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AND MAKE 1925
THE BANNER YEAR!

The Texas Spur

THE DICKENS ITEMS

LET'S WORK, BUILD AND
THROUGH 1925
BOOST TOGETHER

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Sat., June 20 Will Be 'BARGAIN DAY' At Our Store

Watch For Prices in Next Week's Issue

SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY

"Spur's Oldest Store"

District Court Adjourned Tuesday After Trial of Two Cases This Week

District court adjourned for the term Tuesday after trial of two cases Monday and Tuesday, in addition to the civil cases reported last week in the Texas Spur.

Hollis Sizemore, charged with transporting, was given a five year suspended sentence.

Fred Moore was given a five year suspended sentence on a charge of possessing and selling whiskey. This was his second trial. Saturday of last week a jury gave him a penitentiary sentence, disregarding the plea for a suspended sentence, and since it developed that other evidence was discussed in the jury room, the verdict was set aside by the judge, and a new trial ordered for Monday with the result that a five year suspended sentence was given by the second jury.

In the case of C. C. Haile vs W. P. T. Smith, a suit for commission in the sale of real estate, which was on trial last week, was dismissed because of an error in filing suit.

The case of J. H. Farmer vs T. A. Johnson, charged with usury, resulted in a mistrial, the jury standing six for conviction and six for acquittal. The case will probably be tried again next term of court.

The Bob Hext case, charged with the murder of his father, was transferred to Cottle county and the case set for trial at the next regular term of the court at Paducah. He was released on bond.

A. AND M. SHORT COURSE LAST WEEK IN JULY

Farmers should begin now to make their plans for attending the annual Farmers' Short Course which is always given the last week in July. At this time the entire facilities of the great state agricultural college will be devoted exclusively to giving the farmer and his family an intensive course of one week in some branch of his farm enterprise. The school is divided into a large number of short courses covering every phase of farming, so that the farm man, woman, boy or girl may choose for his week of study any division of the subject in which he feels that he needs training or information. There will be a great number of instructors and nothing in which any group of farm people may be interested will be neglected in the courses of instruction offered.

CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY MET MONDAY

The Missionary Society met with Mrs. Bill Putman, Monday, June 8th. After business session an interesting program was held, at the conclusion of which the hostess assisted by Mrs. Austin Putman served refreshments consisting of salad, wafers, tea, nut cream and macaroons to the society members and a few guests. Reporter.

Baptist Protracted Meeting in Progress and Will Continue Throughout Two Weeks

The regular protracted meeting commenced Sunday at the Baptist church in Spur, the pastor, L. L. F. Parker, doing the preaching. One of the most enjoyable features of the meeting is the music and song service, two pianos, violin, horns and bottles furnish the music while the singing and choir rounds out the

song service in a most effective manner under the direction of Mr. McKinney.

Services are being held each morning and night and large crowds are in attendance at each meeting. The meeting will probably continue two weeks.

—Help Spur Grow—

The State Experimental Stations Out of The County Jurisdiction

Since there has been talk of including the State Experimental Station of Spur in order to enforce an election upon the County Agent proposition in Dickens county, and upon a request for information concerning the proposal, we have found out from legal authority that the people of the county in which an experiment station may be located has no jurisdiction whatever with reference to the existence, maintenance or discontinuance of the same, such matters pertaining thereto being wholly within the acts of the state legislature. Therefore, in order to either establish or discontinue the work of a state experiment station, the proposition must be taken up with the state legislature.

A county "demonstration farm" maybe discontinued by a vote of the people of the county, but not so with reference to an experimental station. Some time ago petitions were presented to the commissioners court asking for an election to determine whether a majority of the voters favored the continuance of the work of the county agent. The commissioners were of the opinion that they had no statutory provision for ordering or paying for such an election, therefore it was not ordered. In arguing the point the representative of the petitioners referred to the statute making provision for an election with reference to a county demonstration farm, and which was misconstrued by some in the thought that the statute had reference to experimental stations, and in order to enforce an election upon the county agent proposition there was talk of including the experimental station and by so doing make such an election come within the legal authority of the commissioners proceedings.

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W. C. Witcher Will Speak in Spur Saturday, June 20th

W. C. Witcher, now district attorney of 72nd Judicial District, will deliver an address in Spur Saturday afternoon, June 20th, at two o'clock, on the streets. His subject will be "Why Religion Should be Christianized, Democracy Democratized and the reins of government remain in the hands of the people instead of politicians and secret organizations." Nothing will be said in this lecture that could not or should not be said from any pulpit. Everybody in the country, and especially those who favor freedom of expression and belief in matters especially pertaining to religion or politics, is invited to be in Spur on that date and hear this lecture. Ideas will be presented and ideals propounded which will be of benefit to the country and all the people. Mr. Witcher is an able speaker and noted orator and will present his subject in an entertaining and forceful manner.

Lyric Theatre Has Interesting Program Next Week

While each week the Lyric Theatre has excellent nightly programs, the programs beginning next Monday night and continuing each night throughout the week will be especially interesting, and all theatre goers are especially invited to attend this week.

For Monday and Tuesday nights, "In Every Woman's Life" will be shown. Wednesday and Thursday, "Her Night of Romance." Friday night, "Salome of the Tenements," and also the fourth episode of the "Riddle Riders" will be shown. On Saturday night Buddy Roosevelt in "Rough Ridin," will be a feature everybody will appreciate seeing.

The Lyric Theatre, under the management of Mr. Flournoy, is giving the people the very best moving pictures to be had. The pictures are worth the money, and by reason of extra efforts to furnish the best pictures and please the public the Lyric Theatre is enjoying a liberal and deserved patronage.

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Many Farmers Attend Meeting of Commissioners Monday

The commissioners court held an open meeting Monday with reference to the proposition of raising taxes throughout the county. Quite a number of farmers from practically every section of the county appeared before the court during the day, some to protest and show why their taxes should not be raised, and others merely to find out why taxes should be raised.

Members of the court listened attentively, smiled at the remarks made, but were not deterred in the program of tax raising.

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POLITICS AND BUSINESS DON'T MIX VERY WELL

The following is from Henry Ford's Dearborn Independent:

"The municipal ownership cry is subsiding in the United States. The probable reason is that, good as it is as a theory, it does not work out in practice. Men who are competent to run great enterprises are not in politics and if they are hired to run municipal utilities they are too much hindered by politics. One very bad feature of municipal ownership is that newspapers seldom tell the people the full truth about it. One good feature of private operation is that newspapers will jump on a corporation at the least deviation from service. It is a sad condition when news papers cease to be watchdogs of the public welfare and become silent accomplices of public incompetence in municipal operation. But, whether privately or publicly owned, public utilities should be strictly amenable to general public control. Every franchise should stipulate that. And in municipal ownership, taxpayers should be informed how much of a deficit they are making up."

Fine Rains Fall Over Spur Country Tuesday and Ideal Conditions Prevail

Spur Chamber of Commerce Elects New Officers Tuesday

At a meeting held Tuesday in the directors room of the Spur National Bank, members of the Spur Chamber of Commerce elected the following officers and directors to serve for the ensuing year:

W. W. Sample, president; J. P. Middleton, vice-president; W. F. Godfrey, Ned Hogan, Geo. S. Link, directors.

Officers and directors are to appoint a secretary and treasurer, and it is very probable that Miss Hickman will again be selected to serve as secretary, while a member of one of the two Spur banks will probably serve as treasurer.

C. L. Love the retiring president, has been most active in carrying out the work of the chamber of commerce the past year and is due much of the credit for the accomplishments of the organization.

At the meeting Clifford B. Jones was appointed as a delegate to attend the District Convention of West Texas Chamber of Commerce of this section to be held at Paducah.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Snider and son, Crate, left Tuesday for Sherman, Gunter and other points where they will spend a week or ten days visiting with relatives and friends.

A general rain covering the entire country fell Tuesday night, further contributing to an ideal season for all needs for the present. The rainfall in Spur amounted to one and twenty seven hundredths inches while in the Afton country and north part of the county the rain was much heavier doing much damage in washing out crops. Hundreds of acres of cotton and feed was washed away, and this following the previous week's damage from winds makes it hard on that section.

However, with good bottom season now in the ground and favorable conditions hereafter, bumper crops can be produced.

Up to the present time a total of nine and forty nine hundredths inches of rain has fallen in this territory, the rainfall as reported by R. E. Dickson of the Spur Experiment Station being as follows for the year: January, .34; February, .16; March, .19; April 4.77; May 2.75; and June 1.27 inches, making a total of 9.48 inches to date.

Notwithstanding the uninviting conditions which prevailed earlier in the crop season, at this time no better or more promising crop prospects could be had. The ground is wet to the bottom, crops are growing nicely, and unless some calamity befalls the Spur country will this year harvest the biggest crops ever before known since the beginning of farming operations.

The Road Work Throughout Dickens County Progressing Most Substantially

Road work throughout Dickens county is now progressing rapidly and most substantially in every section, under the direction of the state highway department.

The main highways from east to West and north to south are being regarded and resurfaced, straightened, raised and improved in every particular. The highway on the Plains from Blanco Canyon to the Cap Rock is being straightened out, regraded and hardsurfaced, the white lime rock found in the canyon being used for hardsurfacing. From the Cap Rock on through Dickens, Spur and to the east county line, gravel is being used for hardsurfacing, and also to the north through Midway, Elton, Afton and to the north county line.

All of the highways have been and are now regraded and raised at points to prevent washing as well as resurfaced with gravel and lime rock.

Dickens county has always been a leader in good roads construction but when this work now in progress under the supervision of the State Highway Department is completed no other county in all of Western Texas can boast of better roads or a more complete system of highways.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mack Brown Completing a Suburban Home

Mack Brown is just completing a modern suburban home on the corner of one of the G. Brown twenty acre blocks to the north of Spur.

This new home contributes materially to the building progress of that section, there having been a number of new homes constructed the past year on the twenty acre blocked acreage to the north of Spur.

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Buren Smith was here Saturday from Dry Lake, meeting friends and trading with merchants.

BOOK CONCERNS WIN CONTRACT LITIGATION

Austin, Tex. June 8.—Late Monday afternoon the Texas Supreme Court awarded to eight textbook publishing companies mandamus compelling State Superintendent of Public Instruction S. M. N. Marrs to carry out the textbook contracts made by the Neff administration and which were sought to be voided by Marrs and the State Textbook Board under the administration of Governor Ferguson.

The court held that the textbook contracts, said to involve something more than \$2,000,000 worth of books are valid, legal and binding and must be carried out by Marrs and the present administration.

The contracts in question were made last December and in April and May it was sought to hold them void and Marrs refused to order for use by children in Texas public schools the books contracted to the value of more than \$1,500,000. The ruling of the court makes it mandatory that those books be used and paid for according to the terms of the contract, and validates all other textbook contracts made at that time.

Mandamuses were granted in all eight cases.

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ENTERTAINED

Mrs. Jim Edd Hall entertained members of the womens clubs and other guests Friday afternoon and evening of last week at their new home in the east part of the city. Progressive forty two was the entertaining feature, and following the games the hostess served dainty refreshments.

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Mrs. W. P. T. Smith, of Dry Lake, was among the many shoppers in the city Saturday.

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DON'T TAMPER WITH PRINCIPLES, SAYS KELLOGG

State Fair Grounds, Minn., June 8.—Secretary of State Kellogg in a speech at the Norse-American centennial celebration delivered Monday after President Coolidge had concluded an address, warned against tampering "with the foundation principles upon which through the Constitution, representative democracy is built."

