

Constructing New Farm Home With All Modern Conveniences

M. S. Faver, of east of Afton, came in Monday to superintend some improvement work to be done on the Mrs. Gilpin residence in Spur. Mr. Faver is having a modern farm home constructed on his place, and which he states will be completed this week. This new farm residence, Mr. Faver states, is being built with the view of spending the balance of his life there, having all the modern conveniences of a lighting system, hot and cold water connections, baths, commodes, closets, etc. In fact, this home will be equipped with all the conveniences and comforts of the modern city home.

C. A. Love Moves Into New Home in East Spur

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Love moved last week into their new home in the east part of the city. While the home is not yet completed, the finishing work will not be interrupted by reason of the move. Mr. Love is having this residence constructed according to his own plans and directions, making it one of the most substantially constructed, conveniently arranged and modernly planned with in the city limits. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Harkey have moved into the residence vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Love.

Nervousness Does Not Include Crop Situation at Draper

W. T. Lovell, of Draper, was in town the latter part of last week and dropped around to see us and inform us that his stock of "nervous goats" had doubled, he now having two young kids with the two older ones. The kids, he reports, are of as nervous disposition as the older goats, falling and becoming paralyzed upon the least excitement. However, Lovell is not disposed to be the least nervous because of conditions, stating that he now has good crop prospects as he has ever had during his entire farming experience in this country.

West Texas Most Favored Section in Respect To Rain

Ben Rutledge and family returned last week from a visit to relatives at Moody and other points in that part of Texas. In speaking of the situation in that section Mr. Rutledge said that the Spur country is an oasis in comparison. There the feed crops have long since dried up and blown away, the cotton is up only a few inches with a single bloom on the top. Sections of Texas are dryer now than for fifty years past, it is said. While rains have been spotted throughout the country, West Texas in general has been more fortunate, and with later showers will make good crops of cotton as well as late feed stuff.

Impossible to Get Away From Track of Settlement Development

W. W. Stegall dropped in to see us Saturday and to have his paper sent hereafter to Levelland where he and family have moved. Last year Mr. Stegall went out on the Plans and bought a quarter section of land, thinking at the time that he would get away out to himself and again enjoy the solitudes of earlier day settlement of this country. However, by the time he got his land fenced a railway line had been surveyed through and a new townsite laid off across the road adjoining his property. It is impossible to get away from the path of progressive settlement development in this country. Mr. Stegall is making a crop this year on his farm near Spur and will go backwards and forwards looking after both places. Mr. Stegall also owns a fine farm up in the Afton country, and while he may be seeking a more isolated home, yet he does not intend to dispose of his farm properties here because of the fact that the country is developing more completely and substantially each year.

75 Pound Fish Landed By Spurites?

Messrs. Edmonds, Jennings, Busby, Tree and others of a fishing party out on the border lands and the Pecos country, returned last week. We expected the biggest fish story of the season from this party, but instead of recounting the big catches they merely sent us a big mess of fish with the statement that we had heretofore been telling of others catching thirty and forty pound fish, and they wanted me to really enjoy eating a portion of a seventy-five pounder. We enjoyed the fish alright, but speculated much upon its real size.

Spur High School Gains 3 1/2 Units For Affiliation

The fact that Spur Schools are advancing and progressing in a substantial manner under the superintendency of J. E. Watson is evidenced from a notification just received from the state educational department to the effect that Spur High School has been granted three and a half additional units for affiliation with state universities and colleges. The units granted were as follows: American History 1 unit, Civics 1 unit, Advanced Arithmetic 1/2 unit, Physiology 1/2 unit, Physical Geography 1/2 unit. While the work in Plain Geometry and Physics was reported creditable, units were not given because the work was not quite up to the required standard.

Spur High School has now 10 1/2 unit credits, whereas twelve to sixteen units are required for full affiliation. J. E. Watson is one of the best educators and school builders Spur has ever had, and under his superintendency Spur High School is sure to become recognized among the leading high schools of the state.

W. J. Pickens Died Monday of Brights Disease

Not only the family but the entire community sustained a loss Monday in the death of W. J. Pickens, which occurred at his home three miles west of Spur. Mr. Pickens had been suffering of bright disease for some time, but his condition was not considered serious until a short time before death. The remains were interred Tuesday in Spur cemetery, there being a number of friends if the family present to pay a last tribute to deceased friend. Among the pall bearers were W. D. Robinson, E. J. Lassiter, Will Harris, Marlin Rogers, R. F. Rogers, Carter Robinson, Revs. I. A. Smith and W. W. Riley conducting the funeral services.

W. J. Pickens was sixty five years of age, a good, loyal, substantial and highly respected citizen, and his death is a real loss to the community.

Dr. Blackwell in Chicago and Minn. For Postgraduate Work

We this week received a letter from Doctor Blackwell, who is now at the Chicago Polyclinic doing post-graduate work, stating that his work is principally ear, nose and throat surgery, doing one or two operations each day and assisting in eight or ten operations, thus getting a wonderful amount of actual experience in this special surgery work.

Joe Grace Lands 100 Pound Fish in La.

Hammond, La., July 7.—A five-foot tarpon weighing 100 pounds was landed at Pass Manchac yesterday after a struggle. Joe Grace, superintendent of the Austin Bridge Construction Company, landed the fish and required about twenty-five minutes to turn the trick. E. S. Hebert, well-known fisherman of the Pass, assisted in the capture.

Farm Bureau Representative Will Speak in Spur July 24th

Cotton co-operative marketing from all angles will be told the farmers of Dickens County at 2 o'clock, Friday afternoon, July 24th in the Lyric Theatre building in the town of Spur by Mr. J. W. L. Hall. Mr. Hall is field service director of the Association and head of the department. Mr. Hall will not only discuss the organization operation, and success of the association, but will tell the farmers of Dickens county the next step in cotton marketing. Steps have been taken towards bringing out a full attendance of the membership, as well as a large representation of non-member cotton growers, bankers, merchants, business men and others who are directly interested in the welfare of the farmer.

Mr. Hall is considered a foremost authority on cotton co-operative marketing and has been connected with the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association in an official capacity since its organization. No farmer of Dickens county should miss the opportunity of hearing Mr. Hall when he speaks at the Lyric Theatre building at 2 p. m. the 24th inst.

