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AND MAKE 1925
THE BANNER YEAR!

The Texas Spur

LET'S WORK, BUILD AND
THROUGH 1925
BOOST TOGETHER

THE DICKENS ITEMS

VOLUME FIFTEEN

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 1925

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The Davis Test Well For Oil Will Probably be Going at Early Date

R. A. Hodges, of Abilene, was in Spur the first of this week closing up the details of the contract for drilling a test well for oil on the Davis lease to the northeast of Spur.

A full and complete geological survey of the territory is being made and will probably be completed this week. In making this survey the geologist has not only gone over the territory within the block, but has run his lines in following up the structure

from adjoining counties. In fact this is one of the most complete and thorough geological surveys ever made in this territory.

Mr. Hodges assures us that the drillers with whom he is dealing will probably begin operations within the next two or three weeks if the geological report is acceptable to them when completed. The geological report will be made this week.

—Help Spur Grow—

Poultry-Livestock Meeting to be in Spur Thursday, June 25th

Spur is fortunate to be included in the itinerary of a series of programs to be held by representatives of the Fort Worth Stock Yards Company and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. These meetings are in the interest of farm diversification, with special stress being laid upon Dairying, Hog Production and Poultry.

The men in charge of these programs are experts in their line, notably Mr. C. C. French, Industrial Agent of the Fort Worth Stock Yards, long known as an authority in these matters, and Mr. B. M. Whitaker, Exhibit Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. Their addresses will be along practical lines.

Moving pictures will be shown of value to those interested in these several subjects. There will also be shown again the reel of the Annual Convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Mineral Wells, in the foreground of which is shown the Spur Band. No admission will be charged.

Aside from the practical value to be had, Spur owes this meeting a large attendance, and it is hoped that the business men as well as the farmers will see to it that a good representation is had.

The meeting at Spur will be held June 25th, at 2:30 P. M., at the Picture Show Building, for the gratuitous use of which appreciation is due the management, Mr. Flournoy.

—Help Spur Grow—

NEGROES TO CELEBRATE "JUNETEENTH" IN SPUR

The negroes of Spur are now making preparations for their big annual "Juneteenth" celebration and the colored people from surrounding counties are expected to attend the big event.

A program of speeches has been arranged, and Judge W. D. Wilson will deliver an address for the occasion, possibly touching upon the "Mancipation Proclamation" and other subjects of interest to white as well as colored people.

An elaborate feast is being arranged for and sheep, goat, hog and beef will be barbecued and served at the fair grounds to the south of Spur. Baseball games, races and other sporting and entertaining features will be on the program. White people have been invited to attend the occasion and participate in the feast if not the festivities.

—Help Spur Grow—
**COMIE FOREMAN APPOINTED
COTTON WEIGHER AT DICKENS**

At a meeting of the commissioners court Tuesday Comie Foreman was appointed Public Weigher of that precinct to fill out the unexpired term of W. A. Hicks who died Friday of last week.

Mr. Foreman is at present with the engineering department of road construction work in the county. He has accepted the appointment and will be on the job at Dickens when the cotton weighing season begins.

Merchants and Business Men of Spur Offering Special Prices

That the merchants and business men of Spur desire the trade of this territory and are offering special inducements to get it is evidenced very forcibly in the advertising columns of the Texas Spur from week to week.

This week special attention of readers is directed to the special offerings in the several advertisements. Spur Hardware & Furniture Company is making an offering of bargains for the next seven days. Layne-Yates Company is continuing the pre-inventory sale with extra inducements to the trade. C. R. Edwards & Co., has specials for Saturday and Monday, J. T. McCulloch at the Cash Variety Store is also making special bargain offerings for Saturday and Monday.

Monday, Wolfe's Bargain Store is putting on a Fire Sale beginning Saturday, offering reductions on slightly damaged goods from recent fire. Others are bidding for the trade, and we invite every reader to look over the advertising columns of the Texas Spur to determine where to trade.

—Help Spur Grow—
**CENTRAL MEAT MARKET
INSTALLS NEW REFRIGERATOR**

This week another new refrigerator was installed in the Central Market, making this one of the most completely and modernly equipped markets in all of Western Texas. This new refrigerator has an ice capacity of 3,900 pounds and from sixteen to eighteen beefs can be cared for at one time.

Lonnie Harris is an expert market man, has a well equipped market, serves the very best in meats and deserves the liberal patronage new enjoyed.

—Help Spur Grow—
**W. A. HICKS DIED FRIDAY
AT HIS HOME IN DICKENS**

W. A. Hicks, of Dickens, died Friday afternoon at his home, the remains being interred Saturday in Dickens cemetery. Mr. Hicks had been ill about ten days, since suffering a second stroke of paralysis at that time. He leaves a wife and two children who have since moved to Wichita Falls where they will live with relatives.

At the time of his death W. A. Hicks was serving his first term as public weigher of the Dickens precinct.

The Texas Spur joins friends and acquaintances in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

—Help Spur Grow—
**WORMS ARE REPORTED
WORKING IN SOME PARTS**

G. W. Day, of north of Spur, while in the city Monday informed us that web worms were working in his field as well as in other fields, especially with reference to the young cotton. He had some cotton up and growing nicely but noticed worms were attacking it. He had other cotton just pushing up the top crust trying to come out, but since it failed to come on through upon investigation he found that the worms had gone under the crust and got the cotton.

In other sections to the south and north, as well as on the Plains, we are informed that worms and grasshoppers are both making an appearance. Whether extensive harm will be done is yet to be determined, but especially with reference to grasshoppers much damage can be avoided by putting out poison immediately.

Mr. Day informed us that he read the Texas Spur, every word in saying the Texas Spur was the newsiest and best country weekly published in this section. Other compliments were extended, all of which we appreciate and which lends us encouragement to strive harder to publish a paper worthy of favorable consideration.

—Help Spur Grow—
**MRS. EDMONDS ENTERTAINS
WITH SUNRISE BREAKFAST**

Mrs. E. C. Edmonds entertained Wednesday morning with a "Sunrise Breakfast," honoring Misses Katherine Mailer and Loving Baird, of Cameron, nieces and guests of Rev. and Mrs. L. L. F. Parker.

Quite a number of the young people of the city gathered at the Edmonds home, and all were driven in cars over the hill on the banks of Dockum where a breakfast of varied and delicious delicacies was spread and enjoyed to the fullest extent.

Gabe Garrett's Show in Spur All Next Week

The Gabe Garrett tent show will be in Spur and play the entire week. The opening show Monday night will be "The Painted Lady," and each night throughout the week the nightly programs will be of the highest class and most interesting plays.

Gabe Garrett is well known throughout West Texas and his show is considered one of the best on the road.

—Help Spur Grow—

DICKENS AND ABILENE CROSS BATS MONDAY

Monday and Tuesday the Dickens Baseball Club went to Abilene to play two games of ball.

Monday the game resulted in 4 to 0 in favor of Abilene. Dickens made four errors and got 5 hits, while Abilene did not make an error and only got 4 hits.

Tuesday game was not as good as Monday for there were so many scores made. The scores were 16-17 in Abilene favor.

Tab Clark of Dickens was the only man to knock a home run. Bee Street pitched the game on Monday. Bee is just a kid, but he is a good hurler, which made Abilene and other towns take notice and was offered a job on the all Star Team of Abilene.

However, Abilene won over Dickens, but they realized that they were not playing only for fun as they said they had to do some hard playing and the scores show that they did.

The Dickens Club will play Lamesa next week at Lamesa.

Every one should get behind our club and help all you can for there is nothing that boosts a town as well as a good ball team. If you can't be a booster don't be a knocker.

The Abilene Club was real nice to us, which we were proud of.—Reporter.

Hepl Spur Grow— CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my friends for the kindness shown in the illness and death of my husband.—Mrs. W. A. Hicks.

—Help Spur Grow—
J. L. Karr, of the Espuela community, was a business visitor in the city Thursday.

The Lyric Theatre is Booking The Very Latest Picture Productions

The Lyric Theatre, under the management of W. W. Flournoy, is keeping up with the leading picture show houses of the state in its programs, and is giving Spur the very best to be had in filmdom. He has just booked the following pictures which will be shown from time to time: "Ten Commandments," "Wild Horse Mesa," "Son of His Father," "Pony Express," and "Vanishing American."

These are the very latest productions in the film world, one or two of the numbers not yet having been

completed by the producers. For next week each night an extra special program has been arranged as follows: Monday and Tuesday, "The Man Without a Conscience," Wednesday and Thursday, Johnny Hines in "The Early Bird." Friday night "The Air Mail" and Saturday Fred Thompson in "Galloping Gallager." These are all special pictures shown at regular prices, and lovers of good pictures are invited to attend each night's program.

—Help Spur Grow—

Contract Let for Grading and Graveling The Highway From Dickens to the North

The commissioners court in conjunction with a representative of the State Highway Department last week let the contract to John F. Hamer of Ft. Worth for the regrading and graveling of the highway north from Dickens to Afton and on towards Roaring Springs, a total distance of approximately thirteen miles, the contract price amounting to between seventy five and eighty thousand dollars. The work will begin immediately.

Up to this time since the State Highway Department has had charge of the road work in Dickens county, they have spent approximately two hundred thousand dollars while county funds to the amount of twelve to fifteen thousand dollars has been spent.

