The new Sanitary Cafe, under the management of Mrs. Hopkins and son, S. M. Miller, opened for business Wednesday of this week in the former D. H. Sullivan grocery stand on Harris street, east of the postoffice. The building has been remodeled, partitioned and refurnished with tables, floor covering, counters, and stools, making a really sanitary and most handsome and attractive cafe. Both Mrs. Hopkins and Mr. Miller are experienced in the cafe business. In fact Mrs. Hopkins is recognized as one of the best cooks and cafe managers of the entire country, and with them as managers the Sanitary Cafe will unquestionably become a popular dining place.

## BOY, AGE 8, VICTIM OF ACCIDENT AT MT. BLANCO

Truman Taylor, eight years old son of Tilford Taylor of Mt. Blanco community was stepped on while heading off some horses in the lot at their farm home last Monday and killed almost instantly. Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2:00 p. m. at the Lakeview school house with Elders T. A. Dunn and Mahurin of Crosbyton in charge of the services. Interment was made at the Lakeview Cemetery. Truman, who was almost nine years old at the time of his death, was the oldest child of Tilford Taylor, and a grandson of J. F. Roberts of Floydada. F. C. Harmon was a great uncle of the deceased.—Floydada Hesperian.

## New Brick Church Structure in City of Spur to Begin Construction Work at Early Date

In conversation with Brother Jones, pastor of the Church of Christ, he informed us that practically all of the necessary funds had been subscribed and construction work would begin soon on a new brick church structure. The proposed church building will be constructed of faced brick at an approximate cost of fifteen thousand dollars, and will be located on lots in the east part of Spur.

Meet Prosperity  
With  
Thrift!!

BUY

A FORD

GODFREY & SMART

SPUR, TEXAS

Just Received a Full Car Load of  
Oliver and P. & O. Implements!!

Included in this shipment we have  
Two-Row Planters for You!

We Sell the "Dempster" Windmill

Our Stocks include Dry Goods, Drugs,  
Groceries, Farm Implements and  
All Other Merchandise to meet  
the Needs of the Trade!

Let Us Serve You!

J. N. HANEY & SON, AFTON

## Four Constitutional Amendments to be Submitted to a Vote of the People

Austin, Texas, Jan. 27.—Substantial increases in the compensations of the Governor, the Secretary of State, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, State Treasurer, Commissioner of the General Land Office and the members of the State Legislature would be authorized under the provisions of constitutional amendments proposed by Senator Joe M. Moore of Greenville in Senate joint resolutions introduced Tuesday.

In addition to the salary increase proposals, Senator Moore also introduced joint resolutions for the submission of constitutional amendments repealing the right of the Legislature to levy personal income taxes and abolishing the free textbook provision.

The proposed amendments for salary increases would be submitted to vote of the people in November of 1926, under the terms of the resolutions, while the amendments to repeal the authority of the Legislature to levy personal income taxes and to abolish the free textbook provision would be submitted to the electorate of the State in July 1925.

The salary increase amendments proposed would not become effective until Jan. 1, 1929, and in consequence would not apply to any of the State officials at present in office, save in cases of re-election.

The Governor would receive a salary of \$10,000 a year, under the provisions of the proposed amendment relating to increased compensation for the chief executive and five other State officials. This would be an increase of \$6,000 a year, the present salary of the Governor being \$4,000.

Compensation of the Attorney General would be fixed at \$7,500 a year, an increase of \$3,500 when compared with the present salary of \$4,000 allowed that official.

The salaries of the Secretary of State, the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the State Treasurer and the Commissioner of the General Land Office would be fixed at \$6,000 a year. At present the Secretary of State receives \$2,000, while the Comptroller, Treasurer and Commissioner of the General Land Office receive \$2,500 each a year.

Members of the State Legisla-

ture, Senators and Representatives, would be allowed compensation at the rate of \$15 a day for each regular session of 120 days; \$7.50 a day for the remainder of the regular session and \$15 a day for each special session.

At present the compensation of members of the Legislature is \$5 a day for the regular session of sixty days and \$2 a day for the extended session, while \$5 a day is allowed for special sessions.

The proposed amendment would not only increase the salary of the legislators but would double the period allowed for regular sessions from sixty to 120 days.

A reduction in the mileage allowance would be made, however, the amendment proposing 10c a mile, just half of the present allowance of 20c a mile.

The amendment dealing with the income tax question provides that "a tax shall never be levied against the salary or income of any natural person in this State."

In the amendment to abolish the free textbook provision, it is provided that the 15c tax now used to purchase textbooks shall go to the available school fund. Provision for the purchase of textbooks for children of "indigent and dependent families" is made, however, as follows: "Provided, that from the available school fund arising from any and all sources, local school district trustees, with the aid of the county board of trustees and the Superintendent of Public Instruction of their respective counties, shall provide free textbooks for children of free scholastic age who are members of indigent and dependent families, in a manner prescribed by general statutes by the Legislature upon ratification by the voters of the provisions of this section."

In all four amendments are proposed: One for the increase in compensation of the Governor and the five other State officials named, one for increase in salary and decrease in mileage allowed members of the Legislature, one repealing the right of the Legislature to levy personal income tax and one making the change specified in the free textbook matter.



**Express Company Sees Better Business For Western Texas During Year 1925**

Fort Worth, Texas, Jan. 30.—Increase in business and the general development of West Texas is causing the American Railway Express company to make preparations to handle a larger volume of shipments to that section during 1925, according to G. Y. Reed, division superintendent of the company.

Mr. Reed announced that in 1924 many offices in West Texas showed as high as a 50 per cent gain in business over 1923 and that practically every office indicated a substantial increase. He said that the new \$10,000 express building at Lubbock would soon be completed which would enable the company to give better service to this city and immediate transfer points.

"I want to thank the people of West Texas for the splendid co-operation and support we are receiving in our efforts to give better service," Mr. Reed said. "Through this co-operation we are able to handle the shipments with dispatch which means the arrival in good condition with a reduction in loss and damage claims."

"I anticipate a larger volume of business in 1925 and will strive to render the best service possible to all of West Texas during the next year. Development of West Texas assures a steady growth in all lines of business and the American Railway Express company is trying to keep pace with this progress."

**RADIO IN THE TOWN AND ON THE FARM**

Texas possesses some of the best radio broadcasting stations in the United States and stands third among States in number of radios. There about 100,000 radio sets in Texas and it is estimated that 20,000 of the 100,000 sets are on farms.

S. M. Morris, a farmer who lives near Weir, Williamson county, Texas, owns a super-circuit three-tube set and can listen in from all the larger radio stations in the United States. His son, David J. Morris, who builds radio sets for farmer folks and town folks of Williamson county, has written a very interesting story entitled, "Radio in the Town and on the Farm," which will be published in the Magazine Section of the Texas Spur, February 6.

Be up-to-date by always reading the Texas Spur. If you are behind with your subscription, RENEW NOW AND DON'T MISS a single issue. The Texas Spur will have more good stories like this one, during 1925, and also all the live local county news that's fit to print.

**JOHN McCULLOCH NOW IN THE NEW YORK MARKETS**

We this week received a card from John McCulloch who is now in New York buying new stocks of racket and other goods for his Variety Store in Spur. Mr. McCulloch states that New York is a busy place and that it keeps "a West Texas fellow jumping to keep up with the crowd." Of course, we down here think Spur is "some city," but when one gets in the heart of New York, no doubt our limitations may be more fully appreciated—yet we are growing, progressing and prospering. Mr. McCulloch adds that he is looking around carefully and picking bargains for the trade in Spur, and which will be announced to the public and trade upon his arrival home.

Help Spur Grow—F. E. Walker, of Highway, was among the number on the streets Tuesday of this week. He is like many others, beginning to see "better things" elsewhere, and we inferred that he is getting the Mexico fever. Frank Walker is a mighty good citizen, and we are hoping that he will reconsider and permit his fever to subside. There is no better country, nor one with greater opportunities than the Spur country.

Help Spur Grow—W. M. Cox was in the city Tuesday. He has a sick child, and was fearful of having to have an operation.

Help Spur Grow—J. D. Powell returned the first of the week from Abilene where he had been spending several days with his family.

Help Spur Grow—W. K. Pirkle, of near Afton, was in Spur recently trading and meeting with his friends of Spur and this section.

Help Spur Grow—J. H. Hooper, of south of town, came in Tuesday and spent a short time here meeting with his friends and trading some with merchants.

Help Spur Grow—W. D. Eldredge, of near McAdoo on the plains, came down Tuesday. He was inquiring for a buyer of a fat hog, stating that he had more meat than he required to run him, therefore wanted to furnish meat to others.

She—Is it dangerous to drive with one hand?

He—Yes, more than one fellow who's tried it has run into a church.

Help Spur Grow—"Does he make a good husband?"

"Does he?" So good that his wife has to go to a picture show in order to enjoy a good cry."

"What could be more sad," asked the school teacher, "than a man with out a country?"

And a girl answered, "A country without a man."

Help Spur Grow—FOR SALE OR TRADE—My home of 7 acres, well improved, 5-room house with 4 closets, 2 fireplaces, well finished inside and out, located one-half mile from Spur townsite; cistern and well, and all necessary outbuildings, carbide lights. Price \$5,500. See J. J. Albin.

11-4t.

**WHO PAYS FOR ADVERTISING?**

That advertising not only does not increase the cost of the advertised article, but, on the contrary, makes economies possible that benefit consumers, dealers, manufacturers and producers of raw materials is the statement recently made by Dr. J. T. Dorrance, president of the Campbell Soup Company.

In 1898 the output of the Campbell Soup Company was 500,000 cans for the entire year. Now—18,000,000 cans are produced in one week.

In 1898 the expense for salesmen was seven and one-half per cent and for advertising fourteen per cent of the selling price.

Now—the cost for salesmen is 2 and 1-2 per cent and for advertising less than three per cent, making a total selling cost of about five per cent, or two and one-half per cent less than it cost for salesmen alone in 1898.

The advertised price of Campbell's Soup is 12 cents a can anywhere in the United States. This pays for the cost of the materials, the manufacturing charges, the transportation cost and the profits of jobbers and retailers.

The cost of advertising in a single can of soup is seventeen one-hundredths of one per cent.

As Dr. Dorrance puts it: "Advertising has assisted us to stabilize our business, to guarantee the consumer a product of uniform superior quality at a low price, to maybe sure that whatever profit is made on our raw materials is made by the farmer, and to keep our manufacturing organization employed at steady wages through out the year."

Advertising and advertising alone, has made this possible.—Plains Journal.

**CHRISTMAS AFTERTHOUGHTS**

Well, Christmas is over," said Uncle Ned to Natalie as they sat by the fire on New Year's Day. "Was it a satisfactory Christmas? I suppose you remembered lovingly all the folks you had in mind."

"No, No, No," exclaimed Natalie. "It was a miserable Christmas and all through my own fault. During last April and June and August and all the other months, why didn't I remember that Christmas was dashing toward me just as fast as this old world could whirl around?"

"Never will I be caught so again. Never again will I let the days slide by so that Christmas finds me with a flat purse and a flatter spirit. "Either I'll buy my gifts throughout the year, or I'll save up money every pay day so that next Christmas will find me ready to make it a merry one for others, to say nothing of myself."

Help Spur Grow—"Now, that's real sensible," chuckled Uncle Ned. Lawrence Kelley was here Sunday the guest of friends of Spur. Two years ago Mr. Kelley bought cotton in Spur throughout the fall and has many acquaintances and friends among both town and country people.

**OUR GRANDMOTHER IS NEAR DEATH**

(Dick Hyatt, in Ralls Banner.) Just now while the editor was writing copy for this week's Banner, the phone rang and when we answered it, the sad word came from Western Union that our grandmother, Mrs. Jennie May, was dying at her home at Aubrey, Denton County, Texas.