Since co-operative marketing is now a generally accepted principle and proven marketing program, the farmers of this county, as well as all business interests should attend and learn authoritatively the details of this movement. From here Mr. Hall will go to Matador where he will address the farmers and business interests of Motley county, Friday night of the 24th inst.—J. E. Cherry, Secretary, Dickens County Farm Bureau.

Epworth League Enjoys Picnic Friday on Creek

Members of the Epworth League and other young friends and associates as their guests, enjoyed a picnic on Duck Creek Friday afternoon of last week. Various games were played and a sumptuous picnic feast was enjoyed by the following: Misses Ruby Love, Ella Mae Hogan, Jennie Salem, Eula Smith, Opal Scott, Anna Bonds, Clarice Laine, Gladys Smith, Fay Jamison, Dorothy Love, Mildred Williams, Annis Albin, Winne McArthur, Claire Rector, Clara Zachry, Eleanor Harris, Dorothy Williams, Ruby Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Campbell, Messrs. Guy Carr, Byron Perry, Barron Chapman, Enoch Pendleton, Horton Barrett, Joe Bailey Whitener, Rayburn Evans, Crate Snider, Chesley Speck and Joe Salem.

J. J. Youngblood Died Friday of Heart Disease

J. J. Youngblood died very unexpectedly Friday of last week at his home in the Croton country to the east of Dickens. Mr. Youngblood had not been ill, and was up and apparently enjoying good health until about an hour before death occurred he became sick at his stomach and vomiting. Later he went into the house and laid down on a pallet where he was discovered dead in about five minutes. Dropsy of the heart was attributed as the cause of death. His remains were interred Saturday in the Dickens cemetery.

Sheriff Jones Carries Bruce Campbell to Asylum at San Antonio

Sheriff M. L. Jones left Wednesday morning of this week with Bruce Campbell for San Antonio where he will be placed in an asylum for the criminal insane. Bruce Campbell has been in the Dickens jail almost a year since the murder of his mother, and his being adjudged insane as a result. Sheriff Jones purchased a new Essex coach to make this trip through the country, his old car being in the shop for repairs at the time.

Farmer Grows "Methodist Feed" Very Successfully

While in the city Saturday S. C. Rawlings, of west of Spur, stated that his crops were growing nicely, and especially with reference to his "Methodist feed" which he says is black and greasy looking and growing without the least draw-back for lack of moisture. This "Methodist feed" he says only requires a light sprinkle of rain to make it grow and mature abundantly.

Building Improvements at the Tri-County Lumber Co.

Extensive building improvements are under way at the Tri-County Lumber Company yards in Spur. New offices, lumber sheds, warehouses, etc. are being constructed. The buildings will be a stucco finish, and the whole will be painted white to conform to general improvement plans of the several other yards throughout the state. When this work is completed the Tri-County Lumber yard in Spur will be one of the handsomest and most completely stocked in West Texas.

Died

Mrs. Douthit, of near McAdoo, died at the Nichols Sanitarium Tuesday, her remains being returned to McAdoo Tuesday night for interment in the home cemetery. Mrs. Douthit was brought to the Nichols Sanitarium Sunday for an operation in the hope of relieving her condition. However, she had to be removed from the operating table, being unable to withstand the anesthetic. Medical skill was unavailing, death resulting Tuesday. The Texas Spur joins friends and acquaintances in extending sympathy to the family and relatives in this great bereavement.

Notice of Meeting to be Held at Girard in August

A meeting of the Church of God will be held at Girard, August 12th to 23rd. Everybody is invited to attend and take part in the services. T. H. McNeil, of Cisco, Texas, will be the evangelist and the old time gospel will be preached in its fullness. Visitors from a distance will be taken care of. For further information write C. Phipps, Girard, Texas.

Spur Bank Statements Show Healthy Financial Conditions

Notwithstanding the general conditions prevailing throughout the country in general, it will be noted from the reports of the Spur and City National Banks of Spur, published elsewhere in this issue of the Texas Spur, that the great Spur country is in a healthy financial condition. The reports show that in the two banks there are individual deposits subjects to checks to the amount of \$579,317.50, which at this season of the year is a most substantial showing of cash at the disposal of the people in general. The two banks show undivided profits amounting to \$35,646.80, which indicates that the banks as well as the people are in a prosperous condition.

Showered of Rain Fall Tuesday in the Country

While the country has not been favored with a general rain, local showers have fallen in different sections, thus holding crops up until the general rains do come. Tuesday afternoon of this week a half inch of rain fell to the west of Spur, covering a territory several miles in extent. A nice rain also fell to the west of Spur and east of Girard.

Buried After 2 Years in Morgue

Though deserted after death by her husband, F. H. Leeds, and insofar as is known here having no other relatives to see that the proper funeral rites are said at her grave. Mrs. F. H. Leeds, whose remains have reposed for more than two years in a local undertaking institution, will be buried with all the ceremonies of modern society here this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The deceased passed away at a lonely tenant house on a farm near Lubbock on the night of February 12th, 1923, following long illness with tuberculosis.—Lubbock Avalanche.

A Ten and Twenty Cent Show House to be put in Operation

W. W. Flournoy, manager of the Lyric Theatre, is now arranging to establish and soon have in operation a second picture show in Spur. This second show will only charge an admission of ten to twenty cents, giving the best pictures to be had for the money.

Since assuming management of the Lyric Theatre Mr. Flournoy has been giving Spur the very best pictures to be had on the film circuits. In fact he has been showing in Spur moving pictures which in New York and other large cities charged an admission of three dollars, making a charge here of only thirty to fifty cents for the same shows. This second moving picture show is being established to meet a demand on the part of some for a lower priced moving picture entertainment, and while the very best pictures obtainable will be shown for ten to twenty cents at this second show, the Lyric will continue to show the very highest class pictures at the very lowest possible prices.

Mr. Flournoy is the very best picture show man to conduct a business of this character in Spur, and his every endeavor is to meet the requirements and demands of the public in this line of entertainment, and which he is doing in the most satisfactory manner.

Welch & Bond Re-establish Buick Agency in the City

Messrs. Welch & Bonds, who recently purchased and assumed the management of the Motor Inn, have re-established the Buick agency in Spur, and now have different models of cars on display in their salesroom for demonstration to possible purchasers.