The highway on the Plains from the west county line to the Cap Rock is being hardsurfaced with crushed limerock, rolled and made smooth and most inviting to travel. From the Cap Rock into Dickens, Spur and on to the east county line is hardsurfaced with gravel.

In addition to the work to be done from Dickens north, the commissioners are taking up with the Highway Department the proposition of regrading and hardsurfacing the highway from Dickens through Croton Breaks and on to the east county line, thus

giving Dickens county a complete system of hardsurfaced roadways from the east to the west and the north to the south lines.

In addition to the work already under way on Dickens county highways and other contemplated work, the State Highway Department proposes to spend two dollars to one from county funds for other road building purposes.

When the proposition of taking over the road construction work in Dickens county by the State Highway Department was first considered and discussed, the heads of the department stated that it was their intention, in view of the permanent and systematic work already undertaken, to make Dickens the model county of West Texas in road construction work. The work now being done is substantial evidence of the consummation of such an intention.

—Help Spur Grow—
Layne-Yates Company has just received a shipment of Ladies Hats, 10.

—Help Spur Grow—

Miss Thelma Caraway returned this week from Sherman where she has been attending school, and will spend the summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Caraway, enter the state university. However, they did not like the situation and went on to California.

C. A. JONES, President
W. B. LEE, Active Vice-President

W. T. ANDREWS, Cashier
F. G. COLLIER, Asst. Cashier

SPUR NATIONAL BANK

\$125,000.00 Surplus.

Dear Customers and Friends:—

Tuesday, June 30, will be pay day at the Spur National. Several hundred dollars will be paid on that date to

527 Savings Depositors

representing the first payment on savings accounts for the year.

This department has now been in operation six months and has

Deposits Aggregating \$53,232.01

Our savings depositors are requested to bring in their pass books, on or before the above date, in order that the proper credit of interest may be made therein.

Six months from this interest paying date another payment will be made to our savings depositors. If you are one of the fortunate ones this time, fine! If not, open an account now and start the last half of the year right.

We have been to considerable expense to place a real Savings Department at your command and solely for your benefit and for the encouragement of thrift and saving in this trade territory. Make use of it—at least 10 per cent of your earnings should be yours—why not set aside at least that amount in a saving for a rainy day? Get on our payroll before the next pay day, January 1, by opening an account for each of your children, as well as for yourself.

Help us carry out a plan to make this one of the most prosperous communities in West Texas. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK.

Wear a Gingham Dress

It is not the nature of the material used in a dress. It is all in the making up of a garment

Buy a nice piece of Gingham select the right Trimmin, a Pictorial Pattern will help you do so and see if it will not look nice enough to wear for certain occasions where you might think a valuable dress is required.

SELECTED PATTERNS

Selected Patterns are shown on our counter at the Special Price 20c per yard. These are wide Ginghams and every piece is Fast Color.

We have received new numbers in Ladies Silk Hose. In particular there is one number you want to be sure to see.

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QUALITY---SERVICE
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We are Trying to Reach Our Goal of
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*If it's Groceries You Want
We Have Them
Come Let Us Show Them to You!!*

**White Swan Coffee 1.75 per Bucket
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**WE ALSO SELL ICE
In Fact Everthing That it Takes to Make
Ice Cream We Have It.**

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"A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE"
AFTON, TEXAS

AFTON GLEANINGS

Howard Alexander, who has been to Mount Pleasant for some time has just returned to his home in Afton.

Little Fannie Sue Newberry was on the sick list last week.

Miss Irene Owen from Shamrock is here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben Twitty.

A musical was enjoyed by all at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lawson last week.

Misses Ollie and Ruby Gipson spent Sunday at the home of Johnnie Mae Lanier.

Mrs. Lyons and daughter, Mildred are visiting relatives at Dallas. Dr. Lyons is batching while they are away. He says he likes to cook, but when it comes to dish washing he is done.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vandiver spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips.

Mrs. Raymond from Lubbock visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reece Formby last week.

People in the vicinity of Afton are now going plum hunting, they report lots of plums are being found.

The singing class that meets at Afton every two weeks is progressing rapidly under the leadership of Mr. Ben Twitty. All are invited to attend.

Afton is quite a lonely place these days as all the farmers are busy in the fields. There is a promise of a good crop.

J. W. Vandiver reports having the best garden in the vicinity of Afton. He also reports having plenty of potatoes, beans, beets, turnips and cucumbers since the first of June.

The Methodist Sunday school at Afton can boast of so much interest being taken in the young peoples class, each class is doing its best to see who can read the most out of the Bible. Mrs. Ethel Newberry's class composed of 18 members, read 262 Chapters this last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Formby took Mrs. Raymond back to Lubbock Sunday.

Mr. O. C. Newberry, who has been to Austin returned home Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Twitty spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hardden.—Afton Reporter.

Help Spur Grow—
Ned Hogan and Jack Slaton returned this week from Colorado where they had been spending several days. Mrs. Hogan and children, who accompanied them to Colorado, will remain throughout the summer months.

Help Spur Grow—
Dr. D. H. Zachry and Rob Davis spent one night the past week fishing in the big tank on the Paddle Ranch in Kent county. They report having caught a number of "good sized" fish.

Help Spur Grow—
Light housekeeping outfit for sale.—Lee 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

WHY NOT SIGN YOUR NAMES?

Afton, Texas,
June 15, 1925.

Editor Spur:—A piece in your paper last week defending Ku Klux, involved the women—God forbid! The "Klux" have ever been too cowardly to sign their own name to anything; which is a plea of the criminal guilt of the organization, and I am very sorry that the fair name of Spur has to bear the stigma of the Ku Klux curse to society. Good society is not afraid to sign its own name and walk the streets without a mask, and men of courage would never hide their guilt by using the name of women.

Respectfully,

"TEXAS."

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. F. M. Sullivan returned the latter part of last week from Mineral Wells where she has been spending the past five weeks taking treatments of specialists and also enjoying the pleasures of that health resort. During the time Mrs. Sullivan was there a centiped bit her on the arm with the result that she was critically ill for some time.

Help Spur Grow—
W. G. Mayfield, of Girard, came over Tuesday on business, spending a short time here meeting with his friends. He reports business good at Girard and everything indicating good crops and a most prosperous fall season.

Help Spur Grow—
C. C. Cornelius, of Girard, was in Spur Monday meeting with his friends and transacting business matters.

R. C. Littlefield, of near Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur Monday and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Littlefield reports everything in the north part of the county now in the most promising shape with the very finest seasons and most promising prospects of bumper crops of all kinds. It now looks like the year 1925 will be the biggest crop year ever before known in this country, and it is to be hoped that prices may be maintained at a legitimate scale throughout the fall.

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sanders made a trip Sunday to Lubbock where Mrs. Sanders was given treatment at the hands of a specialist. Some time ago Mrs. Sanders underwent an operation and since that time has been making regular weekly trips to Lubbock for treatments following up the operation.

Help Spur Grow—
See the new Ladies Hats at Layne-Yates Company. 331t.

**Scorching, Burning
Glossing**

—These three things are impossible when we press your clothes.

We press clothes with hot dry steam.

Actually sterilizing them in the pressing operation. Make them look like new.

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**Expert Mechanical Work
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To Do All Kinds of Blacksmithing
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**A GRIST MILL TO GRIND CORN,
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Supplied Right
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*We Are Here To Serve And To Accommodate
And Encourage
Home People To Trade At
Home!*

J. N. HANEY & SONS
AFTON, TEXAS

W. M. Randall, of Steel Hill, was among the crowds on the streets Saturday.

C. Hogan and family returned this week from Belton where they visited with relatives and friends.

SPUR FARM LANDS

LOCATED IN DICKENS, KENT, GARZA, AND CROSBY COUNTIES

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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

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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.

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Spur, Dickens County, Texas

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Big
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In Order to Reduce Our Stock Before Inventory We are Offering Our Entire Stock of Merchandise at Rock Bottom Prices For Seven Days Only. Remember the Date June 20th.

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SPECIAL PRICES ON ALL SHELF
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No. 3 Extra Heavy Tub \$1.00
1 pair Heavy Bonnett Mule
Bridles \$6.00 value 4.95

Big Reductions on All Lines of
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DOLLAR BARGAINS

Aluminum Dish Pan \$1.00
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Aluminum Percolator 1.00
Aluminum Bucket 1.00
Aluminum Roaster 1.00
3 Aluminum Stew Pans 1.00
2 Good Brooms 1.00
5 boxes 22 Shells 1.00
Set of White Cups and Saucers. 1.00
Set of Plain White Plates 1.00
\$2.00 Lamp 1.00
10 boxes Red Top Axle Grease 1.00
\$1.25 val. Lino 6 ft. wide, sq. yd. 1.00

FURNITURE

20 per cent Discount on Dressers
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Cabinets
20 per cent on Bed Room Suites
20 per cent on Living Room Suites
20 per cent on Rockers and Dining
Chairs

REFRIGERATORS

25 per cent discount on Refrigerators

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Special Floor Coverings
Floor Covering, per sq. yd. .60
9x12 Congoleum
Rugs \$14.45

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"Spur's Oldest Store"

For 7 Days Only

The Above Prices For
Cash Only

Aunt Hank Smith First Settler of This Country Passes Over Great Divide

Mrs. Hank Smith, the first white woman to establish her home on the plains of Texas, who died at Mt. Blanco, Friday, was buried Saturday afternoon in the Old Emma cemetery.