The Secretary of State declared the principles of the Constitution "were being assaulted" by "propagandists who advocate the overthrow of the government and the substitution of class tyranny" and by "a considerable body of our citizens who, in the name of liberty and reforms, are impatient of the constitutional restrictions and by insidious approaches and attacks would destroy these guarantees of personal liberty."

J. C. Davis and Sterling Davis, of Spur, Con Davis and wife and Dick Davis, of Prague, Oklahoma, left last week for Laramie, Wyoming, and also teach one or two subjects in where Con will complete a law course the state university and where Dick will also attend one of the colleges. Mr. Davis and Sterling will return home after a week or two. They are making the trip in an auto. Mr. Davis urged us to accompany them, promising to go on up into Canada and back by way of Old Mexico, but time and surplus funds prevented us from taking such a wonderful trip.

Uncle Dick Holly came to town Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Uncle Dick is now taking life easy, having acquired an auto in which he drives over West Texas and Mexico visiting among his children and friends, having retired from active work on his farms.

B. Williamson and family, formerly of Wellington, moved the past week to Spur and will make this their permanent home in the future. Mr. Williamson, associated with his brother, and W. R. Cranson of Anson, purchased the Rosamond gin in Spur and are now getting the machinery and equipments in shape for a big fall ginning business. Mr. Williamson is an experienced and expert ginner and will make the Rosamond gin one of the leading gins of the entire country. We are glad to welcome Mr. Williamson and family to the citizenship of Spur.

N. Travis Cochran, special representative of the Bush & Gerts Piano Company of Dallas, spent several days of this week in Spur on business in connection with his company. Mr. Cochran was elated, and we extend congratulations, upon the birth of an eight pound boy in his home May 30th.

Fred P. Dawson, of Roaring Springs, was among the business visitors in Spur the past week, reporting everything booming in the Roaring Springs country at this time, in view of the fine crop seasons and prospects.

J. P. Middleton went down to Abilene the past week and moved his family back to Spur. Mrs. Middleton and children have been in Abilene for the advantages of colleges and schools.

Mrs. J. D. Powell came up from Abilene, spending the week in Spur with Luther Powell and family. Mrs. Powell and children have been living in Abilene the past year for the benefit of the schools and colleges of that city.

J. P. Koonsman, of Croton, was transacting business and meeting with friends Saturday in Spur.

When good and prosperous times come on we see more of T. H. Tal- lent than in times of stress. He was here Saturday meeting his friends and talking optimistically of the prospects for crops. He owns fine farm home in the Gilpin country. This farm is not only rich in agricultural resources and possibilities, but in times past has given unmistakable evidences of oil and mineral resources. Several years ago the water well on his place pumped up oil in sufficient quantities to show conclusively that somewhere in that territory a pool of oil existed. There have also been oil tracers or "geologists" who have followed a marked line indicating oil through that territory. Of course it requires time, capital and faith in a proposition of this kind to bring about develop- ments. Some day developments will come in this territory and when it does you will see marked changes. There is no question in our mind but that there are vastly richer under- ground than surface resources to this country. We may not live to see the full developments, but those who come after us will enjoy rich returns.

J. Carlisle was here Monday from Gilpin and went on over to Dickens to meet with the commissioners on the tax raising proposition. Uncle Jonas stated that he merely went over to find out from the commis- sioners what they wanted to do with this extra money. Of course all old farmers realize the need for money, but some of them can't under- stand why there is never a propo- sition to cut out some of the expenses heretofore assumed. So far as send- ing money is concerned there is no limit, but wise men are required to cut and limit expenditures. In the conduct of our own individual busi- ness and affairs we have found that when we make five hundred dollars a month it can be spent to good advantage, but when we make only a hundred we cut expenses to conform to our income and get by possibly just as well as when we spend the larger income. It is the easiest thing in the world to spend money, but it requires some business judgment to get by on just what we have.

R. E. Slough, of near Dickens, in- formed us Saturday that he never had better or more promising crop pros- pects than at the present time. The recent winds did no damage, his crops are growing and with the ideal season now in the ground he expects to harvest this fall the biggest crops since coming West.

Tom Greer came in Monday from the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch ten miles east of Spur, reporting every- thing in the very finest shape in that part of the country.

W. T. Wilson, of east of Spur, was here Monday, going on over to Dick- ens to meet with the commissioners and argue with them upon the propo- sition of raising taxes. Farmers were here from practically every section of the county to protest against rais- ing taxes, and some were there to urge a revaluation and equalization of assessments against lands. Taxa- tion is one of the greatest problems of government, and the probability is that it will continue to be a prob- lem so long as governments are maintained.

During the recent windy days Mr. Boykin, of the Soldier Mound com- munity, is said to have stayed in the field stirring the ground, this sav- ing the greater part of his crops but suffering some damage regardless of his efforts. The winds which contin- ued a week or more, was out of the ordinary, and completely destroyed many crops in the sandy lands of the north part of the county. However, there is plenty time for replanting, and with the good seasons prevailing bumper crops can yet be produced.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Watson, of Floydada, are in Spur the guests of Mr. and Ms. Marvin Gilley. Mr. Watson is interested in the Gilley Chevrolet Company, and is very en- thusiastic over the business prospects for Spur and vicinity.

J. E. Sparks, of west of Spur, stop- ped over in Spur Monday afternoon in returning from Dickens where he served as a juror in the trial of a case in which a five year sentence was given with the recommendation that the sentence be suspended during good behavior. Justice tempered with mercy is a liberal and right view respecting youthful missteps of life.

O. C. Henry, of the Afton coun- try, was in Spur Saturday, spend- ing the day here meeting with his old time friends. He reported much damage by the winds to crops throughout the sandy sections of the country.

L. G. Crabtree, of Croton, was among the business visitors in Spur during the week.

BIZZELL TAKES SCHOOL POST IN OKLAHOMA

College Station, June 2.—Dr. W.B. Bizzell, for 11 years president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, Tuesday presented to the board of directors his resig- nation to take effect at the earliest possible date, but not later than Sept. 1. At that time Dr. Bizzell will become president of the Uni- versity of Oklahoma.

A. Frazier, of the Red Hill com- munity, was greeting friends on the streets Saturday. He reports the Red Hill country now in the very finest shape with respect to seasons, giving promise of bumper harvests this fall.

Will Young was here Monday from his Red Hill farm home. His feed crops last year were cut short, there- fore he was making arranging for a limited tonnage of feed with which to "carry on" in farm work at this time. Most farmers are paying parti- cular attention this year to feed crops, and the indications are that hereafter less money will go out of the country for feed stuff.

That there is danger of worms was made known to us Saturday by Chas. Gunn, who stated that he noted pronounced evidence of "Careless" worms in his crop. He further added that the best method of combating these worms was to furnish them all the "careless" weeds they needed. We conclude that philosophy was en- couraged more because of a disposi- tion to let the weeds go than in com- bating worms. However, there may be something to such a proposition, since other farmers tells us that so long as there are weeds in the cotton patch the worms will stay with the weeds in preference to the cotton.

W. A. Valentine came in Monday of this week, reporting everything looking good regardless of the con- tinuous winds of the past week. In some localities the winds did much damage, in fact in some instances entire crops were wiped out and will have to be replanted. In other sec- tions crops were saved by continuous plowing, while in other sections nothing was done and no damage resulted.

C. Gollihar, a leading citizen and extensive farmer of the Plains coun- try near McAadoo, was among the busi- ness visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

T. M. Verner, who has been spend- ing some time in Amarillo, returned last week and is now back at his old place at one of the chairs in the Simpson shop.

Miss Maribel Gilley returned Wed- nesday from Abilene where she has been attending school.

Dennis Harkey was over the latter part of last week from the county capitol, spending several hours here on business and meeting with his friends. Dennis is now engaged in the abstract and loan business at Dickens.

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The fact that we are favored with a large volume of business, do our own hauling and hold down overhead ex- penses to the least minimum, makes it possible for us to make even lower prices than other and larger recogniz- ed commercial centers.

We Are Here To Serve And To Ac- commodate And Encourage Home People To Trade At Home!

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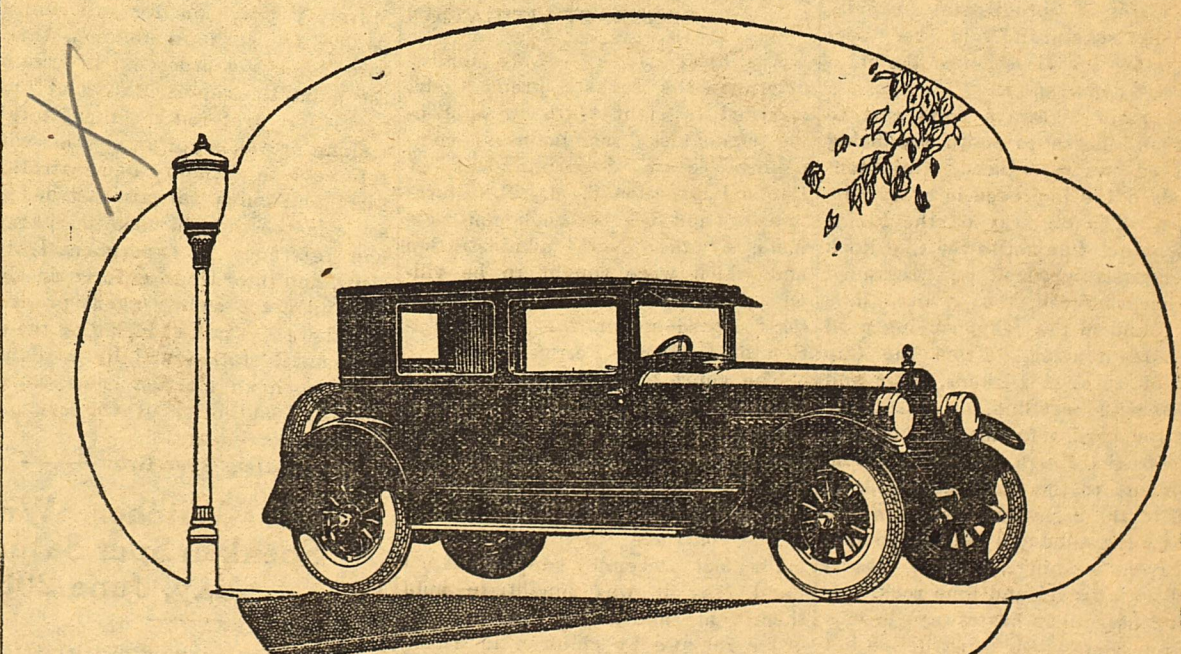
COTTON CROP CONDITION HIGHER THAN SINCE 1918

George Harris, of McAadoo, was here Monday of this week, report- ing everything looking good in his part of the country. The fact is that conditions could not be better or more promising of bumper crops than in every section of the great Spur country at this time.

Miss Lucile Lucas returned the past week from the Eastern part of the state where she has been attending college, to spend the summer vacation with her mother, Mrs. R. R. Wooten, and other relatives of the city.

Washington, June 2.—Condition of the cotton crop on May 25, reported Tuesday by the Department of Agri- culture at 76.6 per cent of normal is the highest on that date since 1918. Condition of the Texas crop is reported at 70 and of Oklahoma 86.

Mrs. Ida Slayden, of near Dickens, was among the many shoppers in Spur Saturday of the past week.