"Granny Mc" is well past ninety years of age and has been a true friend and loved one to us. She has assisted us materially at times when we really needed assistance, and though we have not had the good fortune of being with her as much as we would have liked yet we loved her sincerely, and appreciated her worth as a pioneer citizen of Texas. She came to Texas from England when quite a girl and has resided in Denton county since before the Civil War, her husband, Steve Hyatt, having been sheriff of Denton county during the war.

We will leave Lubbock tonight (Wednesday) for Aubrey to pay our respects and appreciation for the last time on this earth to she who has been kind and loving to us. Help Spur Grow—L. W. Davis came in one day the past week from the ranch home of his father, J. C. Davis, calling in to pay us a short visit. Luke has been in correspondence with oil drillers from the oil districts, and has very probably arranged to have a test well for oil started on the Davis Ranch. A deal will probably be closed by the first or fifteenth of February. Every indication now points to the completion of several test wells for oil in this territory during 1925.

Help Spur Grow—J. T. Salem left last week for the Dallas markets to buy new stocks of goods for the winter and spring trade, this being his fourth trip to market within four months, or in other words the fourth turn-over of goods within that time.

Help Spur Grow—If saving were only as certain as hard times, like Joseph in Egypt we would all be prepared to face the lean years when they come.

**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

**FOR SALE OR RENT**—Four farms in New Mexico located as follows: Two, 6 miles NW of Portales, one of which is irrigated farm of 140 acres; the other 100 acres; Also two farms at Redland, with about 100 acres in each farm. Good houses, water and near school. Have stock and feed for sale at either place. See J. W. Burleson, 1702 13th St. Lubbock, Texas. Phone 762. 12 2tc.

**IF YOU WANT QUALITY CLEANING AND PRESSING WE HAVE IT**

That's our name, quality cleaners.

**IF WE CLEAN IT, IT'S CLEAN.**

**MAY WE CALL?**

**QUALITY CLEANERS**  
Spur, Texas.

**Gained Ten Pounds**

Mrs. George S. Hunter, of Columbus, Ga., says she suffered severely with female troubles.

"I had to go to bed and stay sometimes two weeks at a time," says Mrs. Hunter. "I could not work. My... were irregular and I got very thin. I went from 126 pounds down to less than 100. My mother had been a user of

**CARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic

and she knew what a good medicine it was for this trouble, so she told me to get some and take it. I sent to the store after it and before I had taken the first bottle up I began to improve. My side hurt less and I began to mend in health. I took four bottles in all during the last ten months. Cardui acted as a fine tonic. I am well now. I have gained ten pounds and am still gaining. My sides do not trouble me at all and my... are quite regular. I know that Cardui will help others suffering from the same trouble.

Take Cardui. E-101

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cairnes were in the city Sunday from their ranch home in Kent county to be with Miss Isabel Elliott who is critically ill of pneumonia at the Nichols Sanitarium.

**FOR SALE**—Two hundred bushels high grade, second year Mebane planting seed out of early picking. his cotton made a half bale per acre. \$1.00per bushel, if taken at once.—J. L. Jenkins, Afton, Texas. 13-4t.

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.**

G. M. MAGEORS, Prop.

Mobiloils Accessories Tires and Tubes

**GROCERIES AND MEAT**

Your Every need in Groceries and Fresh Meats can be supplied at our New Store. In preparing for the Harvest Season, Call on us and we will fill your bill on 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



**Ma's First Address Delivered as the First Woman Governor of the State of Texas**

Your Honors of the Supreme Court, Gentlemen of the 39th Legislature, Ladies and Gentlemen:

In assuming the duties of the governorship to which I have been called by the people of Texas, I find myself overwhelmed with the feeling of gratitude and responsibility. Deeply grateful for the honor bestowed and conscious of the solemn oath taken, it now becomes my duty to enter into the active service of the people.

I shall not at this time attempt a detail of plans and policies. But on the morning I will in a more definite way send to the Honorable 39th Legislature specific suggestions and recommendations setting forth the hopes and purpose of this administration.

While our government is divided into three distinct parts—the judicial, the legislative, the executive—I hope and pray that there is to be that friendly cooperation on the part of each, that will inspire the confidence of the people in the administration of their business affairs. One good way to establish this relation is for each department to recognize and respect the rights and powers of the other.

I extend to the judges of the courts, the heads of departments and especially the members of the legislature a cordial and earnest invitation to visit the executive offices for conference on matters personal and official. We are all humble servants of a great people and we must do our best for the common good.

The people have spoken. Their verdict is plain. Their edict is that this must be a government of law founded on the sacred constitution handed down to us by the fathers and mothers of the pioneer days. To this end let us reconsecrate our lives and all that we possess.

Recognizing and freely admitting my inexperience in governmental affairs, I must ask the advice and counsel of others. Perhaps this would not be a bad idea for others to adopt, even though their training and learning may be more than mine. I shall endeavor to make this administration a success by team work. There is so much to do that no one mind can bring relief to the people. What Texas needs more than anything else at this time, is a strong pull, a steady pull, and a pull all together. In this way we may climb the hill of difficulties that confront us.

With this great need pressing us, perhaps it will not be enough to depend upon logic, and science and statesmanship to realize our hopes and ambitions. In the turmoil and strife and passions of the hour too often do we find ourselves controlled by jealousies and envies that keep us from joining our fellow man in some great movement for the cause of humanity and the good of civilization.

It is then, my people, that we must turn to God who can remove all envy and hate from every heart and unite us in love and forgiveness for all.

I am praying for this administration to be one of progress in matters spiritual as well as material. If the example can be set for a higher standard of morals and purity of life and conduct in public servants of the people. I shall feel that my administration has not been in vain. Let us not forget that it is more glorious to lay up treasures in heaven than upon earth.

As the first woman governor of our beloved state, I ask for the good will and the prayers of the women of Texas. I want to be worthy of the trust and the confidence which they have reposed in me.

By the decree of our supreme court we women have been recognized and admitted into all the

rights and privileges of citizenship. Many women will be invited to an active part in this administration. Let us give to our state the best there is in us. Let us render full service, not so much because we are women but because we are citizens who are now to stand side by side with men upon the foundation of equal rights and equal justice.

With love for all, with malice toward none, trust in God, I consecrate my life to my state.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**CATTLEMEN ASK A TARIFF**  
Albuquerque, N. M.—Fred H. Bix by of Long Beach, Cal., a member of the President's agricultural conference, was selected president of the American National Livestock Association at the convention here last week.

The association adopted a resolution "earnestly urging congress, before it adjourns, to fix a tariff of 6 cents a pound on green hides and 15 cents a pound on dry hides." The convention also urged the President to exercise his executive authority to declare an addition of 50 per cent to the present import tariff on canned meat and tallow.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**'BEST NEWSPAPERS IN WORLD'**  
Washington—The pathway to success in American journalism lies in the avoidance of propaganda, the separation of news policies from business motives and continued appeal to the idealism of the American people, President Coolidge declared Saturday night in speaking to the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Avoiding for the most part reference to governmental problems, Mr. Coolidge "talked shop" with the editors, speaking from the viewpoint of one not in the newspaper business, as was his predecessor, but as one who has watched the growth and development of the American press. This growth, he declared, had given the United States "the best newspapers in the world."

Advising the editors as to their greatest opportunity for aiding the government, the President said he unhesitatingly placed it in the direction of keeping alive American idealism. The President continued his commendation by saying: "I believe they print more real news and more reliable and characteristic news than any other newspapers. I believe their editorial opinions are less colored in influence by mere partisanship or selfish interest than are those of any other country. Moreover, I believe that our American press is more independent, more reliable and less partisan today than at any other time in its history."

**Help Spur Grow**  
**FORD HAD HIS BIGGEST YEAR**  
Detroit—Selling cars at the rate of 250 an hour, twenty-four hours a day, for the three hundred working days of 1924, the Ford Motor Company established the greatest sales record of its history in the twelve months ending December 31 last, it is announced.

Domestic retail deliveries for the year were 1,873,581 cars and trucks an increase of 87,736 over the sales of 1923, the company announced. Retail sales of trucks went over the two hundred thousand mark for the first time, exceeding the sales of 1923 by 15,013.

**Help Spur Grow**  
D. G. was in early Monday morning from his dairy farm in the Steel Hill country. In face of the weather which arrived that day he was shoving around hurriedly to get back in home.

**OLD-TIME AUNTY, THOUGHT DEAD, BEGINS TO TALK**

Bartlett, Bell Co., Texas, Jan. 23.—Margaret Perry, an old-time negro woman who has lived here several years, was supposed to have died here, Thursday. The family and friends were laying her out in preparation for the funeral when she suddenly raised up and began to talk to them. There was scattering of negroes for a while and it was quite a little time before any of them could be induced to come back and give her the needed attention. Later reports are that she is not dead yet and that there is a slight chance for her to recover.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**TEXAS RANGERS WERE FIRST**  
Austin, Tex.—The Texas ranger force, which is threatened with elimination as the result of a direct court ruling, holding the state ranger law unconstitutional and enjoining further ranger activity, has the distinction of being the first state constabulary organized in the United States. It even antedates the celebrated Royal Northwest mounted police of Canada.

For ninety years this group, originally numbering 150, never exceeding one thousand members and at present with only fifty, has had to its credit a record of continued service to Texas. It was organized first to mold a peaceful state from the wilderness of the Southwest and then to protect settlers from marauding bands of Indians.

The rangers' history extends into the provincial days after Texas had declared its independence from Mexico and before the republic of Texas was organized. The law creating the ranger force was adopted by a convention of citizens at San Felipe de Austin, October 16, 1835, before the constitution of the republic was considered.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**GIRLS ON THE FARM**  
One of the most serious problems facing the world is that raised in the question, "How can we keep the girls on the farm?"

It is one of the hallmarks of civilization that so many girls are forced into the big cities to seek their fortune. Probably no more daughters of the farm come to misfortune in the big cities than do the city girls or the girls from the small towns who work for a living.

It can be set down as a sound proposition that working girls as a class, are more apt to make a success of life than another large class of girls having more social advantage but seeking the bright lights. It is a great social duty to make the home life on the farms more attractive to the girls. There should be more rural recreation centers under proper supervision.

If the churches and fraternal orders could minister to the social needs of humanity, including the growing young people, we would hear less of farm girls crowding to the cities. With good roads, cheaper motor cars, the rural mail and telephone the phonograph, electricity and the radio, life is growing more attractive on the farms.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**QUANAH STARTS FIRST STAR MAIL ROUTE**  
Quanah, Jan. 23.—The first star mail route out of the Quanah post-office was inaugurated this week when Mail Carrier Brown of Crowell took the mail for Crowell, in Ford County, from the northbound Fort Worth and Denver train. This route will be an auto route one trip each way daily.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**SUGAR**  
World's greatest sugar harvest is in prospect for 1925. The outlook indicates a production of nearly 23 million long tons, three million more than last year.

The reason is Cuba's enormously increased crops. Cuba's intensive sugar planting is a direct result of the world war. It was the collapse of European production, when a third of the world's sugar area was enclosed within battle lines, that gave Cuba the stimulus to make up the deficit.

And Cuba will keep on going. People must buy from her when she is the lowest cost sugar producer in the world.

**Help Spur Grow**  
A card from S. L. Jackson, formerly of the Roaring Springs country, but who recently moved out to Lamb county, requests that we hereafter mail the Texas Spur to him at Olton. We wish Mr. Jackson a pleasant and prosperous home out in Lamb county. The big ranches of Lamb county have been cut up and is being sold out in farming blocks to actual settlers.

**HAPPINESS!**  
MAKE your wife happy by making her a gift of a  
**Singer Sewing Machine**  
LET me demonstrate the merits of this wonderful machine  
**K. COOMBS**  
SPUR, TEXAS

**SALARY BILL FOR COUNTY OFFICERS DRAWS ATTENTION**

The proposed substitution of a salary basis for county officials for the existing fee system is drawing attention from the present state legislature and the senate investigating committee will have a bill of this nature under investigation Saturday.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**THE CURE OF CANCER**  
Yellow fever and smallpox are practically eradicated from civilized life. But their menace has been taken over by the plague of cancer. "We do not know the cause or causes of cancer," confesses the famous English surgeon, Sir Berkeley Moynihan. All over the world the why of cancer is sought, so far in vain. "We do not know," says Sir Berkeley, "whether the micro-organism is sometimes, or never or always the agent, whether habit of body or congenital disposition, or mode of life contributes something to the large causative influence."