Known to all the early settlers of the plains, the deceased was one of the best loved characters of her generation, and that death has found her friends staunch in their respect for her was attested by the large number of them who attended funeral services which were held in "The Old Rock House," 12 miles north of Crosbyton.

She was a member of the Covenanters' Presbyterian Church of Scotland, and was active in church work throughout her life.

She joined the church when quite young and throughout all her life, she never forgot her religion despite the trials of the early pioneers. Her children were all reared in the Christian faith.

The pastors of the Methodist churches of Crosbyton and Floydada and of the Baptist Church of Crosbyton, together with Rev. W. K. Johnston, of Lubbock, Presbyterian minis-

ter, conducted the services.

Mrs. Smith was born on July 12, 1848 in the parish of Dabuy, Ayrshire Scotland. At the age of 19 years she with her four brothers crossed the Atlantic to America, landing at New York in May, 1868. The parents remained in Scotland.

In 1873 Mrs. Smith with her brother moved to Fort Worth. The boys drifted west and in a short time they came for her, after a perilous trip of several days and an Indian scare, they reached Fort Griffin. It was here that Elizabeth Boyle, now a young woman of 25 years, met Henry Smith, one of those generous cowboys of the western plains, and in May 19, 1874, she became the bride of Henry C. Smith. License had to be secured at Palo Pinto, as this was the nearest organized county.

In 1876, Mr. and Mrs. Smith left Fort Griffin and came to Crosby County and located his ranch. The next year the first real house and home was built on what is now known as the South Plains of Texas. This home was located in the midst of one of Nature's most beautiful landscapes. The masons were brought out from

Fort Worth. The rock was carried from the Cap Rock of Blanco Canyon and the limestone was burned to produce the lime near where the house was built. The lumber and shingles and all such material as that and as could not be found in the canyon, were hauled by mule teams from Fort Worth, a distance of 300 miles.

Mr. Smith at that time was dividing his time between Fort Griffin, where he still owned and operated the hotel, and Crosby County. In the spring of 1878, Mr. and Mrs. Smith closed their hotel at Fort Griffin and prepared to move to their new home which had been completed in Crosby County.

It was November when they packed up everything and with their two children and a colored girl, and moved to their new home at Mount Blanco; arriving there on the 14th day of November 1878. The next spring Mr. Smith had to go to court at Albany so he took Mrs. Smith and the children along. They arrived at Albany on Saturday and the next morning a man from the ranch rode in and told them that the ranch had been raided by nine robbers and practically all the supplies at the store had been taken, besides four horses, medicine, watch, six-shooters, etc. The robbers escaped into New Mexico but were soon all killed.

After spending the summer at Fort Griffin, Mrs. Smith returned to the ranch with the children for the winter. It was about this time that Paris Cox established the Quaker Colony near-by. The first Colony was soon discouraged and returned to their home in Ohio. Later, however, Mr. Cox brought another colony to Crosby County and located them at Estacado. They built a school and the two oldest children attended.

Mrs. Smith said a postoffice was needed, so they got as many signers as could be found, and Mrs. Smith applied for the position of Postmistress, receiving her commission on September 22, 1879. She continued to hold the position of Postmistress at Mt. Blanco for 39 years, until the advancement of civilization swallowed up the little post office in the rural route system. With all her other work for home and country, Aunt Hank Smith held one of the longest records for service in the history of the United States Government.

Mail was received twice a week from Fort Griffin. Other ranches

that received mail from Mt. Blanco were the J. A.'s, the Quitaque, the Matadors, the Slaughter and several out of Lubbock County.

In 1883 the Texas & Pacific railroad was built out as far as Colorado City and after that Mrs. Smith received her mail from that point.

Aunt Hank took care of her children, her home and the cowboys, when they got sick. She had a special room up stairs and a big fireplace for the sick cowboys. It kept me pretty busy, said this Mother of the Range, but I was glad to do it for those boys who were a long ways from their mothers and their homes. R. B., Mrs. Smith's son, was the first boy born in Crosby County.

In 1886 Crosby County was organized with Estacado as the county site. There were nine counties attached and Mr. Smith was the first Assessor. He had to travel over nine counties, going as far west as Farwell and east to where Clarendon now stands.

Mrs. Smith said before her death that her hardest trouble came when her husband passed over the Great Divide and left her alone. "I had watched and waited so many times for his return," she said, "and he never came home any more, and the days and nights of waiting seem so long and lonely." Thirteen years of waiting and now she has joined Uncle Hank in the Great Beyond.

Noble motherhood has played its part in the history of every County on the plains. And Crosby County claims as its mother one of the noblest and bravest mothers of the range, a true daughter, sister, wife, mother, neighbor, friend all in one sweet character.—Crosbyton Review.

Miss Zell Ellis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ellis of the Rocking Chair Ranch in Kent county, returned this week from Miami where she has been attending school the past term. She will probably return to the same place to complete the term after the summer vacation period.

Buster Bural, of the Gilpin country, was among the crowds here Saturday meeting with his friends and trading some with the merchants who are now offering bargains in every line in the sale of merchandise.

Rooms to rent.—Oliver House. 33tf.

Rev. A. L. McClellan returned the past week from O'Donnell where he had been spending a month or more with his son, Elmer McClellan and family. While out there Brother McClellan fell and injured himself and as a result has been using crutches to get about. However, his condition is now improved to the point where he only uses one crutch and will soon be completely recovered. Elmer McClellan, who moved out to O'Donnell a year or two ago, purchased a section of land, four hundred acres of which he now has under cultivation with fine crop prospects for this year.

Contractor Harrison returned the past week from a business trip to Stonewall and Jones counties, and also up on the Plains, where he had been placing bids for the construction of brick buildings. Building progress over all West Texas was never more pronounced than at this time. Old towns are building, new towns being established, and farm homes going up in every section.

Mr. Gollihar, of the Plains country near McAadoo, was among the number of business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week. He and R. C. Forbis had been down in Kent county on business.

Information came to Spur that a big fine nine pound boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ericson Monday, June 8th, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doc Ellis of near Trockmorton, where they have been for some time. We congratulate Lester upon being favored with a son and heir, and whom we are sure will lend luster to the name and inheritance in the years to come.

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Faver, of east of Afton, were among the visitors and shoppers in Spur Tuesday of this week. Mr. Faver is having a fine modern farm home constructed on his place in the Afton country. This home will cost some three or four thousand dollars and being constructed for a permanent home, Mr. Faver stating that he expects to live there the remainder of his life.

Mr. and Mrs. Rye and two children, of Sherveport, moved last week to Spur and will make their home here in the future. Mr. Rye being employed in one of the barber shops.

Mrs. R. J. Woods, of north of the city, was here shopping and visiting with friends Tuesday of this week.

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Mrs. Sizemore, of the Croton country, was a recent visitor and shopper in the city.

W. L. Lusk was transacting business in the city the past week from his farm home near Dickens.

J. A. Caple, of the Plains, was in Spur Tuesday, stating that he would return the latter part of the week with Mrs. Caple to Dallas for treatment at the hands of specialists. Mrs. Caple has been suffering of a thyroid gland affection, being a very rare complaint, the specialists having stated that this was the third case within their practice. Mr. Caple has also been in ill health, and the many friends of the family in Spur and throughout the country are hoping that they may soon regain good health.

—Help Spur Grow—
 J. H. Biggs was in the city Wednesday from the Bud Morrison ranch where he is now spending the summer.

—Help Spur Grow—
 Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bailey, of Steel Hill, were among the recent shoppers and business visitors in the city.

—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—
 Will Thannisch, of the Draper country, was among the business visitors in Spur the first of the week.

—Help Spur Grow—
 See Chevrolet first.

—Help Spur Grow—
 J. W. Baker returned this week to Spur after an absence of several months, spending the time at Midland and other points where his gin company has been putting in new gins and machinery. He has been at Midland the past month where a new gin has been constructed and machinery installed. Mr. Baker will now give his attention to repairing and renewing machinery and otherwise improving his gin plant in Spur for the fall business. He is very optimistic of a big ginning season here this fall.

—Help Spur Grow—
 A. Biggs, of north of Spur, dropped by our sanctum one day the past week, stating that everything was looking mighty fine out on his place. Mr. Biggs has five twenty acre blocks in his farm and one of the finest farm homes of the country.

—Help Spur Grow—
 Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Morrison were in the city the past week from their farm and ranch home to the southwest of Spur.

—Help Spur Grow—
 For economical transportation—See Chevrolet first.

—Help Spur Grow—
 Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Teague, of near Spur, were among the many shoppers with Spur merchants Saturday.

—Help Spur Grow—
 W. D. Thacker, of Draper, was meeting and greeting friends on the streets here Saturday.

—Help Spur Grow—
 Joe T. Salem made a business trip this week to childress, Canadian and other points.

—Help Spur Grow—
 Mr. and Mrs. Chas Perrin, of Draper, were recent visitors and shoppers in Spur.

—Help Spur Grow—
WANTED—Man and wife to live with me and care for two children, keep house and do farm work.—C. Parsons, Spur, Texas. 1tp

—Help Spur Grow—
LOST—A blue Coat, 3 or 5 miles out west Highway. Return to Coy McMahan for reward. 1tp.

—Help Spur Grow—
 Mrs. Martin Gay, of Dickens, was among the shoppers in Spur Tuesday of this week.

—Help Spur Grow—
 W. W. Waldrup came over Tuesday from Dickens and spent a short time here greeting his friends of the town and surrounding country.