The Buick was one of the first agencies to be established in Spur by W. F. Godfrey in connection with his Ford agency, later coming under the management of E. L. Caraway who conducted the business some eight or ten years with the result that at the time of its discontinuance it was one of the most substantial automobile businesses of the entire country, and probably prospered and was favored above all other automobile agencies with the possible exception of the Ford.

The writer is possibly partial to the Buick for two or three reasons. We owned and drove the first 2-cylinder Buick ever brought to this country, and during the years of its life we spent many hours of mechanical labor, walked many miles for gas and help, and during the entire time never spent a dollar for tires and tubes, but absorbed a close personal knowledge of the Buick fundamentals and tendencies. Since that time we have purchased one of every new model brought out and are today driving one of the latest 6-cylinder models sold by the former agency.

Notwithstanding the fact that we are materially but silently interested in the Hudson-Essex local agency we remain loyal to the Buick, and the slogan "When Better Cars are Built Buick Will Build Them" lingers with us, and we can attest by actual knowledge and experience that the slogan is well founded in fact. Here is hoping that Messrs. Welch & Bond will enjoy an extensive business to which Buick superior qualities entitle them.

John Vann establishes Peanut Parlor in Spur

This week John Vann established and will hereafter maintain a "Peanut Parlor" located next door to the Midway Hotel and Spur Tailoring Shop on the east side of Burlington Avenue. John has an electric peanut roaster and pop corn popper installed, and will also have confections in the room handsomely fitted up for that purpose.

Methodist Revival Now in Progress at Dickens

The Methodist revival which was in progress the past week has resulted in a great revival of religion and the addition of eight or ten to the church membership. Revs. Hisey of Glenrose and Riley of Spur are conducting the meeting which will close this week.

Road Improvement Has Commenced East of Dickens

This week the County Commissioners commenced the work of improving the highway to the east of Dickens to the county line on the Guthrie road. Some two or three thousand dollars will be expended on this work in getting the road in first-class condition for acceptance by the State Highway Department for further and more permanent improvement work which will immediately follow.

This roadway has been designated as a state highway, and the state department will take it over for maintenance and further improvement when placed in proper condition. This roadway, which connects Dickens and Guthrie, as well as other county site points, has been placed in first-class shape through King county, and when graveled by the highway department will become a most important highway link from Fort Worth, Wichita and other East Texas points to the Plains.

The graveled of this roadway will also give Dickens county a complete system of graveled roads from north to the south and the east to the west. Hereafter all county road funds will be devoted to the improvement of lateral roads, since the cardinal roads will be maintained altogether by state and federal funds. Within a short time Dickens county will have the best "country roads" as well as main highways of any other county in all of Western Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Taylor Loses Infant by Death

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Taylor have the sympathy of friends in their misfortune in the death of an infant born to them Tuesday evening, the little remains being interred Wednesday in Spur cemetery. Last week Mrs. Taylor suffered a sprained hip from a fall, and had just returned a few days before to their home from the Nichols Sanitarium where she had been under treatment.

Cecil Burnam Seriously Injured in Auto Collision

Cecil Burnam was seriously injured in an automobile collision and has been in the Nichols Sanitarium since Sunday night when the wreck occurred. Cecil Burnam, E. C. Edmonds Jr., and Barron Chapman were coming to town in a Ford car. Ben Murray Hale was driving a new Hudson coach out of town. The two cars attempted to pass over the Dockum bridge at the same time with the result that the Ford was completely wrecked and the Hudson stripped of one wheel, both fenders and running board. E. C. Edmonds was also painfully injured about the head, Barron Chapman was painfully bruised on one arm. Ben Murray escaped without injury. The accident is attributed to the fact that the Ford carried only one light on the off side, misleading the drivers in judging the distance between the cars.

Otto Mott Moving Tailoring Business to the Simpson Barber Shop

Otto Mott is this week moving his tailoring business, known as "Quality Cleaners", to the Bill Simpson Barber Shop where the business will hereafter be conducted. Mr. Mott suffered complete loss in the recent fire, not having insurance on his equipments. The greatest loss sustained, however was in the destruction of clothing in the shop for repairs and cleaning, his machinery and other equipments being very slightly damaged by the fire.

**Secretary Jardine Says
Farmers do More
Than Their Part
For Country**

It is particularly appropriate that farmers and other men and women interested in agriculture should be gathered together on the Fourth of July. Our independence, the declaration of which we celebrate today, was won in large measure through the fighting, the suffering, and the heroism of farmers. In every way in which the country has engaged, farmers have more than done their part.

No body of men upholds the principles of liberty more strongly than do farmers. This is true not only in war but, also, in peace. Liberties must be defended, rights must be maintained, at all times, and in this constant struggle the farmer never fails to take an important part. His struggles with nature have given him the understanding, the courage, and the perseverance that enable him to cope likewise with the social, economic and political problems that confront him. To the farmer Independence Day is a genuine reality, not only calling to mind the past and laying emphasis on the applications of history to the problems of the present, but opening vistas of liberty for the future.

It is but a few decades since the ground on which we here stand was a part of the so-called "Great American Desert." There was a time when this region was deemed unfit for human habitation. Then came the stockmen and the region fairly teemed with cattle, horses and sheep. Today the Great Plains are dotted with farm homes which eloquently testify to the fact that your men and women have those same sturdy qualities that won our independence.

To the people of the East your country for a time was a land of mystery and then it became a land of romance. But few, I venture to say, realize the trails and tribulations which accompanied the agricultural conquest of this region. I can not refrain from taking this opportunity to pay my respects to the men and women who so valiantly fought against heavy odds to win their homes.

Your experiences, not only before the depression but also during recent distressful years show the need of clear thinking and wise action. It is with this thought in mind that I wish today, to consider with you some of the problems that vitally affect the agriculture of our country.

Farming is a business. It is a highly specialized and complicated business. As a business it must be conducted along efficient lines, if it is to succeed. Wasteful methods will result in loss, and perhaps in failure, in farming as surely as in other business. I believe that the farmer who fully reckons with all the factors that may influence his business and who conducts his farming along the most efficient lines will succeed. On the other hand, I also believe that the inefficient farmer will fail.

What then do we mean by efficient farming? First of all, I would emphasize the fitting of production to the needs of the market.