The despair of this ignorance is relieved by another fiat thus stated: "But let us never forget that we know how to cure cancer in almost all parts of the body in which it commonly occurs." It is a local disease in the beginning and if attacked then by surgery will confer permanent immunity in the great majority of cases.

This Sir Berkeley tells the Association of Science Masters in England, is imposed "a new and larger duty upon the profession of medicine—the duty to enlighten the public as to early symptoms and signs." Obviously. But what are these symptoms and signs? An authorized and authoritative statement of them should get first page position in every newspaper in the world, with editorial comments urging immediate visits to competent surgeons for diagnosis and operation. Why are they not published? Why are so many physicians unable to diagnose cancer until it has developed beyond the curable local stage?—Star Telegram.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**SCATTERED**  
Ownership of wealth is scattering fast. Stockholders in the nation's industries now are estimated at 14,400,000, according to H. T. Washburn, economist for the National Lead Co.

In 1900 this figure was approximately 10 million less. Best of all, there has been a shifting of ownership from the very wealthy to the "white collar" and wage earning classes. The largest increase has been in that class whose incomes have not exceeded \$5,000. Americans learned a great, swift lesson from our Liberty Bond campaigns.

**Help Spur Grow**  
R. C. Forbis came down Saturday from their ranch home north of Afton, spending the week end with Mrs. Forbis and children in their Spur home.

**Help Spur Grow**  
The hardest time for a man to get up in the world is every morning.

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

**Stop Night Coughing This Simple Way**  
People who have persistent, annoying coughing spells at night, and who through loss of valuable sleep are weakening their systems and laying themselves open to dangerous infections, can stop their distressing trouble promptly by a very simple treatment. Hundreds who have hardly been able to rest at all for coughing, have gotten their full night's sleep the very first time they tried it.

The treatment is based on a remarkable prescription known as Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs. You simply take a teaspoonful at night before retiring and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it, without following with water. Dr. King's New Discovery has a double action. It not only soothes and heals soreness and irritation, but it quickly loosens and removes the phlegm and congestion which are the direct cause of the coughing. The result is that you usually sleep as soundly as a babe the very first night, and the entire cough condition goes in a very short time.

The prescription is highly recommended for coughs, chest colds, hoarseness and bronchitis, and wonderful for children's coughs and spasmodic croup—no harmful drugs. Economical, too, as the dose is only one teaspoonful. It is on sale at all good druggists. Ask for  
**DR. KING'S NEW DISCOVERY FOR COUGHS**

O. D. Blanton made a trip Sunday to Matador where he spent the day visiting with relatives and former acquaintances and friends. Mr. Blanton formerly lived at Matador where he has many friends.

Recently J. P. Wilkes put on a sale of shoes, closing them out at and below cost. He informs us that his stock of shoes are being closed out rapidly at this time, and soon the entire lot will be gone.

**Southwestern Life Ins. Co.**  
DALLAS, TEXAS

A Texas Company for Texas people, protection on more lives in Texas than any other Company doing business in the State.

Every policy Holder a Booster—

Why?

We give service that satisfies. Let me explain.

G. W. MILLS, Special Agent  
COWAN BLDG. ROOM 3

**He Didn't Get it Fixed in Time!**

HIS CAR WASN'T RUNNING RIGHT—BUT HE JUST DIDN'T PAY ANY ATTENTION—AND ONE DAY

It Quit!

NOW IT'S LAID BY FOR DAYS, AND MAYBE WEEKS  
A Little Repair—Here and There—Will Save the Great Expense.  
"Let Expert Mechanics Diagnose Your Motor Ills."

HOWE & McLENDON, Proprietors  
WITH CHEVROLET MOTOR CO., SPUR

**FOR FIGURES**

On anything from

PIG PEN TO A NEW HOME

See

MUSSER LUMBER CO.

Spur, Texas

**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

There is a Difference in the Quality of Coal and Feed You Buy!

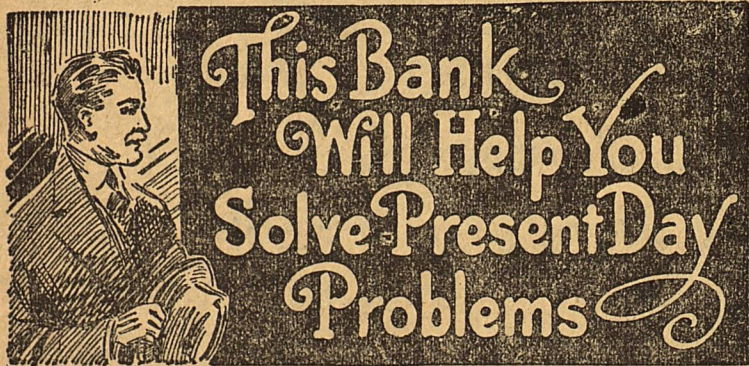
AND IN THE SERVICE AND THE PRICE YOU GET!

If you are not a regular customer of this store, a few orders will convince you that the difference is in your favor and worth while. We give you the utmost

IN QUALITY, PRICE AND SERVICE!!

**KING & SAMPLE**  
Spur's Progressive Feed Store

A FULL SUPPLY OF COAL, ALSO GASOLINE, KEROSENE AND LUB OILS—PHONE 199.



**This Bank Will Help You Solve Present Day Problems**

We thoroughly appreciate the changed conditions of today, the desirability and necessity of business and production expansion.

Every man owes it to himself and public good to extend his business and producing activities to the limit of legitimate endeavor.

We welcome calls for help, financial or advisory, to this end.

**CITY NATIONAL BANK**



J. E. Berry, who has for a number of years been with Riter Hardware Company, has since the first of the year been with Godfrey & Smart Ford Service Station. Mr. Berry has charge of the Fordson tractor and tractor plows sales department. "Preacher" is a believer in motor methods of farming, is a good salesman, and in the course of a year will very probably make believers of others and have many farmers operating by motor power. "Preacher" stated that when he first became a hardware salesman, on many days he sold a number of buggies. Later Fords were introduced in the country to kill his salesmanship in the buggy line. Then came trucks which also knocked the sales of wagons. He is now in line with the time in selling motor driven vehicles as well as farm implements.

Wayne Van Leer, of west of Spur, was in Wednesday. He said that the recent snows failed to give enough moisture, but that he was not getting the least anxious. In fact, he said that it was not worth to do anything else but build fires, and he is not getting the least anxious about rain. There is plenty time for seasonable rains before farming time in this country, and those who have been here any length of time are not worrying about a farming season.

Hugh Squyres, who with his family recently moved to Abernathy, was back in Spur last week meeting with friends and winding up some of his affairs here. Mr. Squyres merely rented a farm at Abernathy and will farm this year to see how he likes the country before buying and settling permanently. However, Hugh Squyres has been in the Spur country too long to be content elsewhere, and we predict that after one year on the plains he will find something back here he likes better. Here is hoping.

Mike M. Young and family are moving this week to their farm home recently purchased at Abernathy. Brother Young bought a section of land adjoining the town of Abernathy, paying sixty dollars an acre. He will build on the place, make other improvements and place the greater part of the acreage under cultivation. We regret to see Mike Young and family leave Spur, but wish them success on the plains.

E. N. McCracken, a prominent citizen of the plains country near McAadoo, was in Spur Tuesday of this week buying supplies of Spur merchants and transacting other business matters. While here Mr. McCracken was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having an advertisement inserted for the sale of verticement on his place. He stated that he never failed to get results from advertisements placed in the Spur. On one occasion some time ago, he had an ad inserted, getting results even before the paper was received. On his place Mr. McCracken has a considerable acreage of winter wheat which, on account of the country being dry weather, is not now very promising. However, he is hopeful that the snows of recent date will bring it out, and he will wait at least sixty or ninety days before plowing it under for other crops.

Andy Wooten was here from the plains Wednesday meeting friends and transacting business with our merchants. Andy is one of Crosby county's wide-awake citizens and served that county in the capacity of commissioner for the past four years and gave a splendid account of his stewardship in handling the county's affairs. He stated that notwithstanding the recent cold spell everything was lovely in his section of the country.

W. B. Byrd and family returned this week to the Spur country and will farm this year on the J. C. Davis place northeast of Spur. Mr. Byrd last year moved to up on the plains near Plainview where he made a crop in 1924. However, the attractions of the Spur country could no longer be resisted, and we are hoping that he makes bumper crops this year.

We met A. A. Allen last week and he informed us that he was moving this week to Peacock where he had rented two hundred acre farm, and will make their home during the year. We regret to see Mr. Allen leave Spur. He is a good citizen and a real asset to any community. We wish him prosperity in his new home over in Stonevill.

Mrs. John Sampson, of near Clairmont, and daughter, Mrs. Tom Owens of Los Angeles, California, spent the week end in Spur visiting friends and relatives.

Miscellany Wants!

**FOR SALE**  
My entire well drilling outfit consisting of one Model L Ft. Worth spudder; one Fordson tractor; 400 ft. 5-8 inch wire drilling cable; 400 3-8 inch wire sand line; 2-6 inch all steel drill bit; 1-5 inch all steel drill bit; 1 4 inch all steel drill bit; 1 earth socket; 2 Dorr Vale bailers; 1 set tripper blocks and new 3-4 line 1 complete set of blacksmith tools; Good camp house on trailer, with new oil stove and bed. This outfit has only had about six months actual service and is really better than a new machine and if properly run will net from \$50.00 to \$100.00 per day. Owing to my physical health condition I will offer this outfit at a sacrifice for the next few days and will make good terms to the right party.—T. M. Maples, Spur Tex. 13tf.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—Five fresh Jersey cows. Also good Jersey bull for breeding purposes, at O. K. Wagon Yard.—Dr. M. L. Nichols. 13tf.

**STRAYED**—From my place on east side of town, one black Pole and China male pig, about two months old. Liberal reward paid. Notify Joe Lambert, Spur, Phone 51. 13tf.

**FOR RENT**—1-room house furnished for housekeeping; a 2-room furnished apartment; a 3-room unfurnished apartment.—Telephone 185. 13tf.

**FOR SALE**—Good Milo maize at \$30 per ton at my place 2 miles south Leatherwood school house on East Plains. Also bundle maize.—E. N. McCracken. 13-2tp.

**FOR SALE**—For cash O. K. wagon yard. Now paying 20 per cent, could be made to pay 50 per cent. Phone 12 or 92. 13tf.

**LOST**—Ladies hand bag between the business section of Spur and the depot. Finder please return to Texas Spur office for reward. 1tp.

**FOR SALE**—A splendid building lot, being the second lot east of Fischer's filling station. See Mrs. Annie Baxley or phone 75. 13-2tp.

**FOR SALE**—A few choice Rhode Island Red cockerels, from prize winning strains.—Mrs. W. M. Hunter. 13tf.

**Pure Mebane and Kusch cotton seed for sale at my farm, \$1.50 per bushel.**—W. M. Hunter. 13tf.

**FOR SALE**—Tom's block on Harris Street, a block and a half from Spur National Bank.—L. T. Cochran. 13-4t.

**CHICKENS FOR SALE**  
Two dozen Dark Cornish Hens and Pullets.—C. C. Haile. 13 2tp.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE**—New Ford truck.—J. D. Powell. 13-2t.

**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 33 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. 6tf.

**FARM FOR SALE**—127 1-2 acres, 86 acres in cultivation, 10 miles N. W. Spur, cornering with Highway school ground, \$35 per acre. Good mixed sandy land, and the best water at 20 feet. See E. C. Edmonds or J. J. Albin, Spur. 11-4t.