DICKENS NEWS

Commissioners' Court has been in session the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hale of Afton, were visitors in the city Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Mildred Gipson is visiting relatives and friends in Memphis and Turkey this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hamby returned this week for their health.

Mrs. H. L. Duval is on an extended visit in Sulphur Springs.

Mrs. W. G. Crego is visiting in Dallas this week. Grundy don't much like to "batch."

There has been several weddings in and around Dickens the past week Miss Mildred Crabtree and J. E. Speer; Miss Burtice Sims and Mr. Bud Bilberry and Miss Hazel Teague and Mr. Conley Smith. We wish each of them a long and happy married life.

Miss Bennie Worswick returned Saturday from Idalou where she has been visiting.

Miss Monte Bell Hawk is visiting relatives and friends in Fort Worth.

Mrs. B. Y. Love is visiting in the Eastern part of the state.

The work on the new highway west of town is progressing nicely. This will be one of the best roads in the state when it is completed.

Mrs. T. Walker and children from Idalou is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Worswick and family.

Miss Gladys Arrington is visiting friends and relatives in Lubbock.

Our boys have gone to Abilene to play ball. We sure hope they play good. Dickens Team have won 11 games out of 15 played this season. Let's get behind them and help them all we can.

Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Worswick entertained the "42" club Wednesday night. A large crowd was present and reported an enjoyable time.

Mr. Douglas seems very lonesome since his wife left, but he is cheering up now.

Mr. M. L. Bowers left Tuesday for Santa Anna, where he will be operated on.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reynolds of the Croton Country was visiting in town Tuesday.

Mr. Bill Waldrup has been sick for several days but is better now. His illness was due to ptomaine poison which was caused by eating ice cream at Spur.

Mrs. J. F. Speer is visiting in Kenney county this week.

Mr. O. L. Hale and family visited in Abilene this week end.

Mr. W. H. Bryant and daughter, Miss Ruth was visiting in town Monday.

We are sorry to have to report the death of Mr. W. A. Hicks, who departed this life June 12th. Mr. Hicks had lived in Dickens for 25 years. He leaves a wife and two children, two brothers and one sister to mourn his death. We sympathize with the bereaved ones in this great loss and may we say to you not mourn "for he doeth all things well."—Reporter.

—Help Spur Grow—
 For economical transportation—See Chevrolet first.

—Help Spur Grow—
 Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Copeland came down from Meadows, spending the week end here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ledford and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland. Arnold says that the Plains country has had plenty rain and is now in fine shape. He is engaged in the meat market and ice business at Meadows, stating that business is good and the town building with the many other new towns of that part of the great West.

—Help Spur Grow—
 Miss Lorine Ledford returned home Tuesday from Coleman, Texas, accompanied by Mrs. H. J. McDonald and daughter, nieces of Mr. Ledford, also Miss Mary Josephine Gilleand of Coleman.

—Help Spur Grow—
 Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis came in from their farm and ranch north of Afton, spending the week end at their home in Spur.

—Help Spur Grow—
 Mrs. McDonald of Coleman, and Miss Lorine Ledford arrived in the city this week for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ledford. Miss Lorine has been spending some time at the home of her relatives in Coleman.

—Help Spur Grow—
 See Chevrolet first.

—Help Spur Grow—
 Mrs. J. J. Cloud, of Soldier Mound, was shopping in the city Tuesday and also selling produce. There is always some character of produce for sale on the Cloud farm.

—Help Spur Grow—
 Mrs. J. J. Lilly, of northeast of Spur three miles, was among the many shoppers in the city Saturday.

—Help Spur Grow—
 R. J. Bilberry, of near Jayton, was transacting business in Spur Tuesday of this week.

—Help Spur Grow—
 L. L. Baker and family, of Barnsdale, Oklahoma, are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Baker in the city.

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The Business of Farming Discussed

Speaking before the Texas Bankers' Association convention, Clarence Ousley laid particular stress upon the value and importance of co-operative marketing in his discussion of "The Business of Farming, Mr. Ousley said:

An industry with a total investment of \$79,670,000,000 and an annual output of ten to twenty billion dollars may be rated as a very important business. This is the business of agriculture. It bulks larger than our railroads, our mines or any other single industry and is approximately a quarter of the national wealth. Yet, when we speak of business—even big business—we do not ordinarily have in mind the business of farming. When we speak of business men we do not ordinarily have in mind farmers. The average speaker or writer is prone to say "business man and farmers" or "business and farming."

When we reflect that 6,448,000 persons, and in most instances all the adult and half-grown members of their families, are engaged in this industry, and that we depend upon them for all that we eat and wear, it does seem that their industry is entitled to be rated as business if they are not entitled to be rated as business men.

The farmer's business is subjected to many contingencies, over which he can exercise little or no control, and which cannot be foreseen far in advance. The first of these uncertainties is the weather, which all science has been unable to foretell except in immediate prospect. About half the years of the farmer's active life the average weather is unfavorable to maximum production. The next uncertainty is pests and diseases of plants and animals, which science is gradually bringing under control but which none the less constitute a variable and expensive hazard. The third is the fluctuation in the local or in the world demand for the products of the farm, which the economists, with all their learning, are unable to forecast from planting time to harvest time.

In view of these uncertainties and vicissitudes, as measured by the experience of centuries, it would seem that after all the producer who ventures his labor and capital in planting or breeding is certainly not lacking in enterprise and faith. On the other hand, it will appear by any just appraisal that the producer is fully warranted in being extremely conservative. Therefore, while farmers do not accumulate large fortunes in returns from the soil, I think it is fair to say that they pursue the practice as a class which other men would pursue under the same circumstances and that they are entitled to be rated with other business men.

No single crop takes all of the farmer's time. Our cotton crop, for example, requires in preparation of land, in planting, in cultivation, harvesting and marketing less than one-half the working time of the year. Hence the farmer who is engaged ex-

clusively in cotton production is occupied in that labor less than half his time. No business can reasonably hope to prosper upon such a schedule. Moreover, it is an unusual farm where every acre is fit for a given crop, and when the farmer devotes himself exclusively to one crop he is leaving some of his lands idle. Further still, when he devotes himself exclusively to one crop he is taking a very long chance on the profitable sale of that particular commodity.

On the other hand, when the farmer has a diversity of crops, in so far as his land and circumstances will permit, his time is more fully occupied and he is taking somewhat insurance against an unprofitable market for any given crop.

It is fundamentally true in the economics of farming that livestock should be produced. Therefore, it is conservative to say that general farming without livestock diversification is at the best a gamble on the weather and the market.

Another vitally important factor in livestock production is the contribution to soil fertility. In so far as the Texas farmer fails to take into consideration and to put into practice these fundamental factors he is a poor business man. In so far as his banker ignores the neglect of these fundamental factors he is taking an undue risk.

There are two kinds of banking. One kind looks immediately to the security of the particular loan without further regard or interest in the borrower. The other kind does not neglect to obtain adequate security for the immediate loan, but looks beyond the loan to the condition and the welfare of the borrower in order to maintain and develop increasing business for both the bank and the borrower. This kind of banking, which is banking in its best aspect and its truest function, properly takes concern as to the best methods of the borrower and appraises his rating accordingly.

Nor should the bank's concern cease when the farm establishment is well ordered and its production plans are intelligent. The marketing of the products is all important. Not until recently has there been any general concern over the waste and sharp practice which from time immemorial have characterized dealings in agricultural products. It is well to recall at this point that the trickery and scandals of the market place have compelled the government to assert regulatory and supervisory powers over dealings in agricultural commodities. This is evidence enough for our present purpose that commerce in agricultural products has not been as wise and blameless as many of its votaries would make it a year. However that may be, we have come in our common thinking to realize that much may be done for the general welfare by reforming and improving our commercial methods of

distribution.

The attention of the student of agricultural economics is challenged by the outstanding fact that at this time there are 2,500,000, or more than a third of all the farmers in the United States engrained in co-operative marketing, and that the gross business they are doing amounts to more than \$2,200,000,000, which is about one-fourth of the annual business in the United States. The number co-operating has grown from 651,000 to 2,500,000 since 1915 and the annual volume of business has grown from \$636,000,000 to \$2,200,000,000. The growth of an enterprise is not necessarily prima facie evidence of the soundness of its method of doing business, but such a growth over a period of about eight years, without a notable disaster or serious reversal, is, at least, indicative of a very firm purpose and some capacity among those who conduct the enterprise. Therefore, it is fair to say that co-operative marketing is to be reckoned with in the business world.

I hardly need to say to this body of calculating and unemotional minds in business affairs that co-operative marketing is not the panacea that many of its zealots esteem it to be for all the ills of agriculture. It will not cure improvidence or shiftlessness; it will not arrest the ebb and flow of the tides of trade. On the other hand, men of level mind, uninfluenced by personal interest, cannot see in it anything of the reactionary or disturbing nature which many of its opponents imagine or represent. It is not an adventure in socialism. Theorists and politicians having failed to effect any substantial improvement in a confessedly wasteful marketing system, farmers took it into their heads to see what they could do for themselves. This is not the time or place for an academic discussion of co-operative marketing in its broadest aspects, but I think it is the time and place to consider in some detail the co-operative marketing of cotton because that commodity is the most important single item in Texas commerce and banking.