Fitting production to the needs of the market implies more than merely supplying products in suitable volume. The consumer is just as much interested in knowing that he can buy the quality of the product he desires as that he can obtain it in suitable amount. Farmers annually lose millions of dollars by piling on the market low quality products which consumers will buy only at a discount. This is all the more unfortunate because farmers themselves are in a position to stop much of this loss.

I recognize, of course, that it is not an easy matter to estimate the needs of consumers. Their buying

power may vary materially from year to year, depending on general business conditions, the general trend in price levels and other influences. Yet it is possible to obtain a fairly satisfactory picture of what the market needs.

Right here I can not refrain from referring to the splendid service which the institution that it is now my privilege to represent is in a position to render. The Department of Agriculture has a large amount of valuable material in regard to national and world conditions that affect your interests and it is only too happy to give you the benefit of these facts. If you are not already thoroughly familiar with the outlook of reports, the intentions-to-plant reports, the market news reports and other current material issued by the department, and likewise the studies and reports issued by the agricultural colleges, then you are overlooking something that is of vital importance to you.

With the picture of market requirements in mind, it behooves the farmer to shape his production to meet those needs. This applies to the amount as well as to the quality of products produced. To exercise such control over production is not always an easy matter. A farmer can determine his acreage and the number of livestock he carries, but his control over yields is limited. It is also true that the equality of farm products may be influenced by climatic and soil conditions over which the farmer has no control. Yet, despite these facts, there can be no doubt that the farmer can do much to adjust better his production to the demand.

Our wheat acreage has been reduced in six years from 75,000,000 to 54,000,000 acres. This reduction was made because farmers saw plainly that too much wheat was being raised. This spring there were 18 per cent fewer hogs than a year ago and indications pointed to higher prices for hogs during the following eighteen months than at any time since 1920. The wide-awake farmer had these facts in mind and knew that conditions were favorable for expanding fall farrowing. In short, the farmer must study his market quite as carefully as he studies his farming operations. He must know the needs of local, regional, national and even world markets if he is to conduct his business along most profitable lines.

Closely related to the problem of fitting production to the needs of the market is the other problem of efficiently organizing and managing the farm business. The efficient operation of a farm implies the most efficient use of land, labor and capital. These factors must be combined in such a way as to reduce the cost of production and yield the farmer the maximum net returns for his efforts. This implies the proper size of farm unit, the correct choice of crops, the proper emphasis on the individual crops, the employment of the right size and type of machinery, the feeding of balanced rations and the like. Perhaps also, there are acres so low in fertility that they can not be profitably farmed at present prices. In short the efficient farmer will strive to find the combination of factors which will result in the lowest production costs and the highest net profits.

The most efficient farm methods and practices are essential to the profitable operation of the farm. Farm profits are often greatly reduced because farmers use low yielding varieties of grain or scrubby livestock. The yield per acre of wheat has been increased through the development of higher yielding strains of wheat. The average cow yields about 165 pounds of butterfat per year, but cows of superior quality, with proper feeding will produce as much as 800 or even 1,000 pounds of butterfat per year. Assuredly, farming can not be made

profitable until we eliminate the unprofitable acre, and the boarding cow and hen.

As you yourselves know, the results of your efforts may be influenced materially by the depth of your plowing and cultivation, and the like. Time will not permit me to develop fully the details which must be considered in the organization of the farm along the most effective lines, but I can not emphasize too strongly the need of putting more "business" into farming. It is only in this way that the farmer can attain greatest returns for his efforts with the least cost.

During the last several decades, the capital invested in agriculture has grown to enormous sums. Between 1900 and 1920 the average value of land in the United States more than trebled and in some states it increased as much as twelve or thirteen times. Although the value of land has declined since 1920 farm land in general will probably not become much cheaper, except where it was greatly inflated in value.

Our rich free lands are practically gone. The best and is already in cultivation. Our population is rapidly increasing and the growing demand for foodstuffs and raw materials will have a tendency to hold land values at relatively high levels.

For that matter, not one of you would like to see the value of your land materially reduced in price. Many of you could not stay in the business if the price of your land dropped materially. Then if land values remain at high levels and you are faced with relatively higher costs of operation, what have you as farmers done to increase the efficiency of your plants and how much more efficient are you today than you were twenty years ago when land values were a third or a fourth of what they are today? This is a problem which concerns the farmer himself. He will have to solve it himself.

There is still another thought that I would like to leave with you at this point. Some years your profits are good. In other years they are poor, perhaps, even nothing. I do not know of a method whereby returns from farming can be made uniform year after year, but I do know that it is possible to lay aside in years of good profits reserves upon which they can draw in years that are not so good. I can not help but feel that too many farmers have re-invested their surplus in high priced land when they should have kept a part of them in more liquid reserves upon which they could readily draw in times of depression.

Wheat growing has many hazards. In fact, many more than most other crops. The farmer may not only lose his crop by reason of unfavorable weather, but he does not necessarily have the advantage of a higher price when his crop is short. It is rare indeed that an Illinois corn farmer has to sell a short crop at a low price because, in the production of corn, we dominate the market. On the other hand, we produce only one-fourth of the world's supply of wheat, and so our own production of this crop is not so important a market factor. Some years we win with wheat, as in 1924 when we sold a splendid crop at favorable prices, but (this year conditions indicate that we shall) lose just as the Canadian farmers did last year.

In the one-crop system of farming there are several disadvantages and even dangers, which you should fully recognize. Where sole dependence is placed upon one crop the profits for the year may be wiped out completely through the failure of that crop. Through continuous cropping, as you have experienced, the soil loses its fertility and the land becomes infested with weeds. Then, too, wheat alone does not provide continuous occupation for the farmer's time.

For these reasons it is quite apparent that the wheat farmer can increase his net returns by growing other crops along with his wheat and by keeping some livestock. Flax is a cash crop, the acreage of which in recent years you have expanded to advantage. It is important, however, to remember that profits in flax growing depend partly on keeping production below consumption in order to reap the benefit of the tariff on flax.

I can not emphasize too strongly, also, that every farm should produce more of the food it consumes. This will reduce the "out of the pockets" costs. Why should farmers buy vegetables, eggs, butter and even canned milk when they can so well provide these articles themselves?

