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# The Texas Spur

## THE DICKENS ITEMS

LET'S WORK, BUILD AND THROUGH 1925 BOOST TOGETHER

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### Spur Boy High Point Man At The District Interscholastic Meet

The following report of the field and track events of the Interscholastic League District Meet recently at Lubbock was taken from the Ralls Banner:

Edmonds of Spur was high point man in the meet, winning three first places and making 15 points out of 17 points for the Spur High School. Edmonds first places were won in field events. The shot put, the discus throw and the javelin throw were the events in which Edmonds entered and won.

Keith of Ralls was the second high point man winning two events and making ten points out of 29 for the Ralls High School.

Bowen of Lubbock was third high point man with 9 1-2 points to his credit.

Ralls High School won three first places in the meet, Keith winning two of them and Gee the other. Spur won three first places and Edmond won all three of them. The other schools won from two to one first places.

How the schools stood in points in the final count: Lubbock 37 1/2; Ralls 31; Spur 17; Slaton 16; Post 14; Dickens 9; Floydada 8; Croton 6; Olton 5; Idalou 2 1/2; Lamesa 2; Snyder 2; Becton 1; and Crosbyton 1.

#### Track Events

120-yard High Hurdles—1st Jones, Olton; 2nd, C. Lee, Ralls; 3rd, Gipsom, Dickens; 4th, Thacker, Croton; Time 19.3.

100-yard Dash—1st, Keith, Ralls; 2nd, McCrary, Post; 3rd, Bowen, Lubbock; 4th, Gee, Ralls. Time 10.2 seconds.

One Mile Run—1st, Scott, Floydada; 2nd, Lyle, Ralls; 3rd, Ray Lubbock; 4th, Blair, Bectin. Time 5 minutes 13 seconds.

220-yard Low Hurdles—1st, Stone, Slaton; 2nd, Killian and Bowen tie for second; 3rd, Thomas, Lubbock. Time 26 2-5 seconds.

440-yard Dash—1st, Keith, Ralls; 2nd, Corley, Lubbock; 3rd, Cross, Post; 4th, Robinson, Spur. Time 55 1-5 seconds.

220-yard Dash—1st, McCary, Post; 2nd, Gee, Ralls; 3rd, Bowen, Lubbock; 4th, Young, Lubbock. Time 23.5 seconds.

880-yard Run—1st Kyle, Lubbock; 2nd, Cearlay, Post; 3rd, Fesmire, Snyder; 4th, Splawn, Slaton. Time

2 minutes, 17 seconds.

One Mile Relay—1st, Lubbock; 2nd, Floydada; 3rd, Southland; 4th, Post. No time recorded. The Lubbock team was composed of Corley, Kyle, Young and Carroll.

#### Field Events

Pole Vault—1st, Nalley, Dickens; 2nd, Bowen, Lubbock; 3rd, Gibson, Ralls; 2nd, Corley, Lubbock; 3rd, Thacker, Croton; 4th, Thomas, Lubbock; 4th Lee, Ralls. Height 11 feet.

Running Broad Jump—1st, Lee, Post. Distance 21 feet, 2 inches.

Running High Jump—1st, Luna, Slaton; 2nd, Thacker, Croton; 3rd, Thomas, Lubbock; 4th, Smith, Crosbyton. Height 5 feet, 7 inches.

12-pound Shot Put—1st Edmonds, Spur; 2nd, Knappes, Slaton; 3rd, Mitchell, Lamesa; 4th, Robinson, Spur. Distance 45 feet, 1 inch.

Discus Throw—1st Edmonds, Spur; 2nd, Brown, Ralls; 3rd, Qualls, Ralls; 4th, Knappes, Slaton. Distance 115 feet, 6 inches.

Javelin Throw—1st, Edmonds, Spur; 2nd, Allen, Lubbock; 3rd, Thomas, Lubbock; 4th, Luna, Slaton. Distance 132 feet, 11 inches.

#### Boy's Singles in Tennis

In the preliminaries of the boy's singles Ralls defeated Littlefield with a 6-3 and 6-4 set. The Lockney boy defeated the Snyder player with a 6-4 and 7-5 set. The Slaton boy defeated the Tahoka boy with a forfeit. Slaton then defeated Plainview with a 9-7 and 6-1 set.

The Ralls high school won the boy's singles in tennis by defeating the Slaton high school representative with a 6-4, 6-1 and 6-3 set. However, Slaton won one set from Ralls with a 6-2 set.

The Floydada girl representative won over the Slaton girl by getting a 6-2 and 6-1 set.

#### Girl's Singles in Tennis

In the preliminaries the O'Donnell girl was defeated by the Olton girl with a 6-4, 6-2 set. The Plainview girl was defeated by Floydada with a 6-2, 6-3 set. The Muleshoe girl was defeated by the Slaton girl with a 6-3, 6-1 set.

Two girl representatives forfeited their games to Floydada and Slaton. Roaring Springs defeated Snyder with two love sets.

### LOVES DICKENS COUNTY AND WANTS TO COME BACK

The Texas Spur: Hello friends and loved ones. I have been thinking of West Texas for so long a time. And how I long to be there again.

Every one of our town were wearing bright and smiling faces today. For we had a nice rain yesterday morning and last night.

The farmers of our county and community could not do very much until it did rain.

We are very glad that we are going to be entertained by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention this year.

I have some friends and relatives out there that I would like to hear from. Cannot hear from them by writing so will send a few words through the newspaper.

The city has just finished a convention half covering one block.

Also the roads out of Mineral Wells from all directions have been finished by the McClung Construction Company. It will be a great benefit for the town during the convention.

I love West Texas or Dickens County more every day. Some time this fall I am coming back.

I want some one to write to me.—Troy Johnson, Box 55 Mineral Wells, Texas.

### SPUR ODD FELLOWS CELEBRATE 106TH ANNIVERSARY MONDAY

The 106th anniversary of the Odd Fellow Lodge was celebrated in Spur Monday night, April 27th with a program and a supper. The program consisting of songs and readings rendered by the old and young folks, was followed by a plentiful and most delicious supper.

The address of the evening was given by W. D. Starcher, editor of the Dickens County Times. The celebration was a most enjoyable one and the event of the greatest gathering to any occasion of this kind ever held in Spur.

The Odd Fellow Lodge was founded by five men, in Baltimore on April 26th, 1819 and since that time has grown to such enormous proportions that Odd Fellows now number over two and one half million and the Rebekahs, an adjunct of the lodge over one and a half million.

### HELP SPUR GROW—FORD CAR BURNS AT DICKENS

Last Saturday evening, a Ford car belonging to Rev. L. S. Bilberry caught fire while being filled up at the Dickens Garage. The car caught from a lantern which was being held near the car for light. The car was damaged to the extent of about \$80 no other damage being done.

### Texas Spur Subscription Contest To Close at Six O'Clock P. M., Saturday

Now for the home stretch, the last dash to the wire, the beginning of the end, just two short days and the Texas Spur famous \$1,200.00 Auto and prize campaign will come to a close, two days more and the race is over. Promptly at Six o'clock p. m., Saturday the campaign will close, and the last chance to win the Essex Coach, \$100.00 in Gold and \$50.00 in Gold will have passed. Up until that hour every candidate in the race has just exactly the same chance to win one of these valuable prizes. Never again will the Ladies of this community have such a wonderful prize offered for so few days work. Just a few hours among your friends may yield the votes necessary to win the Essex Coach. Most all races are won in the "Home Stretch," and this may also prove true in the Texas Spur contest. No one knows or will know how many votes it will take to win until the final count by the judges.

#### RULES FOR CLOSING

The contest will close promptly at Six o'clock p. m., Saturday, May 2nd. Candidates must have all subscriptions with cash (no checks) in ballot box at the Texas Spur office by that hour. The judges will canvass the entire vote and award the prizes immediately. No candidate will be permitted to put subscriptions in the Ballot Box after the judges take charge of same. All candidates should check up their subscriptions and cash in plenty of time so there will be no rush and confusion at the last minute.

With three well known and highly respected citizens of Spur in charge of the close of the contest and the tabulation of the vote totals. Every contestant is assured of a square deal. These judges are absolutely impartial. They have no interest whatever in the fortunes of any special candidate and we feel sure that after these judges have canvassed the vote and awarded the prizes all candidates as well as the public will join us in saying to the winners, "Well and Fairly Won."

#### A FAIR DEAL TO ALL

We want to say here that no candidate has, or will receive any inside information during this campaign, all have been treated exactly the same. We have no choice as to who wins the prizes. And now the end is in the hands of the contestants, their friends and the judges. "YOUR LAST CHANCE!" may fortune be with you.

Here's how they stand on all votes turned in up to Saturday night:

- Miss Beth Harkey, First.
- Mrs. Thelma Gourassas, Second.
- Mrs. Bessie Betts, Third.
- Mrs. Tom Cross, Fourth.
- Miss Lucy Webb, Fifth.
- Mrs. Sam Ayres, Sixth.

### LAST OF THE NOTED YELLOW HOUSE RANCH

This week the last roundup of Cattle on the Yellow House ranch is being held, 3,500 head of these cattle being turned over to Jot Smith, to be shipped to Kansas pastures, and several hundred more going to the brother of J. P. White, and to be shipped to New Mexico.

M. H. Reed, of the Yellow House Land Company arrived here Wednesday from Austin, and in company with his co-partners received 32,000 acres of land, the last of the Yellow House ranch to be thrown on the market.—Lamb County Leader.

### SELLING AND SHIPPING CATTLE TO AMARILLO

F. C. Bourland of Matador and R. C. Forbis, of Spur sold to Selton & Williams of Amarillo, about eleven hundred head of steer yearlings for a consideration of thirty five dollars per head delivered on the cars. Eight hundred of these steers were shipped from Crosbyton to Muleshoe the 17th of this month, and the balance of the purchase will be shipped this week and are now being driven through the country from Kent county to Crosbyton to be loaded on the train.

### A Prescription Counteracting Possible Grasshopper Depredation

Since grasshoppers are depredating in some sections, with the possibility that they may appear in the Spur country, we are giving below a formula recommended by the state department of agriculture.

Poison bran mash is advised in the control of the hoppers. In spite of some reports to the contrary, this gave excellent results last year where properly mixed and applied. Failures were found due to the departure from directions in some particular.

Experience last year indicated that amylacetate used in place of the lemons, gave better results, and it can be obtained. The formula recommended is:

- Wheat bran (avoid shorts) —25lbs.
- White arsenic (or Paris Green) 1 lb.
- Amyl acetate -----1 ounce.
- Cane molasses (avoid cane syrup) 2 quarts.
- Water in quantity as suggested below.

Thoroughly mix poison and bran dry. Dilute the molasses and amyl acetate with about two gallons of water and thoroughly mix with the bran. Add more water and mix, until a thoroughly wet mash has been obtained, yet not sloppy. It should fall apart easily when sowing, so that it breaks up into particles not larger than the small finger nail at the largest. A good test is to squeeze handful tightly; if of the proper consistency the water will ooze out between the fingers, but should not run out in streams.

It is important to thoroughly mix after each addition of water, to secure an even distribution of all the materials. After one or two batches have been mixed, the farmer will

learn how much water to use, so that no further additions need be made.

Last year J. Z. Smith, of Red Mud, told us of the most successful experience had by an extensive farmer. Instead of spreading the mash as above, this farmer sowed a strip of cotton several feet wide all around his crop, poisoning the stalks by sprinkling the poison in fluid form. In coming into the field the grasshoppers ate the first poisoned cotton stalks, thus keeping his field clear of the pests. However, it may be done, the thing is get the grasshoppers before they get the cotton.

#### HELP SPUR GROW—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY BEING CONDUCTED ON DAVIS LEASE

A geological survey is now being carried on on the oil lease centered on the Davis Ranch for locatiti for test wells for oil. The survey is being conducted by R. A. Hodges, who has contracted to drill a test on the acreage by June of this year. A former test upon this tract was suspended at a depth too shallow for a fair test, tools being so jammed that the hole was abandoned.

However at the time of the suspension a showing of oil had been reached and the indications were that further drilling would bring in a producer. Mr. Hodges is very optimistic about finding oil and intends to make a thorough test on the new lease. Geologists believe that there is oil here and it is probable that this country may yet become an oil center.

Help Spur Grow—Mrs. Arnold Copeland and children, of Meadow, Texas, are here visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Leford.

### Recent Heavy Rains Very Destructive Over The Entire West

West Texas was again flooded with heavy rains Sunday of this week measuring from three to six inches.

Spur vicinity received about three inches, while in the northern part of the county and in the vicinity of McAdoo it is reported to be heavier.

Dockum and Duck creeks were out of banks causing much damage to stock and poultry. The bridge over Duck Creek being impassable for a while due to a washout of twenty feet of the east bank.

The Stamford Northwestern train

has been discontinued until Wednesday of this week due to the washing out of the bridge on the Salt Fork near Peacock and other minor damages done to the track.

The Wilson tank dam and railroad embankment six miles east of Spur was broken leaving a gap of about one hundred and fifty feet which is yet impassable. The mail, however, is transferred to trucks and cars at this point and the train service will be continued in this improvised manner until permanent repair can be made.