This movement, which has found footing in almost every cotton state, had its impelling motive in the disastrous decline of cotton in 1920 and 1921, which was due generally to the world-wide reaction from inflation and specifically to the volume of cotton in the world greatly in excess of immediate or prospective demand. I need not remind bankers how disastrous that decline in values was, not only to farmers, but to cotton merchants and to banks that financed either the production or the merchandising of cotton. The situation required heroic treatment. Many farmers and not a few of their creditors, realized that no change in prevailing methods could make matters much worse. Hence the state of mind was favorable for embarking upon a great adventure.

With Oklahoma leading the way, the farmers of several cotton states set up organizations under which they contracted for periods of five to seven years to sell their entire cotton crop unconditionally to the co-operative association and to accept in payment such price as the association received less the expense of handling. The plan of organizing and of doing business was patterned upon the experience of several groups of fruit growers in California that had succeeded in redeeming their business from the chaos of glutted markets and from the duress of more or less well organized groups of commission merchants.

Among these cotton co-operatives was the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, which was chartered in July 1921. That Association has handled during the four years of its operation 637,985 bales of cotton of a gross value of \$83,293,646.13. This is a considerable business and there is convincing evidence to any doubting mind that the Association is a going concern. What it has accomplished and what betterments for the advantage of its members it has effected are proper matters for inquiry.

Verified records disclose the following facts: The sales of cotton by the Association have netted 5 to 20 per cent above the street averages as given by the United States Department of Agriculture for the same periods and localities. The warehouse rate paid by the Association has decreased from \$2 per 100 bales per day in 1921 to 88 cents per 100 bales per day in 1924. The insurance rate paid by the Association has decreased from \$1.51 per \$100 in 1921 to 18 1-2 cents per \$100 in 1924.

The economics effected in these last two items alone, in my opinion, fully justify the move. The scandal and waste of cotton fires have been so notorious and so shameful that the Farm Bureau Association is entitled to a public vote of appreciation for setting this example of what can be saved by proper warehousing and handling from the farm to the fac-

tory. There is no means of calculating precisely what country damage and high rates of insurance have cost the south, but some very careful observers and highly trained men have estimated it in times past as not less than \$5 a bale on the total crop every year. I think this is a conservative estimate, and if it is, then the Texas Cotton Association has shown us how we may save on the Texas crop of approximately four to five million bales, twenty to twenty-five million dollars of wealth, which otherwise is dissipated. The place for cotton between the time of harvest and the time of actual spinning is in a first-class warehouse with modern appliances for fire suppression. Whoever may own the cotton at any given time the weather damage and insurance waste are items of loss which effect the entire community and the whole body of the people. It is false to say that a man has the right to expose his own property to the risk of damage or loss from preventable causes. The possession of property is an individual matter, but the preservation of values is a matter of common concern, in which the government, in many respects, properly exercises police power. For these reasons I venture to repeat that the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association is entitled to the highest commendation for the economy it has effected and the example it has set in this respect.

The advantage exhibited by the Association's records of gains in prices over the average street price is due to two causes. The first that the Association correctly classes its cotton by the use of experts whose standing is accepted in the trade. The individual farmer selling cotton is unable to protect himself in this respect and is often the victim of the ignorance or the cupidity of a smart buyer. Until a recent time, even yet in many localities, the practice of buying cotton "hog around" was a palpable exhibition of either incapacity or sharp practice on the part of buyers and operated to penalize the producer of good cotton. The effect was in such localities to encourage the careless handling of cotton before it reached the primary market. All this was distinctly uneconomical from the broad standpoint of the common welfare and was gross injustice to many producers.

The second cause of the enhanced price of the Association's cotton as contrasted with individually-owned cotton is that the Association assembles cotton as a merchant assembles it and sells it in even running lots of like grade and staple. The individual farmer selling separately must deny himself the advantage of that method of selling and must yield it to the merchant as a proper fee for the service assembling. This item does not bulk so large as some other items, but it is an important factor in the whole plan of intelligent collective merchandising as distinguished from haphazard individualistic selling. Undoubtedly, the practices of the association in these respects have contributed greatly to discredit the buyer who indulges in sharp practice, and, at the same time, to enhance the standing of the cotton merchant who pursues the policy of fair dealing. In other words, the Association is serving as an important instrument in a much needed reform which benefits the entire cotton trade.

Of the Association's cotton 52 4-10 per cent has been sold as above middling and 79 7-10 per cent as middling and above. It is not possible to compare these figures with accurately recorded data of sales prior to the activity of the Association or outside the Association's activity, but I confidently venture the opinion that the percentage of cotton of middling or better grade sold by the Association is greater than the percentage of middling or better sold outside the Association. It is no impeachment of the integrity of the cotton trade to say that the average cotton buyer will give himself the benefit of the doubt in any question of classing. The Association's method of expert classing eliminates this doubt, which other wise would be resolved in favor of the buyer.

The association has returned to its members more than \$140,000 from the sale of samples or "city crop" and has recovered under its insurance policies \$36,758.90 for the elimination of country damage.

That the Association has benefited by its own experience of operation and management is shown by the fact that the operating expense per bale, which was \$3.71 the first year, \$3.59 the second year, was reduced in the third year to \$2.26. A recent report made by the Federal Trade Commission gave the cotton co-operative associations a favorable record as compared with the cost of handling cotton by the best cotton merchants.

From this recital of facts it is plain to be seen that the cotton association is contribution substantially and insignificantly to the elimination of many of the evils of cotton market-

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There is another accomplishment which cannot be exhibited in figures and which indeed is hardly demonstrable by obvious, but, according to my observation, it is none the less a fact. I refer to the influence upon prices which the co-operatives have had. There is no question in my mind that the maintenance of the co-operative associations and the sales policies pursued have had the effect of considerably modifying the un-economic slumps and possibly the excited advances which frequently occur in the marketing of so highly a speculative commodity as cotton.—By Clarence Ousley.

Help Spur Grow.—J. P. Koonsman, of the Croton country, was among the number in Spur the first of the week. He reports that everything is o. k. in his section, having had good rains the past week, and the greatest concern now being in keeping out of the weeds.



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In order to afford every Texas cotton grower opportunity to enter the State-wide "More Cotton on Fewer Acres" contest the final date for entry has been set for August 1. This will give all those farmers a chance to enter who got a late start in planting their cotton and who thought they were out of the running. Many a field started off poorly has developed wonderfully of late and farmers are urged to select any five acres of their cotton fields and enter them in the State contest.

It does not matter what shape the field is in. If a creek or ditch runs through the field that will make no difference as land on both sides can be measured just so that there are five acres, no more; no less.

All land must be measured by August 1st. The measuring com-

mittee should consist of two farmers living in the community or county with the entrants and one merchant or business man from the nearest town. Large counties with many entrants may appoint as many measuring committees as may be necessary to divide the work. Affidavits can be obtained at all Chambers of Commerce and County Agents or from the Agricultural Editor of The Dallas Morning News and The Semi-Weekly Farm News.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mills returned last week to their home in Spur after an absence of several weeks spent in Amarillo where Mr. Mills has been in a hospital, having had to undergo two operations to relieve his condition. Mr. Mills is leaving again this week for Quitaque where he will spend some time on insurance business, while Mrs. Mills will remain at their home in Spur.

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THE TEXAS SPUR

IS THE GOVERNMENT PRYING UNDULY IN FARMERS' AFFAIRS?

The government crop reporting service announced recently that the potato growers of the North intended to cut their acreage 4 per cent this year as compared with that of last year. Whereupon the officers of the northern branch of the Minnesota Farmer-Producers' Association telegraphed the department that they would be thankful if the department "will keep its mouth shut" regarding their planting intentions. Evidently these producers were expressing their disapproval, as others have done of late, of the department's activity in "prying into their affairs" and in informing the public of their prospects and harvests.

The spokesman for a small fruit producers' co-operative association in the Ozarks recently complained bitterly of the publicity given by The Weekly Star concerning the yield of Strawberries in his region. His idea was to keep secret the quantity of strawberries his community would have to sell in the hope, of course, that the consuming public, not knowing how many strawberries to expect would underestimate the crop and be willing to pay a high price for berries. He did not explain what would hinder the public from guessing the other way or understanding the probable yield and insisting upon buying their berries at a lower price than the supply would justify.

That disapproval of publicity regarding farm conditions and yields is growing among farmers no one doubts. Nothing is more natural than that it should grow in a period of overproduction and depressed prices, for many persons attribute much of their distress to such publicity.

It is conceivable that keeping the public ignorant of the farmer's plantings, prospects and harvests and limiting the distribution of this knowledge to the farmers themselves might be of some advantage to the man on the farm. But such benefits would be temporary, and in the end might be positively injurious to the producer. Overproduction creates a bad situation; overproduction that goes undiscovered until the product reaches the market is disastrous.

Besides, in what way could the farmer get this information regarding his neighbor's planting, prospects and harvests while keeping that same information from consumers and dealers? Drive the government out of the business of collecting and disseminating crop news and we instantly deprive farmers and consumers of any basis on which to form a judgment of the value of food materials. In the meantime speculators would go on gathering their own information just as they do now. It would be a merry time these speculators would have, buying products of the farmer and selling to the consumer with both the farmer and consumer totally ignorant of the supply.

Farmers are not sufficiently organized to collect and disseminate this knowledge themselves and for their exclusive use. Consumers are as lacking in organization as farmers. Present market fluctuation are violent and unwarranted, but they are tame compared with what they would be if the sellers and buyers were ignorant and only speculators were informed regarding supplies.