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, exas. 8-12tc.

**STRAYED**—one brown M horse, 6 years old, 15 1-2 hands high; one bay mare mule 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.

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

**FOR RENT**—Front bedroom.—Phone 66. 11-2tc.

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

Judge B. P. Vardiman, of the Cat Fish country to the southwest of Spur, was in the city Wednesday of this week, transacting business affairs and meeting with friends of Spur. Mr. Vardiman reported a good snow throughout his section, but not enough to give the country the required moisture.

When the thermometer in Hawaii dropped to 60 degrees above zero recently, it was the coldest there in 14 years noraml. Winter temperature being 70 above.

CROTON NEWS

We certainly have had some cold weather. Little Dale Rogers died Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock. He was sick 11 days. At times he seemed better, but the last five days he sure did suffer. He was buried Monday at 2:30 in the Dickens Cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved parents.

Sunday school and church services were suspended Sunday on account of the death of Little Dale Rogers. Professors Jones and Gentry motored to Afton Sunday.

Well our basket ball team played McAadoo basket ball team Friday, the score being 4 and 6 in favor of Croton team. Who said Croton team couldn't play basket ball?

Mrs. J. R. Rogers spent the week with Elmer Rogers and family. Mrs. Clara Pernell is sick at this writing.

Mr. Lewis is drilling a well for Mr. Richey. Mr. Richey is also having a cellar and a cistern dug. Messrs. Godfrey, Smart and Edmonds and Busby were hunting on the flat last week. I think a jack-rabbit was their only prey.

Mrs. A. A. Allen has been spending the week with her son, Homer Jackson and family. We must go so no more for this time.—News B.

FOR A 13-MONTH YEAR

The agitation for changing the calendar so as to make 13 months in a year came up before the recent meeting of American scientists at Washington. The argument for the change is that it would promote simplicity. Each of the 13 months would consist of exactly four weeks, or 28 days, the extra day in the year being New Year's Day without a place in any month. Each month would begin and end on the same day, and each numbered day of each month would be the same for all months. All months would begin on Monday and end on Saturday.

The advantages of such a change are apparent. Its disadvantages probably would become apparent soon after it was made. The most serious would be that of monotony. A little variety is added to life now by the mental agility necessary to keep up with the calendar.

SPUR NATIONAL BANK ELECTS OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

At the regular annual meeting of the stockholders of Spur National Bank held in the directors room January 13th, the following officers and directors were re-elected to serve another year:

C. A. Jones, President; W. B. Lee, Vice-President; W. T. Andrews, Jr., Cashier; F. G. Collier, Assistant Cashier; Miss Kittie Powell, Assistant Cashier; C. A. Jones, Geo. S. Link, W. T. Andrews, Jr., W. F. Godfrey, W. B. Lee, Ned Hogan, A. J. Swenson and C. B. Jones, Directors.

E. C. Edmonds made a trip Tuesday to Girard to attend the meeting of the officers, stockholders and depositors of the Girard Bank. This meeting was for the purpose of coming to a decision in the settlement of the affairs of the bank which closed its doors recently. It is hoped that the closing of the Girard Bank will result in injuring no one in any way in the end.

Geo. S. Link left this week for the Eastern markets to purchase goods for the Bryant-Link chain of stores. He will be accompanied to the markets by Tom Johnson of Jayton, Guy Speck of Post, and Bernard Bryant of Stamford.

Contractor Harrison made a trip this week to Haskell where he spent several days with his family and also on business.

Miss Annie D. Lusk, of Dickens, entered Draughon's Business College at Abilene for a course in Business Administration.

**LYRIC THEATRE**  
WEEKLY PROGRAM E

MON. & TUES., FEB. 2-3:  
A WESTERN  
**'Find Your Man'**  
SPECIAL  
10c & 30c.

WED & THURS., FEB. 4-5:  
**"Circus Day"**  
SPECIAL  
15c & 35c.

FRIDAY, FEB. 6:  
**'Riders of Plains'**  
SERIAL  
Also  
**"Seventh Sheriff"**  
10c & 30c.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7:  
**"Breed of The Border"**  
10c & 30c.

Mrs. Clay Woods, of Stamford, has been spending the week in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Smith, returning home Wednesday. Mrs. Woods stated that they were contemplating moving to Lamesa where Mr. Woods had already acquired farm property.

C. Hogan and wife, Mrs. G. R. Elkins and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds left the latter part of this week for Eastern markets to purchase goods for the C. Hogan & Company department store.

A. C. George, of Highway, was among the crowds on the streets the first of the week.

Mrs. F. W. Jennings left Monday for Atlanta, Georgia, where she will visit with her sister. Upon her arrival in Fort Worth, Mrs. Jennings wired back that no snow fell there, the weather being clear and fair. This is another evidence that West Texas is a favored section.

Mrs. Ned Hogan underwent an operation at the Nichols Sanitarium the first of the week, the operation being reported successful and Mrs. Hogan doing nicely at this time, we are glad to note.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Edwards has been quite sick during the week.

**Save Money!**

Wolfe's Bargain Store now has on display an ample line of Midwinter Goods That Must Move, Many articles are being featured in every department. See them!

**New Spring Arrivals FOR INSPECTION**

**WOLFES BARGAIN STORE**

Economy Just North Spur Nat. Bank

**Paint 'Em Up, Mister Car Owner!**

LET US MAKE YOUR CAR LOOK NEW!!

**We Specialize in Upholstering and Tops!**

We do Furniture Work... Courtesy—Satisfaction—Service

**THE SPUR PAINT AND TOP SHOP**

**Crisply Delicious!!**

Baked Goods that are as Crisp and Tasty as though you baked them in your own oven—and just as good, for we use only the purest ingredients.

CAKES, PIES, ROLLS, COOKIES OF ALL KINDS!  
Special Orders Are Solicited.

**THE SPUR BAKERY, SPUR, TEXAS**

**EATS EATS EATS**

The Opening Announcement of

**THE SANITARY CAFE**  
HOPKINS & MILLER, Props.

The public is cordially invited to visit us at our new place.

East of the Spur Postoffice

**AUCTION SALE OF MULES AT SPUR, TEXAS ON SATURDAY**

Sale Starts at 1:00 o'clock at **McARTHUR WAGON YARD**

I have 28 head of work mules and two saddle horses which will be sold at auction Saturday, in Spur, to highest bidders. These mules were raised on the Plains, and are from three to six years old, 14½ to 16 hands high. I also invite any one in the country who may have anything to sell in livestock or farm implements, etc., to bring them in either Saturday at this sale, or on "First Monday", and I will auction them for you.

**JOHNNIE McKNIGHT, Owner**  
**LEE MORRIS, Auctioneer**

**Wanted Chickens**

We will load another car of Chickens in

**SPUR, TEXAS**  
Tuesday and Wednesday  
**FEB. 3-4, 1925**

And will pay the following Prices:

Hens, 4 lbs. and over, per lb. . . . . 17c  
Leghorns and Light Hens, per lb. . . . . 14c  
Spring, under 2½, per lb. . . . . 20c  
Spring, over 2½, per lb. . . . . 14c  
Cox, per lb. . . . . 5c  
Turkeys, per lb. . . . . 20c

So bring your chickens and tell all your neighbors to bring theirs, and sell them while the Price is High!

**SPUR PRODUCE COMPANY**  
These Prices Good Only on Above Dates!



THE TEXAS SPUR

ORAN McCLURE, Publisher

Entered as second class matter on November 12, 1909, at the postoffice at Spur, Texas, under the Act of March 3rd, 1879.

PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY  
Subscription Price, \$1.50 Per Year

**SAMPLE OF SUNNY SQUIBBLES**

The girls can't claim this winter that they are prevented from doing housework by their long and entangling skirts.

Complained that President Coolidge keeps his mouth shut too much. Anyway he has to open it for breakfast, dinner and supper.

The day of hand work is said to be passing, fortunately for those kids next door who need a spanking.

Many political bombshells are proving to be dud. Even gas may get so thin that it won't explode.

It is announced that there are 25,000 poets in this country, which ought to encourage the makers of wastebaskets.

The idealists are often nominated by the politicians for offices to which they stand no chance of getting elected.

The electoral college will have to organize a football team if it wants to get as much newspaper space as the other colleges.

The boy are wonderfully polite in rising from their seats whenever a pretty girl comes in.

The girls who look as if they worked in a flour mill may simply have been using the powderpuff.

Formerly, the students used to walk five to ten miles a day to get an education. Now they run that amount so as to get on the track team.

Some impecunious people feel that they take no risk in buying an automobile on borrowed money.

**THE CROSS WORD PUZZLES**

If you introduce some mental test at an evening party, some people will groan audibly, reluctant to set their indolent minds to work.

Yet many of these same folks have been recently poking their heads in to dictionaries with eager inquiry, trying to fill those tantalizing cross word squares with their own intelligence.

Some people assert that such mental exercises has little educational value. Knowledge of words is of little use, they insist, until one learns how to handle them well.

Other have so much admiration for words as civilization's most finished and powerful tool, that they like to see people working over them.

Take the simplest word, and ask how that particular combination of vocal sounds and letters ever came to mean certain ideas? Who decided that the four letters, d, e, a, r, stand for sounds meaning affection, while those letters and sounds rearranged spell "read", an entirely different idea?

Who created the 10,000 and words with which our great dictionaries are bulging? The more you study words the more you respect them, the more you want to see them kindly handled, and not jostled and bruised by wrong pronunciations and applications.

When a boy is given a fine set of mechanical tools, he first admires and plays with them as if they were mere toys. Thereby he is incited to learn their uses according to the several purposes for which they were intended, until he can cut, hammer, and finish them with skilful touch.

So perhaps it may be with many of our cross word puzzles here in Spur. After they have played out their little game, they may feel incited to go on and learn more about these wonderful tools of the higher civilization, so as to use them more deftly for their own advancement and for community progress.

**EVERY DAY AFFAIRS**

Ed Howe says the best thing that can happen to a town is a mean lot of bankers. He explains that bankers who are careful of their loans are called mean by folks who do not get loans. Towns with mean bankers do not have railed banks.

Tom O'Donnell, president of the American Petroleum Institute, was talking about oil scandal gossip and advertising the industry to tell the people about its business. He said: "I am accused of talking too much and always spilling the beans. But I never could see the good of keeping still about things that are in the minds of the people all the time."

Texas is big enough to occupy most of the white spot on the map indicating good business. Natural conditions have something to do with keeping Texas in the spot. But it may be that the level-headed attitude of Texas business men is also a factor.

A member of congress has evolved the idea that the only way to keep legislative bodies from wasting money is to keep the treasury bare. He would fix up a taxing scheme that would automatically reduce taxes when the treasury showed a surplus.

It just about got to the point in this country that when a member of a trade group arises to suggest asking the government to intervene to adjust a situation he loses his audience.

The American Telephone and Telegraph Company has 340,000 stockholders. It is so largely owned by the people who use its services that its public relations job has come to be the education of the people so that they will demand that the com-

pany be allowed to earn adequate rates so that it can meet all charges necessary in providing adequate service.

**PREDICTS 1925 THE DRIEST YEAR WORLD HAS KNOWN**

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.

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

Experts have spent three years studying the relation of the phenomenon with the fall of rain.

**PNEUMONIA SHOULD BE PLACED UNDER QUARANTINE**

"Pneumonia is a communicable disease, being both infectious and contagious, and all precautionary measures, including quarantine, should be used in the treatment of cases of this disease, as with scarlet fever and diphtheria," states Dr. Malone Duggan, State Health Officer.

Fatalities from pneumonia are more than from any other of the prevalent diseases and attacks of this disease should be carefully guarded against," further states Dr. Duggan. Statistics show that more than 100,000 people died in the registration area of the United States during 1923, with the death rate from pneumonia being in some cases as high as 60 per cent of all cases reported.