### TRAVEL OVER THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY TO MINERAL WELLS

The following letter has been received by the Secretary of Spur Chamber of Commerce, pertaining to the roads and best routes to travel in attending the big convention at Mineral Wells, May 4, 5, and 6th:

Very likely a large number of your members will motor through to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention to be held in Mineral Wells, May 4, 5, and 6th. We are informed by Ray Leeman, Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Mineral Wells, Texas, that the new highway through Palo Pinto county will be opened to traffic for the Convention.

As you likely know Stephens county already has a paved highway connecting with Palo Pinto county on the east and Shackelford county on the west, so if you motor via Albany and Breckenridge you will have good roads for your journey; whereas either the northern or southern route will give you much bad roads. Plan your trip over the Bankhead Highway through Breckenridge, "The Dynamo of West Texas."

Will you please publish this notice in your papers or give the information to your members at your next regular meeting. I hope to see you in Mineral Wells at the Convention.—O. C. Goodwin, Secretary Breckenridge, C. of C.

### HELP SPUR GROW—MISSIONARY SOCIETY

There were nine present at the Young Womens Missionary Society meeting Monday evening, April 27th. Mrs. Pierce led a very interesting discussion of the forms of institutions as taught by Christ. These lessons in the teachings of Jesus are very instructive as well as interesting. After the lesson study Mrs. Mack Brown gave a report of the missionary convention held last week at Memphis, Texas. After attending this meeting Mrs. Brown was convinced that the auxiliary is doing one of the biggest pieces of work to evangelize the world in the church today.

Next Monday evening we will study the work of "Jesus" Conception of Missions.—Reporter.

### BANQUET

The Alumni Association of the Dickens High School held their fifth annual banquet at the Spur Inn, Saturday evening, April 25th, 1925, the members and guests were met at the door by the president and secretary of the association, who had prepared entertainment for them until the time for the banquet, promptly at 8:30 p. m., the doors of the dining room were opened, and the guests assembled into the beautifully decorated room, the table was decorated with roses and lit with candles. After each one had found their place, the room was flooded with light, Victor Crabtree, was toastmaster and the evening was made lively by many good responses from the guests, good talks were made by Judge Worswick, Judge Brummett, Frank Speer and Mrs. M. L. Jones.

After a very enjoyable feast the association went into a business meeting. Our President, Victor Crabtree, being unanimously elected again; Mrs. M. L. Jones, Vice-President; Fred Arrington, Secretary and Treasurer; Eralm Payne, Historian; Mrs. W. G. Crego, Reporter. There was also a finance and program committee appointed. The association discussed the plans of getting up the history of our county and decided to have regular meetings twice a month. The association adjourned declaring this to be the most enjoyable banquet ever held. Those enjoying this occasion were: Messrs. Brummett, M. L. Jones, W. G. Crego, Judge Worswick, Frank Speer, Misses Eralm and Gladys Payne, Beryl Harkey, Katherine Blair, Tona Slaton, Helen and Marguerite Meadors, Virginia Worswick, Mildred Crabtree, Bessie Jackson, Anna Lusk and Messrs. Willow Street, Joe Vaught, Pat Speer, Bill Clark, Francis Jackson, Jim Cozby, Fred Arrington, Victor Crabtree, and L. D. Bilberry.—Reporter.

### HELP SPUR GROW

O. S. Harvey, of the Midway community, called in one day the past week and had us mark his subscription up another year. He reports everything flourishing in his section.

### Recital Given By Expression Pupils Friday Evening At School Auditorium

Miss Zura Howard, teacher of expression in connection with Spur Schools entertained patrons of the school and the general public Friday evening of last week with a recital of her pupils at the High School auditorium with the following program:

Reading, "Bab's Birthday" by Lois Lee; Song, "The Pal That I Loved Stole the Gal That I Loved"; Thelma McArthur, Jetty Windham, Eula Robinson, Lois Lee, Opal Scott, Velma Cudd and Madge Strickland.

Several on the program demonstrated real talent, and each one evidenced careful and efficient tutoring on the part of their teacher and director. The school auditorium was filled to its full seating capacity and all enjoyed the program which was well rendered. Miss Howard is an able teacher of expression and is to be congratulated upon the successful accomplishments in her classes.

Help Spur Grow—NEW POST OFFICE IN OPERATION AT ELTON  
The new post office recently established in the Midway community is now in operation receiving and distributing mail to the citizens there. The new postoffice is charted under the name of Elton and Mrs. J. B. Yantis has been appointed postmistress. The Midway community has progressed so rapidly and become so thickly settled that a postoffice was necessary for the convenience of the many citizens in that section of the county.

Help Spur Grow—MOTHERS DAY BAZAAR AND BAKERY SALE  
The Baptist Ladies Aid Society are giving a Mothers Day Bazaar Thursday afternoon, May 7th, at the Nichols Sanitarium first floor. Come and buy something to send mother. We will also have a Bakery Sale the following Saturday, May 9th, at the same place.

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**RULES GOVERNING VOTING  
AT 7TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

By C. C. Watsh, Pres. W. T. C. of C.

The following rules will apply for voting at the Mineral Wells Convention, to-wit:

1. Each town affiliated with the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and in good standing on January 1st, 1924, shall be permitted to cast the total vote of said town as the same appears of record on books of the organization as of May 1, 1925. Such vote shall be one vote for each paid membership in the organization. If a town has 40 paid memberships it shall have a vote of 40, etc.

2. The vote of each town shall be cast by a representative of that town who shall be selected by a caucus of the representative of the town provided that the vote of no town shall be cast unless that town shall have at least one representative, a citizen of said town, who shall be present and on the floor to cast the vote of the said town.

3. A town may split its vote any way it may decide. For instance a town having 40 votes may for instance cast 10 votes each for Amarillo, Sweetwater and San Antonio. Or in any election for offering or motion, it may cast split vote.

4. There shall be no proxy voting of any kind.

5. A majority vote is a necessity for a decision, but on ordinary matters voting shall be viva voce, with the right to a roll call vote.

6. In the voting for the next convention city, a blackboard shall be erected on the platform and as each town votes the same shall be chalked up as voted.

7. In case of any contest the official records of the organization shall be binding.

Help Spur Grow—  
I have three houses and lots I want to sell, or trade. Get right and down a home. See J. P. Wilkes, at store. 14-1f

**Time of Year for High  
Winds and Hail**

Let us protect your property of all kinds against Fire, Wind and Hail. We write in town or country, and pay fire wind, wrecks or ashes.

See us for sound protection and good service.

**CLEMMONS INSURANCE  
AGENCY.**

**STRAIGHT TALKS  
WITH AUNT EMMY**

On Signing Papers for Strangers

"Did you hear about the terrible thing that happened to Mrs. Thompson, Aunt Emmy?" asked Maud. "It seems that a man came to see her to ask her to invest in some securities his firm was selling, and she said she did not have any ready money. He asked her if she had some Liberty Bonds, and she showed him her one Liberty Bond, a thousand dollar one. He told her that there were a number of counterfeit bonds about and upon examining her bond said there were some marks that indicated it might be spurious. Poor Mrs. Thompson nearly fainted and begged the stranger to tell her what to do about it."

"He told her not to be unduly alarmed, that there was a chance that he was mistaken. His firm was indignant, he said, about the counterfeit bonds that had been foisted on the public and intended to do everything in its power to run down the culprits. They employed a man who was an authority on counterfeits and he could tell in a minute if her bond was good or not. So Mrs. Thompson let him have the bond to take to his office for examination."

"And, of course, he didn't bring it back," commented Aunt Emmy.

"Worse than that!" Maud went on. "He said that, being a widow, she should be very careful in her business dealings, so he made her sign what he called a receipt, although she didn't read it. About a week after his visit she received a number of shares of stock that she says she never heard of and certainly never bought. So she wrote to the investment house the stock came from and said she thought a mistake had been made. Imagine her surprise when she was informed that she had signed an order for those shares of stock in exchange for a \$1,000 Liberty Bond!"

"First she was coming right over to see you and then decided not to, because she felt ashamed when she remembered that you had warned her about being taken in, now that Mr. Thompson is dead and she has to handle her own business affairs. My brother Tom says he thinks nothing can be done about it, as the receipt bearing her signature is really an order for the stock."

"I am sorry to hear this, Maud," said Aunt Emmy. "What a pity she did not take her bond to the bank to have it examined if that slick salesman aroused suspicions in her mind as to its genuineness. She would have been dealing with people of integrity, whom she could trust absolutely. And yet she allowed herself to be duped by a perfect stranger!"

"Yet there must be a lot of that sort of thing when you consider that over \$600,000,000 a year is being taken away from the honest people in the United States by stock swindlers. If the people would only learn to trust the guidance of their financial affairs to their banks and never sign anything they have not read and do not understand, there would be less unhappiness about money matters."—Anne B. Aymes.

**NEW ERA FOR  
AGRICULTURE**

New York.—A new era lies ahead for agriculture because it now commands the best economic thought of the business world directed on its prime requirements of better distribution and marketing. President W. C. Gordon of the State Bank Division, American Bankers Association, declares in a recent communication to the thirteen thousand members of the division. He seeks to enlist their interest in the work of improving the marketing of farm products.

"The farmer today finds himself far removed from his consumer-customer by a long line of intermediate agencies, which often leave him in a position of disadvantage as an individual producer," Mr. Gordon says. "It is, therefore, not strange that he should seek to apply to agriculture those principles of production and distribution found successful in industry. His rightful ambition is to make, where feasible, a general application of successful business experience to the marketing of agricultural products. Commanding the best economic thought of the business world, agriculture undoubtedly stands on the threshold of a new era. In lieu of fantastic panaceas, agricultural welfare—which, after all, is the Nation's welfare—has need of a sane, long range program that is at once practical, constructive and economically sound."

He goes on to call attention to the "long view program suggested for agricultural distribution" at Washington by the Agricultural Conference, urging study of it.

**CO-OPS**

There are many small co-operatives throughout the United States, handling wool, peanuts, watermelons, strawberries, beans, syrup, and other products. The government reports that there are at least 10,000 local co-operative organizations in the United States. The Iowa Fleece and Wool Growers' Association does an annual business of \$2,836,259; the Ohio Sheep and Wool Growers, \$1,500,000; the Oregon wool growers, \$500,000; while the New York, Texas and South Dakota Associations are said to be handling about a quarter of a million dollars' business each.

**OVER 700 ARRIVE IN HOUSTON  
FOR GOOD ROADS MEET**

Houston, Texas, April 20.—More than 700 delegates from 28 states were here today for the opening tonight of the convention of the United States Good Roads Association in conjunction with the United States good roads show.

Governors of four states have already arrived, including Governor Miriam A. Ferguson of Texas; Governor W. W. Brandon, of Alabama; Governor E. Lee Trinkle, of Virginia, and Governor H. L. Whitfield, of Mississippi.

Committee receptions for them and a luncheon were on the program today preliminary to the opening of the convention tonight when the program calls for welcoming addresses by Governor Ferguson, Mayor Oscar Holcombe and other citizens. Governor Brandon, who is vice president of the United States Good Roads Association, and Bonneham Cameron, of Raleigh, N. C., president of the Bankhead Highway Association, are scheduled to respond. Regular business sessions will not begin until tomorrow when a half-day session will be held according to the program with noon adjournment to visit the famous battlefield of San Jacinto where Texas won its independence from Mexico, nearly 100 years ago.

The United States Good Roads Association, J. A. Rountree, director general, said today takes credit for initiating the good roads movement in the United States. Its permanent headquarters are at Birmingham, Ala. Its official board aside from Governor Trinkle, its president, includes 40 governors of other states, who are vice presidents, and a board of directors composed of two members from each state.

It was organized in 1913 to secure federal aid in road construction and claims to have been the first good roads organization under the leadership of the late United States Senator John H. Bankhead who was its president for eight years. It is financed by its members and its announced purpose is to secure the passage of a federal aid act in congress and thus obviate the necessity of making a campaign for a good roads appropriation at each session of congress.

One of its announced objects is to secure an annual federal aid appropriation of \$100,000,000 annually on a continuing basis; the consolidation of all road building activities of the federal government under the bureau of public roads and the creation of a cabinet officer to be known as secretary of highways; the passage of an act in congress ceding federal lands to states for educational and good roads purposes; the defeat of any attempt to reduce the federal aid appropriation; the defeat of the bill to amend the constitution to place a tax on bonds, especially road and street improvement bonds; annual budget system with publicity that the people may know how state and federal aid money is spent; elimination of grade crossings; the employment by state highway commissioners of skilled engineers, and the maintenance of highways.

Help Spur Grow—  
"FOR TO ADMIRE AND FOR TO SEE"

It is good for the young to travel. It is wise for them to do their traveling before they have a wife and family to support.

They may mean to travel later on, after they have attained a competence.

But a competence is so hard to come by that many people who were born with the spirit of a rover and the desire "for to admire and for to see" never get very far beyond the limits of their home town after they have taken up the load we all must carry.

But mere traveling does not mean that one will have a real acquaintance with the place or countries traveled through.