It was to correct exactly this situation that the government was set to collecting and disseminating information regarding farm conditions. The government is the only unselfish agency, the only one which represents equally all interests, the only agency that has no reason for coloring the real facts.

And what harm can the promulgation of real facts do? Dissemination of this information does not change the situation in the slightest degree. But it does help to stabilize the market on the basis of the real supply.

This much is certain: Crop reports and estimates of livestock and grain and hay production will continue to be made and disseminated. The only question left for us to decide is whether these estimates and forecasts shall be made by disinterested and impartial agencies such as the state and federal departments of agriculture, and the facts as found have wide and immediate publicity, or shall the estimates be made by those who can profit most by their use and be distributed only to those making such selfish use of the information.

Any farmer who feels that the state or government is prying unduly into his affairs, and that the department of agriculture should "shut up" as bidden by the potato growers to do, should reflect on this fact.—H. J. Waters, in Kansas City Star.

—Help Spur Grow—
Miss Ruth Bryant is here from Mineral Wells spending some time with her father, W. H. Bryant, and young lady friends of Dickens and Spur.

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Mrs. A. J. McClain was in the city the past week from their Cat Fish ranch home, being accompanied by her son, Pirtter McClain. Judge McClain, who died several years ago, with Mrs. McClain were among the very earliest settlers of this country, he being among the first county officials of Dickens county following its organization. Mrs. McClain is apparently in good health but getting feeble, and we join in with many friends in wishing her happiness and contentment in the sunset of life.

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NORFLEET LOSES HIS MAN

J. Frank Norfleet, whose determination to avenge a \$45,000 swindle on himself has meant death or prison to about seventy crooks, must postpone his intended retirement to the quiet of his Texas ranch. The last of the alleged swindlers whom he has chased to coast almost slipped from his grasp last week in the federal court in Kansas City, Kansas.

The prisoner, W. B. Spencer, was discharged from the custody of Texas police authorities by Judge John C. Pollock of the federal court on the grounds that Texas could not enforce a 4-year sentence on Spencer now for the swindle because it had relinquished its rights when it permitted Spencer to return to the federal penitentiary.

Spencer knew that he was to be arrested as soon as he was released from the federal penitentiary and had employed counsel months in advance. Sure enough, when he was released at Leavenworth last week, Norfleet and a Texas Sheriff were waiting at the gate. Spencer had been sent to the federal prison in October, 1923, from Salt Lake City on a 2-year sentence for peddling narcotics.

He had pleaded guilty to that charge rather than face Norfleet, who had followed him there. While serving the federal sentence, Spencer was taken from the federal prison to Fort Worth, Texas, and tried and convicted on two charges of swindling Norfleet. However, instead of forcing him to serve the 4-year sentences that he received on those charges, the Texas authorities permitted him to return to the federal penitentiary.

David Henderson, assistant county attorney, who was called into the case, obtained an order of the court, however, that Spencer should not be entirely liberated. The only restriction placed on his liberty, though, is a \$1,000 bond which was permitted to sign himself.

The bond becomes in effective July 6, if the Texas authorities do not prosecute requisition proceedings for Spencer. Deputy Sheriff Harry Hamilton of Fort Worth, who was in Leavenworth to arrest Spencer, said requisition proceedings already had been started.

The swindle of Norfleet occurred in November, 1919. Since that time he has devoted all of his time and about \$17,000 in pursuing the swindlers. He plans to retire to his Texas ranch as soon as Spencer is placed in the Texas state penitentiary for the swindle, he declares.

Norfleet's pursuit of the various members of the gang has led him from the Florida Everglades to Canada, from the Rio Grande to the Pacific Northwest. Twice before he has caught up with Spencer, the last of those he blamed for the swindle. Once he had Spencer cornered in Montreal. In that encounter the quarry escaped and Norfleet received a broken jaw. The second time was in Salt Lake City, where federal authorities had got Spencer first on a narcotic warrant.

—Help Spur Grow—
ARE WE TAKING THE AIR?
"More people came to the Kentucky Derby today in flying machines than came in motor cars twenty years ago."—News item.

If someone present at the Kentucky Derby twenty years ago had uttered the prediction that two decades hence more persons would be coming to the races in motor cars than in horse-drawn vehicles, leaving out of consideration the flying machine, what would have been his standing as to sanity? Who can say how the multitude will go to the races twenty years from now? Are we building the finest system of hard surfaced roads our country ever dreamed of at a time when we are about to take the air, leaving the roads mainly for the transportation of goods?

In 1828 the directors of a rural school in Ohio refused to open the schoolhouse for the discussion of a new line of railroad which was proposed to build in that community. The directors said in part:

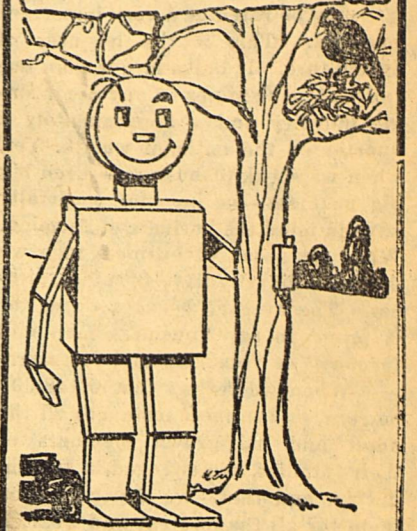
"You are welcome to use the schoolhouse to debate all proper questions, in, 'but such things as railroads and telegraph are impossibilities and rank infidelity. There is nothing in the Word 'of God about them. If God has designed 'that His intelligent creatures should 'travel at the frightful speed of fifteen 'miles an hour by steam. He would have 'clearly foretold through His holy prophets. It is a device to Satan to lead immortal souls down to hell.'"

Some things have materially changed even in Ohio in the past three-quarters of a century. It was in that state that the flying machine was invented.—H. J. Waters in Kansas City Star.

—Help Spur Grow—
Miss Myra and Bill Coury, of Post City, were guests of friends while in Spur Monday and Tuesday.

Bill Dingley:

ITS A QUEER BIRD THAT WONT BUILD AND OWN ITS NEST, THE LEAST SAID ABOUT SOME MEN, THE BETTER.



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L. A. Grantham, of Red Hill country, was in Spur Tuesday hauling out lumber with which to rebuild the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Brewster which was destroyed Monday by fire. The family lost everything they had, and neighbors of the community are assisting in rebuilding. While here Mr. Grantham dropped in and left a dollar and fifty with us to mark his Texas Spur subscription up another year and for which he has our thanks.

—Help Spur Grow—
Tom McArthur returned Monday from Lamesa where he had been to visit with Mrs. McArthur, who is convalescent in the Standifer Hospital at that place following an operation last week. Mrs. McArthur is doing nicely and will be able to return home within the next ten days or two weeks.

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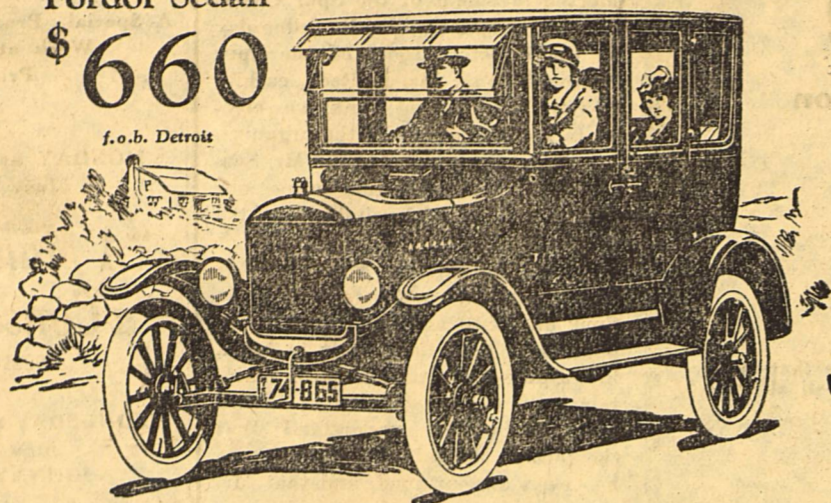
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GOVERNOR OBJECTS TO ELECTROCUTIONS ON SABBATH

Austin, June 6.—Respite of five days was granted Friday afternoon by Governor Ferguson to Frank and Lorenzo Noel, Dallas negroes condemned to be electrocuted at Huntsville for criminal assault on Mrs. Mary Steer last April. The negroes who pleaded guilty, were sentenced to be electrocuted on Sunday, June 28, but the governor believes that it would not be in keeping with a Christian Nation to electrocute the negroes on that day.

"It appears that the day of the execution is set for Sunday, June 28," said the Governor in a statement, "and that the Sabbath is a day recognized by all civilized nations as a day of rest and worship and mindful of the command to 'remember the Sabbath and keep it holy; also believing that it is in keeping with the sentiments of a people of a Christian Nation that no criminal should be executed on the Sabbath and out

of reverence for this day and respect for its sacredness these two men are given a respite of five days."

In trial at Dallas that lasted less than two hours both of the negroes were convicted and given the death penalty on conviction of criminal assault on Mrs. Steer April 12. These negroes were also charged with the murder of Ryan Adkins and W. L. Milstead, but these charges were dropped.