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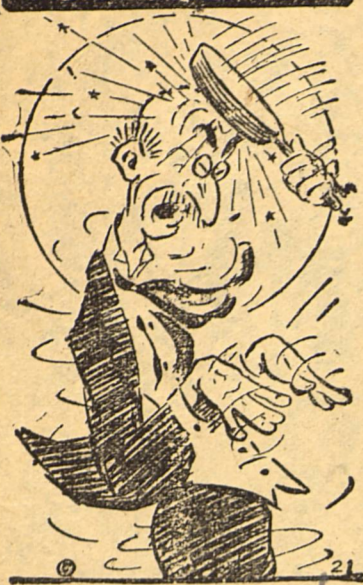
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Meat He Will Eat!

YOUR SKILL AS A COOK
Will be reward in preparing one of our delicious cuts of

Roasts

Let us send you one for dinner today!

Central Market

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THE GRASSHOPPER PLAGUE

Fifty years ago writes C. Shoemaker, secretary of the Missouri Historical Society, Missourians gave themselves to prayer and fasting. It was the year of the Rocky Mountain locusts, or the grasshopper plague in Western Missouri and Eastern Kansas. So appalling was the destruction, Governor Charles H. Hardin of Missouri, by proclamation, set aside June 3, 1875, as a day for prayer and fasting.

As far back as 1820, a grasshopper plague is met with in Missouri history. The next great incursion was in the '50s, followed a decade later by two years of crop destruction.

In 1873 the grasshoppers appeared again, and by 1874 had overrun thirty-five Western Missouri counties, stretching from the northern to the southern boundary. All the territory lying north and west, stretching to Canada and the Rockies, was affected. The center of destruction was the four tiers of counties in Eastern Kansas and the two tiers in Western Missouri. The area covered was 250 miles east and west and 300 miles north and south.

The year 1874 brought other calamities to Kansas and Missouri. A national financial depression was increased by a severe drought and a hard winter. Chinch bugs and army worms took their yearly toll in the millions of dollars. The flat-headed apple borer ruined fruit. The Colorado beetle, which is fifteen years had marched from Colorado to the Atlantic forced the price of potatoes from 25c to \$2.00 per bushel. There is little wonder, then, that when the Arabs' "Army of the Great God" reappeared in the spring of 1875, Missourians in humility invoked divine assistance.

The grasshopper plague of 1875 was the union of an invasion from the northwest and a new crop from the eggs laid in the preceding fall. The insects advanced in dense swarms extending from earth to sky. They resembled a snowstorm and moved with the wind. In the public square of Independence fifteen barrels were caught in one day. To save crops, farmers purchased grasshoppers by the bushel. Others used lime and salt. Some dug pits. Fire and coal oil drags were employed. But nothing gave more than temporary relief. From the middle of May to the first of July, the destruction of crops and grasses, orchards and trees continued.

Trains were stopped on the Missouri Pacific and the Cameron branch of the Hannibal & St. Joseph until crews would clear and sand the rails. Cattle were fed on tree leaves and the backs of sheep. Gardens were straw. The insects ate the wool on cleared and trees were stripped of bark and leaves. The last plants to vanish were the potato, tomato and tobacco. Grapes were cut from the vine, but were not eaten. Green apples were let alone while green peaches were devoured and the stones left hanging to the tree. Wild grasses were untouched, but meadows and blue grass were quickly dispatched. All green crops were cut to the ground. The land was devastated.

Meetings were held in Missouri cities to send money and food to the ruined counties. Thousands of dollars were raised, tons of food collected. Other states sent contributions. The state board of equalization lowered assessment. Kansas a worse sufferer than Missouri, shared in the means of assistance. The disappearance of the plague early in July permitted the raising of fair crops.

Help Spur Grow
W. M. Chapman, of southwest of Spur, was among the many in the city Saturday.

PLAYING SAFE

Many people who should advertise and do not, remind one of the Georgia cracker. Barefooted, he sat on the steps of his tumble-down shack, smoking a corn cob pipe.

A stranger stopped for a drink of water. Wishing to be agreeable, he said: "How is your cotton coming on?"

"Ain't got none," said the cracker. "Didn't you plant any?" asked the stranger.

"Nope," said the cracker, "fraid o' boll weevils."

"Well," said the stranger, "how is your corn?"

"Didn't plant none," said the cracker; "fraid there wan't goin' to be no rain."

The stranger was abashed, but cheerful still. "Well, how are your potatoes?" he asked.

"Ain't got none," said the cracker; "scart o' potato bugs."

"Well, what did you plant?" said the stranger.

"Nothin'," said the cracker; "I jest played safe."—The Recorder.

Help Spur Grow
J. L. Hutto was in the other day. He is doing little talking these days, but lots of work. In fact he was persuading us to go out and help kill weeds.

Help Spur Grow
Claude Powell, of Abilene, is in Spur visiting relatives and friends. Claude recently underwent an operation for appendicitis and is recuperating.

The Nobby Shoe Shop & Shine Parlor

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We half-sole, re-heel or repair your boots and shoes in workmanlike manner, and at prices that will pay you to have the work done.

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TEN YEARS IN THE HOME TOWN PAPERS

In 1915 there were 2,445,666 automobiles in this country. It seemed a tremendous number. Some people were already talking about the "saturation point" being not far ahead.

But if there were some men who couldn't see the woods for the trees, there were others whose faith never faltered.

It took a lot of vision for them to see that the true market for the automobile had hardly been touched. It took a lot of courage for them to bank on the ultimate success of the automobile in that market.

They had both. Back in 1915, the United States Rubber Company said "the real future of the automobile is not in the big cities, but away from them."

It is not in short runs on city streets, but in mile after mile on country roads."

So back in 1915 the United States Rubber Company began to prepare for this movement—and to help it.

In 1915—ten years ago—the first U. S. Tire advertising began to appear in the "home town" newspapers.

Few people saw these papers in their true dimensions.

Few realized the influence they had on what the people thought and did and wore and bought. Because

few people realized the place they filled in the minds and lives of their readers.

Today there are 16,000,000 automobiles in this country. 80 per cent of them are owned by men and women on the farms and in the smaller communities.

Where there was one U. S. tire dealer in the small towns then there are hundreds today—real merchants. What was only a vision in 1915 has come true in 1925.

Simple Mixture Best For Constipation

Simple Sackthorn bark, magnesium sulph. c. p., glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adlerika, is excellent for constipation. It often works in one hour or less and never gripes. The pleasant and QUICK action of this efficient intestinal evacuant will surprise you. Adlerika helps any case gas on the stomach, unless due to deep-seated causes. Often removes matter you never thought was in your system.

THE CITY DRUG STORE
Help Spur Grow
Mrs. Kate Buchanan left Monday for a months visit at Post and Roaring Springs.

Help Spur Grow
Harve Snedgrass, of Floydada, was a business visitor in Spur Thursday and while here purchased a Ford touring car from the Ford Motor Co.

SUMMER REFRESHMENTS!

Make the long, hot summer days more endurable by taking advantage of our varied socks of Staple and Fancy Groceries

We can fill your orders from a Ginger Snap to a Barrel of Sugar, and will take pleasure in doing it at the correct price.

CITY GROCERY STORE

OUR STORE IS NEAR AS YOUR TELEPHONE

PHONE 46

THE DIXIE CAFE

We Make a Specialty of Sunday Dinners!

Our Regular Meals and Short Orders are Prepared to Please From the Best the Market Affords!

COME AND EAT WITH US!

SANTA FE PROTEST AGAINST F. W. & D. CHANGES OUTLOOK

The railroad situation in West Texas has taken on a different look during the past few days. When the Fort Worth & Denver road announced some three months ago that it would build a branch line from Childress to the South Plains there was quite a stir in railway circles of the state. The branch line would enter what has been considered Santa Fe territory, and many predicted the road would enter a strong protest against the Fort Worth & Denver branch line being built into its territory. To carry out that idea the Santa Fe officials at once got busy and announced that branch lines would be built from Plainview to Silvertown and from Plainview to announced as the terminal of the Dimmitt. The latter point had been Fort Worth & Denver branch line. The Santa Fe officials have made application to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to build the two lines.

The promoters of the Texas, Panhandle & Gulf line at once entered a protest implying the Fort Worth & Denver road did not intend to build but was putting forward the project for the purpose of killing the proposed road. Later, the Q. A. & P. road from Quanah to MacBain, Motley county, entered a protest against the building of the line, claiming the charter of that road called for the same territory.

On Monday the announcement was made at Washington that the Santa Fe officials had entered a protest with the Interstate Commerce Commission, insisting the Fort Worth & Denver road was invading their territory and should not be given permission to build. The Santa Fe claims that road is in a position to give the South Plains all the rail connection needed and that there is not enough traffic to justify the building of the branch line from Childress to Plainview, Lubbock and Dimmitt. Thus the question is put before the commission for action, and according to newspaper dispatches it is very likely the entire matter will be referred to the Texas Railway Commission for hearing. When that is done the entire testimony will be placed before the Interstate Commission, possibly without recommendation.

In the Fort Worth Star-Telegram of Tuesday was an article in which the statement was made that the Santa Fe contemplated the building of a branch line from the South Plains to Fort Worth. The paper claimed the information was direct from Mr. Storey, president of the Santa Fe system. This would shorten the route from the South Plains to the cities of Fort Worth and Dallas quite a lot, but would only shorten it a few miles so far as the Fort Worth & Denver is concerned.

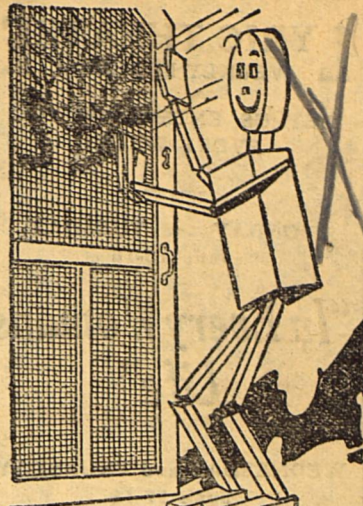
Of course the Burlington system will enter the fight with a determination to win out. It is one of the largest systems in the United States, being composed of the Burlington, Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Colorado Southern, Fort Worth & Denver and large holdings in the Trinity & Brazos Valley roads. Of course there are numerous short lines in Kansas, Nebraska and other states in the Northwest. The Burlington system is as large, possibly larger, than is the Santa Fe system. Both have lines from Chicago to the Pacific coast as well as to the Gulf coast. The roads are among the best managed in the country and have for many years made money for their stockholders.

Under all these conditions it does not seem possible the systems would enter into scramble for the business that could be found on the South Plains. If the Santa Fe keeps up its protest there would be reason to believe that there were other issues involved which had not been made public.

It is entirely possible that if these two large systems get into a fight over the question the matter will be taken into the United States Supreme court with an effort to annul the laws of Congress and the ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

In the meantime the Fort Worth & Denver road is busy surveying and locating the branch line from Childress to the South Plains. The surveys will soon be completed so that contractors can be informed as to what would be expected of them. The towns on the Plains have signed up with the road for right of way trackage rights in the towns. The situation is interesting, to say the least.—Childress Index.

Help Spur Grow
J. M. Hahn came in Saturday, spending the afternoon here lamenting with those who suffered loss from the winds and smiling with those who escaped. Much damage was done to farmers in the sand, while those in the "black lands" escaped any damage.



AFLY HAS MORE GERMS THAN BOSTON HAS BEANS, AND WE KNOW THAT OUR FIRM'S THE BEST PLACE TO BUY SCREENS.

Shut out mosquitoes and flies to avoid risk of typhoid and malaria by equipping your home with our Door and Window Screens. The cost is not worth considering in view of the absolute necessity of such equipment. We make screens to order, using the best of material and workmanship. If you prefer to make your own screens we will furnish you with all needed material at a moderate cost. Fly time is at hand—don't delay.