In any plan to develop a profitable agriculture we must reckon with another factor to which I wish to refer briefly. From time to time we have had periods when the production of farm products has been in excess of the needs of the market. This, in part, has been due to the failure of farmers properly to regulate their acreage and, in part, to

favorable seasons. But in no small measure it has also been due to the manner in which we have expanded our farm land area. Farmers, individually and collectively, have made some effort to adjust their production to the needs of consumers but no effective policy has been devised to avoid the tendency toward over expansion of our farm land area. We have thrown open freely to a settlement large bodies of land, without carefully considering the need for additional products or the possibility of farmers succeeding on these lands.

Too frequently lands that were fit only for grazing have been plowed up and planted to crops with results that have been highly disastrous. I firmly believe that we should put to the most efficient use the land already under cultivation and wait for the time when we can sell for a profit the products now grown, before launching into any great expansion of farm lands.

The efficient marketing of farm products is another important part of the farm business. All of us have observed the widening spread between prices received by the producer and those paid by the consumer. These spreads are, no doubt, in a considerable measure due to increases in costs. I am convinced, however, that there is needless waste in our system of distribution and that there are ways of materially reducing the spread between producer and consumer. If this waste in distribution is to be eliminated there must be vast improvements in our marketing methods. Many of the major marketing problems have grown out of the development of a commercial agriculture. In the days when the farmer produced for his local market, he was more familiar with what the consumer needed and there were few middlemen between him and the buyer. Today farming has become a highly specialized business and producer and consumer are usually widely apart. The marketing process has become very complex and there are now various functions between farmer and consumer that must be performed by others. After all, however, production and marketing are inseparable and the problems of marketing will be solved only if we consider them in relation to production practices.

In order to market his product to the very best advantage, there are three things the farmer must do. He must, of course, adjust the volume of his production to the needs of the market. It is quite as important that he improve the quality of his product and standardize it in order to meet the preferences of consumers. Then he must strive to feed those products to the market when and where the consumers demand them. The importance of standardizing and grading farm products has not been fully appreciated until rather recent years. Our structure of distribution rests upon graded commodities. Farm products pass through many hands in moving from centers of production to world markets and there must be a common language to insure mutual understanding between buyers and sellers. A certain grade of wheat, corn or butter should represent the same grade to both the seller and the buyer in all parts of the world.

Few perhaps realize the remarkable development that has taken place in the standardization for farm products with the brief span of ten years. Today, the United States grades for wheat are recognized in all foreign importing countries. The grading of wheat helps the farmer to get the best market price for his wheat. It is true that there still are unsolved problems in the grading of wheat. You all know that wheat containing a relatively large percentage of high quality gluten sells at premium in our central markets. Farmers do not always reap the full benefit of these premiums, since present grades of wheat do not adequately measure this gluten content. This problem, however, is receiving attention, and I hope we shall find some practical method of gluten measurement, that will be to the wheat industry what the Babcock tester has been to the dairy industry.

The grading of wheat in accordance with national standards is having a beneficial effect upon production by calling to the attention of the farmer certain bad production and marketing practices. Dockage in wheat will indicate what I mean. Spring wheat farmers have for years suffered very heavy losses by shipping to market wheat containing foreign material that can be removed. It has been estimated that in twenty-one years, since 1902, a total of one hundred and ten million bushels of dockage were shipped to the Minnesota markets. In the year 1922, alone, it is estimated that seven and a half million bushels of dockage were shipped to Minnesota markets, entailing transportation costs of several hundred

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J. C. Miller made a business trip the past week to Abilene and incidentally attended the big auto races on the 4th. He also visited his daughter, Mrs. William Q. Casey while in Abilene.

Mrs. Dave Saylor, who has been in the Nichols Sanitarium several days was able to be removed Monday to their home. Mrs. Taylor was suffering from a sprained hip sustained in a fall.

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"A GOOD PLACE TO TRADE"
AFTON, TEXAS**

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis came in from their ranch home the first of the week and spent a short time at their home in Spur.

W. J. Clark, of near Dickens, came over Saturday and spent the afternoon here meeting and greeting with friends.

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Best Can Be Had At Home?**

We have an expert mechanic, one of the best in the West and can repair any make of car, and make a specialty of electrical adjustments and repairs.

All Work Is Guaranteed To Be Right !

**The Afton Garage
W. E. GATES, Prop.**

**Expert Mechanical Work
In Your Home Town!**

**To Do All Kinds of Blacksmithing
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**A GRIST MILL TO GRIND CORN,
CHOPS AND FEED**

Your Patronage Solicited. Satisfaction Guaranteed
Give Me a Trial!

A. J. DOZIER

AFTON, TEXAS



**There's Independence
for Your Loved Ones in a
SAVINGS
ACCOUNT**

Your family places absolute trust in you and have full faith that you will provide for their future, whatever might happen to you.

Are you living up to their trust? If not, and you cannot decide upon the proper plan, drop in and talk it over with us. We have several plans, any one of which will provide for your family.

TRADE IN SPUR BANK WITH US

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK
SPUR, TEXAS

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!

John Randall is in the city almost every day, disposing of butter, eggs and other produce, thus keeping a little spending money on hand while his crops are making. He informed us that his sales of produce amounted to about ten dollars each week. The day of the "one crop" farmer is already gone in this country, and the man who fails to diversify can not attain the highest success in farming.
—Help Spur Grow—

J. E. Sparks and Earl Thomas made a trip Thursday of the past week to Lamesa and other points on the Plains. Mr. Sparks informed us that two good showers of rain in his section of the country the past week, and as a result all agricultural interests remain in ideal shape.
—Help Spur Grow—

Miss Sybil Perry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Perry, underwent a successful operation Monday at the Nichols Sanitarium. We are glad to note that Miss Sybil is now reported doing nicely and recovering.
—Help Spur Grow—

FOR SALE—160 acre farm, well improved, good terms. 2 1/2 miles east of Afton. Will take good trade on first payment.—J. R. Hinkle. 37-3tp

Frank Hale of south of Spur several miles, was here the first of week transacting business.
—Help Spur Grow—

Buster Bural, of near Gilpin, was among the business visitors in town the first of the week.
—Help Spur Grow—

Forming Organization to Help Farmers in Drouth Stricken Districts

Mr. Oran McClure, Editor Texas Spur & Dickens Items, Spur, Texas.
Dear Sir:

I am assuming that you know our grand old State of Texas is in the grip of a drought such has not been known in the history of the State—and that, unless some organized effort is made to relieve the situation, there will be unprecedented suffering within the next year while the farming communities, in the drought districts, will be retarded for five to ten years. Our local banks will be unable to cope with the present situation.