I have seen Americans and Europeans in the City of Rome who walked through the ruins of the past talking about the price of eggs at home, who stopped outside of St. Peter's in conversation with somebody they had met from the same country, and became so interested in the happenings in their native country that they never entered at all.

I have seen men on shipboard, passing through the Mediterranean who sat and played cards for their entire afternoon, never once looking out of the window at the isles of Greece or the shores of Africa.

The average sailor who voyages around the world today remembers more about the moving pictures he sees ashore than he does about the sights of the strange exotic ports he has visited.

Hundreds of people who go regularly to Paris can tell you all about the best places to eat, and the locations where you are most likely to see your fellow countrymen, but who know as much about the spots which make Paris a delight to educated and well read people as they do about Zanzibar.

One must take with him an abiding interest in history and beauty to get anything out of travel.

With that equipment it is one of the greatest joys in life, and for that reason it is well to avail oneself of it at the first opportunity, lest another opportunity may never arrive.

But there is abundant comfort nowadays for those who can not travel.

The moving pictures bring into the home town the sights and scenes of all the world, and within the lifetime of those who read this newspaper they will be operated in connection with the radio so that the sounds as well as the sights can be enjoyed without the listeners stirring beyond the city limits.

And always at home there are people, which constitute the world in miniature—and there are hills and streams and sunsets in one's own home as well as in the Alps or in mid-Africa.

**WHO IS YOUR FRIEND?**

A great deal has been said about Oil Mills and Oil Mill Interest

**Being The Enemy Of The Farmer**

While it is true we are in business to make money there are many times where we find it to our interest as well as yours

**To Make a Sacrifice**

We want to see you make good crops of cotton and to make good cotton you must have good Seed. We have them.

**We Have Pure Tested Mebane Cotton Seed**

Grown by the Haskell Mebane Cotton Breed in Association and are Pedigreed Seed.

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Help Spur Grow—  
SEVERE STORM SWEEPS LARGE AREA MISSISSIPPI TO N. ENG. S

Chicago, April 20.—A severe wind and rain storm, approaching the proportions of a tornado in some localities, swept a destructive course from the Mississippi to New England yesterday. Several persons were killed and about two score injured, while property damage was estimated in excess of \$1,500,000.

New England was deluged with snow and low temperatures were reported at many points.

Scores of buildings were destroyed on unroofed, trees were felled boats were beached and telephone, telegraph and power service crippled while fire in some towns completed destruction in the wake of high winds and driving rains.

Help Spur Grow—

W. M. Byrd, of the J. C. Davis farm and ranch to the northeast of Spur, was here Monday transacting business and making all necessary arrangements to go to work, plowing and planting for a rich harvest this fall.

**MORGAN JONES IS SERIOUSLY  
ILL AT HOME IN ABILENE**

Abilene, April 24.—Morgan Jones, railroad magnate, is seriously ill at his home here. Mr. Jones built the Texas and Pacific railroad and the Fort Worth and Denver railroad many years ago, being contractor on the work. He is president of a bank in Fort Worth and is also president of the Abilene and Southern railroad. He is over 80 years of age.

Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Flournoy returned the past week from an extended summer vacation and tour of the country. During their absence they visited at Haskell, Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Galveston and intermediate points. They report a most pleasant trip, but stated that conditions in South and East Texas were not flattering in crop prospects, the crops being late and suffering from lack of rain. West Texas has the advantage in that crop planting time has not yet arrived and big rains and good seasons are coming now for the planting season. Come to West Texas, and the Spur country in particular.

Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. R. D. Wiley came down Saturday from Lubbock, spending Sunday in Spur with Mr. Wiley who is conducting the Texas Spur subscription campaign in which an Essex coach is the capital prize.

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Spur, Texas



**A JEWS TRIBUTE TO AMERICA**

It was served for a Jew, a Rabbi from Cleveland, Ohio, to pay the most beautiful tribute to America yet penned: "God built Him a continent of glory and filled it with treasure untold. He carpeted it with soft rolling prairies and pillowed it with thundering mountains. He studied it with sweet flowing fountains and traced it with unwinding streams. He graced it with deep shadowed firests and filled them with song. "Then he called onto a thousand peoples and summoned the bravest among them. They came from the ends of the earth, each bearing a gift and a hope. The glory of adventure was in their eyes and the glory of hope was in their souls. "And out of the memories of ages and the hopes of the world; out of the longing of hearts and the prayer of souls—God fashioned a nation you love, blessed it with a purpose sublime and called it AMERICA!"

Help Spur Grow  
**LOSES SISTER BY DEATH**  
Miss Johnnie Coggins, sister of Mrs. W. P. Cooper, of Roaring Springs passed away at the Spur Sanitarium, on the 18th inst., following a very delicate surgical operation from which it was thought that she was recovering.

The home of the deceased was at Girard where, she was held in the highest esteem, and her demise deeply mourned.

Funeral services were held at Clairmont, Sunday, after which interment took place in the cemetery at that place.—Motley County News.  
Help Spur Grow

A. W. Jordan surmounted the high waters and washouts to come in Monday, and withal was wearing the smile of contentment.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cherrymohomes, of east of Spur, shopped in the city Saturday, spending several hours here visiting among friends.

**SUMMER COURSE AT A. & M. ON GAS ENGINES AND TRACTOR**

Preparations are being made by the A. & M. College of Texas for the opening of the Summer Course of the Eight Weeks Gas Engine, Automobile and Tractor Course, June 17 and 24. This course is designed for the power farmer or anyone using a gas engine, automobile or tractor. Definite results have been obtained from this course and thousands of dollars are being saved annually as result. So necessary have the automobile and tractor become to the average farmer that the time is present when the farmer must have a practical working knowledge of these machines to successfully carry out his work. And, too, these machines are performing a great work in enabling the American youth to see the future of Agriculture.

It is more necessary today than ever before for the American farmer to produce his products with the lowest possible cost of production. Each rural worker directing the maximum amount of power, is one of the ways to reduce this cost.

The Eight Weeks Course is outlined to give intensive training relative to the gas engine, automobile and tractor. Owners or prospective owners will make a profitable investment by attending this course. A special bulletin which may be had upon request, is being sent out by the Agricultural Engineering Department, A. & M. College, College Station, Texas.  
Help Spur Grow

W. H. Nichols, of east of Dickens, was in Spur the past week. Mr. Nichols informed us that he had completed his new farm home, has a considerable acreage of land cleared for cultivation and now getting in shape for planting. Mr. Nichols is one of the number who purchased land recently placed on the market by the Matadors. This is a rich agricultural belt opened up for agricultural purposes by the Matadors, and when settled and developed will be a big asset to the commercial as well as agricultural interests of the county.

**THE COLD CHECK LAW**

The recent passage by the legislature and its signature by the Governor of the "cold check" law will set at rest the pulse of many business men of this section who have been bothered and suffered undue loss from this.

Section four, of this law, which is herewith quoted, is the one that gives the desired protection, and is as follows: "The obtaining by any person of any money or other thing of value with intent to defraud by giving or drawing of any check draft or order upon any bank, person, firm or corporation with which or with whom such person giving or drawing said check, draft order has not at the time of giving or drawing of said check, draft or order, or at the time when in the ordinary course of business such check, draft or order would be presented to the drawee for payment, sufficient funds to pay same, and no good reason to believe that such check draft or order will be paid, provided that if said check, draft or order is not paid in presentation the return of same shall be prima facie evidence of the fraudulent intent of said person drawing or giving said check and provided further, that if such check, draft or order is not paid within 15 days after the same is returned unpaid, it shall be prima facie evidence that no good reason existed for believing that said check, draft or order would be paid and it shall also be prima facie evidence of intent to defraud and knowledge of insufficient funds of the drawee.—West Texas Today.

Help Spur Grow  
Dr. J. E. Morris left Sunday for Dallas to consult with a specialist of diseases and have him diagnose disorders from which he has been suffering the past several weeks. Dr. Morris has been suffering for some time, being confined the past several days to his room and bed. The many friends of Dr. Morris join us in the hope that special treatment will give him immediate and permanent relief.

Help Spur Grow  
W. E. Gates, of Afton, came down Monday, spending some time in Spur on business. Mr. Gates was one who had not become the least anxious concerning the protracted dry weather, stating that rains by June would have been plenty time to plant and mature bumper crops. However, rains at this time are reassuring to those who have not been here so long and do not know the country as well as the old timers.

Help Spur Grow  
J. T. Rose, of the Plains country, was in town Monday, reporting a fine rain on his place which is located along the edge of the Cap Rock between McAdoo and Afton. The good rains are in plenty time for all farming purposes—in fact just a little too early for planting. However, many farmers will plant feed stuff just as soon as it is dry enough to get in the fields.

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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable 74th Court of McLennan County, on the 12th day of March 1925, by the clerk of said Court for the sum of Thirty-six Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-one and 59-100 Dollars.

and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of Amicable Life Insurance Company in a certain cause in said Court, No. 6697 and styled Amicable Life Insurance Company vs. W. R. Stafford, et al placed in my hands for service, I, M. L. Jones as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did, on the 15th day of April 1925, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, Texas described as follows, to-wit: Being three certain tracts of land, all located in the County of Dickens, State of Texas, and more particularly described as follows: FIRST TRACT: all of tracts Nos. 1 to 14 inclusive, all of tracts Nos. 24 to 26, and part of tracts Nos. 15, 16, 22, 23, 27 out of the Bursleson County School land survey, containing 2959.17 acres of land. SECOND TRACT: Being the north half of the S. W. 1-4 of the Houston and Great Northern Railway Company survey No. 401, Cert. No. 10-2096, Block No. 1, and containing 82 and 79-100 acres of land. THIRD TRACT: all of the Houston and Great Northern Railway Company survey, No. 402, Cert. No. 10-2096, Block 1, and containing 661 and 96-100 acres of land, said three tracts of land aggregating 3703.92 acres of land, being located in the Western part of Dickens County, Texas, about fourteen miles N. W. of the town of Spur, Texas, and being known as the W. R. Stafford ranch and levied upon as the property of W. R. Stafford and wife, May Stafford, and that on the first Tuesday of June 1925, the same being the Second day of said month, at Court House door, of Dickens County, in the city of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. R. Stafford and wife, May Stafford.

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**OUT WHERE THE WEST BEGINS**

Fifteen years ago Arthur Chapman, then a Denver newspaper man, wrote some verses entitled "Out Where the West Begins" which are quoted very generally today as expressing Western sentiment.

The verses have been printed on thousands of post cards, and they are framed in countless homes. They have been set to music. They have been declaimed by political leaders. They have been put in school books and in Rotary and other commercial club song books. But their author's monetary reward has been almost nothing. The lines as Mr. Chapman wrote them are as follows:  
Out where the handclasp's a little stronger,  
Out where the smile dwells a little longer,  
That's where the West begins;  
Out where the sun is a little brighter,  
Where the snows that fall are a trifle whiter,  
Where the bonds of home are a wee bit tighter,  
That's where the West begins.  
Out where the skies are a trifle bluer,  
Out where friendship's a little truer,  
That's where the West begins;  
Out where a fresher breeze is blowing  
Where there's laughter in every stramlet flowing,  
Where there's more of reaping and less of sowing,  
That's where the West begins.  
Out where the world is in the making,  
Where hearts in despair are aching,  
That's where the West begins;  
Where there's more of singing and less of sighing,  
Where there's more of giving and less of buying,  
And a man makes friends without half trying,  
That's where the West begins.

Collier's asked Mr. Chapman to tell just why he likes the West so well, and he responded with the article printed herewith. It is a story for Easterners as well as Westerners—particularly those residents of the East who know so little of the Western spirit that to them the West is still in the cowboy stage of development.

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**TIME WITH MAN IN STAMFORD**

The most exciting of the man hunts two of them Tuesday night, was that of the young man who was being taken through here from Dickens county to the asylum. At the union depot, the young man, whose name is Rains, gave the sheriff of Dickens county the slip and climbed through the window and took leg bail. As he ran so it afterward turned out, according to his own statement, he shed his raiment with the exception of his trousers—being somewhat bare above the waist. In this rather unusual garb he visited the home of H. H. Pennington, where he was seen and where he made some strange movements. He went from there to the home of Ray Rector, where he seems to have been frightened away. From there he went to the home of Russell Morrison, where there were several ladies, none of whom appeared to be afraid of him, thinking he was harmless. As he had no shoes they made a feint at getting some shoes for him, at the same time phoning the officers. By this time the town was aroused. There were the wildest rumors over the city. Some said the man was six feet tall and four feet big; that he was dangerous and would kill and eat anybody that bothered him and all that Jack-the-Giant-Killer stuff. The facts are, the young man weighed about 130 pounds, was weak, tired and said all he needed was rest; said so when they finally got him. The officers were just a little behind him at every station, so they admit they did not catch up with him. But it seems that Charlie Ferris, of the fire station and John King, of the Alcove Theater, went out after him and landed him easily, as they cut across lots and headed him off, the officers following him closely.

On coming to town he was rational enough to state that he was only trying to disguise himself by removing his clothing; that he hoped they would not take him in the light where folks could see him and embarrass him. He was taken by the officers, returned to the sheriff of Dickens county and then taken on to the asylum.—Leader.