TRI-COUNTY LUMBER CO.
Phone 11

FINANCIAL REVERSES

"You look so pleased, old man, the fortune-teller must have predicted something good."

"You bet? She predicted that I would have a financial reverse."

"I don't see anything joyous in that."

"You would if you knew anything about my finances. I tell you that if they don't reverse pretty quick I'll be busted."—Utility News.

Help Spur Grow
THE RULING PASSION
First Doctor: "Did you hold the mirror to her face to see if she was still breathing?"

Second Doctor: "Yes, and she opened one eye gasped, and reached for her powder puff?"

Help Spur Grow
MODERN LAW
Rural Magistrate: "I'll have to fine ye a dollar, Jeff."

Jeff: "I'll have to borrow it of ye, judge."

Magistrate: "Great snakes! It was only to get the dollar that I was finin' ye.—Get out! Ye ain't guilty anyway."—Boston Transcript.

Help Spur Grow
H. E. Grabener, of east of Spur, came in Saturday to trade and meet with friends.

Help Spur Grow
Henry Austin was here Saturday meeting with his friends and talking good times.

Home Car Repairing

I take this method in soliciting car repairing at your home.

I am prepared to care for your car needs at a

Greatly Reduced Cost

Figure with me before having my work done.

A. R. HOWE

Farms & Ranches Get A Home Now

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

COME NOW AND GET YOUR CHOICE

See our Agent for particulars

J. H. Fulcher
SPUR, TEXAS

Weak In Back and Sides

"Before the birth of my little girl," says Mrs. Lena Standif of R. F. D. 2, Matthews, Mo., "I was so weak in my back and sides I could not go about. I was too weak to stand up or do any work. I felt like my back was coming in two. I lost weight. I didn't eat anything much and was so restless I couldn't sleep nights. My mother used to take

CARDUI

For Female Troubles

so I sent to get it. I improved after my first bottle. Cardui is certainly a great help for nervousness and weak back. I took six bottles of Cardui and by then I was well and strong, just did fine from then on. Cardui helped me so much. Thousands of weak, suffering women have taken Cardui, knowing that it had helped their mothers or their friends, and soon gained strength and got rid of their pains. Cardui should do you a lot of good.

All Druggists' E-11

LYRIC THEATRE
WEEKLY PROGRAM

LET US ENTERTAIN YOU
EVERY WEEK!

MONDAY and TUESDAY,
June 15-16

**"In Every Womans
Life"**

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY
June 17-18

**"Her Night of
Romance"**

FRIDAY, June 19th;

**"Salome of the
Tenements"**

Also the 4th Episode of

"Riddle Riders"

SATURDAY, June 20th:
BUDDY ROOSEVELT

in
"Rough Ridin' "

GET THE HABIT OF COMING
TO THE SHOW!

CROTON NEWS

Everyone on the Flat is busy plowing their cotton. The sand last week killed several hundred acres of cotton for the farmers.

Miss Mimms is teaching a music class at the Croton school house. She teaches on Tuesday and Friday. We are glad to see so many interested in music.

Misses Joe Dunn and Alyce Porter are at home from Denton where they have been attending school.

Mr. Tandy Legg has been home from Plainview, but returned to attend the summer school.

Miss Iva Richey is attending the summer school at Wayland Baptist College at Plainview.

E. L. Caraway, of Spur, was on the flat last week demonstrating the new Maxwell car.

The Baptist had church last Sunday at the school house. A large crowd attended.

Everyone who likes to sing, or likes to hear singing, who live in reach of the Croton school house are invited to meet at the school house June 14th, at 3 p. m. The purpose of organizing a singing class so don't forget the date and bring someone with you.

The fifth Sunday meeting was held with the Friendship church at this place was a great meeting we surely did hear some great sermons. So we were almost tempted to ask for the next fifth Sunday meeting.

Miss Ruby Pennell visited Richey Sunday.

The Croton store is as busy as ever.

A man from Afton is contemplating putting in a blacksmith shop near the store. If he does patronize him and lets build in our own community. There is no reason why we cannot build a gin and a town, and a brick school building here on Croton. So lets all work together for our community.

J. H. Reynolds from near McAdoo visited with Mrs. Dunn last Saturday.

Well as news is getting scarce I'll fly away.—News B.

—Help Spur Grow—

G. W. Dodson was here the past week from his Tennessee Valley farm home. Recently he went fishing and for some time thereafter carried his hand and arm in a sling, the result of a strain in hooking and landing the fish.

—Help Spur Grow—

I. Wolfe returned the day following the fire in which his stock of goods were burned and damaged, he being apprised of the loss by telegram. He informs us that just as soon as the insurance is adjusted he will reopen for business.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Harris, of McAdoo, were recent shoppers in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vandiver and daughter, Miss Fleeta Doty Vandiver, of the Afton country, were shoppers in Spur Wednesday. They had just returned from Kansas where Miss Vandiver had been attending Copeland Grade School, having just completed her high school course of study. Miss Vandiver now contemplates attending college another year, possibly at Plainview.

—Help Spur Grow—

A. A. Allen came up last week from his farm home down in Kent or Stonewall, spending some time here again meeting his friends. Although he has transferred his citizenship and farming activities, we verily believe that he comes back to Spur trade and meet with his old friends here.

—Help Spur Grow—

W. H. Nichols, of the Afton country, was in Spur Wednesday. In speaking of the rain Tuesday night in that territory he stated that to the east of Midway and covering a territory of a half-moon shape several miles in extent the rainfall was so heavy that entire crops were washed away. It is estimated that fully five inches fell in this territory.

—Help Spur Grow—

T. M. Maples and family returned Tuesday from San Angelo where they spent a few days with relatives. They had intended to go on to Corpus Christi and other points, spending a month or more on the trip, but business matters called Mr. Maples home.

—Help Spur Grow—

W. W. Sample as president, and J. P. Middleton as his assistant, will make an active team for the ensuing year, and under their administration our commercial interests will not lag in the least.

—Help Spur Grow—

L. H. Perry made a business trip the first of the week to Lubbock where he spent a couple of days.

—Help Spur Grow—

Light housekeeping outfit for sale. —Les Garrett, watchmaker, phone 257. 30tf

30 CENT COTTON
\$20.00 LAND

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

W. A. SoRELLE

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

GOOD BUYS

IN REAL ESTATE
COME SEE US

TRACT 30—100 acres in 20-acre blocks, well improved, 7-room residence, and modern conveniences and about the place. \$125 per acre, will take some trade.

TRACT 31—4-room residence in Spur, desirably located. \$1250, half cash, balance easy terms. Spur property is on the advance and no mistake will be made in buying at present prices.

TRACT 32—80 acres, one mile from Spur school, 65 acres in cultivation. \$50 and worth the money.

We Have Other Farm and Ranch Property Worth the Money.

Call in and See Us.
ORAN McCLURE
TEXAS SPUR OFFICE

SPUR FARM LANDS

LOCATED IN DICKENS, KENT, GARZA, AND CROSBY COUNTIES

FARMS

These properties, located in Dickens, Kent, Garza and Crosby Counties, offer an extensive variety of soil types and location. A large acreage from which to make selection, some of which has but recently been placed on the market. Reasonable prices and terms.

RANCH TRACTS

On Easy Terms, at Low Prices, Splendidly Suited to Ranching

WARNING

No privileges are granted to cut, saw, break down or otherwise take from our properties, anywhere, any green or dead wood. Prosecution will follow any known violation.

S. M. Swenson And Sons

CLIFFORD B. JONES, Manager

Spur, Dickens County, Texas

EATING IS A NECESSARY PART OF YOUR LIFE!

You May Not Live to Eat, But, You Do Eat to Live,

WHY NOT HAVE THE BEST?

In both Groceries and Fresh Meats we sell the Best the Market affords. It is a pleasure to help you fill out your daily bills, as well as make you the very lowest possible prices.

When You Want Groceries or Fresh Meats, Think of

SCOTT BROTHERS.
GROCERIES PHONE 195

A TYPEWRITER AT HALF PRICE!

We have a Woodstock Typewriter, used only one week and good as new and which will be sold for half price if taken at once. If you need a typewriter this opportunity can't be beat.

THE TEXAS SPUR

TO THE CITIZENSHIP OF SPUR AND DICKENS COUNTY

Let us make a resolution that courtesy is our best asset and let us practice it. When you meet a stranger make yourself acquainted with him or her and make them feel like they had met a real human. Give them a glad hand and tell them you are glad to see them and give them a hearty welcome. If you have a grudge against any one dismiss it and say, oh, well, he may be right. Make friends with him. Don't be an old grinch. Put on a smile and let us make Spur one of the most pleasant places to live in. If you can't sell the party your wares tell them your neighbor might have it and don't say something nasty about your neighbor's stuff. If you find any one has made a mistake just remember the man or woman that does not make mistakes is the one that sits on the stool of do nothing.—A Subscriber and Friend.

Help Spur Grow

PASTURE TO RENT
\$1.00 per head in advance, 2 miles north of Dickens on Mrs. Elmore's place.—Jesse Price. 32-2tp

Help Spur Grow

MIDWAY CLUB MEETING
The Midway Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday, June 2nd with a large attendance. Mrs. Al Bingham of the Espuela Club, also mistress of the Swenson ranch headquarters gave the demonstration for the evening, which was the making of nut bread. We appreciate Mrs. Bingham's generosity very much. The bread was delicious which was demonstrated by the eating. We are always glad to have members of other clubs visit us. Come again.—Reporter.

Help Spur Grow

L. V. Goodrich a leading citizen, rancher and farmer of Stonewall county, was greeting his friends in Spur Friday and Saturday of the past week. He states that everything is in fine shape in Stonewall at this time, having had fine rains and good seasons now prevailing with prospects of bumper crops.

Help Spur Grow

Miss Winnie McArthur returned the past week from Abilene, where she spent some time visiting with friends.

Help Spur Grow

Miss Bessie Benton, of Jayton, was in Spur one day the past week having some dental work done.

ELTON NEWS

The people of this community are very busy at this time.

Ike Cox, who has been sick for some time, is rapidly improving now.

Frank Smith asked Eldon Webb to take dinner at his house and Eldon informed Mr. Smith that it would not be long until he would be a regular boarder at the Smith farm.

Kanna Stephens seems to have the blues as Stella Offield has been going with Ona Calvert.

Alvin Spencer seems to be taking very little interest in our community now.

There will be a singing school in Elton in August.

Alfred Offield was seen in Spur Friday.

Dink Arthur and Eldon Webb are getting to be real shieks.—Utellum.

Help Spur Grow

ENTERTAINED
Mesdames M. A. Lea and Murray Lea Jr., were joint hostesses to the members of the Entre Nous and Friday Afternoon Clubs and guests Thursday, June 4th at the lovely P. C. Nichols home. Eight beautifully appointed tables were arranged for progressive "42". At intervals during the games Miss Nell Higgins gave a lovely piano solo and Mrs. Paul Vickres, of Midland, gave two lovely readings. At the close of two hours of interesting playing a lovely refreshment plate was served.

The guest list included: Mesdames Malcom Brannen, B. F. Hale, Roy S. Harkey, Riley F. Huie, F. W. Jennings, Bill Putman, Kate Senning, D. Y. Twaddell, Robt. Lea, V. C. Smart, C. L. Love, Roy Stovall, E. A. Russell, Billy Bryant, J. E. Morris, M. E. Manning, Whitener, W. T. Andrews, Jr., Jas. B. Reed, Paul T. Vickers, Midland, Texas, Nellie Davis, Jesse Rogrs, Amarillo, Texas, Starcher, Schrimsher, S. Twaddell, J. W. Algers, E. L. Adams, Butler, R. B. Johnston, Bowers, T. E. Johnson, Miss Nell Higgins and the hostesses.