**FALLS COUNTY GETS MODEL HEALTH UNIT**

Announcement has been made by Dr. Malone Duggan, State Health Officer, that Falls County will have a model whole time health unit during 1925, and the work there will demonstrate the possibilities for health work in other counties. The staff of health workers will include a full time county health officer, public health nurse, sanitary inspector and secretary. Dr. H. H. Martin, supervisor of county and city health officers, is in Marlin to assist in getting the work started.

**WHERE DID YOU GET THAT DISEASE GERM?**

If there has been a case of diphtheria, typhoid fever, septic sore throat or similar disease in your family and you are unable to trace it to direct contact, look for what science calls a "carrier." This is a human being who unwittingly carries the disease germs in his body, distributing them through his excreta. Carriers of typhoid organisms, tuberculosis and diphtheria germs, etc., may be employed as milkers in a dairy or if there is a case of the disease in the disease in the dairyman's home his handling of the milk may cause a spread of the disease. In this way whole towns have been visited with the scourge of disease—literally following the trail of the milk wagon.

For this reason pasteurized milk is the safest milk obtainable, because germs are killed in the process. But clean milk can be produced by careful handling and there cannot be too great protection to our milk supply. It is so important as a food that strictest attention should be paid to the quality, production, handling, shipping and final distribution.

**'YOU MAY BE GOVERNOR,' MA TELLS SCHOOL GIRLS**

Austin, Jan. 23.—Governor Miriam A. Ferguson told a party of grammar school girls who called her yesterday not to despair as they one day might become Governor of a State, just like she has.

"You're a lot better looking than I was when I was your age, and you have much better opportunities," said Mrs. Ferguson. "Don't be discouraged; you may become Governor some day."

**THOSE JANUARY BILLS**

Some of the folks who have been getting January 1 bills do not see why their creditors should throw away all this good paper stock. Of course they mean to pay 'sometime', a date which is some distance away in many cases.

Meanwhile their wastebaskets are handy and capacious. Modern psychology says that anxiety is harmful and even sinful, so a certain proportion of debtors decide to let their creditors do the worrying.

As long as many people take that point of view, business men will have to add charges to their goods sufficient to cover bad debts and interest on slow accounts. Many people who complain of high prices, do something themselves to make prices high by their slow pay habits. When people pay the grocer, he can pay the bills he owes to the farmer, who can settle up with the dry goods man, etc etc. By the time those dollars have gone the rounds, a number of different concerns have thereby been enabled to order more merchandise or employ more help and business has brightened up all around.

**POSTAL BILL SECTION APPROVED BY SENATE**

Washington, Jan. 23.—The Senate voted Friday, 50 to 29, against striking out the rate section of the administration postal pay and rate increase bill.

**PNEUMONIA A SEASONAL DISEASE**

Pneumonia is a seasonal disease with the morbidity increasing with the beginning of the wet and cold season, and with the mortality in cities being 50 per cent higher than in country communities. Pneumonia attacks are more frequent following attacks of other diseases which have lowered bodily resistance to infection, such as measles, whooping cough, influenza, and scarlet fever. Predisposing causes are exposure, fatigue, over-work, bad housing, bad ventilation, loss of sleep and insufficient nourishment.

Man is the source of pneumonia infection and the people must be educated to the fact. The old popular belief that this disease is not contagious is incorrect. Epidemics of pneumonia in families and communities will continue until everyone begins to think of pneumonia as he thinks of whooping cough and measles, that is—as an infection that is spread from man to man through the secretions of the mouth and nose. Any patient having pneumonia should be isolated to prevent the spread to others of this malady. This is best done by quarantine as in cases of other highly infectious diseases. Take no chances. Keep yourself physically fit and use precautionary measures in avoiding attacks from communicable diseases.

**PROGRESS IN THE SCHOOLS**

Parents who desire their children to make more rapid progress in the schools, might well ask themselves the following questions: 1. Have we become personally acquainted with our children's teachers? A few kindly attentions give quite a lift to a teacher who is struggling with a roomful of restless youngsters. Sometimes she can tell the home folks things they need to know about their angelic offspring.

2. Are we co-operating with school discipline? Do we frequently let the children stay up late at night, thus depleting their energy? Do we encourage the children to think they are severely or unfairly treated, and thus incite them to an attitude of resistance?

Many other questions could be asked. Remember that you can't turn children over to the schools to have their heads filled with knowledge, as you turn them over to the dentist to have their teeth filled with gold. Education calls for ambition on the part of pupils, and the homes have to help create that sentiment.

**UNITED ACTION**

The rural wisecracks who used in former years to gather around the grocery store and discuss politics, never seemed to influence legislation much. They had no system for making their ideas influential.

But if you take the same elements of people and form some kind of an association for Country Town improvement, they will gain power. Their opinion is accepted as the voice of an important section of the Community.

The greatly increased influence which the country towns and rural people have been gaining in politics of late, has come because these folks have organized, and have found ways to express their convictions. And our people must join and take an interest in such organizations, if their ideas are to obtain influence.

**GOOD NEIGHBORS**

The country town folks may be awfully busy with the mountains of work that they pile up for themselves, but somehow when Uncle Hiram or Neighbor Smith is laid up with that pesky rheumatiz, they manage to squeeze out half a day to saw up his wood or get in his corn.

Many folks who move off to cities where their next door neighbors don't know their names, miss that old friendliness in the icy atmosphere into which they have dropped.

**A STORY WITH A GOOD MORAL**

This story related by a farmer points a moral. A tramp came to a farm house at the close of the day and asked to stay all night and to be fed. The farmer, out of the goodness of his heart, took him in. The following morning the tramp took a purse from his pocket and exposed some cotton seed which he told the farmer were very extraordinary seed and as he had no money with which to pay for his keep he wanted him to take the seed, plant them and give them special cultivation, and he would be amply repaid by the result.

The farmer did as told and had fine results, and kept on producing good cotton and good seed from the original few. A few years later the same tramp now a prosperous man, again came his way and called on the farmer and told him he wanted to pay him for the night's lodging he had beat him out of several years before. But the farmer insisted that he had been paid. And then the tramp told him the seed he gave him were some he picked up at his gin just before coming to his house on that first visit. The moral is if you try you can get results and a little confidence and effort will accomplish wonders.—Exchange.

The average age of convicts is much younger than formerly, it is said. That's probably due to the superior advantages enjoyed by the present generation.

**5 1/2 Per Cent FEDERAL FARM LOANS 35 YEARS TIME**  
\$25.00 or up can be paid any time—Make your own terms.  
Over one hundred million loaned to Texas Farmers.  
S. L. DAVIS

**COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT**

Communicable diseases were reported to the Surgeon General of the U. S. Public Health Service by Dr. Malone Duggan, State Health Officer, as follows; for week ending December 28:

Chickenpox 103, dengue 16, diphtheria 27, dysentery 151, influenza fever 23, smallpox 11 tetanus 1, 239, measles 96, meningitis 1, mumps 98, ophthalmia neonatorum 2, pellagra 5, pneumonia 22, scarlet typhoid fever 15, para-typhoid 5, tuberculosis 11, and whooping cough 19.

**TWO SPOTS**

Not many city folks are willing to be dirt farmers, but their children are all willing to be real dirt kids. Some people claim that advertising is not read, but if anyone's initials are printed wrong in the newspaper the editor is sure to hear about it.

Some of these home town knockers should take a real hammer, and do some knocking with the head thereof on their buildings that need repairing.

**GIRL LEAPS INTO ICY LAKE AND SAVES DOG**

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 23.—Rather than see her pet dog drown, Miss Blanche Beland, society girl of Guthrie plunged into the icy waters of the Country Club Lake east of the city Wednesday afternoon and rescued him.

The animal had ventured out on the thin ice which gave way and, prevented from swimming by the ice he was about to drown when his mistress, finding no help in sight, divested herself of her outer clothes and plunged in and swam to his assistance, and is none the worse for the adventure.

**HEAD OF CLUB WOMEN SEES NEW GOVERNOR**

Austin, Jan. 23.—Mrs. A. W. White of New York, president of the National Federation of Women's Clubs, had a conference with Governor Miriam A. Ferguson and brought greetings from the women of the country to the first woman Governor of Texas.

A special message was brought by Mrs. White from Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, nationally known club woman.

**BANK GUARANTY LAW ATTACKED BY BILL**

Austin, Jan. 23.—The state bank guaranty law is knocked out by a bill presented in the Senate this morning by Senator T. J. Holbrook of Galveston, the terms of the measure permitting all banks and trust companies to avail themselves of the guaranty law at their option. The present law is declared to have worked a hardship upon the state banks. Supporters of the bill say that it will so operate that few banks will care to go into the guaranty plan. Private, as well as national banks are included in the proposed act.

**HOUSE PASSES STATE DEPARTMENT MERGER BILL**

Austin, Texas, Jan. 23.—The House acted on its first important measure Friday afternoon, when it engrossed and finally passed the Veatch bill consolidating the warehouse and marketing and the weights and measures departments with the department of agriculture. The bill went through without material opposition. Representative John H. Veatch of Joshua, Johnson County, author of the measure, explained it briefly. An annual saving of from \$30,000 to \$35,000 will be effected, he said. The same bill was passed by the House in the Thirty-Eighth Legislature, but failed in the Senate.

**30 CENT COTTON \$20.00 LAND**

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 \$5 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

**W. A. SoRELLE**  
General Agent for the Spearman Lands, 18 Santa Fe Bldg., Seagraves, Gaines County, Texas, for descriptive literature, giving prices of land terms, etc. 42-tf

**MAN WHO AIDED BERGDOLL TO ESCAPE SURRENDERS**

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 23.—Eugene Stecker, also known as Ike Stecker, who aided Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, millionaire draft dodger, to escape from his mother's home here in 1920, surrendered Friday to Government officials in the Federal Building. He said he left Bergdoll in Germany. Stecker is held under \$10,000 bail for trial on charges of aiding in Bergdoll's escape and of harboring a fugitive from justice. He told officials his hair had turned gray from worry.

Unable to obtain bail, Stecker was taken to Moyamensing, the Philadelphia county prison.

**MAXWELL & HARRISON CONTRACTORS**

**MAXWELL & HARRISON CONTRACTORS**  
No job too small or too big. Estimates furnished on brick, cement or on wood construction. Phone Tri-Co. Lbr. Co.

**EAT YOUR MEALS OR LUNCH AT THE HIGHWAY CAFE**  
And You'll Always be Happy And Contented!

**BILBERRY & BILBERRY, Draymen**  
Hauling of all Kinds  
PHONE 196  
SPUR, TEXAS

**SMITH & CLAYTON PLUMBERS**  
Estimates Cheerfully Furnished  
PHONE 259

**RED PEP'S PHILOSOPHY**  
**PARDONABLE CONCEIT**  
You might be pardoned if you felt a little conceit in showing some of our Community Silverware on your table. Fascinating articles in standard patterns.  
**GRUBEN BROS. JEWELER & OPTOMETRIST**  
"Where Quality and Service Count, I Win."  
The Eagle stamped on the dollar is the most migratory of birds!

**TWO CARS OF NIGGER HEAD COAL**  
Expected to Arrive Next Week!  
Leave your order to be filled direct from the car  
**TRI-COUNTY LUMBER COMPANY**



## SPRING IS COMING

Spring will soon be here, and what could be more in keeping with the happy, fresh spirit of this season than the bright, colorful materials shown this spring? We are receiving shipments of these new materials each week in—

**SPORT FLANNELS, BROADCLOTHS  
FANCY LINENS AND FAST-COLOR  
FABRICS IN VERY FULL LINES!!**

We invite you to come in and see our lines before buying your Spring Wardrobe

*In Our Ladies Ready-to-Wear Department*

**WE HAVE THE NEW STYLES OF  
HATS AND DRESSES, AND SPRING  
WRAPS, NOW ARRIVING DAILY!!**

See us for the New Numbers in Ladies Novelty Shoes. We sell the Star Brand Shoes—The guaranteed shoes!