We are engaged in the organization of the Producers Protectorate, chartered under the laws of the State of Texas. Our ultimate purpose is to combine the farmers and laboring class of people in a movement to bridge the gap between the producer and consumer.

We have, as you will observe from our letterhead, a number of prominent citizens on our Board of Directors, and prominent citizens on other committees in connection with our work.

We are now laying plans, and expect soon to start a campaign to raise money in the East to help finance the farmers of the drought stricken districts, to enable them to maintain themselves and their stock for the coming year, arranging for them to repay the amounts furnished in from two to five years, as they may.

We feel confident that by a close system of organization, we can raise, in the East, all the money that is necessary to finance the drought districts, at 6 per cent, giving them from two to five years to make payment; and that, in this way, we will be able to put the farmers in a condition to put in crops next year, and the country will only lose out from one year of drought, whereas, without such financing, they would be retarded several years.

I am addressing this letter to the newspaper editors of Texas, asking your aid and co-operation, and asking you especially to put me in touch with organizers and workers. As well as speakers, that may donate a part of their time, or, on part pay, aid us in this great humanitarian scheme for the relief of our state.

I earnestly, personally, and in the name of our Board, request you to co-operate in getting in touch with the farmers for this organization work, that we may bring about relief so urgently needed.

Kindly let me hear from you at once, and give me a list of the farmers among your subscribers who, in your judgement, will aid us as organizers, speakers or committee worker in securing the result we desire.

Very truly yours,
B. J. WAUGH.

If there are any individuals in this territory who desire to participate or cooperate in this proposition, write directly to B. J. Waugh, R424 Texas State Banking Building, San Antonio, Texas.

While this may be somewhat early for political talk, yet on several occasions we have heard Prof. G. W. Bennett, teacher of the Midway schools, mentioned as a possible and suitable candidate for county judge in the next election. Mr. Bennett is well informed, an educator of ability, and would fill the office ably and efficiently.
—Help Spur Grow—

FOR TRADE—16 head of horses and cattle, harness and plow tools, for a residence in Spur.—H. E. Grabener. 38-4tc

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Arrington were among the many visitors and shoppers in the city Saturday from their farm home to the east of Spur.
—Help Spur Grow—

County Commissioner O. C. Newberry, of Afton, came down Saturday and spent several hours here meeting with friends and transacting business affairs.
—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bailey, of the Steel Hill country, were in Spur Tuesday of this week shopping and to be with Mrs. Rape of Roaring Springs who underwent a serious operation at the Nichols Sanitarium and who is in a very critical condition.
—Help Spur Grow—

Charlie Austin was in town Wednesday. He stated that his crops were suffering of typhoid, the fever running up pretty high before death occurred.
—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cairnes, of near Clairemont, were among the shoppers and visitors in Spur Saturday.

YOU TELL EM



"If the law required every man to earn his daily bread, lots of them would want to eat but once a week"

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

We this week received a card from J. P. Middleton who is with a party of insurance agents on a summer vacation trip given them by the company. They were in the "Buffalo Bill country" on the Cody road to Yellowstone National Park, stating that they were having a fine time. We have just about decided to go into the life insurance business in order that we may have such an opportunity to see some of the world and enjoy a vacation of this kind.
—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bennett, of Elton section of country, returned last week from a trip to Sutton county where they visited with her parents, Jack Renfro and family. Aside from the pleasures of the visit, they also enjoyed fishing and hunting and eating squirrels. The roads were good and the trip as a whole was most pleasant and enjoyable.
—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. Will Watson, of east of Spur, were among the many shoppers in Spur Saturday.
—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cathey, of near Dickens, were among the visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Secretary Jardine Says

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thousand dollars. Surely there can be no more effective way of reducing marketing costs than to retain on the farm the screenings which have value as feed but which when shipped to market represent a total loss.

I am one of those who believe that cooperative marketing will be an important factor in the solution of many of our production and marketing problems. I do not by any means regard it as a "cure all" for the troubles of the farmer, but it has real possibilities. I wonder if you fully appreciate the extent to which co-operative marketing activities in this country have been developed. The first farmers' co-operative in this country was organized shortly before the Civil War. Today there are over twelve thousand farmers' co-operative organizations, with a membership of about two and one-half million farmers and doing an annual business of approximately two and a half billion dollars.

Farmers in this section of the country are particularly interested in the violent fluctuations of grain prices during more recent months. During the investigation carried on by the department of agriculture to determine the cause of these disastrous price changes I made certain suggestions to representatives of the Chicago Board of Trade and called upon them to consider constructive measures to prevent a similar situation in the future. I see it, the grain exchanges of this country perform a useful function—at least, we have perfected no better system of marketing. But when the price of what fluctuates 12 or 13 cents in a day it indicates to me that there is something wrong. There is no agency that can bring about more effectively a correction of this situation than the grain exchange themselves. They must realize that they have to a large extent lost the confidence of the people and can regain this only by thoroughly putting their houses in order. If they fail voluntarily to take appropriate action it is my purpose to exercise to the fullest extent such power as the existing law gives me to require them to do so.

The farm is a business but it is more—it is a home. We are interested in better financial returns for the farmer only as that means better living. We want men and women to stay in the farm, not merely because they have been able to make a living there but because they have been profoundly satisfied with a farm life. We must have good rural schools, good rural churches, good roads, wholesome recreation and pleasure if farm life is to prove attractive in the highest degree.

My efforts will be directed to help bring about an efficient, stable and profitable agriculture which will provide a standard of living which is in accord with American ideals. To this end I solicit your wholehearted co-operation. A firmly established, enlightened and prosperous landowning population is not only a great national asset but it is the safest balance wheel in our civilization.—Address by W. M. Jardine, Secretary of Agriculture.
—Help Spur Grow—

IF YOU WANT QUALITY CLEANING AND PRESSING WE HAVE IT

That's our name, quality cleaners.
IF WE CLEAN IT, IT'S CLEAN.