Help Spur Grow

Ed Lisenby was here Monday and carried out a dozen or two hoes, and from this we infer that he not only has good crop prospects but also some weeds. Back where we came from farmers chopped cotton, but here they only chop the weeds and let the cotton grow as she comes.

Help Spur Grow

Buster Bural, of the Gilpin country, was among the many here the past week trading and meeting with friends.

THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL IN TOWN BUILDING

There is a grave danger confronting every small town in this country. Strangely enough that danger is due to prosperity. A few years ago, when transportation was slow and roads almost everywhere were bad, every town was in a way isolated, and could depend for its business on its own trade territory. People were not tempted to hitch up old Dobbin and go very far to buy goods when travel was at the rate of four or five miles an hour and when it became impossible following a rain. They bought where it was most convenient to buy. It is easier now to go thirty miles than it was then to travel five. The result is that trade is going to those towns that show themselves most anxious to get it, regardless of distance. The hustling big towns will grow larger and their property values will increase; the listless towns will dwindle to almost nothing. The handwriting on the wall is so plain that all who will may read in time to avoid destruction.

Before the days of the automobile and good roads, the town of a thousand or so inhabitants felt reasonably secure in its business, and especially if it happened to be a county site. Trade was largely stable and dependable, varying only with crop conditions and seasons. Now it can be switched a distance of thirty or fifty miles almost overnight by the activity of competing towns in a territory where the local merchants have grown inert. Business men in the small towns can't close their eyes to conditions, for if they do it will soon mean their ruin. Business must have a certain volume below which it cannot fall without inviting failure.

When trade territory or even a customer is lost to another town, through lack of business methods, the losing town must suffer.

There is only one way for the small town to face this threatened danger from surrounding towns. That is through co-operative and individual effort—combined and personal hustling. Old methods of waiting for business are obsolete. The new times demand new energy. If you haven't and can't arouse it, your doom as a business man is sealed. If your town hasn't it, most of the stores will be empty in five or ten years unless it faces about. It is a sad prophecy, but you had as well face it in time and prepare to meet it. Business men must organize, just as they are organized in the larger places everywhere, and go after trade collectively and personally.

In nearly every case where the small town has stopped growing or the small town merchant's business is falling off, it is because of fear of the expense of getting business. And yet every successful man will tell you that the only way to grow, to make money, is to spend money. Do you remember what Barnum said about it? He said that whenever he added ten cents to his business he spent a dollar telling about it. Merchants need not do that, but I heard a successful merchant say not long ago that if any merchant would spend five per cent of his annual sales in advertising his business he would guarantee the success of that merchant. That looks like a safe formula. I would suggest one per cent in co-operative advertising and four per cent in personal advertising as the small town means of meeting the threatened disaster from the larger and more enterprising places.

Fred Andersen has built up a business from nothing to \$300,000 a year people, with a town of twice that size in Cozad, Nebraska, a town of 1,300 18 miles away, another 12 miles from him, and a city 50 miles off. Andersen says anybody else can do it who wants to and who will spend enough money advertising, and will back up his advertising with the right kind of goods and prices and proper treatment of his customers. Here are some of his statements: "If I were starting into business today, I would spend five per cent for advertising." "Unless you wake up and get into the game, you will all be doomed and that before very long." "Any merchant can have a business, or he cannot, just whatever he wants, no matter where he lives." "If you are doing business as you did five years ago, you are slipping." "If you are slipping you had better get into the game and make a fight for the business that rightfully belongs to you." "Keep right after it until you have won."

hooked up with your advertising. "Keep your windows trimmed and "Change them at least once a week." "Take a leading part in all local and community affairs." "See that all roads into your city are well kept." "Write your ads as if you were talking to the people." "Advertise your churches, your cnautauquas, your fair association and any other thing that goes to build your trade or town."

Help Spur Grow
Judge Powell, of the Dry Lake community, was among the number here the first of the week. The name of Judge Powell persists in being mentioned and suggested in connection with the county judge's office of Dickens county. Judge Powell served one or two terms as judge, made a good record, and we have no apologies to offer in being one of the number who at that time solicited him to serve the public in that capacity. In fact we would again lend encouragement to him in becoming a candidate because we believe he is not only fair and square but has the back-bone to back up his view and conception of the law and in carrying out a program for the best interest of the public in general.

Help Spur Grow
Mrs. J. J. Cloud was here shopping and selling country produce from their farm home in the Soldier Mound community. Mr. and Mrs. Cloud own a sandy land place at Soldier Mound, and they always have fruits, vegetables or some character of products from their farm to sell. It is the diversified farmer in this or any other country who always makes money and has money. The one crop farmer or the cotton farmer most generally has a mortgaged crop at the bank or the credit store—and if by good fortune he makes a profit it all goes to pay interest or excessive charges by the credit concern. The crop program and the mortgage system has done more to hold down the development and progress of the country and the farmer than any other one thing.

Help Spur Grow
B. M. Blackmon, of twelve miles of Spur, was here Monday for a short time. He commented upon the good rains, the fine seasons and the excellent prospects for the biggest crops ever before produced in this country.

Help Spur Grow
W. M. Moore, of west of the city, came in Saturday and spent a short time here trading and meeting with his friends.

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Dr. Earnest and son, of Ranger, are in Spur attending to business and visiting with his daughter, Mrs. R. D. Baughman.

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P. M. W. CLUB
Mrs. Orbie McCombs was hostess to the P. M. W. Club on last Thursday, "42" was played as the game of the afternoon. After several games the guests were served with delicious refreshments consisting of sandwiches, salad, olives, angel food cake and tea.

Help Spur Grow
Those present were: Mesdames Tom Teague, Stack, Jess Fletcher, J. E. Sanders, Grady Mageors, Wilbur Perry, Eric Ousley, Ira Sullivan, Boyd, John Hazelwood, Lee Davis, Martin Gilley, and Misses Bessie Wayne Jackson and Bonnie Gilbert.

Help Spur Grow
D. D. Stewart, of east of Spur four miles, was among the many here during the past week commenting on the winds and wondering if things will ever simmer down to normal in the farming work which is recognized as the main factor in making the world of business go round.

Help Spur Grow
W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill country, was also among those in Spur Monday and speculating on whether or not the commissioners would persist in raising taxes of the county.

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Hawley Bryant came over Monday of this week from Dickens and spent several hours here meeting with his friends and talking over the general situation with reference to cattle and crops.

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MISSIONARY ENTERTAINMENT

Mrs. W. S. Campbell and Mrs. M. A. Lea entertained the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church at the home of Mrs. Campbell on Hill Street Monday afternoon from four to six. The following ladies were present: Miss Stokes, Mesdames Walter Sample, C. B. Jones, J. C. Keen, Murray Lea, Mitchell, I. A. Smith, L. N. Riter, C. Fite, J. R. Laine, T. A. Rogers, Chas. Whitener, Payne, Sneed Twaddell, L. R. Barrett, Preston, Simmons, J. E. Morris. Delicious refreshments of cake and ice cream were served.—Reporter.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. Orbie McCombs was hostess to the P. M. W. Club on last Thursday, "42" was played as the game of the afternoon. After several games the guests were served with delicious refreshments consisting of sandwiches, salad, olives, angel food cake and tea.

Help Spur Grow
Those present were: Mesdames Tom Teague, Stack, Jess Fletcher, J. E. Sanders, Grady Mageors, Wilbur Perry, Eric Ousley, Ira Sullivan, Boyd, John Hazelwood, Lee Davis, Martin Gilley, and Misses Bessie Wayne Jackson and Bonnie Gilbert.

Help Spur Grow
D. D. Stewart, of east of Spur four miles, was among the many here during the past week commenting on the winds and wondering if things will ever simmer down to normal in the farming work which is recognized as the main factor in making the world of business go round.

Help Spur Grow
W. M. Randall, of the Steel Hill country, was also among those in Spur Monday and speculating on whether or not the commissioners would persist in raising taxes of the county.

Help Spur Grow
Hawley Bryant came over Monday of this week from Dickens and spent several hours here meeting with his friends and talking over the general situation with reference to cattle and crops.

Help Spur Grow
W. M. Moore, of west of the city, came in Saturday and spent a short time here trading and meeting with his friends.

Help Spur Grow
Dr. Earnest and son, of Ranger, are in Spur attending to business and visiting with his daughter, Mrs. R. D. Baughman.

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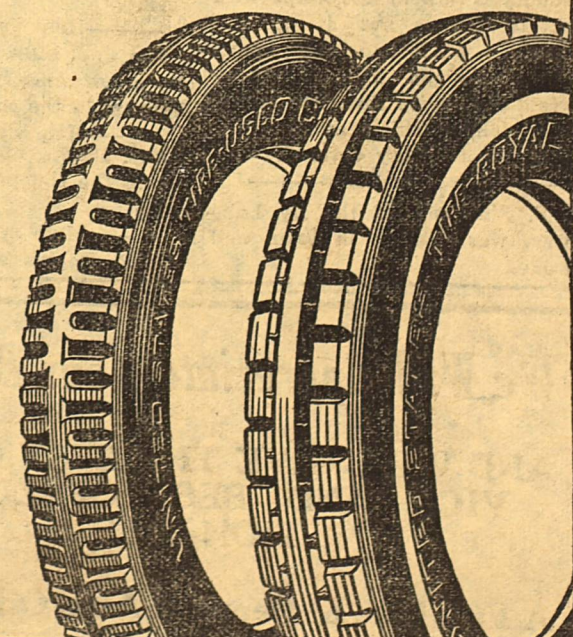
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NOTICE FOR COUNTY TEST STATION DESIGNATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner's Court of Dickens County, Texas, will receive, up to the 15th day of June 1925, applications for County test station designations.

This notice is given in pursuance of an act passed by the 39th legislature of the State of Texas, the said act being House Bill No. 23, passed at the regular session of said legislature and approved by the Governor February 27, 1925, and providing for the testing of headlights on motor vehicles and motorcycles. Blank application forms and any information pertaining thereto may be secured at the office of the County Judge of Dickens County, Texas.

Dated this 22nd day of May, A. D. 1925.

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

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. J. H. Edwards, of Dickens, was in Spur Thursday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. She and Mr. Edwards recently went to East Texas upon hearing that their son, John Edwards, was seriously ill. John returned home with them and is now recovering from the illness. Information came here he had become insane. However, this report was unfounded. He suffered of a blood clot on the brain, caused by a strain or lick. John and his father, J. H. Edwards, are now off on a fishing trip while he recuperates from his illness.

Help Spur Grow

M. C. Donaldson, of the Wake country, was a business visitor in Spur Thursday. He reports good rains in his territory and as a result crop conditions could not be better or more promising of big harvests this fall. He complained about not getting his Texas Spur regularly. We are sorry he fails to receive the paper but glad it is missed when it fails to come.

Help Spur Grow

Uncle Jimmie Jones, of the Afton country, came down Wednesday and spent the day meeting with his friends in Spur. The north part of the county is now in fine shape with respect to seasons, but is greatly damaged by winds and the heavy rain Tuesday night. East of Midway it is said that more than five inches of rain fell, washing away entire crops in the territory covered.

Help Spur Grow

B. F. Simmons, of the Dy Lake country, was trading in town and Saturday.

J. R. McArthur is one of the most enthusiastic and optimistic men of the country. He worried considerably in the early part of the year, having both cattle and crops on his hands, and with no rain and no grass things looked gloomy. However, the rains have come, grass is good, an ideal crop season prevails and the whole world now looks level to him. Here is hoping he will make a profit on his crops of both cattle and cotton.