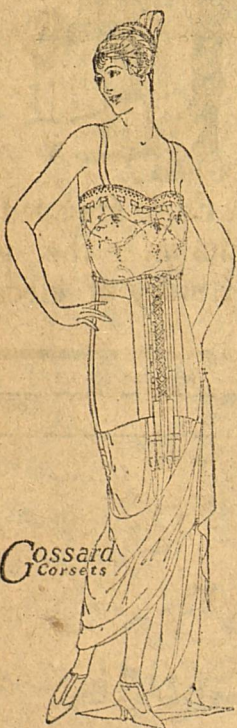
**C. HOGAN & COMPANY**

### Confidence!

The generous and liberal patronage extended this store, during the few short months in business has been built through confidence in our efforts to sell quality goods at honest prices. January is rushing to a close and February will soon be with us and we are ample prepared to take care of your wants this month and throughout the year.

### Footwear Economies!

Preparation for receipt of the new spring lines of Footwear makes it absolutely necessary that we close out all odd lots of winter Footwear. Some amazing values are featured in this line.



Gossard Corsets and Reducing Girdles

LADIES WILL BE INTERESTED IN OUR SPLENDID SHOWINGS IN THESE LINES

Prices Attractive!

### New Spring Arrivals!

Beautiful and lovely is our recent Spring arrivals of Ladies Ready-to-Wear To see this line is to appreciate the latest offerings in Dame Fashions edict amazingly priced. Throughout the Store a sensational reduction season end items for the entire family. Look up when in Spur we assure you that the isit will be appreciated.

**C. R. EDWARDS & CO.**  
The Store of Honest Values

**P. AND S. CLUB MEETS**  
The P. and S. Club met Wednesday afternoon with a goodly number present. Everyone enjoyed the lesson led by our most worthy president.—Reporter.

**Help Spur Grow**  
W. F. Shugart, of east of Spur, was among the business visitors on the streets Tuesday of this week.

**Help Spur Grow**  
L. C. Davis, was over from Roar-friends. He reports things coming nicely in his portion of the country.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Clarence Ellis and family are moving this week to Lubbock where they will make their home.

**Help Spur Grow**  
R. F. Rogers, of Dry Lake, was mixing with the crowds on the streets Tuesday.

**Help Spur Grow**  
A. J. Richey, of Croton, was a business visitor in town Wednesday.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Mrs. G. R. Elkins visited friends in Lubbock Sunday.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Mrs. W. L. Hyatt is now in the Nichols Sanitarium for an operation which will probably be performed the latter part of this week.

**Help Spur Grow**  
P. H. Miller is in Spur this week. He has been spending much of his time lately in Kent and Stonewall counties.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Lee Payne met us on the street Wednesday and insisted that we accept his check for the "weekly booster."

**Help Spur Grow**  
H. C. Parsons, of west of Spur, was among the number of business visitors here Wednesday of this week.

## Stops Asthma

or You Pay Nothing

So confident is C. LEAVENGOOD, DRUG-GIST, 700 S. W. BLDG., HOUSTON, TEX., that his Leaven's Prescription will quickly rid you of cough, wheezing, sneezing, and other asthma symptoms, that he will mail post-paid without you sending him one cent, a regular sized treatment for you to try FREE. This is the same treatment that over 200,000 have used. Mr. Leavengood guarantees it will rid you of asthma to your entire satisfaction or you need not pay him one penny for this ten day treatment. Write him today and make this free test at his risk.

If You Think  
THE TEXAS SPUR  
is newsy, and  
WORTH THE  
PRICE

Tell Your Neighbor and  
Let Him Read it too!

We give you the news,  
and want to send the  
paper into every home!  
Help us to this end, and  
we will help you later.

## SUBSCRIPTION BARGAIN OFFER FOR FEBRUARY

As a Special Subscription Offer to get More Texas Spur Readers, and at the same time furnish a variety of good, wholesome, interesting and beneficial reading

**WORTH THREE TIME THE MONEY!**

We are making the following combination offer for the month of February only. We will mail you for one year the following seen periodicals:

THE TEXAS SPUR  
DALLAS SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS  
PEOPLE'S POPULAR MONTHLY  
MOTHER'S HOME LIFE  
HEARTH AND HOME  
GENTLEWOMAN, and  
THE DAIRY FARMER

These seen periodicals cover a wide range of useful reading matter, including local and national news, and information on subjects of material interest and benefit

ALL FOR THE SMALL SUM OF

**\$2.70**

*If Taken Within Thirty Days!*

## World's Greatest Automobile Buy

Everybody Says It—Sales Prove It

**Hudson Leads Because**

**Note These Prices**

They are below all comparison

**HUDSON**

on the famous Super-Six

**COACH...\$1345**

**SEDAN (5 Pass.) 1795**

**SEDAN (7 Pass.) 1895**

Freight and Tax Extra

It gives greatest value for the money. It undersells all rivals because the world's largest volume of six-cylinder closed cars gives greater cost advantages.

Its motor is the famous Super-Six which Hudson patented and exclusively holds.

Comparison further shows what everybody says and what sales prove.

**The World's  
Greatest Buy**

**SPUR HUDSON-ESSEX AGENCY**



# BIG AFTER INVENTORY SALE!

After Our Annual Inventory We Find That We are Overstocked on Dressers, Kitchen Cabinets and Living Room Suits, and in order to Move These Goods and Make Room, We are Going to Make You a Discount of 20 Per Cent, Starting January 21st, and Ending February 1st, on all Dressers, all Kitchen Cabinets and all Living Room Suits.

**DONT MISS THIS UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY.**

**SPUR HARDWARE AND FURNITURE CO.**

"SPUR'S OLDEST STORE"

Miss Lera Harris returned this week from an extended visit with young lady friends in Falls.

County Tax Assessor J. M. Kelley, of Kent county, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of the week.

**PANHANDLE FARMERS WANT TO MAKE CARBON BLACK**

Amarillo, Texas, Jan. 23.—Fifty Panhandle landowners from Hutchinson, Roberts, Gray, Wheeler, Potter, Carson and Moore Counties held a conference in Amarillo Thursday to discuss the possibilities of manufacturing carbon black.

A committee was named to go to Austin to urge passage of a law to permit such an industry. The proponents contend that casing-head gasoline will be extracted before the burning process and that the purpose is to use gas that otherwise might be wasted. Frank Paul of Panhandle is chairman of the meeting.

**MIDWAY CLUB ELECTS NEW OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR**

The Midway Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday, January 20th, with eight present. Our Home Demonstration Agent, Mrs. Hollingsworth was in Fort Worth attending District Meeting so we did not have a demonstration. We had a business meeting and elected officers for the ensuing year.

Mrs. W. C. Cantrell was elected president; Mrs. E. D. Horn, vice president; Mrs. Grace Harvey, club leader and secretary; Mrs. C. T. Burns, assistant secretary; Mrs. L. K. Pettigrew, Treasurer; Mrs. G. W. Bennett, Reporter.

**QUADRUPLETS ARE BORN IN N. Y.; ALL MAY LIVE**

New York, Jan. 23.—Mrs. John Kelly of Brooklyn Friday gave birth to four babies—two boys and two girls. The heaviest of the infants weighed three pounds, while the lightest, weighed two and a half pounds.

Three were strong and healthy, doubtful, although it was thought its life could be saved. Mrs. Kelly is doing well.

**CHRISTIAN BEHEADED, REFUSE TO GROW OPIUM**

Shanghai, Jan. 23.—A prominent missionary today informed a Reuters correspondent that the military authorities in the province of Fukien had beheaded 200 Christian Chinese farmers because they refused to grow opium.

The missionary added that although the Chinese officials were compelling the farmers to cultivate opium, 1,500 Christian families had refused to obey the orders and that the executions followed.

**Spur Red Cross Nutrition Worker Advises The Eating of More Fruits for Health**

Fruit is one of the best tonics in the world. We would need far less medicine if we used enough fruit.

Why eat fruit?  
1. It has iron to build red blood.  
2. It has bulk to prevent constipation.

3. It has an abundance of vitamins to keep us in good general health.  
4. It gives us energy.

How often should we eat fruit? Have two fruits every day, if possible, never have less than one a day. Breakfast is a good time for one fruit. An orange the first thing in the morning will stimulate the appetite. In fact, an orange a day has helped many an underweight child to gain.

The other fruit may well be served as dessert at dinner or supper. It is far better for both children and adults than rich cakes and pies. However, there is no set time for fruit. It is one of the few things that may be given in between meals. Any time is "Fruit time."

What kind of fruit shall we use? Any kind, except it is not well to use many bananas. Children under six should never be given bananas. Older ones may have them occasionally if they are really ripe. If baked they are more digestible than if eaten raw. But, as a fruit, bananas do not count; they do not have the nutritive value of other fruits.

Fresh fruits are best. Of course we have to be careful about giving little children many berries, for the seed make them hard on the digestive organs. With this exception, it is almost impossible to give children too much ripe, sound fruit. They thrive on it.

When you cannot get fresh fruit, use canned or dried fruit. When you cannot get oranges, remember that canned tomatoes are about as good for you. Dried fruits, like prunes, raisins, figs, dates and apricots are rich in iron, and should be used freely. Try putting some raisins or dates into your cereals few minutes before you take it up, and see how good oatmeal can be.

The old adage says "An apple a day keeps the doctor away." Of course it is not entirely true. But it is true that a liberal use of fruits will help keep you healthy.

You can begin giving fruit juices to the little baby. Orange juice should be given to the baby when he is four months old. Begin by giving a few drops diluted with a little boiled cooled water. Gradually give more and more, until by a year he is getting the juice of a medium sized whole orange. Strained prune pulp and apple sauce may be given to the 8 or 9 months old baby. Do not give raw fruit to the children under 3 or 4 years; scraped raw apple is an exception. Even after this age, raw fruit must be cut up finely and given in small amounts.

Professor Happy says: "Prune Yourself."  
"The \$5 gold pieces in Healthland are made of sliced oranges."  
"Eat fruit and fruit juices. You need pep, not pop."

**RECITAL AT DICKENS**

Miss Babe, will present her music and expression pupils in a recital Friday night, January 31, at Dickens High school auditorium. No charge for admission. Everybody welcome.

**W. H. Taylor, of the Duck Creek country, was among the number in the city the past week. Will Taylor is one of the most expert traders in the country. He can trade any old thing in any old way, and then come out with a good face if not a profit in the transaction. He once traded us a horse or mule for subscriptions to this paper, then later purchased the animal and resold it for a good profit. We used to be "some trader", but we take our hat off to Will Taylor.**

**Eli W. Basham, of Roaring Springs, was in the business center of Dickens county Saturday, and while here called at the Texas Spur office and had us shove his name up another notch on our subscription list. He recently sold his holdings at Afton, of which community he has been a citizen for the past several years made many friends who regrets his migrating to other climes but wish him success in his new home.**

**A GOOD BREAKFAST FOR THE SCHOOL CHILD**

A child should never be permitted to omit his breakfast if he is expected to have good health. What shall the mother feed her growing children for breakfast? That is easy to answer.

First of all every child should have whole fresh milk. This must not be omitted. It supplies the building materials necessary to make flesh and muscles, bones, teeth. It also gives energy and supplies some of those substances which keep a child healthy and make him grow—vitamins. If the child prefers, he may take his milk in the form of cocoa. Tea and coffee should never be permitted.

Second, fruit either fresh or stewed, should be included in every breakfast if possible. Fresh fruit is not luxurp when one considers how greatly it adds to the health value of the meal. Half an orange, a baked or fresh apple, apple sauce, stewed figs, raisins or prunes, grapefruit, baked pears, are all good for children—and adults, too.

Third, a serving of a good cereal. Some of the best are: oatmeal, ground whole wheat, mush made from whole cornmeal, Ralston's, Pettijohn's, wheatena, shredded wheat, bran flakes. For variety, serve them with raisins, figs, dates, or other fruits. Then you can get your fruit and your cereal in one dish.