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**A MAN'S PRAYER**

"Teach me that sixty minutes make and one hundred cents a dollar. Help an hour, sixteen ounces one pound me so to live that I can lie down at night with a clear conscience and untroubled by the faces of those to whom I have brought pain. Grant that I may earn my meal ticket on the square, and that, in earning it, I may do unto others as I would have them do unto me. Deafen me to the jingle of tainted money and to the rustle of unholy skirts. Blind me to the fault of the other fellow and reveal to me my own. Guide me so that each night when I look across the table at my wife who has been a blessing to me, I will have nothing to conceal. Keep me young enough to laugh with little children and sympathetic enough to be considerate of old age. And, when comes the day of darkened shades and a smell of flowers, the tread of footsteps in the front yard—make the ceremony short and the epitaph simple."

Help Spur Grow  
Robet Thanisch, of the Draper country, has been suffering misfortunes and handicaps in that members of his family have been ill. His friends and acquaintances are coming to his aid in a substantial manner as is the custom and the pleasure of the people of this great land.

Help Spur Grow  
J. L. Jenkins returned Monday of this week from Shallow Water where he had been to look after his farm property interests in that section. He had just recently listed his farm at Shallow Water for sale, but immediately upon his return stated that he did not care now to sell it, since fine rains had come in that section and everything now indicated bumper crops.

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TEXAS—AN EMPIRE

Texas occupies all the continent of North America, except the small part set aside for the United States, Mexico and Canada.

Texas is bounded on the north by twenty-five or thirty states, on the east by all the oceans in the world, except the Pacific, and on the South by the Gulf of South America, and on the west by the Pacific ocean, the Milky Way and by the sidereal universe.

If Texas were chopped loose from the rest of the United States and the Panhandle it would float out into the ocean, as it rests upon a vast subterranean sea of fresh water.

Texas is so big that the people in Brownsville call the Dallas people Yankees, and the citizens of El Paso sneer at the citizens of Texarkana, Texas, as being snobs from the effete East.

It is one hundred and fifty miles farther from El Paso, Texas to Texarkana, Texas than it is from Chicago to New York; Fort Worth is nearer St. Paul, Minn., than it is to Brownsville, Texas.

The chief occupation of the people of Texas is trying to keep from making all the money in the world. The chief pursuit of the people of Texas was formerly Mexicans, but now it is land buyers, steers and Texas crop records.

The United States, with Texas off would look like a three-legged Boston terrier.

Texans are so proud of Texas that they cannot sleep at night. If a Texan's head should open the map of Texas would be found photographed on his brain. This is also true of his heart. Unless your front gate is eighteen miles from your front door you do not belong to society as constituted in Texas.

Other Texas landlords have whole mountain ranges on their ranches. One Texan has forty miles of navigable river on his farm. If the proportion of cultivated land in Texas were the same as in Illinois, the value of Texas would equal that forty-seven other states.

Texas has enough land to supply every man, woman and child in the world with a tract of five feet by twenty and have enough left for the armies of the world to march around the border five abreast.

If the alfalfa grown in Texas were baled and built into a stairway it would reach to the pearly gates.

If all the hogs in Texas were one big hog, he would be able to dig up the Panama Canal in three big roots.

If all the Texas steers were one big steer, he would stand with his front feet in the Gulf of Mexico, one hind foot in the Hudson Bay and the other in the Arctic ocean, and with his tail brush the mist from the Aurora Borealis. Some State.—A Texas Visitor.

USED CAR BARGAINS

One Ford Sedan, one Ford Coupe, one Buick roadster. All in first-class condition. See Roy Harkey.

Help Spur Grow

John D. Hufstedler, of the Dockum Valley country, was among the business visitors here the first of the week.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks, of west of Spur, were among the number in the city Saturday, meeting with friends and shopping.

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C. D. Copeland made a trip last week to Abilene to accompany his aunt who was returning to her home in the Eastern part of the state.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. and Mrs. I. Wolfe returned Monday evening from Dallas where they had been some time with her mother through an illness followed by death.

Help Spur Grow

Clarence Bilberry is sick this week with typhoid fever. He is reported doing nicely at present and we hope to see him out again soon.

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FOR SALE—Residence with two nice lots, close to Spur Schools, for sale cheap.—W. M. Leford. 26-2t.

Spur Independent School District vs. Fred Holomon, et al

In the District Court of Dickens County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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

You are hereby commanded that you summon Fred Holomon, H. Tyree, and wife, Mrs. H. Tyree, T. J. Herron, L. B. Herron, Thomas McGee, Mrs. Thomas McGee, N. P. Shaw, Harry Ramsey, S. W. Lane, C. H. Dean, J. H. Reagan, C. D. Potter, A. T. Young, J. R. Hutton, A. L. Jobe, Ira Owen, Oliver Pike, Thomas J. Owens, Mrs. Thomas J. Owen, Mrs. S. J. Owen, J. M. Anderson, I. D. Gamble, J. O. Clark and L. B. Schulte, by making publication of this citation for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day thereof, in some newspaper published in your county, to be and appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Dickens County, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof in the town of Dickens, Texas, on the first Monday in June, A. D. 1925, the same being the 1st day of June A. D. 1925, then and there to answer the petition of plaintiff filed herein on the 27th day of April A. D. 1925, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 868 where in the Spur Independent School District, a municipal corporation, is plaintiff and Fred Holomon, Thomas McGee, H. Tyree and Mrs. H. Tyree, N. P. Shaw, Harry Ramsey, J. L. Jones, S. W. Lane, C. H. Dean, J. W. Carter, T. J. Herron, L. B. Herron, J. H. Reagan, C. D. Potter, I. D. Gamble, A. T. Young, J. R. Hutton, W. K. Jeffus, H. D. Snodgrass, A. L. Jobe, Ira Owens, C. Snodgrass, H. C. Cheeley, Oliver Pike, Thomas J. Owen, Mrs. Thomas J. Owen, Mrs. S. J. Owen, a feme sole, L. M. Anderson, J. O. Clark and L. B. Schulte, are defendants.

Said petition alleging that the plaintiff is a municipal corporation duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of this state and that by virtue of the said laws of this state in such instances made and provided and by virtue of the powers granted to plaintiff thereby, the plaintiff, said Spur Independent School District, did for the years hereinafter set out levy and assess certain taxes against the lands, lots and real estate situated within said District and within the County of Dickens, State of Texas, being certain lots in the town of Spur, Dickens County, Texas, and shown by the plat thereof of record in the office of the County Clerk thereof as follows: Lots 7, 8 & 9, in Block No. 49, for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, assessed against the said Fred Holomon, the amount of \$47.58, The West one-half of Lots 1 and 2, in block No. 62, for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$27.19 and assessed against the said Thomas McGee, Mrs. Thomas McGee, H. Tyree, and Mrs. H. Tyree, N. P. Shaw and Harry Ramsey. The East two-thirds of Lots 26 and 27 in Block 38, for the years 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921 and 1922, assessed against the said Y. L. Jones and S. W. Lane, the sum of \$30.86, Lot No. 6 in Block No. 62, for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, assessed against C. H. Dean, the sum of \$22.50, Lots Nos. 15 and 16 in Block No. 43, for the years 1918, 1920 and 1921, assessed against the said J. W. Carter, T. J. Herron, and L. B. Herron, the sum of \$20.26, Lot No. 10 in Block No. 38, assessed against J. H. Reagan, and C. D. Potter, for the years 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$19.02, Lot No. 9 in Block No. 33, assessed against A. T. Young, J. R. Hutton and W. K. Jeffus, for the years, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$16.76, Lot No. 8 in Block No. 33, assessed A. T. Young, J. R. Hutton and W. K. Jeffus, for the years 1917, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$14.66, Lot No. 5 in Block No. 24, assessed against H. D. Snodgrass for the years, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, the sum of \$22.02, Lot No. 4 in Block No. 24, assessed against the said H. D. Snodgrass for the years, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$21.92, Lot No. 3 in Block No. 24 assessed against the said H. D. Snodgrass for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$22.16, Lot No. 2 in Block No. 24 for C. Snodgrass for the years 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$22.19, Lot No. 23 in Block No. 22, assessed against A. L. Jobe, Ira Owens, for the years 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 the sum of \$25.59, Lots Nos. 4 and 5 in Block No. 21, assessed against H. C. Cheeley for the year 1923, the sum of \$13.76, Lot No. 2 in Block No. 20, assessed against J. W. Carter for the years, 1918, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 the sum of \$16.65, Lot No. 7 in Block No. 14, assessed against Oliver Pike for the years, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923, the sum of \$17.02, Lot No. 6 in Block No. 14, assessed against Oliver Pike for the years, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 the sum of \$15.81, Lot No. 1 in Block No. 13, assessed against Thomas J. Owen, Mrs. Thomas J. Owen, and Mrs. S. J. Owen, for the years, 1917, 1920, 1921, 1922 and 1923 the sum of \$10.56, Lot No. 24 in Block No. 12, assessed against J. W. Carter for the years 1918, 1920 and 1921 the sum of \$11.17, Lot No. 26 in Block No. 12, assessed against L. M. Anderson for the year 1923, the sum of \$6.31, Lot No. 9 in Block No. 7, assessed against J. O. Clark for the year 1923, the sum of \$2.51, Lot No. 24 in Block No. 11, assessed against J. O. Clark for the year

1923 the sum of \$3.78. Lot No. 13 in Block No. 9, assessed against L. B. Schulte for the years, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, and 1923, the sum of \$14.16.

That said amounts constitute the total taxes, penalties and interest due on each respective tract of land for the years alleged; that each of the defendants herein respectively is liable to plaintiff for the amount of the said taxes, interest and penalties against him so levied and assessed, and in addition thereto is liable to plaintiff for the amount of attorney's fees and court costs allowed by law.

That each of the respective amounts is delinquent for the years herein alleged and is now unpaid and due; that such delinquency was for each year the same was so delinquent returned delinquent by the tax collector of said District and published as required by law and approved by the President of the said Board of Trustees of said Spur Independent School District.

That the amounts so assessed, together with all interest, costs and attorney's fees is a lien against the respective tracts against which the same is so assessed in favor of Plaintiff.

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

Witness the hand of the District Clerk under the seal of said court this 27th day of April, A. D. 1925.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk of the District Court Dickens County, Texas.

JOSEPHINE GREEN, Deputy. Issued this 27th day of April A. D. 1925.

O. C. ARTHUR, Clerk of the District Court Dickens County, Texas.

JOSEPHINE GREEN, Deputy. 26-4t.

Help Spur Grow—ESPUELA ITEMS

Every one is smiling since the rain. Before they were blue. Mary Battles and Ona Shockley spent Sunday and Sunday night with Inez and Bertsey Sims.

Zazie Teague, who has undergone an operation for appendicitis on the 31st of March, was able to return to her home Wednesday of last week.

Coy Morris is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. A. Havins. Myrtle is all smiles while he is here.

Venson Bilberry has worn the castings off his Chevrolet going over to Mr. Cupp so often.

Conly Smith was very blue while Zazie was in the hospital. But he is smiling now.

Rev. L. S. Bilberry's car was destroyed by fire Friday night of last week.

Our prayer meeting is progressing nicely on Friday night. Also our B. Y. P. U. Junior and Senior on Sunday night.

The first Sunday Brother Bilberry will fill his regular appointment here. Everyone is invited to attend.

We are sorry to say Daisy Cupp has quit school. We all wonder why. Bertsey and Inez Sims, Mrs. Sallie and Elmer Bilberry attend the school program at Dickens Thursday night.

Zazie Teague has a whipping laid up for Mary Battles. For going with Herman Allen we suppose.

Bill and Jim Holloway, Ross Battles, Lonnie Emert, Howard Shockley, and Albert Puckett, went fishing last week on the Clear Fork, caught many fish and report a nice time.

Harold Carr, Zona Mae Miller, Ona Shockley, Oliver Birnell, Myrtle Messer, and Alton Foreman attended the Junior and Senior reception Friday night at Annie Mae Hale's report a nice time.

The men and boys are playing baseball in Mr. Delise pasture on Friday. Everyone is invited to attend.

An Ode to our base ball boys: Venson can always hit the ball, but when he runs he falls. When Jim struts his stuff he makes them play so hard they think they've played long enough. Elmer is rather fat, but he makes them step when he gets to the bat. When Pete gets on third base he makes them all wish they didn't have a dirty face. When Ross hits the ball he makes them all "squall." If I were Lonnie I'd move my base, and go home and take a race. Little John is just like Jim, he hits the ball with all his vim. Conly big and tall he can go to see Zazie, but he can't play ball. L. D. B. Just cant see, when some one knocks the ball he always hits it face.

—Three Kids.

Dr. Lyons, of Afton, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday.

H. E. Grabener, of east of Spur, was here Wednesday doing a little trading and recounting the good times ahead in prospect by the recent rains.

A. E. Bailey, of the Steel Hill community, was in the city Saturday meeting with his friends.

T. L. Rape, of the Steel Hill country, was among the number in the city Tuesday. He reports big rains, fine prospects and everything lovely.