The action of Governor Ferguson means that the Noel brothers will be electrocuted on Friday, July 3. They now are in the death cell at Huntsville.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. W. W. Ellis was called Friday of last week to Swenson to be with Mr. Ellis who was sick. We are glad to note that both Mr. and Mrs. Ellis were able to return home Monday of this week, he having recovered from his illness.

—Help Spur Grow—
Layne-Yates Company has just received a shipment of Ladies Hats, 11.

FORMER KENT COUNTY MAN DIES AT COLORADO CITY

Sam Snowden died at his home in Colorado City Wednesday of last week. He was about 75 years of age and his death was due mainly to his advanced years.

Mr. Snowden had spent the greater part of his life in Texas and was a pioneer citizen of West Texas. He lived several years in Kent county and was known to all of the older settlers. Funeral services were held and interment made in the Colorado Cemetery the following Sunday. His many friends here join in extending sympathy to his family.—Jayton Chronicle.

—Help Spur Grow—
B. F. Yates, a leading citizen and one among the oldest settlers of the Afton country, was a recent business visitor in Spur.

—Help Spur Grow—
See the new Ladies Hats at Layne-Yates Company. 331t.

THE KU KLUX BEAST

Mr. Editor:

Dear Sir—In my last article I closed with the awfulness of this fell. I wish to go on farther with this subject. In Rev. 17-1 John saw this wicked woman and in the 15 verse he explains who the waters is that compelled us to accept as some great organic body, seated on the people nations and tongues. And as God is dealing with the good and evil of this earth it is plain to understand that it is a religious body of some kind. Now you get the history of the dark ages and you can see that the Christians back their that close to the day of pentecost called Catholicism the mother of Harlots, long before there was an orthodox church on this earth and if they could see this Babylonian fall this far a head why not all other Christian see it now and come out like God said Rev. 18-4. The reason is this they are deceived by this beast. Now notice Rev. 19-19, John said that he saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered to make war against, who, our Lord, and of course they will think they are right, but look what takes place. John said that he saw the beast taken and the false prophets that wrought myricals before him, that is the beast of course and all that had received his mark. Yes deceived by this beast and deluded to believe in a false religion. John said he saw them all cast into a lake of fire and brim stone.

I know that many people don't regard this text at all, but they will when they are cast into it. Yet it will be too late then. John was permitted to see it and commanded to write it and you all have the chance to read and understand for yourselves. But the red dragon say, no. And we continue to go on and on, and die in a condemned state, listening to falsehoods one after another. And when the Judgment Day come we will be condemned for letting the dragon or the beast or false teacher lead us that way. But thank God after this is all done. John said that he saw an Angel and this Angel had a great chain in his hand, and the Angel laid hold on old Satan and cast him into the bottomless pit and set a seal over him. Thank God for the hour when that is done Rev. 20-1,2. You can see at once that this never has been done for the reason that no such times ever was. The old town of Babylon was destroyed as a shadow or as I have been taught is a symbol of this struggle that is right ahead of us. But when God puts Satan in that pit he will remain there for 1000 years then he is to be loosed for a short time. Thank God for chaining him once and if he is any worse when he is turned loose again God pity them that is here then. And if he is like any other thing out of a cage he will fill the mission he has laid out for him. Anyway he is making a good time out of this world God pity their poor souls to be cast into fire and brimstone.—H. Mings, Loop, Texas.

—Help Spur Grow—
KNOX CITY GIRL ENDS LIFE LAST TUESDAY

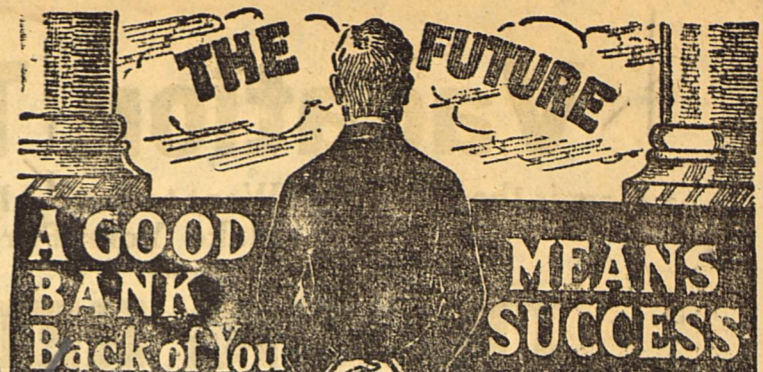
The people of this section were stricken with horror Tuesday afternoon, June 9th, when the news was spread over the county that Miss Dessie Ethel Hitchcock had ended her life by shooting herself with a shot gun while alone at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hitchcock of Knop City. Mrs. Hitchcock mother of the girl had gone to the home of a neighbor in the city for a visit and she left her daughter making preparations to follow her in a short while. But on her return about 4 o'clock after a very brief visit she found her daughter lying on the floor dead with a shot gun beside her which had been discharged and the effect of the shot had entered the young lady's breast which was believed to have caused instant death. It is thought by those who viewed the body that she had placed the gun against her breast near the section of the heart and pressed the trigger of the gun with a pair of scissors which was found near the body.

The cause of her action is believed by relatives and friends to be an impaired mind caused by ill health.—Haskell Free Press.

—Help Spur Grow—
AMENDS REGULATIONS UNDER COTTON FUTURES ACT

Amendments to regulations under the United States Cotton Futures Act, reducing the transfer unit of certified cotton between markets for delivery on future contracts from 100 bales to 25 bales, effective June 15, were announced to-day by Acting Secretary of Agriculture R. W. Dunlap.

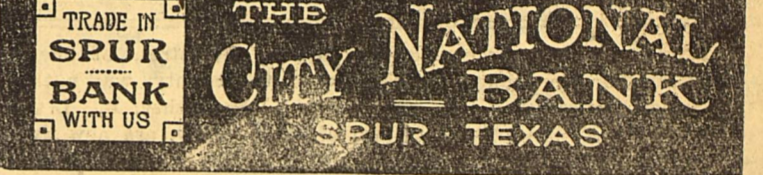
provide for the establishment of a provide for the establishment if a Board of Cotton Examiners at Houston, Texas, and for the sale of practical forms of the Universal Cotton Standards.



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3 KILLED, 10 INJURED IN SCHOOLHOUSE BRECKENRIDGE

Breckenridge, Texas, June 13.—Plans of the boys' agricultural club of Pleasant Hill, 13 miles south of here, to raise money to pay expenses of delegates to A. & M. short course in July brought tragedy to that peaceful Stephens County community Friday night.

After a sumptuous banquet had been tendered, patronized not only by citizens of the community, but by 50 members of the Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce, everybody went inside the school building to listen to speakers.

Enough money had been raised to insure Pleasant Hill's envoys to College Station a pleasant trip. Speakers extolled the economic soundness of efforts toward better agriculture and the community was praised for its forward-looking efforts.

And then as the last speaker was concluding a vertiable cloudburst, accompanied by a cyclonic wind, struck the schoolhouse. Many had a premonition of impending disaster. As the people, crowded to capacity in the small building, discussed the violent wind and the heavy rainfall, a ball of fire descended. It came down through the stove, there was a violent explosion, and then it passed out through an east door of the school building, leaving three dead and 10 wounded in its wake, all residents of the community.

The dead: Earl Ledbetter, 22; Mildred Broyles, 13; Harvey Lee Broyles, 11.

The injured: Gwendolyn Broyles, sister of two of the victims; Clyde Perry, Leona McMinn, Annie Dye Broyles, Buddie Richardson, Infant sister of the Broyles victims, Mrs. Maggie McIntyre, mother of the Broyles children, John Blackburn, Lottie Blackburn, Albert Thackerson.

R. H. McCarty, editor of the Albany News, who was with the Breckenridge party, gave a vivid account of the accident.

"I had just moved from in front of the stove, over to the side of the building when the bolt struck," he said. "If I had not moved I would have been directly in the path taken by the bolt and probably would have been killed."

"The first intimation we had was a violent thunder clap. Then the lightning apparently came down the stovepipe and exploded in the stove. I then could see a big flaming ball traveling toward the door on the east side of the building. Every person in its path was injured the three children killed being first in its path."

"The utmost confusion reigned for a time. The rainfall was continuing, but a few cool persons took charge of the situation, stopped the incipient panic, persuaded the people to remain standing where they were to avoid the trampling of women and children, and then the rescue work was begun."

"The dead were carried to one side and the injured were taken right out in the rain where resuscitation efforts were begun. Others entered automobiles and drove through the pitch darkness and blinding downpour 13 miles to Breckenridge for aid."

"Strangely, every person seriously injured lived in the community."

As the bolt struck the building was enveloped in darkness which added to the confusion.

C. M. Caldwell of Abilene, former Breckenridge citizen, was present but was uninjured.

—Help Spur Grow—
MRS. BELL ALLEN DIED AT HER HOME IN GIRARD

It is with sorrow that the Texas Spur chronicles the death of Mrs. Bell Allen, which occurred Thursday night of last week at her home in Girard, following a brief illness, her remains being interred Friday in the Girard cemetery.

Mrs. Allen was a sister of Mrs. W. G. Mayfield, and the many friends of the family will learn of this death with real sorrow.