Fourth, bread and butter. The bread may be varied, as there is bran, cornbread, whole wheat, white, graham and rye from which to choose. Serve it plain or toasted. For older children bran or graham muffins add variety. When choosing your bread, remember the darker coarser breads will do more to meet the needs of your body.

An example of a school child's breakfast:

Orange  
Oatmeal with milk. Use very little sugar or none at all.  
Whole wheat bread toasted.  
Milk—1 glass or more.  
A soft cooked egg, if desired.

Allow the child to drink water with his meals provided he chews his food thoroughly and drinks his milk, as few children get enough water.

The mother should see that each child has enough time in which to eat properly. He must not be allowed to swallow his food in large mouthfuls, but must eat slowly. A definite amount of time should be given to the meal and children should be taught to take their time for this purpose. It should be a pleasant occasion and enjoyed by the children. Another matter of importance is teaching the child to eat the right kinds of food. He should not be consulted as to what he wishes. He is not capable of judging. He should be taught to eat what is served him.

Whole Wheat or Graham Muffins:  
1 cup whole wheat or graham flour  
1 cup white flour  
1-2 level teaspoon salt  
4 level teaspoons baking powder  
2 tablespoons brown sugar  
1 cup sweet milk  
1 egg  
2 tablespoons melted shortening  
1-2 cup chopped raisins (may be omitted)  
Mix dry ingredients, add milk; then add beaten egg. Lastly add raisins, and melted shortening. Bake in greased muffin pans 20 or 30 minutes in a moderate oven.

Cocoa:  
1 level teaspoon cocoa  
1 level teaspoon sugar  
About 1-3 cup water  
Mix these and boil 5 minutes or so. Add 1 cup of milk, heat and serve.

For adults it may be made stronger, but for children it is best made this way.

**Help Spur Grow—**

Miss Dollie Elliott, who is attending school in Amarillo, was called home the past week on account of the serious illness of her sister, Miss Isabel Elliott, who is now at the Nichols Sanitarium suffering of pneumonia.

**PARTY RESPONSIBILITY**

The issue of economy in public affairs brought President Coolidge more vote from all parties than all the other issues combined.

Coolidge has courageously vetoed supposedly popular appropriation bills amounting to billions of dollars which were demanded at the hands of powerful organizations, largely within his own party. But in spite of this, his honest and sincere demand for economy won him the immense popular vote.

Will the administration in power for the next four years heed this warning from the people who voted for Coolidge, as well as about 5,000,000 voters who cast their ballots for the hrd Party, doubting both the old parties?

The need for economy and tax reduction in state and national affairs is uppermost in the minds of the people and unless the two old parties recognize this vital issue they will have serious trouble in 1928.

Consider a few facts: According to Senator Borah, in Scribner's Magazine for January, in 1913, the state and federal tax bill was \$2,104,000,000 and eight years later this bill was \$7,061,000,000. In 1913, 6.4 per cent of the national income went for taxes and in 1922 we were taking 12.1 per cent. In 1924, taxes were 12.50 per capita and in 1923 they were \$68.00 per capita.

In the past ten years, state taxes increased from 100 to 350 per cent; and the farmer's tax bill, compared to his income, amounted to 13.5 per cent of his net income. On top of this, the farmer and livestock man saw railroad taxes increase from \$272 per mile in 1902 to \$1,241 per mile in 1922.—Ex.

**Help Spur Grow—**

We last week received a letter from T. T. Clark, who recently moved from near McAdoo to Rogers, New Mexico, requesting that we hereafter mail him the Texas Spur to his new address, adding further that since rabbits got scarce around McAdoo he had moved to New Mexico where they were easier to catch and since his removal he had been enjoying good, fresh meat. We are mailing him the Spur paper, will keep him informed of the principal happenings of this section, and we assure Mr. Clark that when the rabbits begin to get scarce out there in New Mexico that provision can be made for back in old Dickens county, and the Texas Spur not only stands ready and willing, but "expectant" in reference to welcoming him back after a time—because they all come back sooner or later. A change of meats may be wholesome and inviting for a time, but the flavor of that produced in Dickens county lingers and can never be entirely forgotten.

**Help Spur Grow—**

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bennett and son, Ralph, were business visitors in Spur Saturday. They are wide awake citizens of the Midway community and are active and alive to the needs of that portion of Dickens county. Behind any movement that has for its object to make this a better place to live. Such citizens as these are the backbone of any country. We don't say it boastfully, but Dickens county leads in citizenship of this kind.

**Help Spur Grow—**

B. F. Davis, of near Spur, dropped in at the Texas Spur office one day the past week and had his name added to the growing list of Texas Spur readers. Mr. Davis stated that he had been reading the Spur paper all along, but that now, since he had moved to a new location where it was inconvenient to "read the other fellows paper" he wanted it mailed to him. We are certainly proud of our subscription list, and the great number of new names being added a subscription campaign or a solicitor in the field. The fact is that to the list, voluntarily and without more than one hundred and fifty new names have been added to the regular mailing list during the months of December and January. We want to send the Texas Spur into every home of the country, and appreciate every name being added at this time.

**Help Spur Grow—**

Tim Stovall spent last week in Spur visiting with his brother, Roy Stovall and family. Tim Stovall is a linotype operator, employed on the Lubbock Avalanche, being laid off now because of injuries, having to get about on crutches. While here he was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

**BIDS FOR COUNTY DEPOSITORY**

State of Texas, County of Dickens.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for County depository for County and School funds will be received up to 1 o'clock on February 9, A. D. 1925, from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in Dickens County, Texas. Bids shall be sealed and delivered to the County Judge, and shall state the rate of interest that said banking corporation, association or individual banker offers to pay on the funds of the County and School districts for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular time for the selection of a depository. Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for \$1500, as a guarantee of the good faith on the part of the bidder, and that, if his bid shall be accepted, he will enter into the bond as required by law; and upon the failure of the banking corporation, association or individual banker in said County that may be selected as such depository to give said bond, then the amount of such certified check shall go to the County as liquidated damages.

H. A. C. BRUMMETT,  
County Judge, Dickens County Texas.

**Help Spur Grow—**

Mrs. and Mrs. Mayfield and children, of Jayton, spent Sunday in Spur the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Maples.

**DISTINCTION**

THIS MEANS YOU  
If your clothes are nicely cleaned, pressed and repaired, you'll always look distinguished and feel better.

Try Us—We'll Suit You  
**SPUR TAILOR SHOP**

**Professional Cards**

**B. G. WORSWICK**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
Practice in District and Higher Courts, County Attorney's Office

**LICENSED EMBALMER**  
At Spur Hardware & Furniture Co.  
Spur, Texas  
SPUR, TEXAS

**W. E. LESSING**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
Practice in All Courts Office Over Spur National Bank

**W. D. WILSON**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
General Practice  
Office Over Spur National Bank

**J. E. MORRIS**  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
Diseases of Women and Children a Specialty. Office at Red Front.  
SPUR, TEXAS

**DR. P. C. NICHOLS**  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
Office Phone 158 Residence 167  
Office Nichols Sanitarium. Spur

**DR. M. H. BRANNEN**  
DENTIST  
Office Over Spur National Bank  
SPUR, TEXAS

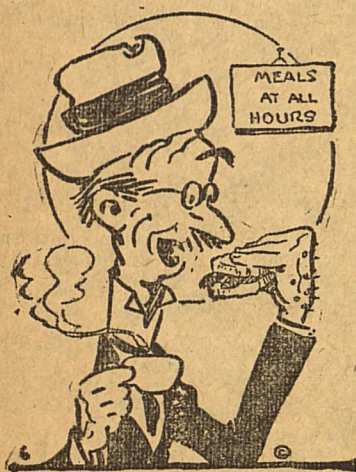
**DR. D. H. ZACHRY**  
DENTIST  
Dr. Brasher's Old Office  
SPUR, TEXAS

**CONKLIN & MOORE**  
CHIROPRACTORS  
Spur, Dickens, Afton  
Office Over Spur National Bank

**T. H. BLACKWELL**  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
Office in Wendell Bldg. Phone 25  
SPUR, TEXAS  
Phone 25

**H. L. DUVAL**  
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON  
Office in Reynolds Bldg. Res. Dr.  
Hale Place, DICKENS, TEXAS

**YOU TELL 'EM**



A dog fills an empty space in a man's life—especially a hot dog!

**YOUR EVERY WANT IN CHOICEST MEATS**

will find fulfillment here at a big saving in prices.

**CENTRAL MARKET**

*The Old Reliable*  
**Dr. BELL'S**  
**PINE-TAR HONEY FOR COUGHS**

FOR quick, sure cough relief there is nothing like the pine-tar and honey, which our parents and grandparents relied on. But be sure you get the genuine Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar Honey, the original compound which has been used in thousands of families for years. It has had many imitators, but still remains the best. Often stops a bad cough in 24 hours. Perfectly safe for children as well as grown-ups. Insist on Dr. Bell's and no other. Only 30c at any good druggist's.

*Quick and Sure*

**A New Drive-In Filling Station!!**  
**At Dickens, Texas**  
(LOCATED S. W. CORNER OF COURT HOUSE SQUARE)  
Let us Serve You in Gas, Oils, Etc.  
**LADIES REST ROOM**  
Service—Convenience—Accommodation



# New Department Now Open For Business

Our New Additional Building for Car Storage and Mechanical Department Has Just Been Completed and is Now Open to The Public and the Trade for Business!!

ALL KINDS OF CAR REPAIRING PROMPTLY DONE  
Bring Your Cars to Us for Storage or for Repairs by an Expert Mechanic!!

SUNSHINE



SERVICE



STATION

## CHINESE WARNED TO PROTECT FOREIGNERS

Pekin, Jan. 27.—Representatives of the powers today presented a note to the Foreign office emphasizing the Chinese government's responsibility for the protection of lives and property during the renewed fighting in the vicinity of Shanghai.

The note urgently requests the government to telegraph orders to the conflicting forces of Chi Hsieh-Yuan and Lu Yung-Hsiang that under no circumstances are the troops to be allowed within the neighborhood of foreign habitations.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**CLEVER PERFORMANCE**  
On last Friday evening the faculty assisted by three high school boys presented to a packed audience "The Path Across the Hill," a highly interesting and very pleasing play.

Miss Howard, the expression teacher coached the drama and artistically played Ruth's part, the leading role.

Ruth's grandfather, whom she supports, is very persistently courted by a neighboring grandmother. Mrs. R. B. Johnston, as the grandmother, certainly displayed real art in her performance. Grandpa was so real that we have been thinking of Jim Cloud ever since the show as an old man. After a while grand father is so thankful to grandmother for "proposing" to "that we hear wedding bells."

Ruth's wayward, carefree brother, Walt, has always been in love with Lettie, a little neighbor girl whose affection is more than returned. The bright lights of the city lure him away for awhile, but finally the girl and a revelation reform him. Mr. and Mrs. Doss were spen did as Walt and Lettie.

Our heroine has placed Dr. Jimmie Reed, a weak selfish character, on a pedestal. As her fiancé he unsuccessfully tries to make her forsake her family for him. However, when Ruth's rich, supercilious, city cousin comes for a visit she and her money wins the doctor. Miss Smith and Weldon Alexander very realistically portrayed these parts. Needless to say that such a wedding brought to the chief participants weeping and knocking of teeth.

Ruth takes her jilting quite valiantly though, because she in the meantime falling in love with Post their boarder and a very splendid man. Huland Robinson is in this role. It seems during much of the play that he is going to bring ruin to the leading characters, by making a certain revelation, but his love for Ruth restrains him. And in the end everyone is happy.

But some of the richest characters of all are Zuza, Ruth's colored maid and her "sweet man Salamander." Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, as "Zu" and "Sally" kept the audience roaring during most of the evening. Mr. Robinson in his representation of the dancing of three generations was a knockout.

Miss Sheridan also gave an interesting reading between acts.