Help Spur Grow

L. N. Harrison, of the Espuela country, was among the crowds here Saturday. He informs us that he has the very finest crop prospects at this time, and the prevailing good seasons lends encouragement in the prediction of bountiful harvests this fall. Mr. Harrison is another "diversified" farmer. During the dull and dry farming seasons he drills wells and does other work to help swell his income.

Help Spur Grow

Sim Moss came in Tuesday stating that farmers in his section were all busy replanting crops blown out by the recent continued winds. The high winds and sand damaged hundreds of acres of crops. However, people of this country never become discouraged. There is plenty time to make crops, and the probability is that they will make better by reason of replanting and better cultivation.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. Oran McClure, Oran, Jr., Max and Wynell, are in Callahan county where she is visiting her mother, while the junior member of the family is spending the time on Jim Ned and Bayou angling for big specimens of the finny tribe, and where fifteen to twenty pounds are being landed.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. Crowe, of Albany, passed through Spur the past week on his way to the Plains where he will be employed in helping to produce some of the bumper crops for which glowing prospects now exist.

Help Spur Grow

John Southworth was over one day the first of the week, meeting with his friends and incidentally pushing the sale of Matador lands.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. Tom Russell, of Matador, is in the city the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Windham.

FOR SALE—4 gallon Jersey cow, fresh, milk without calf.—W. G. Johnson. 30tf.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. and Mrs. Lanier and G. A. Howsley spent Sunday enjoying the pleasures of Silver Falls.

Help Spur Grow

Frank Goodson, of southwest of Spur, was in the city the first of the week.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. J. J. Lilly, of northeast of the city a few miles, was one among the shoppers in the city Saturday.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. Harris, of near Dickens, was among the shoppers in the city Saturday.

Help Spur Grow

J. R. Rogers was here Thursday.

WHAT TO EAT WHEN IT IS HOT

"It's so hot, I just can't eat a thing" is an often heard wail. We need food even if the thermometer stands at 100 degrees, but that does not mean we need the same food that we ate last winter.

There are certain bodily requirements that must always be met. We must have food to build and repair the body; milk, cheese, eggs, meat. We need fat, starches and sweets to give us energy. The body must be regulated, that is, the machinery oiled, the heart beat regulated, the nerves fed, the blood kept neutral. Fruits, milk and green vegetables furnish the minerals for this. Finally there must be growth and health, and so we must have plenty of milk, fruits, leafy vegetables and whole grains to give us vitamins. Did you know that even the clearness of the eye and the condition of the hair are influenced by these vitamins?

So we cannot forget these four essentials, no matter what the season of the year—if we are to enjoy full health. It is true, however, that there must be a different choosing for the hot days.

The problem of physical comfort in the summer time is to get rid of the heat which is always generated in the body whether it is hot or cold. The harder you work or play, the more heat your body produces, so it will help if we first of all take it easy. Lighter clothing and cooling baths help. So does anything which makes for greater perspiration, if there is opportunity for its speedy evaporation. That is why hot drinks sometime prove cooling—but if the air is damp, and you try a hot drink, it won't work out—only makes you hotter.

Here are some simple rules of eating to remember on hot days. Don't change your eating habits too radically the first hot days—it is likely to cause digestive disturbances. If you are accustomed to hot meals, don't jump right over all cold ones; include one hot dish if only a beverage.

Eat less the first warm days until body accustoms itself to the change. Don't choose things that are hard to digest.

Stay off foods that are rich in fat—those pastries, cakes, rich sauces and gravies—they make you hotter and hotter.

Avoid hot breads and syrups. Don't ice the stomach at soda fountains between meals. If you just have to do it—if it is impossible to resist the temptation, remember to order a plain soda, a phosphate, lemonade, grape juice or iced tea, but not an ice cream soda or sundae.

Don't drink any iced drink too rapidly—sit down and take your time about it. Cold beverages will take heat to warm them in the stomach and will carry away body heat. So to be helpful they must be used rightly—not taken too cold or too fast.

The diet should contain little meat, or its equivalent, eggs, cheese, dried peas or beans. All these foods contain protein and protein makes us hotter than anything else. It is best to get most of your protein from milk.

Vegetables should be the mainstay, but simply cooked, boiled or baked. Raw vegetables in salad, with seasoning and vinegar as a dressing will help.

Fruits are refreshing and cooling and should be used fresh. But if there is any doubt as of their ripeness, they should be stewed.

Only simple desserts should be used—very light and cold. Gelatin, cornstarch, tapioca or frozen dishes are best. These frozen dishes should not be rich, but from custards or fruit juices. They whet the appetite which tends to lag on a hot day. If taken slowly at the end of a meal. These frozen dishes will not chill the stomach unduly.

Another thing to remember during warm weather is—bacteria flourish at an amazing rate and care should be taken to guard against spoiled food. Watch fruit, etc., for any mold—watch the refrigerator, for it is not always safe.—Red Cross Nutrition Worker.

Help Spur Grow

Dave Taylor and family left this week for fishing streams where they will spend several days fishing, killing squirrels, resting and recreating, laying aside all cares, business worries and enjoying a few days of unrestricted pleasures. Dave will be back on the job at Spot Cash Grocery the latter part of the week.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Busby and children last week spent several days visiting with relatives and friends at Luaders and fishing on the Clear Fork at that point. Mr. Busby reports that good fishing was had, there being lots of biting fish in the stream at that point at this time.

Help Spur Grow

Joe T. Salem spent several days this week in Canadian and other points on business and visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross came in Monday from their farm and ranch home over in Kent county. They report having had fine rains and everything in the very finest shape for crops. Tom's field overflowed from the recent heavy rains, and he says it is possible for him to make a bale of cotton now to the acre. Here is hoping.

Help Spur Grow

W. W. Mayfield came over from Girard Thursday, making a business trip to Roaring Springs. He is now driving a Buick truck in the conduct of his business, reporting business good with the brightest prospects for the future.

Help Spur Grow

Otto Mott, who last week was put out of business on account of fire, has not yet reopened for business, but will do so as soon as possible. He had no insurance whatever on his tailoring business, the loss being considerable and total to him.

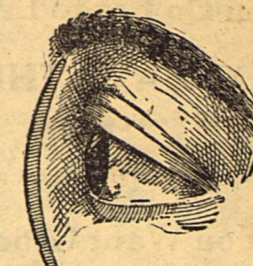
Help Spur Grow

County Attorney B. G. Worswick came over Wednesday from the county capitol, spending an hour or two here on official business and conversing with friends and acquaintances.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson, of east of Spur, were shopping in the city Thursday morning of this week.

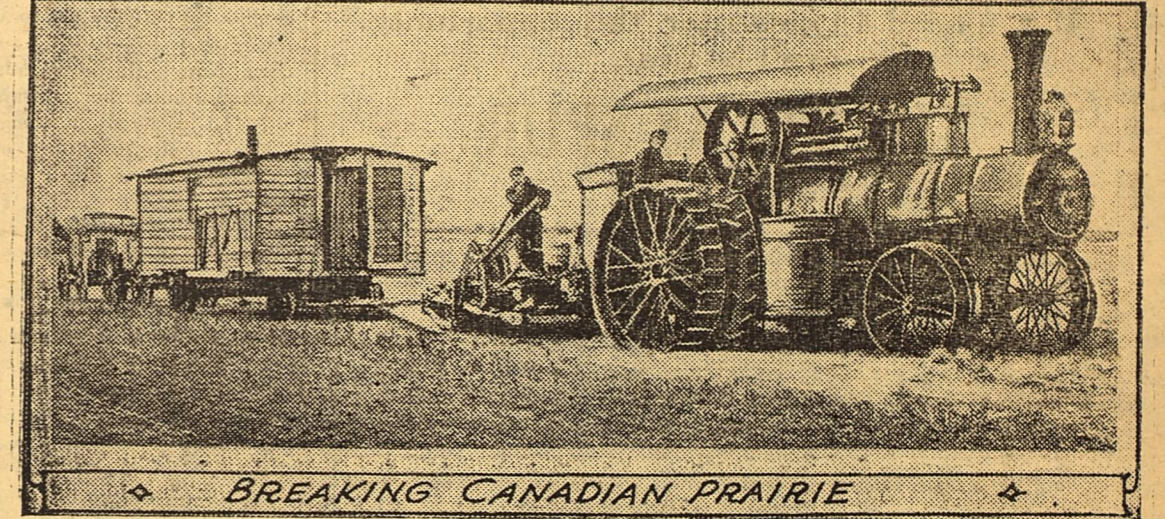
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The wisdom of affording every financial aid within reason to farmers and farming communities has been repeatedly emphasized by Edward D. Duffield, president of the Prudential Insurance Company, particularly in a recent address dealing with farm mortgage loans as investments for life insurance funds, made before the Bond Club of New Jersey.

Life insurance companies have more than doubled the amount of their loans on farms in this country during the last five years in addition to responding to housing needs in congested urban communities. In the last five years the Prudential lent \$205,699,130.20 on farm mortgages. During 1924 a smaller amount of Prudential farm loans indicated a progress towards prosperity in agricultural districts.

Referring particularly to farm loans, Mr. Duffield said: "Then, too, another form of investment is this question of farm loans. Of course, it is useless to adopt any of these other methods of aiding the country if you are not going to aid the man who produces that which we eat, upon whom we are absolutely dependent, and so these companies are largely in the field of investment in farm loans, aiding the farmer to harvest and develop his crop, enabling him to bring in land for development purposes which otherwise he might not have been able to do, aiding him in so conducting in a scientific way these farm operations that as a result thereof the food of everyone in the United States has been made cheaper and easier to obtain than it otherwise would have been."

In 1924 the Prudential loaned \$37,967,402.97 on farm properties in the United States. They have also relieved the housing situation by extensive loans on small dwellings.

A. H. Leidigh, assistant director of State Experiment Stations, spent several days the past week in Spur with R. E. Dickson at the Spur Station. Mr. Leidigh has been selected as one of the faculty of the West Texas Technological College which will open its first term in September. Mr. Leidigh will have charge of agricultural courses in the college.

Help Spur Grow

J. V. McCormick was one of the heavy losers in the rain Tuesday night in the Midway community. It is reported that he had between a hundred and fifty and two hundred acres of cotton up to a good stand. The rain washed it all up. Five inches fell in that section.

Help Spur Grow

Geo. S. Link and son, Geo. S. Jr., and Billy Bryant are this week attending one of the annual fish fry parties of the Bryant-Link stores. The outing is being had on the Colbert ranch on the Clear Fork near Stamford in Jones county.

Help Spur Grow

W. C. Cartwright, of north of Spur, was trading in town one day the past week.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. W. P. Simpson, of Flagstaff, Arizona, is here visiting her father, T. G. Harkey, and other relatives of Spur and Dickens county.

Help Spur Grow

Bill McArthur came in Saturday for the day from his farm home to the west of Spur. Bill has been staying in close the past several weeks and as a result has his crops of both feed and cotton growing nicely.

Help Spur Grow

Bill McAlpine, of Dallas, is in the city visiting his sister, Mrs. Sam T. Clemmons and children.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. Al Bingham, of the Spur Ranch headquarters, was a recent shopper in the city.

Help Spur Grow

Miss Thelma Caraway returned home this week from Sherman where she has been attending college, and will spend the summer vacation in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Caraway.

Hugh Ousley returned this week from Waxahachie where he has been attending college, and will spend the summer vacation here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Ousley.