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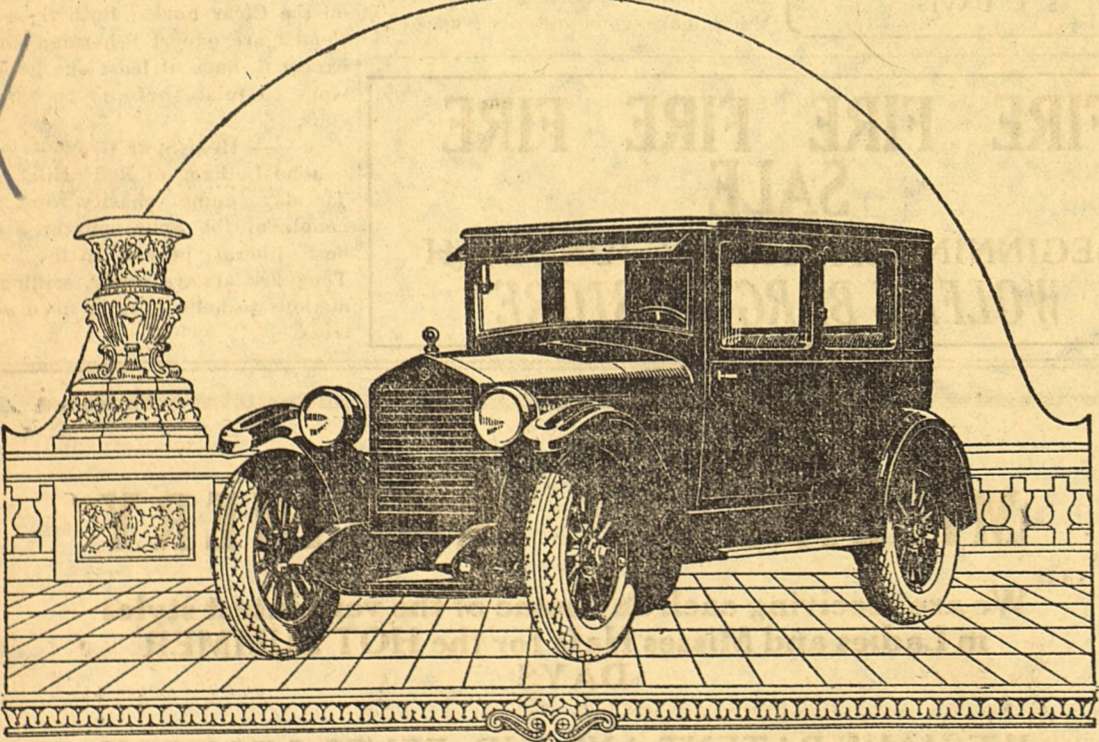
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Mr. J. I. Greer, who lives ten miles west of Spur, won the \$5.00 Gold Piece we gave away last Saturday. It was for the one that made the largest purchase, and we surely do thank him. Mr. Greer, we are going to try it again next Saturday. Come back and tell all your friends.

\$5 Gold Piece to the One Buying Largest Bill Saturday !!

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Layne-Yates Company

Mrs. Kate Buchanan, who has been out of the city for some time, returned this week and is again at her home in Spur.

Help Spur Grow—
For quality at low cost—Chevrolet.
Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilson, of east of Spur, were among the shoppers in the city the first of the week.

Help Spur Grow—
J. E. Sparks called in to see us Tuesday while in the city. He has the fishing fever and soon we know he will be on his way.

Grover Overstreet, of the north part of the county, was in the city Monday. His father, R. L. Overstreet and family, are now living at Inez, New Mexico, to which point the Texas Spur will hereafter be sent to him. Mr. Overstreet sold his farm near Midway and purchased land in New Mexico about the first of the year.

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

W. J. Clark, of near Dickens, was meeting with his friends in the city the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Clark just recently returned from an extended auto trip covering a greater part of the country from here to California. However much he may have been impressed with the country covered, Mr. Clark is well content to remain in the great Spur country.

Help Spur Grow—
J. A. Davis, of four miles northeast of Spur, was shaking hands with his many friends in Spur Saturday. Mr. Davis is also among those who suffered loss this year by fire, having lost his barn filled with feed. A loss of this kind is a hurt to the entire country since the destruction of feed injures not merely the individual loser but the entire country.

Help Spur Grow—
J. H. Farmer, of northeast of Spur, came in the latter part of the week for a short time. His community as well as the entire Spur territory is in fine shape for crops.

Help Spur Grow—
For quality at low cost—Chevrolet.

FOR SALE—The Gossett Hotel, at Girard. It is the best advertised little hotel in this section. Will sell furnished or unfurnished, or will sell furnishings and lease building. My property is priced low for quick sale. Might consider good trade. See or write John R. McCrary, Girard, Texas. 33-1f

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. Ligon and family spent Wednesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Taylor, while returning to their home at Ralls from Dublin where they had been visiting with relatives.

Help Spur Grow—
J. A. Legg, a leading citizen of the Croton country, was a recent business visitor in the city.

Help Spur Grow—
Dr. Earnest, of Ranger, was a recent visitor to relatives in Spur, and also looking after his property interests in this section.

Help Spur Grow—
W. R. Henderson, of west of Spur, was here Wednesday trading and on other business.

Help Spur Grow—
E. H. Blakley, of the Midway community, was transacting business affairs in Spur Wednesday.

Help Spur Grow—
C. Parsons, of twenty miles west of Spur, was in the city Wednesday, and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports crops in good shape in his section.

SPECIAL MEETING OF C. OF C. ELECTS J. B. REED PRESIDENT

At a special meeting called by Walter W. Sample, who was recently elected president of the Spur Chamber of Commerce, held Wednesday in the directors room of the Spur National Bank, Jas. B. Reed, cashier of the City National Bank, was elected to the presidency of the organization, upon the resignation of Mr. Sample who requested that some one "more qualified and suitable" for the place be elected.

At the meeting the proposition of maintaining a cotton exchange in Spur discussed and a committee appointed to take the matter in hand, investigate the requirements in maintaining a daily cotton market wire and reports. We understand that the former McGinty cotton exchange has been discontinued, and that Mr. Cook, the manager, is prepared to establish another exchange with the cooperation of the town and country. A cotton exchange furnishes cotton market reports over the wire direct from the leading markets of the world, thus giving direct and reliable information for the benefit of farmers as well as cotton buyers.

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks were in the city Wednesday from their home to the west of Spur.

Help Spur Grow—
E. C. Edmonds, who has been attending Baylor University, came in the past week to spend the summer vacation days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

Help Spur Grow—
John Jackson, district representative of the Hudson-Essex Motor Company, spent several days here this week with Roy Harkey in assisting him in pushing local sales.

Help Spur Grow—
In asking M. E. Tree about his crops, he told us that the only thing it needed was working. Crops are fine everywhere.

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Andrews are on their summer vacation, spending the time with their parents at Stamford and Dublin, and possibly part of the time will be spent on the banks of favored fishing streams.

Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. W. R. Stafford and children, who have been spending the past several months in Fort Worth for the advantages of special schools, returned last week to their home in Spur where they will at least spend the summer vacation. It is possible that at the beginning of the fall school terms they will return to Fort Worth where Miss Diak Stafford is taking special courses in the schools.

Help Spur Grow—
We can testify that the Sanitary Cafe under the management of Mrs. Hopkins serves excellent meals, varied short orders and renders unexcelled service, because we have been feasting sumptuously instead of batch ing.

Help Spur Grow—
Miss Amy Clapp, who has been attending school in one of the Eastern or Northern States, is spending the summer vacation with her mother on the Clapp farm northwest of Spur.

Help Spur Grow—
Chas. Perrin, was in town Wednesday from Draper. He says everything looks good out his way.

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YOU CAN SAVE MONEY ON GROCERIES!

The Economical Housewife Considers Both Quality and Price in the Purchase of Groceries as well as Other Household Necessities

BELOW WE QUOTE YOU ONLY A FEW PRICES FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

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| 10 Cans Pork & Beans | \$1.00 |
| 10 Cans Small Hominy | 1.00 |
| 10 Cans Large Hominy | 1.50 |
| 8 Cans Tomatoes | 1.00 |
| 25 lb. Sack Sugar | 1.95 |
| 25lb. Sack Meal | .95 |
| Best Cane Syrup, per bucket | 1.00 |
| 5 Cans Primrose Corn | 1.00 |
| 16 Rolls Toilet Paper | 1.00 |

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SPUR, TEXAS

5 1/2 Per Cent FEDERAL FARM LOANS 35 YEARS TIME

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BEGINNING SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH
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We are receiving each day some of the very latest styles in Ladies and Misses Hats for the HOT SUMMER DAYS

WE HAVE PATENT AND KID, FELTS, LEGHORN AND SILK
Prices Are Within Reach of All

Dress Goods Department

Let us show you our Line of Voiles, Linens and Suitings

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The Home of Honest Values

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What About It?

A DELCO LIGHT SYSTEM FOR YOUR HOME

None Better and Cheaper Than The Old Method

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E. C. Thannisch

J. C. Davis and Sterling Davis returned Thursday from Wyoming where they had been to accompany Con and Dick Davis who intended to

Help Spur Grow—
W. A. Craddock came to town Wednesday of this week from his "Poor Farm" twelve miles southwest of Spur.

Help Spur Grow—
J. M. Hahn and M. E. Tree and families, of the Highway community, left Tuesday for a fishing trip down on the Clear Fork. Both these gentlemen are expert fishermen and we expect to have at least one good fish story to relate before the season ends.

Help Spur Grow—
John Latham, of Red Hill, spent Tuesday doing charity work. The people of the Spur country are the best liberal people in the world. They are always ready, willing and anxious to help those in need or distress.