## UNUSUAL MALADY ATTACKS GOVERNOR, CAN HARDLY TALK

Austin, Jan. 27.—An unusual malady has attacked Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, preventing her from leaving the executive mansion for the last two days, James E. Ferguson, her husband announced yesterday.

Her throat is so affected that she can scarcely talk, although she has no fever and apparently not even a cold. The physicians stated it is not a serious illness and that if she has rest for several days she will be out soon. The doctors had been unable to say just what the trouble is, Ferguson said.

Mrs. Ferguson ended the week of her inaugural in somewhat of a weakened condition, because of the heavy duties of being inducted into the governorship. She found it necessary to remain at rest her first Sunday after being Governor, and was unable to greet visitors who called at the mansion.

Yesterday she was little improved and was unable to come to the Governor's office.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**DIED**  
The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Elliott and family will learn with sorrow of the death of their daughter, Miss Isabelle, which occurred Wednesday at the Nichols Sanitarium after several days of suffering of pneumonia. The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, interment being made in Spur cemetery.

The Texas Spur joins the many warm friends of W. J. Elliott and family in extending heart felt sympathy in this hour of bereavement and sorrow.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**DIED**  
The little child of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, of near Spur, died Saturday of last week after a brief illness. The little remains being laid to rest Sunday in the Spur cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have the heart felt sympathy of friends in this hour of their sorrow and bereavement.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**A CARD OF THANKS**  
To our beloved friends and neighbors, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for their help and kindness shown us during the sickness and death of Baby Dale, our blessed baby son and brother.

May God's richest blessing rest on you all in our prayer.—Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rogers and children.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**GUNN-GADDY**  
Mr. C. T. Gunn and Miss Alta Gaddy, of Dickens County, were married by the Rev. M. S. Leveridge at the Methodist parsonage in Ralls Wednesday, January 21st.

These young people are of prominent Dickens County families. They intend to make their home at Crosbyton.—Ralls Banner.

**Help Spur Grow**  
W. B. Rutledge, of Dickens, was transacting business in Spur Tuesday of this week.

## PREDICTS HIGH WHEAT PRICES FOR NEXT HARVEST

J. C. Dixon, grain dealer, states that a high price is predicted for wheat by the time the next harvest comes. It is stated there are buyers willing to contract now July wheat for \$1.25. Mr. Dixon is of the opinion that wheat will be \$1.50 about that time.

An authority in Rome who has been studying the wheat condition of the world predicts a bread famine by the end of 1925 owing to the shortage of the crop this year.

It is stated by those who have been down state during the past fall that the wheat acreage for Texas is very much less than usual. The Plains section is the only part that has much of a wheat acreage. Here the acreage is larger than usual.

Mr. Dixon states that he is keeping a close check on the wheat and believes that no damage has been done by the recent freezes. He believes that with good moisture between now and spring that the yield will be good in the country.—Canyon News.

**Help Spur Grow**  
W. A. Kimmell and son last week made an extensive trip over the plains country, taking in most of the country from Spur to the border. He didn't tell us his business out there but since the plains is attracting lots of people at this time, we presume that he was looking around with a view of "finding something better" rather than in "following the crowds." However, we know that in reality nothing better in farming can be found anywhere than in the Spur country.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Mitt and Irvin Renfro are here now from Sonora where they went last year and engaged in the sheep business. They report the sheep business thriving and everything looking most promising in the Sonora country. They will remain here until the latter part of the week when they will return.

**Help Spur Grow**  
S. W. Stephenson, of near McAdoo, and his brother, V. W. Stephenson of Augusta, Arkansas, were pleasant callers the past week at the Texas Spur office. V. W. Stephenson and family just recently moved to the Spur country from Arkansas and will hereafter become permanently identified with the citizenship here. We are glad to welcome them to West Texas and wish them much prosperity.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Turner, of Girard, were shopping in Spur Thursday morning, and while in the city were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. Mr. and Mrs. Turner own a well improved home of forty acres adjoining the town of Girard, and which they desire to sell in order to purchase a larger farm home.

**Help Spur Grow**  
W. D. Wilson returned this week from Austin where he attended the inauguration of Mrs. Ferguson as governor. The largest crowd ever before in attendance upon an inauguration was in Austin to see the first woman take the oath of office.

## TRADING IN COTTON FUTURES

Dispatches from Austin have lately been bringing a large bulk of information concerning the controversy which has been excited by the Webb Cotton Futures Bill. But not much of it has shed light on what, to the minds of most of us, must seem to be the crucial questions in determining whether Mr. Webb's bill would, if enacted, give us a better law on the subject than the one we have.

Wherein the proposed and the existing law differ and wherein they are alike have not been shown. There are two ends to be served. One is to afford adequate facilities for hedging operations, which, in fact, are quite the antithesis, being insurance transactions in fact. We have no reason in morals or expedience for forbidding or interfering with such transactions. On the contrary, we have ample reason for facilitating them.

It is one of the crucial questions of this controversy whether Mr. Webb's bill would, if enacted, authorize better facilities for such operations than does the existing law, and on that question the information we have been getting has shed no light.

The other end to be served is the negative one of preventing what are known as bucketshop operators, at least to the extent that it is possible to do that without unduly interfering with hedging operations. Bucketshop operators are gambling operations; and while it is not demonstrable that they are detrimental also the interest of producers, they are at best probably worthless in the economic sense. They are socially harmful, which is ample reason for preventing them within the limits of practicability. On that second crucial question the information we have been getting is no less unilluminating. To be sure, we have had the assurance of the supporters of Mr. Webb's bill that it would open no new opportunity for bucketshop operations, and we have had the assurance of its opponents that it would, but the assurance, in both cases, is only the worthless assurance of assertion, and in the absence of citation and reasoning they will not aid one in trying to form an intelligent judgment of the merits of the pending measure.

Both hedging and bucketshop operations are now carried on, and have been ever since the present law was enacted. The proof that hedging operations are carried on is to be found in the fact that the cotton business is being carried on as freely as it was before the present law was enacted. And as to be the proof that bucketshop operations are also being carried on, we have the convincing testimony of the champions of the present law that it has not been faithfully enforced. They would have no ground to complain otherwise. The state of the facts seems to suggest that at least the existing law is not much of a hindrance to cotton merchants. But whether they owe their immunity, or their freedom, to the permission of the law or to the nonenforcement of it, appears to be somewhat questionable. At least there is a possibility that if it were enforced with the vigor and meticulousness demanded by its champions it would in preventing bucketshop operations also seriously interfere with hedging operations. Champions of the law put themselves in the untenable position both of asserting that the existing law is a demonstrated success and of complaining that it has not been enforced. Either the assertion cancels the complaint or the complaint cancels the assertion. There is at least a possibility that the law could not be enforced in the degree that they demand without bringing it into collision with Federal authority. Trading in futures can be done, and is, as a matter of interstate commerce, and the right to engage in interstate commerce might be bridged by such an enforcement of the existing law as would satisfy the demand of those who are opposing the Webb Bill.—Dallas News.

**Help Spur Grow**  
E. V. Arthur, of the Afton country, was among the business visitors in Spur this week. While here Mr. Arthur was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, having his paper mailed hereafter to him at Dickens instead of Afton.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**Simple Mixture For Gas on Stomach**  
Simple buckhorn bark, magnesium sulphate, p. p., glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adlerika, help any case of gas on the stomach, unless due to deep-seated causes. The pleasant and QUICK action will surprise you. Because Adlerika is such an excellent intestinal evacuant it is wonderful for constipation—it often works in one hour and never gripes.

**Help Spur Grow**  
J. R. Karr, one of our readers, who gets his mail out Route 1 was a pleasant caller at our station Thursday and renewed for fifty-two more doses of the Texas Spur. Mr. Karr is another farmer who has contributed much toward the development of the West. His efforts as one of the tillers of the soil in this portion of Texas has been crowned with success.

**Help Spur Grow**  
W. S. Boggs, of near Spur, while in the city this week, dropped in and renewed his subscription to the Texas Spur. Mr. Boggs formerly lived in the Girard country.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Ben Reddell, of McAdoo, came down Wednesday. He is taking life easy these days, having gathered and sold all his crops, and spent the money. Ben Reddell is a good farmer and a straight man in every respect.

**Help Spur Grow**  
B. M. Blackmon, of twelve miles west of Spur, was in the city Tuesday, reporting cold weather and some snow out his way. Considerable snow fell Monday, but it kept going when it hit the ground. However, everybody is now easy in mind because "the drouth is broken" and we know that sufficient seasons will come to produce crops.

**Help Spur Grow**  
T. A. Tidwell, of Jayton, was in Spur last week. He came up to see a dentist and also to visit among his many friends in Spur. Tidwell says Jayton is now his home town, but that he can't forget Spur and the many good people and friends here.

**Help Spur Grow**  
W. M. Leford left Spur this week for San Antonio where he will visit with his family for a time. Mrs. Leford is spending the winter in San Antonio.

**Help Spur Grow**  
J. H. Fletcher and family returned Saturday evening from Ranger where they had been some time with his mother who had been quite ill of influenza. His mother had improved very much when they left.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Dr. M. L. Nichols returned last week from a business trip to Denver, Colorado, where he spent several days.

**Help Spur Grow**  
J. N. Luce was in Wednesday and handed us a iron man and a boy with instructions to let'er come another year.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Will Harris, of near Spur, was among the business visitors on the streets Thursday of this week.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Davis, of the Spur Ranch headquarters, were shoppers Thursday in Spur.

**WHISKEY PRESCRIPTIONS**  
The Texas Pharmaceutical Association is attempting to ascertain the views of its members on proposed changes in the state law regulating the filling of prescriptions for whiskey.

The present law, we can believe, was formulated in an honest attempt to provide whiskey for medical use. When the law providing for the issuance of permits to physicians to write whiskey prescriptions and licensing druggists to fill such prescriptions was enacted it was little thought that it would become a loop hole in the prohibition laws whereby whiskey would be made available—at a costly price—to drinkers. But that's the way the law has worked out.

With a little stretching of his professional conscience the doctor can write a prescription to almost any body for almost any complaint and of course the druggist could hardly question that prescription, even if he desired to do so. The result has been that the writing and filling of liquor prescriptions has grown to a business of considerable magnitude with profits both to the doctor and the druggist. And whereas at the beginning doctors secured permits to write liquor prescriptions and druggists to fill them more for emergencies than anything else, now they have found this kind of service and this kind of trade profitable and pharmacists can hardly be as disinterested in giving their views as they might otherwise. Of course all doctors do not have permits to prescribe whiskey nor do all druggists have permits to fill such prescriptions. It may be inferred that those who do not have such permits do not much believe in the efficacy of whiskey as a medicine or do not approve the method of handling this "medicine." So it will be difficult to obtain unbiased and disinterested opinions from the pharmacists and the same difficulty would apply to the doctors.

Profits—profits to the doctor who writes the prescription and profits to the druggist who fills it—have entered into the problem. It would be interesting to speculate how few liquor prescriptions would be written and filled if neither the doctor nor the druggist derived any profit therefrom.—Wichita Daily Times.

**Help Spur Grow**  
A. B. Williams, of Peacock, was greeting friends in Spur the past week. Mr. Williams formerly owned and operated the moving picture theatre in Spur. However, the past several years he has been farming in Stonewall county, and in this occupation he gives the impression of greater prosperity and contentment.

# SHOES

a complete line of Ladies, Mens and Childrens Spring Shoes

## NEW ARRIVALS

Spring Coats, Dresses and Hats

DO NOT FAIL to COME AND SEE THEM!



CITY DRUG STORE

# Advance Showing

Our Mr. and Mrs. Russell will return during the week, and from indications you will have the pleasure of viewing many nifty lines of Ladies Ready-to-Wear and Millinery.

The friends of this store are our patrons and realize the judgment of our buyers. You will not be dissatisfied this Spring.

Many arrivals this week not only in Ready-to-Wear, but many other classy lines of Footwear will also be featured likely the latter part of the week or during the first days of February.

## LOVE DRY GOODS CO.

Styles That Are