Help Spur Grow

C. C. Cornelius, of Girard, came over Wednesday, reporting a good rain Tuesday night throughout the Girard country.

Help Spur Grow

J. A. Legg, a leading citizen of the Croton country to the east of Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Help Spur Grow

C. R. Miller returned the past week from Brownsfield where he recently purchased a cafe business. Mrs. White, formerly of the White Swan Cafe of Spur, now has charge of the business in Brownsfield while Mr. Miller remains in Spur.

Help Spur Grow

Misses Carol Senning and Allyne Williams are in Meadows this week the guests of Mrs. Arnold Copeland.

Help Spur Grow

J. W. Biggs was here Wednesday from the Bud Morrison ranch. He and Jake Rains had just returned from Snyder where they had been on business. The Snyder country, too, is in fine shape.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Harrington, and little Miss Sadie Harrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Harrington, left this week for Wichita, Kansas, where they will visit some time with their daughter and family.

Help Spur Grow

G. L. Barber, who is doing road work between Lubbock and Plainview, spent a day or two of this week in Spur with his family and greeting his friends.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Edwards and children are among the many who are this week taking a vacation and spending the time on the banks of the Clear Fork.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Smart and J. B. Richbourg left Thursday of this week for the Devils River country where they will spend some time fishing, hunting and camping.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Reynolds, of the Croton country, were among the many shoppers in Spur the past week.

Help Spur Grow

Conductor Keith, of the Stamford & Northwestern Railway, is now in California enjoying a forty days vacation.

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FINANCING FOR NEW RAILROAD TRUST FIRM IS COMPLETED

Announcement that financing has been completed for the trust company that is to operate in financing constructing and equipping the proposed Texas Panhandle and Gulf Railroad from Fort Worth to Tucumcari was made by Ireland Hampton, former Chamber of Commerce manager, and C. H. Powell, Chicago, president of the proposed railroad, Monday afternoon.

The company, which is officially called the Texas Panhandle and Gulf Construction Administration Corporation, has a capital of \$300,000. A charter will be asked at Austin in a few days, Hampton announced. Officers and directors of the trust concern will be announced in a few days.

The trust company's chief object will be the sale to people along the proposed route of \$3,000,000 7 per cent preferred stock in the Texas Panhandle and Gulf Railroad Corporation. It will have no connection with the Texas Panhandle Development Corporation, a \$200,000 company formed for the handling of townsites. This latter stock, it is understood, already has been placed, much of it going to persons engaged in promoting the railroad project.

Three proposed routes have been suggested for the T. P. & G. These are:

To build a line from here to Perrin, 52 miles, to run over the Gulf, Texas and Western from there to Seymour and then on new rails to Tucumcari, a distance of about 477 miles.

To operate over the Rock Island to Jackboro, over the G. T. & W. to Seymour and on new rails to Tucumcari, or

To go to Mineral Wells, thence to Salesville, southern terminus of the G. T. & W., over the Mineral Wells and Northwestern, and on the G. T. & W. to Seymour and to Tucumcari on new rails. The exact

route has not been determined.

From Seymour to Tucumcari the proposed road would traverse the following counties: Baylor, Knox, Cottle, Motley, Hall, Briscoe, Swisher, Castro and Parmer to the New Mexico border. The road would cut the southwestern corner of Foard County and would touch the northeast corner of King County.

Total construction cost of the road would be around \$10,000,000 according to Powell. Whatever sum above the \$3,000,000 derived from sale of preferred stock that is needed will be obtained by sale of bonds. The trust company will hold that amount of common stock for delivery to Powell when he has made arrangements for the bonds.

GOVERNOR FERGUSON'S PARDON RECORD

Following is Governor Ferguson's pardon record, including June 2. The table accounts for all proclamations affecting prisoners in Texas:

Full pardons	100
Conditional pardons	158
Paroles	52
Restorations of citizenship	25
Revocations of paroles	5
Furloughs	98
Bonds and fines remitted	11
Remittance of jail sentences	12
Total	461

Help Spur Grow
G. H. Slaton, of the Soldier Mound community, was among the many on the streets Saturday. Mr. Slaton stated that he escaped damage from the winds of last week, while neighbor farmers suffered considerable damage and were forced to keep plowing to save crops from complete destruction.

Help Spur Grow
Tom McArthur returned Monday from Lamesa where he accompanied Mrs. McArthur to the Standifer Sanitarium for an operation. Mrs. McArthur stood the operation nicely and is now doing nicely and recovering.

AGAIN THE KU KLUX KLAN BOBS UP IN SPUR

Editor of the Texas Spur:

Dear Editor—We note with deepest satisfaction your several expressions of your belief in the freedom of the press. Every loyal American heart beats with pride when we think of those great principles for which our government stands; freedom of the press, freedom of speech, religious freedom and on and on until we compass all those principles for which every true son and daughter of America would die. Is there one so vile as to betray his trust of citizenship, is there one so low as to shirk that sacred privilege and duty? Show me the one who would denounce these principles which is Americanism, and we will show you one who is unworthy the name of American. Show us one who for a few paltry dollars would sell his country to some other power, and we will show you a Benedict Arnold or an Aaron Burr.

We have read with interest the article in your paper against the Klan, this all American organization. They have a perfect right to their views, a blessed privilege we would not take from any one. We are glad that you as our editor, are broad enough to print the other side, our side, of this matter, because for the great principle for which you stand: freedom of the press.

We cannot in this article discuss all the principles for which we stand; we can only name them. If the gentleman who denounced the Klan as "The beast" of the Bible, would read his Bible he would see where Jesus said, "He that is not for me is against me" and "He that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." The Klan is for Christ first last and always. You cannot be a Klansman if you do not believe in Christ and his teachings. This accounts for so many conversions in Klan meetings. They must accept him as the divine son of God, the Savior of men, the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Can any one object to that? The beast the gentleman so eloquently spoke about, is one who is against Christ, one who sets himself up as the Holy One; the Klan stands foursquare for Jesus. The gentleman will have to look somewhere else for his beast.

The Klan stands for America first, last and always. Who does not honor the original Klansman who saved our southland from ruin. But you say there is no need now for such an organization, but the devil is still a live and is still busy. The same forces which caused our forefathers to seek this country where they could worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience, are seeking to get this country, our America in their power. The one who has set himself up as Christ's vice-regent here, who claims to take his place here in the world, whose followers declare him infallible sounds mighty beastly to us. Only 45 per cent of our population is purely American, leaving 55 per cent foreigners. Should this be true in America. Oh! My countrymen do you not see the danger? When you read of the Knights of Columbus, an organization which no one but Catholics can belong, the American public by their silence sanctions it; but let any thing be said of the Knights of the Klux Klan, an organization composed of no one but pure American Citizens, and a cry goes up of bitter denunciation. It is deplorable that so many of our people are uninformed about the real condition of our country.

The sanctity of the home is another principle for which we stand, then the purity of womanhood, the supremacy of the white race, the complete separation of church and state and our public school system. An enormous number of our public schools have been closed, because the Pope has declared war upon them. Last weeks Courier reported six. This information you cannot get through press as it is under Catholic control Catholic schools will not allow Protestant teachers in their schools yet they have thousands of their teachers in our schools. That is one of their main ways of fighting us. Are we as Americans going to sit by and hold our hands and allow them to usurp our country in this manner. We are fighting no one. We are only standing for our rights as free American people. We only ask that they do not molest us, but that this country remain the land of the free as well as the home of the brave.

Can any loyal American object to these principles? You cannot join this organization unless you are an American. This is the only all American organization in existence but did you know that there are hundreds of secret organizations in this country that you as an American cannot join. Why object to the Ku Klux Klan which will admit only

American? Most of these orders are all of them might say teach their constituents everything but Americanism. In some districts of the United States the American flag is never allowed raised. In one school some of the pupils refused to go to school because the Stars and Stripes was put on display. We believe that every school in the United States should have the Stars and Stripes and that every pupil be taught to revere it. In some schools the English language is not even taught. We believe that it should be spoken and taught as the leading language in every school in our country.

We call on you, our countrymen, do not let your mind be prejudiced to wake up and face facts squarely, against you own people by a press 85 per cent of which is in American. Everyone knows the daily papers are agents of the Pope. They are always giving space to Pope slush. We have only 15 per cent American owned press. Do you not see the great danger?

Americans, stand for God, your home and for your country!

Done in regular Klunklave, a cartoon copy of this article to be kept on file.—Women of the Spur Ku Klux Klan.

Help Spur Grow THE BIGOT'S PROGRESS

The Ku Klux Fundamentalist campaign to set up a sectarian dictatorship and an established church has gone through several phases. At first it consisted simply in a disreputable and underhanded appeal to the prejudices of the morons. Meeting with success in its effort to make men suspect and hate their neighbors, the campaign passed from the stage of talk to the stage of action. In the backward places of America an illegal, informed and secret terror was organized. At this point in the movement's history patriotism and Christianity were instilled into the heretics by the use of whips and tar and feathers. The American people did not approve of this proceeding and the Ku Klux movement threatened to degenerate into an organization of thugs. At this critical moment there appeared on the scene the Great Reformer of Miami, destined to be known in the future as the apostle of the morons. He led the Ku Klux Fundamentalists to the State Legislatures and showed them how by skillful appeals to ignorance and to fear they could conquer the machinery of State Government and use it to establish a Fundamentalist State Church.

Like all movements of the kind, the first objective was to control education. Sectarian politicians have always worked on the theory that if you could close the minds of children and implant the seeds of bigotry in them, then the battle was won. They went to work systematically and achieved two astounding victories. In Oregon they obtained a law which would have given the State a virtual monopoly of education of all children between the ages of eight and sixteen. In Tennessee they obtained a law which ordained that in State schools the Fundamentalist religion should be taught. If both laws were upheld, any State which combined the two principles would have ordered every child to be brought up as a Fundamentalist. The Oregon principle would have created a State monopoly of education and the Tennessee principle would give the Ku Klux Fundamentalist the absolute control of that monopoly.

It was bad enough that two such principles should have made so much headway in various States of the Union. But those who are vigilant must also take notice of a third principle, which, if it is allowed to take root, would nationalize the other two. This is the principle to which the president gave countenance in his Memorial Day speech. The President, we may assume as a matter of course, had no idea of giving aid and comfort to this sectarian aggression. But nevertheless in the guise of a plea for local self-government Mr. Coolidge said with apparent approval that "by failing to meet the requirements of a national demand the States (that had not co-operated in the Prohibition policy) became deprived of the power to act." As The World's Washington correspondent, Mr. Michelson, pointed out yesterday, under this doctrine Mr. Bryan need only convert about twenty-five State Legislatures in order to make the Oregon and Tennessee theories the "duty" of New York. The President justified National Prohibition on this ground. He hinted at a national divorce law of this ground. Why not, then, a national anti-evolution law on the same ground? For our part, having seen what we have seen of the invasion of liberty during the last few years, having noticed the incredible lengths to which fanaticism can go, having seen the incredible, the absurd, the impossible and the ridiculous actually carried into law, we are not disposed to dismiss

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as idle and remote any aggression by the Ku Klux Fundamentalist-Anti-Saloon League parioeers. They will go just as far as they dare and can. Subversive politicians will carry out their orders to the limit of what they conceive to be possible. If American liberty is to be maintained, the time to fight the invasion of the bigots is now and the place to fight it is on all fronts, wherever it shows itself.