Waiter L. Powell, of Dry Lake, was among the many in the city Monday.

HOW EXCESSIVE TAXES BLIGHT A NATION'S LIFE

Productive Effort Stops if Government Takes Undue Share of Profits, Says Treasury Official.

WEALTH IN RUSSIA FLED BEFORE THE TAXGATHERER

Men in America Prefer Golf to Giving Fruits of Three Days Work a Week to Income Taxes

The blighting effects of excessive taxation, leading to a nation's economic destruction, are described in the current issue of the American Bankers Association Journal by Garrard B. Winston, Under-secretary of the Treasury. Citing possible effects on the Ford Motor Car Company, he declares that "the value is so large and its ownership so centered it is conceivable that collection of inheritance taxes may check, if not destroy, that unit of policy which has created and expanded that industry and thus prevent its future prosperity. Of what avail, then, is it to any government if it collects one hundred million dollars once in estate taxes and destroys a source of income upon which it can rely for revenue year after year?"

"Success of the Ford Company does not mean simply that Mr. Ford and his son have grown wealthy. It means employment of tens of thousands of men and women; that mines, forests, railroads and vessels are brought into use; that the public has received an efficient and inexpensive means of transportation; that the farm is in touch with the city, and the worker with his office," Mr. Winston says in part.

Wealth Flees Oppression "Upon first impression it might appear that a nation could take all of the earnings of its citizens or all of their property. The Soviet government proposed to appropriate all instrumentalities of trade and commerce. Yet, when the state reached out to grasp this wealth, it disappeared and left nothing but a few tangible objects, such as gold and jewels, which were easily transported to other countries. Wealth in Russia ceased to exist.

"If income tax rates are placed so high that capital in productive business no longer gives a net return commensurate with the risk, capital will go out of productive business, lie idle, go abroad, go into tax-exempt securities, or find other ways of avoiding the tax. If income tax rates are so excessive that a man of ability finds he must work more than three days a week for the government, he will become discouraged and decide that the result is not worth the effort. Less income will be produced and less will be realized from the tax.

"Recently a letter came to the Treasury from a small farmer. He owned a few acres which in 1913 were assessed at \$900 and on which a tax of \$13 was levied. In 1924 the assessed value increased to \$3,200 and the tax to \$123, but the farm failed to produce any more. Taxes exceeded the rental value of the land and more than the net earnings of the property were taken by the state. The farm was abandoned and now produces no tax.

"Often there come to notice cases where a particular improvement is not made, or a particular business is not started, because after deducting taxes the risk exceeds the value of the expected return. Men have dropped business, spent their winters in Florida and their summers abroad, because what they are permitted to retain under present tax rates is not worth the labor they must give to acquire it. They prefer golf to the further development of the country.

"Unscientific Taxes Destroy a Nation "Unscientific methods of taxation may actually destroy the very earnings or property which it should be the principal interest of a government to foster. When it reaches the limits of what is known as its taxable capacity, a nation has begun to die. If taxes are raised too high, a country will slowly but surely destroy itself. It will use for daily consumption the seed corn on which its future life depends, and the spirit of initiative and adventure in its people will finally disappear. One or more of three things happen: The quantity of consumption is cut down; which means a lowering of the standard of living; or capital accumulations for extensions, improvements and new undertakings must diminish, resulting in a slowing up of progress and lessening eventually of taxable revenue; or, thirdly, a slackening of effort on the part of the citizen will take place when too large a part of his earnings are taken in taxes.

"The effort in taxation should be to find the tax which will continue to raise money over a period of years. Invariably, with an excessive tax, its yield has fallen off year by year, while each rate reduction is reflected in an increase of taxable income. If the Treasury is to be assured a continuance of revenue, our citizens must prosper. If they are to prosper, the appropriation by the state of their earnings and property must be based upon economically sound principles."

A BIG DINNER AT THE DIXIE CAFE SATURDAY, MAY 2ND Wholesome and Well Prepared! Turkey Chicken Pork Roast Fresh Potatoes Cranberries Cherry and Banana Pies Blackberry Cobbler Coffee and Tea Ice Cream and Cake All For 50c Fish and Oysters in Season Music by McAdoo String Band E. N. Brown, S. W. Stephenson, leaders

C. D. Jacobson, of Route A, was among the number in Tuesday trading and transacting business matters. L. C. Arrington returned last week from his farm out near Seminole. In returning he had to lay over for a night on account of high water. He has about six hundred acres now in cultivation on his Plains place, having rented out for the year and is returning to his home near Dickens. We are glad to have Mr. Arrington back with us, and we congratulate him upon improving and holding his farm property in the "far west." Some day this land will be recognized among the best agricultural lands and will become most valuable. The time was when lands here were considered not worth fifty cents an acre, as we now consider lands further west less valuable. But as the country develops lands everywhere will increase in value as well as production.

SUNDOWN "A Drama of Great Hearts and Mighty Events" MAY 6TH AND 7TH At LYRIC THEATRE ADMISSION 25c and 50c The greatest epic of the West in motion picture history. Ride the ranges with the men who made the West—see them driven out if their homelands by the onward rush of Civilization. Witness a love story of hearts that are caught in this turmoil and carried through it to adventure and sacrifice. 300,000 Head of Cattle Stamped at One Time. Filmed in five of the greatest western states, over a period of six months, amid the most trying and dangerous conditions. THIS PICTURE IS IN THE CLASS WITH "THE COVERED WAGON," "NORTH OF 36" AND OTHER SPECIALS HERETOFORE SHOWN This is the most expensive picture heretofore shown in Spur. The price of admission is reduced in order so all may see it.



**OUR GOVERNMENT**

In a speech at Garland, recently, Congressman Hattin W. Sumners declared, among other things, that the government of the United States "is rapidly becoming the most extravagant, corruptible, and, in many respects, the most tyrannical in the history of the world."

And, among the reasons assigned for the condition he spoke of, was the fact that there are 506,000 federal employes paid by tax funds.

These, it must be remembered, are in addition to the city employes of all of the cities of the United States, the county employes of all of the counties in the United States, and the state employes of all the states in the Union.

This army of 506,000 employes of the federal government does not represent the members of state boards, bureaus, commissions and departments, or the persons hired by them.

Neither does it represent the rangers or state police, the sheriffs and constables and their deputies, or the judges, clerks, bailiffs and reporters of the courts.

It does not include the policemen, or the firemen, of cities.

With these facts in mind, it is not hard to understand just why so much money is needed to run the government.

Salaries, or wages, as the choice may be, will run up into the millions of dollars annually for federal employes only, while the total sum paid to public employes of all classes, city, county, state and federal, will amount to billions of dollars each year.

We wonder, though, whether this army of employes is necessary?

Certainly it might be reduced if, as Congressman Sumners pleads, the concentration of government could be done away with and the rights of the states kept intact.

Burdensome, and unwieldy as the government is, with its duplication of work and wasted effort, the time will come when the people, realizing the truth of Mr. Sumners' criticism, will act to destroy bureaucracy and restore the government to the people.

**STEAM RAIROADING BEGAN A CENTURY AGO THIS YEAR**

American promoters obtained the first charter in the world, but Britons were first in actual operation of the new mode of transportation.

This year—1925—marks the centenary of railroading.

One hundred years ago, American and British interests were acting for the honor of putting the first public steam railroad train in operation. The Americans won in first obtaining a charter, but due to a lack of speedy financial support in the United States the British led in actually operating the first railroad train in the world.

This first train was operated over the Stockton & Darlington Railway in England September 27, 1825, and its centenary is to be celebrated by a special congress in London of the International Railway Association.

George Stephenson's famous "Loco" motive No. 1, preceded by a rider on horseback carrying a flag, hauled the train containing six wagons of coal, a passenger coach (the world's first, a mere box on wheels) and twenty-one coal trucks fitted with seats for the occasion. It was said that 450 passengers rode on the train. It averaged eight miles an hour.

Two years before this English train turned a wheel, John Stevens, "father of American railroading," obtained a charter for the construction of a Pennsylvania railroad from Philadelphia to Columbia, eighty miles. This road was then and still is called the Pennsylvania railroad, the oldest railway line on the American continent. The charter stipulated that it was to be operated by steam.

Until that time all transportation was done either by canal or by horse-drawn vehicles.

"Wise" financiers of the time shook their heads at Stevens' "crazy" idea to have steam-driven locomotives take the place of "the tried and true" horse-drawn carriages and canal boats and it looked for a time as if the whole project would die, as had a similar venture of Stevens in New Jersey, in 1815, when he failed to get enough support to build a railroad from New Brunswick to Trenton, after he had obtained a charter.

In 1825 Stevens, then 75 years old, finding himself unable to obtain private subscriptions for his Pennsylvania railroad, returned to Hoboken, and in 1826 constructed a locomotive with a multitubular boiler, which he operated on a circular track on his estate there, carrying a half dozen persons at a speed of more than 12 miles an hour. This was the first lo-

comotive in America driven by steam upon a track, and a good model of it is preserved in the United States National Museum at Washington. Stevens died March 6, 1838, at the age of 89 years, being spared to see his wildest dreams come true, with steam railroads spreading rapidly toward the heart of the continent in every direction.

**—Help Spur Grow—**

R. P. Bell, superintendent of the Dry Lake schools, was transacting business in Spur Saturday. His school will close about the 15th of May and preparations are now being made for the commencement exercises. There will be ten or twelve graduates from the Dry Lake schools this year, two in the eighth and eight or ten from the grammar grades.

**—Help Spur Grow—**

Red Mud Lambert, head of range operations on the Pitchfork Ranch, was in Spur Monday. He is having several hundred head of cattle moved through the country to Crosbyton for shipment to the markets this week. By driving through to Crosbyton for shipment, we understand that approximately three dollars a head can be saved on shipment charges to the Kansas and other northern markets.

**—Help Spur Grow—**

C. C. Cornelius, of Girard, was among the many business visitors in Spur the past week. Mr. Cornelius and family are temporarily residing in Girard for school advantages, and will probably remove to their ranch home to the southwest of Spur at the close of the present school session which will end in May.

**—Help Spur Grow—**

Mr. Wyatt, district superintendent of the TriCounty Lumber Company, returned this week to his headquarters at Dallas after spending several days here in the interest of the local firm. In conversation with Mr. Wyatt he stated that the business being done at the Spur yard compared favorably with the biggest yards of the company in the Southern and Eastern portions of the state.

**—Help Spur Grow—**

Newt Cravey came in the latter part of the past week from the Red Mud country, reporting everything in fine shape and nobody discouraged in the least.

**THE OTHER SIDE**

To the Editor of The Texas Spur:

The difficulties that critics of Christian Science encounter, in their attempts to explain or discredit its teachings, come of not gaining its spiritual sense or meaning; for, when understood, Christian Science is found to be in perfect harmony and agreement with the scriptures, and measures up to the Christ standard in every respect.

Quoting detached statements from the teachings of Christian Science, and comparing them with similarly detached or unrelated quotations from the Bible, is not calculated to give the correct impression; and it is necessary to point out that the only parallel drawn in the article contributed to your columns, to which this is written in answer, that correctly states the position of Christian Science, is that "Christian Science denies the reality of sin, sickness, pain and death."

However, this is exactly what Jesus demonstrated these errors of human experience to be—unreal; as he plainly said that he came to "destroy the works of the devil," and he healed the sick and sinful, and raised the dead, all in obedience to the will of his heavenly Father.

If sin, sickness, pain and death are real, that is, God-created and God-sustained, even the Master could not have come then; for to be real, in a scientific sense, means that they are of God and shall stand forever. There would then be no escape from these errors, and we would have them to contend with throughout eternity; whereas Christian Scientists are daily demonstrating, through the healing, comforting and regenerative ministry of Christian Science, to the degree of their understanding, the absolute unreality of all human discord, even as the Savior enjoined on all those who were to be known as his disciples.

It should not be understood, however, that Christian Science teaches that sin, sickness, pain and death do not seem real to the human, material sense of things. Indeed these errors do so appear, and must be eliminated; and this is accomplished through determining their true nature, which comes of understanding that God is infinite, omnipresent good—Life, Truth, Love. Sinners are cleansed of their sins through this teaching, not confirmed therein, as some would have the public believe; though, of course, all they who sin must suffer, even as the Scripture declares.

Refuting the statement in the article in question that "Christian Science repudiates all the ordinances of God, making a large portion of the Old Testament and the New Testament meaningless," the first religious tenet of Christian Science is quoted, this being found on page 497 of the Christian Science text-book, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," written by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science: "As adherents of Truth, we take the inspired Word of the Bible as our sufficient guide to eternal life." How then can it be said that Christian Science repudiates "all the ordinances of God," which ordinances must of necessity repudiate "all the ordinances of God," which ordinances must of necessity be found in the sacred Scriptures, which are the "sufficient guide" to all Christian Scientists?