MAY WE CALL?
QUALITY CLEANERS
Spur, Texas.

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

FOR SALE—My home in Spur, well and modernly improved. Also good Jersey milk cow. See me at once for a bargain in this place.—R. D. Baughman. 35tf

PASTURE—Will take in stock at \$1.00 per month, good grass and creek water.—R. F. Bilberry, Gilpin. 35-2tp

Frank Reddell, of Rule, is now in Spur, employed at the Gruben Brothers cold drink fountain.

Preparing Meals is the Problem of the Day!

The Problem of Preparing Meals, Dinners and Luncheons is more easily solved when you Phone 46. We carry a varied stock of Groceries, take pleasure in serving you or making suggestions in making up the daily meals.

CITY GROCERY STORE

OUR STORE IS NEAR AS YOUR TELEPHONE

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Try One of Roscoe's Hamburgers

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The Nobby Shoe Shop & Shine Parlor

MONK RUCKER, Prop.

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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The Super-Six principle exclusive to Hudson and Essex, is responsible for the largest selling 6-cylinder cars in the world, because it gives results in smooth, brilliant action, reliability and economy never

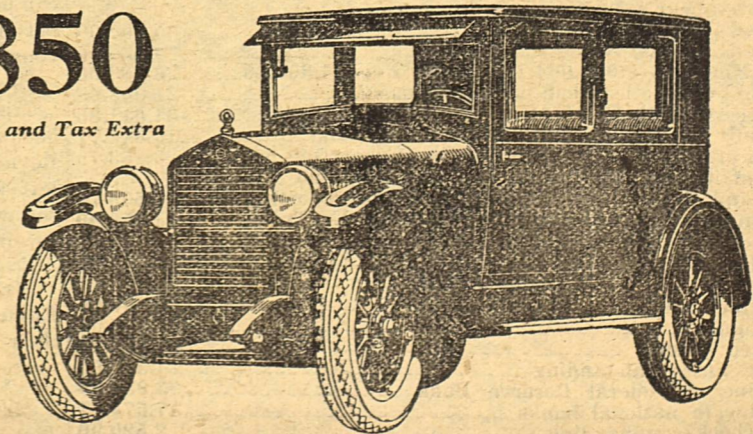
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This Essex, in all ways, is the finest ever built. Easier riding and driving, more flexible in performance, handsome in line and finish, it is also lower in price than ever before.

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HARKEY & McCLURE

THE TEXAS SPUR

ORAN McCLURE, Publisher

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

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Saturday a Big Day in Mercantile Interests

Saturday is the usual big day in Spur, but last Saturday was an exceptionally eventful day in mercantile interests, and advertisements of sales and closing of sales brought in even larger crowds than usual.

Layne-Yates & Co. closed a two or three weeks sale by giving away a handsome wardrobe trunk and five dollars in gold. W. D. Blair of east of Spur was fortunate in being awarded the handsome trunk on ticket number 3081, while C. D. Jacobson of west of Spur was given the five dollar gold piece on ticket number 2119. Little Miss Robbie Abernathy drew the tickets, the first number drawn being 2189 which was not claimed by any one present. This was a most successful sale, resulting in the sale of hundreds of dollars in merchandise at specially reduced prices to the advantage of the many patrons.

C. Hogan & Company also attracted large crowds in the opening of the new "M" Grocery and a One Dollar sale of dry goods. A show window filled with one dollar bills attracted the crowds and invited many guesses at the amount of money contained therein. A number of one dollar bills being distributed to those guessing the amount, \$504. Among those receiving one dollar bills as prizes were J. E. Keeler, W. P. Marshall, T. H. Tallent, Mrs. Monk Rucker and two or three others whose names we failed to hear. The "M" Grocery is a new method of doing business in this country, being of the "Piggly-Wiggly" order where customers wait upon themselves pay cash and carry the goods home.

Wolfe's Bargain Store has on a big fire sale in the disposal of merchandise damaged recently by water. This sale will continue until the goods are sold, and as will be noted

in their advertisement elsewhere extraordinary prices are being made to close out the stock.

J. P. Wilkes & Son is conducting a big bargain sale which will continue seven days, the prices and goods attracting many shoppers during the day, and which will be continued over next Saturday.

Spot Cash Grocery and C. A. Love at the Economy Store, also had special one dollar sales Saturday, the advertisement of which no doubt helped to swell the crowds in Spur and attracted economical buyers to their places.

The Spur Hardware & Furniture Company also had a special sale of one dollar purchases throughout the past two weeks which pulled many shoppers and dollars to them.

Salems has been making special trade offerings and attracting crowds of shoppers, and is this week making extra special inducements to shoppers.

The merchants of Spur are reaching out after the trade and are making extraordinary prices and offering special inducements to attract trade at this time. We invite Texas Spur readers to note carefully the advertisements appearing each week in the advertising columns. We know that both time and money can be saved by attention to advertising, and we especially urge all readers to trade with Texas Spur advertisers.

Help Spur Grow
Mr. and Mrs. McCordle, of Dallas, accompanied by Misses Thora and Eula, and son, Burl of the Dental school at Galveston, spent several days of this week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sanders. Mr. McCordle now enjoys a considerable income from oil producing lands in the oil belt and was here with the view of purchasing Western lands as an investment and for improvement.

Help Spur Grow
Mrs. Cash King, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Jackson, left last week for Terrell where she will join her husband who is house surgeon of the Terrell state institution.

Help Spur Grow
G. B. Jopling informed us this week that the city tax assessor and collector's office had now been moved to the City Hall on East Fifth Street.

Help Spur Grow
Mrs. J. E. Sanders, Sr., and daughter, Miss Lucille, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sanders at their home east of Spur.