The victory in the Supreme Court on Monday over the Oregon School Laws is excellent, but it is not the end of the struggle. There will follow the Tennessee case, a much harder case in many ways. That it is really harder may be judged by the fact that even a metropolitan newspaper like the Herald Tribune is beset by doubts as to whether Mr. Bryan is not right, all that the hand which writes the pay-check should conduct the schools. Such bewilderment is natural enough, no doubt, in all who make a fetish of the principle of majority rule, who fall for the Dawes reform in the Senate and don't know how not to fall for the Bryan reform in Tennessee. The World is opposed without qualms to dictatorship by majorities no less than to dictatorship by minorities. It believes that this position is in conformity with the genius of the American system of liberty and that majority rule is a principle which has no universal application. The principle was not adopted unqualifiedly in the Constitution, and its extension, like the extension of any other power over men, should be watched with the most jealous care.—New York World.

Help Spur Grow SHOPPING

A furniture salesman in a Michigan store was waiting on a woman cus tomer for linoleum. He had shown her every peice in stock.

"I'm afraid, madam," he said, "that we haven't just the piece you are looking for, but we could get more from the factory."

"Well, perhaps you had better," she replied. "You see, I want something of a neater pattern and quite small—just a little square for my bird cage."—Hardware Age.

Help Spur Grow

J. H. Fulcher has returned from a business trip to Ranger.

Help Spur Grow

Alvis Hull spent last week-end in Abilene. He reports heavy rains in that section.

NEW FARM HOUSE BEING BUILT ON THE RENFRO RANCH

Lumber and other building material was hauled out the past week to Renfro Ranch in the north part of the county where a new farm house is now under construction, and which will be completed and ready for occupancy within the next week.

Substantial building progress is in evidence in every section of the great Spur country, and the fact is that the towns are forced to keep building in order to keep up with the progressive advancement of the country.

Help Spur Grow

Mrs. G. W. Bennett, of the Midway community, was among the shoppers in Spur Saturday, and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mrs. Bennett reports that there is lots of fruit this year throughout the north part of the county. There is no better fruit growing country in all if Western Texas than the sandy lands of the Midway and Afton sections. Mrs. Bennett recently heard from her father, Jack Renfro, who is now living in the Sonora country, stating that eight inches of rain had fallen in that country during the past thirty days, thus placing that country in fine shape.

Help Spur Grow

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rogers, of Amarillo, were guests this week in the home of J. B. Richbourg and other friends of the city. Mrs. Rogers was formerly Miss Attebury and having lived in Spur has many friends who were again glad to meet her.

Help Spur Grow

S. C. Rawlings, of west of Spur, was among the crowds of shoppers in Spur Saturday. Mr. Rawlings informed us that he is now out of the sandy belt where he formerly lived, and as a result the winds and blowing sands of the past weeks did him no damage, his crops are in fine shape and promise good yields this fall.

Help Spur Grow

M. E. Tree, having his crops all worked out in fine shape, is now speculating on the best fishing points and best bait to be used.

Help Spur Grow

J. A. Kerley, of east of Spur, was in the city Monday, transacting business affairs and meeting with his friends.

Help Spur Grow

AVERAGE SCHEDULE
"What is your husband's average income, Mrs. Smith?"
"Oh, about midnight."

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Good Quality Boy's Overalls Sizes from 4 to 18 98c
Ladies House Shoes Per Pair 79c
Excelsa Patterns 20 per cent off
32 inch Gingham, per yard 15c

Sale Will Begin Promptly at 8 o'clock
SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 13
MAKE THIS YOUR LUCKY DAY!

Furthermore, We are Going to Continue Giving Tickets for the Valuable Prizes We are Going to Give Away July 11th—One Ticket with Every Dollar Purchase!

We Will be Closed Friday Rearranging and Marking Down Prices for This Big Event!

EXTRA SPECIAL! To the One that Buys the Largest Bill the Opening Day, Saturday June 13th, we are Going to Give a **FIVE DOLLAR GOLD PIECE.** Nothing will be charged during this sale. Do not ask us to "charge it" at the prices we are offering!

7 Spools O. N. T. Thread, 25c 36 inch Percale, per yard, 15c

One lot Ladies Hats Just Arrived Valued From \$5.50 to 7.50 \$4.49
One Lot Ladies Hats 98c
Good Bleached Turkish Towels 11c
\$1.25 White Quilted Cotton 98c

This Big Sale Begins at 8 o'clock
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Layne-Yates Company
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Owing to Many Styles and Prices on Shoes we are going to run all Shoes at a reduction of
20 Per Cent. For Two Weeks

People Do Read Ads

As evidence of the fact that the advertisements appearing in the Texas Spur are read, we last week made a mistake in the Layne-Yates advertisement, and our attention and comment made by several parties. In stating that tickets for the \$20 wardrobe trunk would be given away on accounts, the inference was that cash purchases were not being considered, whereas as a matter of fact it should have stated that the tickets would be given on cash purchases as well as in the payment of accounts.

We regret making a mistake, but we are glad to know that the advertisements are being read. The Texas Spur is read by more than ten thousand people every week, and we want those ten thousand people to read the advertisements and trade with the business men who advertise.

Come to Spur.

—Help Spur Grow—

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—Help Spur Grow—

Ten new names were added this week to the regular subscription list of the Texas Spur—just one and a half per day on an average. The fact is that if the list continues to grow we will be forced to get one of the big Webb presses in the not distant future.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM

Subject—Where and how we should spend our Sabbath.

Special music.

Prayer.

Scripture lesson.

Hymn—Safely through another week.

Topics for discussion.

Jesus' Attitude toward the Sabbath—Byran Perry.

How Should Christians Spend the Sabbath—Gladys Smith.

Is Sabbath Recreation Christian?—Miss Nell Higgins.

Should a Christian Accept a Position That Requires Work on the Sabbath—Joe Bailey Whitner.

How May the Churches Make the Sabbath a Blessing to the Community?—Horten Barrett.

Announcements and Benediction.

Leader—Clarice Laine.

—Help Spur Grow—

L. A. Hindman, J. D. Powell and J. H. Fulcher returned the past week from the oil fields of New Mexico where they spent several days seeing if an opportunity would present itself in making a few good easy dollars. We have tried it ourselves and noted the progress of others, and it is our candid opinion that unless a man knows the oil game and is in a position to "keep piking" he will merely contribute to the great fund in feeding those who give such schemes their undivided attention. The oil game is a legitimate business and brings great wealth to the country, but by reason of its "get rich quick schemes" millions of dollars of outside capital are brought into the activities which may eventually result in good to the oil development business but in loss to the many who hope to profit directly thereby.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. Cash King, of Galveston, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson in the city. Mr. King has been attending a medical college the past year in Galveston.

THE ISSUE IN TENNESSEE

The World is the only newspaper in the United States that has correctly analyzed the situation in the Tennessee evolution matter. The real issue in this case, aside from the throttling of scientific knowledge, is the principle of separation of church and state. The founders of this Republic never intended that the United States should be a Nation of any especial cult, creed, sect or religious denomination. The three men most responsible for the success of the American Revolution—Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine and Benjamin Franklin—were not believers in the Christian religion. At a later date, Abraham Lincoln, who saved the Nation from disintegration, was not a Christian.

A person's religion is his own private property, as much so as his tooth-brush. There must be absolute separation of church and state in this country to avoid serious trouble in the future. And this separation of church and state must be general and not applied to any particular church. For many years the Protestant element has gone up and down the country lambasting the Catholic Church and crying for "separation of church from state." Now, the very people who have done most of the hollering are the chief offenders in trying to subject this country to their narrow views. If the Catholics of New York had caused a law to be passed by our Legislature requiring the Catholic prayer book to be read in the public schools, or conforming the teachings of science to the dogmas of Catholicism, there would have been a wave of wrath sweeping over the country from one end to the other.

The noisy and pestiferous preacher in politics who has been largely responsible for the spread of the Ku-Klux Klan, which has stirred up racial and religious animosity throughout the land, is to blame for a condition of intolerance that has done more to disrupt the internal harmony of the country than any one factor.

—Henry P. Fry, in The World.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. Birl Hight and children returned home this week from a short visit to relatives at Haskell and other points. Mr. Hight drove through the country to accompany them home, no doubt recounting to them the disadvantages of a batching existence.

LITTLE SISTERS MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Seven of the Little Sisters met at the church, Tuesday afternoon, at 4 p. m. A short business hour was spent in discussing plan for work.

Mr. Mac Brown, our superintendent then led the lesson discussing the work of Dorcas.

Come on girls and meet with us next Tuesday at four o'clock.—Supt. of Publicity.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. J. E. Morris returned last week from Lubbock where she spent some time under the treatment of an eye specialist.

—Help Spur Grow—

A. C. Hindman, a good citizen and prosperous farmer of just north of town, was among the many business visitors here Saturday.

—Help Spur Grow—

J. M. Foster accompanied Mrs. Foster to Mineral Wells the past week. Mrs. Foster has been in ill health and they will remain in Mineral Wells for her health and also under treatment of specialists. The Texas Spur hopes that Mrs. Foster may soon be recovered and able to return home.

—Help Spur Grow—

Occasionally throughout the week a farmer now and then made the assertion that the recent winds and sand did them no damage. Among the number was J. H. Jones, of west of Spur, who stated that by keeping his plows going all damage was avoided, and he now has fine crops growing and coming to the front.

—Help Spur Grow—

BEEN THERE BEFORE

When the colored couple were being married and the clergyman read the words, "Love, honor and obey," the bridegroom interrupted:

"Read dat ag'in, pahson; read dat oncet mo', so's de lady kin ketch de full solemnity of de meaning. Ise been marrid befo'."

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. L. E. Russell, of Newton, Mississippi, is in the city spending the summer months with her son, E. A. Russell and family.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. E. A. Russell and children just recently returned from an extended visit with relatives in the Eastern part of the state.

—Help Spur Grow—

Walter Jordan, of Duck Creek, was among the business visitors here Wednesday of this week.

LIFE AND SERVICE

If we live out our appointment season, helping others a little, enjoying ourselves a little, playing fair with our friends and enemies, we shall have done enough to justify our existence.

If we can, by some deed or other, help the world a little to progress, make life a little easier for those to come, or inspire some thought that may in time grow and bear real fruit, we shall have done enough.

—Help Spur Grow—

Uncle Eb Shaw, of Croton, dropped in for a few minutes at our sanctum Wednesday, reporting a fine rain Tuesday night over his country. He says the prospect now is that the biggest crops of our history will be made this year. His crops, he says, are probably the earliest of the entire country, that section having had earlier rains than here. Notwithstanding the predictions and continued dry weather earlier in the year, Uncle Eb said that this country would have plenty rain and make fine crops.

—Help Spur Grow—

G. W. Bennett, of north of Dickens, was in the city the latter part of the week. Mr. Bennett taught in the Midway schools the past year, and was one of the teachers on the examining board at Dickens the past week. He reports that the teachers examination was well attended and that the examinations passed without incident, there being several changes in the examination program which will render greater satisfaction to all concerned hereafter.

—Help Spur Grow—

G. H. Connell returned last week to his home in Fort Worth after spending a few days in Spur with his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds. He made the trip through the country in his automobile.

—Help Spur Grow—

John T. F. Tallent, of the Gilpin community, was trading and meeting with friends in Spur Saturday.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. E. J. Cairnes and little daughter were shoppers and visitors in the city Saturday from their home on the Paddle Ranch.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. J. T. Rose, of the Plains country near McAdoo, was among the many shoppers Saturday in Spur.

—Help Spur Grow—

Luther Thornton, of the Matador camp east of Dickens, was greeting friends Tuesday in Spur, also hauling out necessary supplies for the camp.

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