The erroneous statements with respect to the attitude of Christian Science towards Christ Jesus are particularly unfortunate and misleading; but humanity is today demanding something more than mere creedal or doctrinal statements as to the Savior and his teachings; and Christian Scientists are honoring the Christ, in obeying the command of the Master to "Heal the sick" as well as "Preach the gospel"; experiencing answers, in gratifying degree, to their Lord's prayer: "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven." The facts effectually refute all aspersions of our critic, for Christian Scientists make of Jesus' teachings a daily, practical help, not a mere doctrinal theory.

Your readers need have no fear that Christian Science seeks to set aside "the vital things that men are to believe"; for Christian Science comes reiterating no instructions other than those of the healing and saving messages of the Scriptures, ever pointing mortals to that God, of whom it is said in the Psalms, "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases."

Christ Jesus invited the most searching test of his scientific, sacred teachings, pointing to his work as a sufficient confirmation thereof; and Christian Science invites this very test, calmly challenging every declaration of a departure, in the least particular, from the teachings of the Scriptures, of prophet, apostle or Christ.

As for all critics of Christian Science, the advice of Gamaliel, the

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great Hebrew doctor of the law, as recorded in the fifth chapter of Acts, is respectfully recommended: "And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will come to nought; but if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found even to fight against God."—Ralph W. Still, Christian Science Committee on Publication for Texas.

**—Help Spur Grow—  
"MORE COTTON ON FEWER ACRES"**

Following is the rules of "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest by the Dallas News and Farm and Ranch:

1. The contest shall be open to any farmer in Texas who does not irrigate his land.
2. There shall be a total of \$1,500 in prizes. Award of the \$1,000 grand prize shall be based upon the greatest production of lint cotton on five acres of unirrigated land; award of each of four smaller prizes of \$200, \$150, \$100 and \$50, totaling \$500, shall be based upon the most valuable information pertaining to profitable cotton raising contained in crop records kept by contestants, regardless of whether high or low cotton yields are made.
3. The five acres be measured by a local cotton contest committee of two farmers residing in the same community of contestant and one business man residing at trade center of contestant.
4. The committee shall make sworn statement as to measurement of land and character of contestant.
5. Each contestant must keep an accurate record of his five-acre cotton crop as well as a record of the cotton on the rest of his farm on a Crop Record to be supplied him and after having been sworn to must be delivered at end of season to the Cotton Contest Editor of The Dallas Morning News and The Semi-Weekly Farm News.
6. Each contestant after his cotton is ginned must submit commercial samples of his cotton properly drawn from both sides of each bale, accompanied by a tag containing his name and address and price received for the cotton, to the Textile Engineering Department of Texas A. & M. College to be tested for quality, length of staple and character.
7. An entrant may win the grand prize of \$1,000 and one crop record prize; the two have no bearing upon one another.

**—Help Spur Grow—**

A strange gentleman called at my office yesterday. He told me that he had just arrived in this city and was looking for a position in some factory or office. A friend of his, and of mine, had sent him to me for guidance. I inquired as to his experience and special qualifications and found that singing seemed to be the only thing he could do better than anything else. It is unfortunate that I did not hear the following story until today, for I am so cruel that I would have enjoyed telling it to him. An employment manager wrote to a society man for information regarding an applicant for a position. The reply stated: "I know Mr. J. to be excellently connected and well bred. His grandfather was General S., a cousin of the fourth Lord G. His mother was P. and related to the Countess of H." The employment manager acknowledged as follows:

"Thanks for the letter regarding Mr. J. We would state, however, that he is required for clerical work and not for breeding purposes."

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
Ben Reddell, of McAdoo, was in Spur Saturday. He has his lands all in readiness for planting, and since the big rains of Saturday night and Sunday, which also reached the McAdoo country, we expect to see little more of him or other farmers if that section until after the planting season.

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
W. G. Mayfield, one of the leading business men and citizens of Girard, had business in Spur the past week. He reports business good at Girard, considering the conditions and handicaps under which that section is laboring.

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
J. C. McNeill, of the Alamo Stock Farm west of Spur, was among the business visitors to Spur Monday of this week.

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
Will Taylor was in the city the first of this week. He is now retiring from the business of buying and shipping cattle, resuming his old occupation of trading horses and mules in which he is unexcelled.

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
A. C. George, of the Highway community, was among the many business visitors on the streets of Spur the past week.

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
J. Anderson Davis, of four miles northeast of Spur, came in Monday, having his plows sharpened and ready for operations just as soon as it becomes sufficiently dry to get in the fields.

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
W. T. Wilson, of four or five miles east of Spur, was on the streets the first of the week.

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
E. B. Shaw, of Croton, dropped by to see us Saturday while in town. Throughout the year Uncle Eb has been making weather forecasts, and it is admitted that he is more accurate even than the scientists and recognized weather bureaus. He predicted rains the latter part of this month, and they are now coming to the satisfaction of the most exacting.

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
J. H. Smith, of west of Spur, was in Saturday, telling us that fully four inches of rain fell at his place. The whole country is now in fine shape and everybody reassured and happy in the prospect of good seasons and bumper crops.

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
Mr. Vernon, of the Highway country, was meeting with his friends on the streets of Spur Saturday.

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
Mrs. G. W. Bennett, of the north part of the county, was among the many shoppers in the city Saturday.

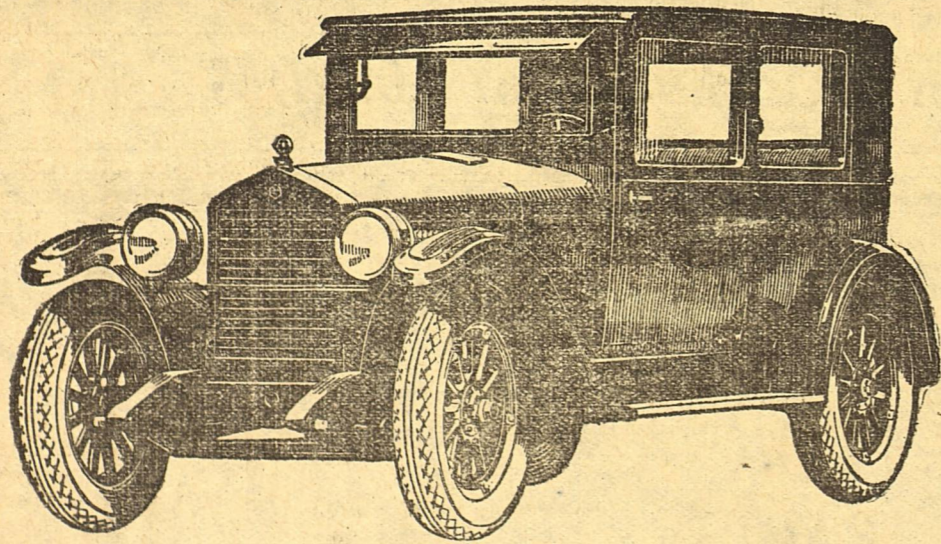
**—Help Spur Grow—**  
George Harris came down from McAdoo the latter part of the week, spending a short time in Spur meeting with his friends and attending to business matters.

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
T. G. Bass, of Dry Lake, was transacting business and meeting with friends here the first of the week.

**—Help Spur Grow—**  
R. I. Wallace, postmaster and druggist of McAdoo, was transacting business in Spur the first of the week. Business as well as building and improvement progress has been brisk at McAdoo throughout the year. In fact, McAdoo has become one of the most progressive inland towns of the whole country.

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Dear people, take warning! The Bible has to be fulfilled. Catholicism is the main issue. When the war was over newspapers published a call for all the churches to meet and get under faith. What was her reply? She answered back, we come to nothing, your churches come out of ours, we are the Mother Church; you went out from us, now the mothers stands with outstretched arms to welcome you back. The protestants of course took exception to it, then they had to start something to force them to terms. They knew they were not able to force church dogmas on the people, on the account of the constitution and our freedom. They were too few in numbers, so we can see the intent of the move. They hate the Jews because they have to. God is in it, the time is here, or about here, for the ending of the Gentiles, and re-grafting of the Jews into the old alive stump. The Jews had to be cut off to let in the Gentiles and that caused the Jews to hate the Gentiles. So you can see we are right at the end. Now back to my Mother and her children. Seeing that Mama would not follow the kids from a human viewpoint we have got to foster an institution that will force her to terms. We can build a secret society that can do the work so they fill on the plan of the K. K. K. to for a Catholicism to terms. They want to exclude the Catholic from office and when they do his property is unprotected and so is the Jew. Then the only thing for either to do is to bundle up and leave. What the Jew has got to do is to go back to Jerusalem to be ready for the second coming of Christ. But Mr. Sectorian, the woman on the scarlet colored beast will never go, nor come to you either. You can kill the Catholic, but you can't conquer them at all. Now the only thing is this, you will do just what God said you would. God said, "that his people would not be allowed to buy nor sell," Rev. 13:17. That is part of your mission, Mr. K. K. K. You are already carrying out the work God said you would and I can't say as to how, for you will carry out this wickedness. But you will do plenty to bring the downfall and destruction of the whole world sooner or later if I can read my Bible right. I, as for myself, would be glad that it could be avoided, but this not mine to stop. It is an awful time and must come to pass before the binding of Satan, then he must be loosed a little season. My God why is it that the people won't heed and come out is something too hard for me?—H. Mings, Loop, Texas.

**VEGETABLES—AND OUR CHILDREN**

More spinach? Oh Mother, I just hate spinach!!!!  
Have you ever heard a similar wail? Here are a few suggestions to help you induce these children to eat vegetables, for they need them even tho they do not at present like them.  
The problem is usually simple if you start early enough. Vegetable juice should be given to the baby by the time he is 8 months old. To make this, boil any mild vegetable, as green peas, carrots, celery, spinach, string beans, turnips, or a combination of these. Use very little water. When tender, press the juice thru a strainer into the cooking water. Add this to the bottle mixture, or feed it with a spoon if the baby is breast fed. Gradually press more of the pulp into the soup, thus making it thicken. By the time the baby is 18 months old the vegetables may be cut into very fine pieces, instead of being strained.

By varying the vegetables used for this soup, the child early becomes accustomed to a variety of flavors, and does not later object to spinach carrots, or vegetables in general.

If you would have your children like vegetables it is very important that the grown-ups of the family eat them. If Father pushes away his dish of carrots, you can't expect Jack to eat his.

In serving a vegetable for the first time give the child only a small helping. Don't mention that it is a new vegetable, or that the child might not like it. Just expecting him to eat it will do wonders toward making him eat it. Do not allow him to have any dessert until he has eaten his vegetable.

Always serve the vegetables attractively. Cook them until tender but no longer. Season carefully. Serve hot with butter or a well made cream sauce.—By Spur Red Cross Nutrition Worker.

—Help Spur Grow—  
Mike M. Young and son, of Abernathy, were in Spur the latter part of the week, coming down to move farm implements to their farm at Abernathy. Mr. Young stated that good rains had come to his section, and that while wheat and other small grain crops would be short, fine prospects prevailed for big row crop harvests on the plains.

—Help Spur Grow—  
L. A. Grantham, of east if Spur, came in Saturday to mingle with the crowds and trade with the live-wire merchants of the city.

—Help Spur Grow—  
A girl baby was born last week to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lisenby at their home in the city.

**WAKE TEACHER DISAPPEARS BUT IS FOUND LATER**

Considerable anxiety prevailed in the Wake community last Saturday when it was learned that Mr. South principal of the Wake school, did not make his appearance at his boarding place. Mr. Smith with a number of the school children, had gone on a picnic Friday evening in the canyon, and from there, he, with others, attended the Baptist meeting in Crosbyton on Friday night. It was said that Mr. South told others that a message had come for him and he feared that his mother was ill. Nothing more was heard from him until Monday, when a letter was received by Mr. Boyd from Brownwood stating that his mother was ill. In the meantime, however, it is said that officers had wired to know if his mother was well.—Crosbyton Review.

—Help Spur Grow—  
Mr. and Mrs. Mace Hunter were shoppers in the city Saturday from their farm home to the east of Spur. Mace was feeling good, but expecting more rain which came later.

S. W. Stephenson and family, of the McAdoo country spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in the Cat Fish country. They started home Sunday afternoon, the rain overtaking them and forcing them to spend the night in Spur. He said it was the heaviest rain he had been out in since coming to Texas.

—Help Spur Grow—  
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson, of east of Spur, were shopping and visiting in the city Saturday. Mr. Wilson is one of the biggest farmers of the country, and since the rains he is in the finest spirits and feeling sufficiently independent to trade where he pleases and the best prices can be had.

Mrs. Abernathy, of north of Spur, was shopping and visiting in the city Monday.

Tol Merriman was here the past week from his ranch home to the south of Spur.

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**ENTRE NOUS CLUBS NOTES**

Mesdames Robert Lea and Murray Lea will be hostess to the Entre Nous Club May 7th.  
Mrs. Clifford Jones will be hostess to the club May 14th, at her apartment at the Spur Inn.  
Mrs. F. W. Jennings will be hostess May 21st, at her home.  
Mrs. Riley Huie will be hostess May 28th, at her home on Burlington Avenue.

Help Spur Grow  
W. R. Moore, of Steel Hill, was here Saturday smiling with the crowds.

**SPUR DELPHIAN LIBRARY**

Many new books have been received at the Spur Delphian Library, open every Saturday afternoon from 3 to 6 p. m., subscription \$1.50 entitled you to read a book a week. *Plastec Age* by Percy Marks; *Thundering Herd*, by Zane Grey; *Prof. How Could You*, by Harry Leon Wilson; *So Big*, by Edna Feber; *The Gentleman of Courage*, by James Oliver Curwood; *The Enchanted Hill*, by Peter B. Kyne; *Keeper of the Door*, by Ethel M. Dell; *Brass Commandments*, by C. A. Seltzer; *Tangled Theads*, by Elenor H. Porter; *Understood Betsey*, by Dorothy Confield; *The Wrong Twin*, by Harry Leon Wilson; *Trail of the White Mule*, by B. M. Bower; *White Otter*, by Eline Russell Gregor; *Fall of the Mohawk Chief*, by E. L. Tomlinson; *Everlasting Whisper*, by Jackson Jackson Gregory; *Wanderer of the Wasteland*, by Zane Grey; *The Country Beyond*, by James Oliver Curwood.

The Library is located in the reception room of the Nichols Sanitarium, down stairs.—Reporter.

**MATADOR SELECTS MAID AND MATRON GO TO MINERAL WELLS**

Matador, Texas, April 25.—Mrs. T. Pryse Metcalfe and Miss Julia Luckett have been selected by the Motley County Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Department Club of Matador to act as Madam Matador and Miss Matador respectively at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce convention in May. Mrs. Metcalfe is the wife of T. Pryse Metcalfe, county agricultural agent, and Miss Luckett is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Luckett. She is a graduate of the Minerals Wells high school and a student of Southern Methodist University at Dallas. Matador expects to have a large delegation at the convention in Mineral Wells.

**MIXED SHIPMENTS**

"Miss Curlycue," murmured the office manager to the stenog, "I don't wanna be harsh. Nothing like that. I really don't."

"Let's have the answer," said the damsel nonchalantly. "What's gone wrong now?"

"I just wanna ask you not to write your young man during business hours. Letters are apt to get mixed. Herb & Blurb report that we have sent 'em a shipment of love and kisses instead of the axle grease they ordered."

Help Spur Grow  
R. M. Slack, of west of Spur, was here Monday greeting friends and trading with merchants.

**OUR "REACTIONARY" LEGISLATURE**

State Superintendent of Public Instruction S. M. N. Marrs has criticized the recent session of the legislature as reactionary because it did not appropriate larger amounts for education. He says it would have been easy to have raised the money by raising the tax on gasoline to three cents a gallon and by imposing a tax on cigarettes.

In defense of the legislature it may be said that it was faced with the fact of an increasing deficit in the state funds which was bringing shame and discredit to the State of Texas. Appropriations were made with the thought of reducing the deficit and at the same time not adding to the tax burdens of the people.

"However, measured by the political standards of modern times," say the *Denison Herald*, "the legislature at its regular session did in truth and in fact give evidence of reactionary tendencies as charged by Mr. Marrs. In both state and nation for the past quarter of a century we have had progressive thought and action in our legislative bodies with the result that the cost of government has risen from about \$4 per capita to \$48. In other words, where one dollar was expended for governmental purposes twenty-five years ago, approximately twelve dollars is expended today. To oppose further enlargements of the sources of revenue and demand a reduction in public expenditures at once stamps one not only as a reactionary but a most objectionable person in certain circles sought to be made exclusive."

"The legislature at its regular session only appropriated approximately \$14,000,000 for the cause of education in Texas, the public schools participating to about one-third of the total. That is not enough, according to Mr. Marrs. While he doesn't say just how much should have been provided, the presumption is that about twice the sum appropriated would have placed the state in the progressive column. With that amount of money a thorough-going system of education could be built up in the state. To have done that, of course, would have necessitated the levy of additional taxes. But that is of small consequence. The people, under the benevolent purposes and achievements of progressive government, have become accustomed to paying taxes and having them increased from year to year. In fact, they don't feel exactly right unless every thing touched is made to contribute revenue to the government."

"And so, Mr. Marrs says, the tax on gasoline could have been increased to three cents a gallon, which would have brought in \$8,800,000, and a tax on cigarettes another million or two which would have saved the schools from the blasting effects of reactionism. The superintendent has probably overlooked the possibilities of a head tax and an income tax, which likewise would greatly increase the school fund if applied in accordance with progressive principles. However, Mr. Marrs should not mourn as one without hope. The impression is general that an extraordinary session of the Legislature will be called mainly for the purpose of erasing from the state's escutcheon the reactionary spot left by members at the regular session. With new revenue sources established the state will again take its appointed place with progressive commonwealths."

**A DOLLAR IS NOTHING BUT A WORKING TOOL**

If people would but get fixed in their minds the truth that the dollar is nothing but a tool there would be a vast increase in contentment in this country. Like any other tool, the dollar must be used with common sense skill if it is effective. Business men, bankers as tools with which to make money, know the power and limitations of this tool, just as the 887,000 carpenters in the United States know what can be done with saws and planes.

Likewise, the 56,000 dentists, the 213,000 electricians, the 131,000 brick and stone masons and all other gainful occupations know that they must use the tools of their trade to do their work properly and to make money. Yet thousands of otherwise intelligent persons have never realized that the dollar is also a tool, which can be used for bettering one's own condition and for the general good.

All of us cannot be skilled in the use of all the tools of every vocation. But the dollar is the one tool that comes to the hand of every one of us. There are 42,000,000 persons in this country working to earn money with many kinds of tools, but when they come to save and to invest a part of their earnings they are all, as investors, working with one common tool, the dollar. They must realize that this tool has its safe, efficient use, and so used will give a fair reward comparable to that of any other tool.

A common buck saw cannot cut through chilled steel. Money cannot get something for nothing, nor be safely depended on to yield the excessive returns of 15 or 20 per cent. It must have its honest employment in honest enterprises, and all the investor's dealings should be with honest persons, or firms, experience in the use of money as a productive tool. Safety of the investment is the first requisite in the proper use of money as a tool.

**HEADLIGHT LAW IS EFFECTIVE JUNE 19**

The law goes into effect June 19 and the testing of headlight devices will begin at that time. Due to the fact, however, that it will require some time to adjust existing headlights so as to comply with the new act and to install the devices so as to bring them within Class A, the enforcement of the law will not be started until September 1st. It is thought that approximately 90 per cent of the headlights now in use may be adjusted so as to bring them within the requirements of the law.

**WHAT CONGRESS DIDN'T**

With the great exception of tax reduction the merits of the Sixty-eighth congress, which expired on March 4, rested more on what it didn't than what it did.

In aspirations and intentions it compared favorably with any of its predecessors. In the house nearly 22,500 bills, 400 joint resolutions and 500 simple resolutions were introduced. In the senate the record was 4,400 bills, 200 joint resolutions and 350 simple resolutions. In addition there were a number of concurrent resolutions. During the last sessions alone there were in the house 309 roll calls, consuming nearly thirty minutes each, a total of 150 hours, or twenty-five working days of six hours each. The ubiquitous Blanton of Texas took the lead in demanding them.

Most of the bills, of course, deserved no consideration and were never expected to get any. The minor bills on which there was fairly general agreement were put through with little trouble, the senate alone in the last rush passing 180 which had previously been put through the house. All the vital appropriation measures were passed. But less than half the officially approved legislative program were several bills of national interest to which the leaders had given priority, defeated by filibusters or by lack of time for consideration.

In his annual message to congress last December President Coolidge made the following definite recommendations:

Repeal of the publicity of tax returns provision of the internal revenue law, reform of judicial procedure extension of civil service to all postmasters, further legislation on railroad consolidation, reorganization of the government departments, reclamation law reform, revision of the Emergency Fleet Corporation from the United States shipping board, payment of the French spoilation claims of \$3,000,000, dating back to the eighteenth century, adherence to the world court protocol.

Only the amendment to the reclamation law was carried through.

Bills that fell by the wayside included, in addition, the McFadden bill designed to aid the national banks in competing with state banks by liberalizing the regulations governing them, notably the branch banking regulation; the Muscoe Shoes rearing bill; many of the farm relief measures including the Capper-Haugen bill to create a co-operative marketing board, for which the house substituted the inconsequential Dickinson bill; the Cramton bill to create a separate prohibition department enforcement agency in the treasury department; the public buildings program; an omnibus pension bill; the Butler bill to equalize rates on export commodities from central territory through all Atlantic ports.

Among the minor tragedies of this unfinished business was the failure to pass the Brookhart bill providing refugees for migratory game birds. Senator Brookhart made his first entry into congress in the panoply of St. George seeking the dragon, bound to repeal the transportation act and break the hold of monopoly and interest on the throat of the nation. For three years Jove has thundered and the mountain labored. What irony that his only product, a bill to keep the predatory interests away from the defenseless birds, should have been lost in the shuffle of the dissolving session after it had won the leaders' approval and a position on the calendar!

Other legislation, close to the heart of many sections but lacking administration approval, which was defeated or held up included the Pullman

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Sealed proposals addressed to the Commissioners Court for the improvement of certain highways in Dickens County, will be received at the office of the County Judge, at Dickens, Texas, until 2:00 o'clock, p. m., May 23rd, 1925, and then publicly opened and read.

Description of Work to be Done  
Grading, Surfacing and Drainage Structures on 12.44 miles, State Highway No. 18, F. A. P. 446-A. Approximate principal quantities as follows: earth roadway excavation, 100,400 cu. yds.; earth borrow excavation 56400 cu. yds.; solid rock excavation 1350 cu. yds.; sand borrow for surfacing, 13350 cu. yds.; gravel and clay facing, 1st 1-4 mi., 16500 cu. yd. 8th 1-4 mi., 5460 cu. yds.; additional 1-4 mi., 38650 cu. yd.; Guard fence, 5800 lineal ft.; reinforcing steel, 100776 lbs.; concrete, Class A, 946 cu. yds.; concrete bridge rail, 503 lineal ft.; constructing sand-clay surface, 447 stations.

Detailed plans and specifications of the work may be seen for examination, and information may be obtained at the office of J. W. Alger, County Engineer at Dickens, Texas, and at the office of the State Highway Department, State Office Building, Austin, Texas.

A certified, or cashier's check for 5 per cent of the amount bid made payable without recourse to the order of H. A. C. Brummett, County Judge of Dickens County, must accompany each proposal, as a guarantee that the bidder, if successful, will enter into contract and make bond in accordance with requirements of the specifications. The right is reserved by the party of the first part to reject any and all proposals or to waive all technicalities.

Proposals shall be submitted in sealed envelopes and marked, "Bids for the Construction of Section A, Fed. Aid Project 446 in Dickens County." All bids received will be retained by the Department and will not be returned to the bidders.  
H. A. C. BRUMMETT,  
County Judge.  
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**DICKENS COUNTY BOYS WILL ATTEND STATE TRACK MEET**

Roy Edmonds, Oscar Nally, Jack Gipson and young Mr. Tracker will attend the State Interscholastic Meet at Austin May 7th, 8th and 9th. Roy Edmonds won the highest score in three events at the recent district meet.

The Texas Spur is betting that these four Dickens county boys let the state contestants know that they are in the contest.

**Help Spur Grow**  
M. E. Tree came in Monday, reporting that the biggest rain he ever saw fell throughout the Highway community Sunday afternoon and night. We know positively that it did rain in that section because we happened to be on the highway in that part of the country while it was raining. In returning to town while the rain was coming down in a deluge we saw great volumes of water running over the road, washing down fences, and whole face of the earth, even the hill tops, completely covered with water. It is estimated that some three or four inches fell in the Highway community.

**Help Spur Grow**  
F. M. Bradshaw, of the McAdoo country, came down Saturday and spent several hours here trading and on other business. Up until Saturday night the McAdoo territory had been favored with but little rain. However, Saturday night and Sunday that territory, as well as all other sections of the great Spur country, was favored with rain amounting to from two to five inches of rain. A fine top season for planting is now in the ground and the country as a whole is in fine shape.

**Help Spur Grow**  
W. P. Marshall came in Monday from his farm home in Duck Creek, coming in by a round-about way to avoid highwater. Every creek in the country was bank full, and many who places would almost swim a horse. The rain Sunday was the biggest in twelve months.

**Help Spur Grow**  
W. L. McAteer was in Monday from his Egyptian Farm on the Spur-Dickens highway, reporting that since the fine rains he expects his farms this year to maintain the Egyptian reputation in bountiful production this year.

**"ON TO MINERAL WELLS"**

To the Annual Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce May 4, 5, and 6th.

Indications are that this will be one of the greatest West Texas Chamber of Commerce meetings in its history. We are informed that Mineral Wells is making preparations to take care of 50,000 people, and that the industrial parade will be greater and larger than any previous one.

The Spur Band, with Miss Willie Richbourg as Sponsor, will do honor to the occasion, as will also Mrs. Ruby Pierce as Madam Spur, and Miss Kittie Powell as Miss Spur.

The Spur Chamber of Commerce earnestly requests that every citizen who possibly can will attend to help boost the city of Spur, the County of Dickens and West Texas as a whole.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Albert Powers, a successful and noted farmer of the Afton country, was in Spur Monday. Last year Mr. Powers carried off the premiums for the best feed produced in the county, and while his cotton crop was not entered in a contest he made an exceptionally fine cotton crop.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Buren Smith was on the streets Monday. He reports that Dry Lake is now full to overflowing for the first time in many moons. When from three to six inches of rain falls over a country, all lakes and creeks are very likely to be filled. Let'er rain, we can endure it.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Mr. French, of east of Afton, was among the business visitors in the city the first of the week.

**Help Spur Grow**  
H. B. Lewis, of the Croton country, was among the number in Spur Tuesday, hauling out a car load of supplies. He reports fine rains all along the line.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Jake Murphey, of the Roaring Springs country, was in Spur Tuesday of this week, meeting old time friends and trading some with merchants.

**Help Spur Grow**  
J. W. Wallace, of the Spur country, was here trading Tuesday.

**Help Spur Grow**  
J. Vernon Powell, of the Dry Lake section of country, was among the number in Spur Monday. He was very much elated at the rains which fell Saturday night and Sunday.

**COMMISSIONER COURT MEETS**

The Commissioner's Court met again Monday of this week and the question of ordering an election to determine whether or not the services of a County Agent be dispensed with, which was tabled last Monday, was again taken up for consideration. A vote was held and it was unanimously decided to hold the election. However, in the afternoon session this was reconsidered and order withheld with instructions to the clerk to take the matter up with the head department at A & M College, asking it to withdraw Mr. R. B. Johnston, the present county agent of Dickens county, and that in the event that the Department should fail to withdraw the county agent, the order for an election shall become effective on the second Monday in May.

**COUNTY COURT CONVENE MONDAY AT DICKENS**

County Court convened Monday of this week at Dickens. Only one case was tried, however, that being the suit of E. L. Caraway vs John Weathers and others which resulted in a mistrial. The court adjourned Wednesday and the jury was dismissed. Other cases were continued to the next term of court because of the impossibility of roads, due to heavy rains, and the absence of witnesses.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**ENTRE NOUS CLUBS NOTES**  
Mesdames Robert Lea and Murray Lea will be hostess to the Entre Nous Club May 7th. At the home of Mrs. R. E. Lea.

**WOMEN MISSIONARY SOCIETY MET MONDAY AFTERNOON**

The Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church met Monday afternoon to hear a report of the delegates who attended the Missionary Council meeting at Memphis. Mrs. Sample and Mrs. Smith gave interesting reports there being fifteen ladies present.—Reporter.

**MOTLEY COUNTY NEWS CHANGES OWNERSHIP**

H. O. Ward, editor and publisher of the Motley County News, of Matador, was in Spur Thursday of this week reports that he has sold this publication to G. C. Mitchell, of Elk City, Oklahoma. Mr. Mitchell will take charge the first of May.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**FOR SALE**  
High class Mebane planting seed, \$1.50 per bushel.—J. L. Jenkins, 3 Miles. 26-21.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Sunday afternoon Joe and Elsey Watson and George Lisenby while driving a Ford Sedan drifted into high waters on the highway and for an hour or two were isolated from the world. A horsebacker came to their rescue, backing them up a distance out of deep waters, when another car came to their rescue and saved them from swimming to dry land.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hyatt returned past week from Matador where they spent the week with old time friends. Uncle Bill used to run cattle over those ranges twenty five or thirty years ago, and no doubt revealing old scenes of years past and a visit with friends of the earlier days was a great pleasure to him.

**Help Spur Grow**  
**FOR SALE**—Cord wood at \$3.50 at my place on Spring Creek.—W. J. Elliott. 26tf.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Capt. Miller of the National Guards, and wife, of Crowell, came to Spur last week to visit with his mother, Mrs. Hopkins. Because of the big rains and high water they remained over until Monday before being able to return home.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Miss Golda Coulson, of Abilene, is visiting Mrs. Haywood Hogan near McAdoo.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Mr. and Mrs. Oran McClure and little Miss Wynell left Wednesday for Roby to be with their uncle, S. H. McClure, who is seriously ill.

**APRIL IN HISTORY**

Did you know that five America's six great wars commenced in April, that the Civil War ended and America's greatest tragedy occurred in this same month? Here are the facts:  
The Revolution began April 19, 1775, at Lexington and Concord.  
The Mexican War began April 24, 1846, on the Texas frontier.  
The Civil War began April 12, 1861, with the bombardment of Fort Sumter, S. C.  
The Spanish-American War began April 19, 1898.  
The United States declared war on Germany April 6, 1917.  
The Civil War closed with Lee's surrender at Appomattox, and President Lincoln was assassinated in April, 1865.

**HONOR ROLL OF THE McADOO SCHOOL**

We are proud to place these pupils names upon the honor roll of McAdoo school for April.

First Grade—Junior Hardin, Jenkins Brown, Woodrow Allen, Bertie Irby, Inez Rose, Oneta Macon, Juaniva Brown and Helen Eldredge.  
Second Grade—John Brock, Palmer Hayne, Marshal McDonald, T. J. Cox, Alton Harber, Grace Womack, Opal Edwards, Pauline Gatlin, Willie Ruth Herring, Evelyn Hogan and Alma Fuller.

Third Grade—Mary Wooten, Otha Powers, Leona Clark, Raymond Eldredge, C. F. Fleming.

Fifth Grade—Rosemary Hickman, Francis Eldredge, Ruby Eldridge, Katherine Rose, Martha Womack, Archie McDonald, Ioma Herring and Maudie Ellison.

Sixth Grade—Lloyd McLaughlin, Douglas Allen, Ausbor Fox, Lewis Harvey, Sarah Haynes, Thelma Smithee and Earl Neeley.

Seventh Grade—Leamon Brantley, Jettie Bailey, Mae Macon, Virgie Mae Dennis, Faye Ellison, Milton McDonald, Lawrence Fox, John Woods, Aline Smithee, Katie Miller.

Eighth Grade—Grady Allen, Mary Bass, Marshal Formby, Susan Hickman, Beatrice Barton, Eugene Collins, Artho Womack, Leona Coates, Bradford Bass and Chester Clark.

Ninth Grade—Onie Phifer, Opal Nichols, Fay Ola Miller, Noble Hunsuckle, Homer Smith and Mildred Frazier.

Tenth Grade—Lucille Cypert, Artie Mae Ware, Ella Mae Miller, Inez Clark, Claud McLaughlin, Ouida McLaughlin and Cloris Harris.—Reporter.

**HOW IT HAPPENED**

The Yorkville Enquirer says this happened in East Tennessee—An agent had been trying unsuccessfully to sell a piano to a farmer whose daughter wanted one.

"I'll tell you what I'll do, if you are a reasonable man, I'll bet you \$400 I can sell you a piano within one hour."

"Course I am a reasonable man," returned the farmer, "but you ain't going to sell me that piano within an hour or a week or a year—because I ain't going to buy."

"said," continued the salesman, "if you are a reasonable man, I'll bet

you \$400 I'll sell it to you in an hour. Here is my money.

The salesman piled out a roll and the farmer covered it with \$400, the stakes being held by the bystanders.

"You said you were a reasonable man," said the salesman. "Give me \$1 for that \$400 piano and its yours."

The farmer forked over the \$1 more and the salesman collected the \$800 from the stakeholders. The farmer paid \$1 more for the piano than was originally asked. He took it home cussing. His daughter went home happy.

**Help Spur Grow**  
J. R. Roberson, of west of McAdoo, was in Spur Tuesday. He reports that the rain at his place was lighter than elsewhere, he having only about one inch of rainfall whereas other sections had from two to five inches of rain. However, one inch of rain on the Plains amounts to several inches where it runs off.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Grandpa Campbell was carried by Mr. Campbell the past week to Monday to be with another son. Grandpa Campbell several weeks ago suffered an attack of influenza from which he has yet been unable to recover. It is hoped that the change will benefit him.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Members of the Spur Epworth League will attend the District Convention to be held Saturday and Sunday in Stamford.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Ward Harris, of McAdoo, came down Wednesday, spending a short time here trading and on other business.

**Help Spur Grow**  
J. H. Boothe and family happened to what came near being a serious situation Sunday afternoon in returning from a visit to the north end of the county, following the big rains. In coming down the hill just north of Dickens the water had filled all lakes and creeks. In crossing over a low place in the road, a rise coming down caught them, washing his car down several yards, throwing some of them into the stream, and with only cool action and presence of mind on the part of Mr. Boothe was serious consequences avoided. However, all parties were saved and the car brought in Tuesday for repairs.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Mrs. Leona Watson and little daughter, of Dallas, are in Spur visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barrett.

M. C. Donaldson, of near Wake, was in Spur Tuesday and meeting us on the street, handed us a check for the renewal of his subscription to the Texas Spur. Mr. Donaldson told us that he had just returned from a fishing trip down on one of the Conchos where he said he and his party caught about 300 pounds of fish, instead of hooking them, Mr. Donaldson said they prepared cooper wires with loops, and as the big cat fish came along feeding they merely roped them in, some extra big ones being in the catch. We have roped Carp and panned in Suckers, but this is the first time we knew that Cat fish could be "roped in." Mr. Donaldson stated that they had had good rains and were now in fine shape with prospects of making bumper crops.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Sim Moss came in Tuesday, and as usual interviewed the bankers of the city. He said notwithstanding the big rains and beautiful prospects, the only consolation he had was an offer of twenty cents to get a plate of chili. However, the general public should not be misled by such reports, because the bankers of Spur are most liberal, but at the same time conservative—they know the inclination of men to spend, and the thing is to hold them down to chili and beans until such time as crops are on the market. Now, Sim Moss is one of the old timers and knows the situation, and we venture the assertion that he could pay his subscription tomorrow if he had the proper encouragement.

**Help Spur Grow**  
J. J. Albin is nothing if not a financier. Immediately after the big rains he called up Edmonds at the City National and asked him what consideration he would give a Georgia Stock. The only reply he got was "how much do you want." The bankers of Spur are here with the goods, and no two men could more substantially represent the financial interests of this territory than E. C. Edmonds and W. B. Lee. We have confidence in them and the country depends upon them to a great extent—and they will not be disappointed.

**Help Spur Grow**  
Tom Cross came in Wednesday, reporting that the river got up, backing the water over a greater portion of his fields, thus giving him a ground soaking season. Tom may not have visited the banks, but we all know he is entitled to consideration.

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**TO THE LADIES**

**SHOES**

Some of you young Ladies are very beautiful. Especially on being dressed you feel as though you are most exclusive. You have all the time tried to buy nice clothing so to be dressed up on the proper occasions and look attractive, but for a lacking reason you never can gain the influence of certain individuals. You always wear good looking clothes and most certain you believe the standback is not on account of your dress. You become suspicious and think it is something serious when it is simple. \$5.00 or \$6.00 might eliminate all this grief. It is your shoes. Next time notice more closely. The first thing a man looks at when he approaches a lady is a glance at her shoes, hat comes next etc. We have received six new numbers in Ladies Pumps in Blond Satin, Patent, White Kid and the Combination Colors. Buy a pair of these new Shoes and try him out again.

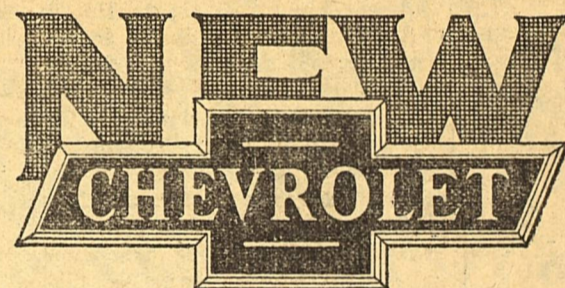
**HATS**

We have also received New White and Sport Ladies Hats. These will be included in a large selection of Hats to sell, at your choice \$4.75 for Saturday only.

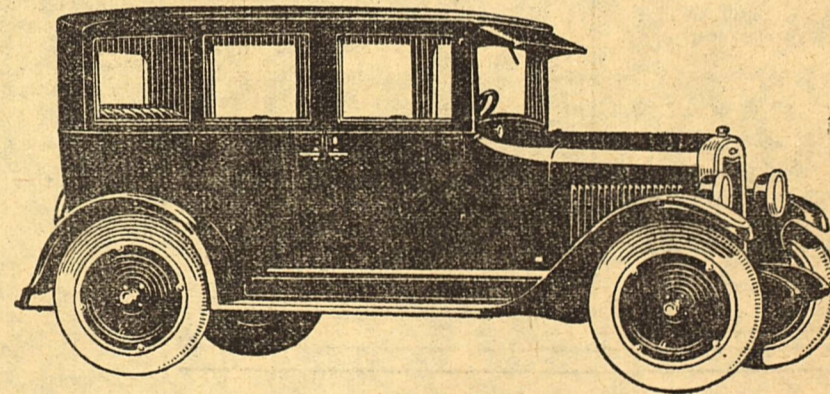
**SILK DRESSES**

Also we are showing new arrivals of Silk Dresses in Georgette and Fancy Light Weight Crepes. If you need a Dress be sure to see ours.

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