Charter No. 10703 Reserve District No. 11
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE CITY NATIONAL BANK AT SPUR
IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 30, 1925
RESOURCES

1 a Loans and discounts	\$338,376.37
4 U. S. Government securities owned:	
a Deposited to secure circulation	10,000.00
b Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	9,939.87
5 Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	11,450.00
6 Banking house \$7,750.00; Furniture & Fix. \$3,700.00	11,450.00
7 Real estate owned other than banking house	16,459.08
8 Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	8,396.53
10 Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	25,543.18
13 Checks on other banks in same city as reporting bank	449.33
Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13	\$25,992.51
14 Checks and drafts on bks out of city of rep. bk.	176.58
15 Miscellaneous cash items	2,793.41
15 Redemption fund with U.S.Treas. and due from U.S.Treas.	500.00
Total	\$424,024.35
LIABILITIES	
17 Capital stock paid in	\$40,000.00
18 Surplus fund	25,000.00
19 a Undivided profits	15,582.55
21 Circulating notes outstanding	9,600.00
23 Amount due to national banks	2,537.20
26 Cashiers checks outstanding	5,774.10
Total of items 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26	\$8,311.30
27 Demand deposits subject to Reserve:	
Individual deposits subject to check	235,616.01
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	30,000.00
State, county or other municipal deposits secured	77,787.00
Total of demand deposits sub to reserve	\$316,403.01
33 Certificates of deposits	8,177.49
Total of time dep. subject to reserve	\$8,177.49
43 Letters of credit and Travelers Checks for cash and outs.	950.00
Total	\$424,024.35

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I. James B. Reed, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.—James B. Reed, Cashier. Correct—Attest: B. Y. Love, C. Hogan, E. C. Edmonds, Directors. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of July, 1925.—Birl Hight, Notary Public

Charter No. 9611 Reserve District No. 11
REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK AT SPUR
IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 30, 1925
RESOURCES

1. Loans and discounts	\$512,568.74
2. Overdrafts unsecured	380.51
4. U. S. Government securities owned:	
a Deposited to secure circulation	25,000.00
b Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	4,537.95
5. Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	23,803.00
6. Banking House, \$19,000.00; Furn. and Fix. \$4,803.00	23,803.00
7. Real estate owned other than banking house	21,048.08
8. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	31,611.85
10 Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	15,322.71
13 Checks on other banks in the same city as reporting bank	3,163.79
Total of items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13	\$18,486.50
14 a Checks and drafts on banks outside city of reporting bank	578.70
15 Redemption fund with US Treas. and due from US Treas.	1,250.00
16 Other assets, if any	47.43
Total	\$639,312.76
LIABILITIES	
17 Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
18 Surplus fund	25,000.00
19 a Undivided profits	20,064.25
21 Circulating notes outstanding	24,300.00
22 Amount due to Federal Reserve Bank	3,032.08
23 Amount due to national banks	47,574.17
26 Cashiers checks outstanding	2,520.90
Total of Items 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26	\$53,127.15
27 Individual deposits subject to check	343,701.49
Total of demand deposits subject to reserve	\$343,701.49
35 Other time deposits	52,942.60
Total of time deposits sub to reserve	\$52,942.60
42 Notes and bills rediscounted	20,177.27
Total	\$639,312.76

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss: I. W. T. Andrews, Jr., cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—W. T. Andrews, Jr. Cashier. Correct—Attest: Clifford B. Jones, Geo. S. Link, W. F. Godfrey, Directors. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of July, 1925.—E. J. Cowan, Notary Public.

LYRIC THEATRE
WEEKLY PROGRAM

ALL GOOD PICTURES
SEE THEM!

Monday & Tuesday
July 20th 21st

"How Baxter
Butted In"

Wed. & Thursday
July 22nd-23rd

"Love's
Wilderness"

Watch Weekly
Programs!

We have booked some of the very latest Specialties to show in Spur, one of which is to be shown this week provided it is completed in time by the film manufacturers.

WE SHOW THE
LATEST

Afton Cleanings

A musical was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Twitty Friday night and a large crowd was present.

Miss Irene Owen spent Sunday with Ollie and Ruby Gipson.

Mr. and Mrs. Knox Lawson are the proud parents of a baby girl, Jimmie Lee.

A musical was enjoyed by many at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reece Forby Saturday night.

There was a good attendance at singing Sunday at the Baptist church.

Mrs. Lyons and daughter, Mildred have returned home from an extended visit with relatives at Dallas.—Afton Reporter.

Help Spur Grow
WANTED—A nice fat calf, two three months old, must be cheap.—M. Hargrove.

Help Spur Grow
Albert Power, of Afton, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday of this week. Albert Power is not only a good citizen but one of the best and most successful farmers of the country. Last year he was awarded first prize on producing the best feed crop of the county, he having fine crops of both feed and cotton. This year, he also has fine prospects for crops, but states that he will not again enter a contest because of the impression that it stimulates envy and ill feeling rather than a desire for greater production on fewer acres generally throughout the country.

Help Spur Grow
H. P. Edwards, postmaster, banker, merchant and farmer of McAdoo, transacting business Monday in Spur. In speaking of conditions on the Plains he stated that some time ago he thought if the crops could get by until the tenth of July without rain everything would be alright. However, it has not rained up to this date, and still the crops are growing and apparently suffering little damage from the continued dry weather. Early feed is suffering, but with rain by August, it is figured now, that a big cotton crop and some feed will be made. This country can do without rain longer, and make better crops on less rain than any country in the world.

Help Spur Grow
Miss Loveless, of Denton, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Reynolds at their home on Croton, left Wednesday for Plainview where she will visit other friends before returning to her home at Denton.

Help Spur Grow
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harris, of Englewood, Tennessee, are visiting their sister, Mrs. D. H. Dunn, of Croton.

Help Spur Grow
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mayfield, of Jayton, spent Sunday in Spur with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Maples.

Help Spur Grow
All dolled up and ready to serve you.—Spur Drug Store.

Help Spur Grow
Mrs. Wilbur Perry, who has been on an extended visit to relatives at Junction and other points, returned this week to her home in Spur.

A FISH (ING) STORY

The "call of the wild" is irresistible to those who at some time in their lives had a taste. I am not so sure that it is not a part of all human nature to yearn for the great open spaces; to get apart for a time from conventional things.

Mr. J. W. Jennings has so long narrated his experiences on the Pecos, told of the big cat fish anxious to be caught, that a bunch of his friends were led to that fisherman's paradise to experience for themselves the thrill of snaring a "big un". The party was composed of J. W. Jennings, Newt Kidd, Uncle Bill Perry and their entire families together with J. H. Busby and E. C. Edmonds.

With four cars we drove to Lovington, New Mexico, the first day with out difficulty, except that a shower caught us. In this shower Uncle Bill's car was noticed to lag behind about a mile. As we waited he came up with us in short runs and stops. His starter was weak and he was using a crank. As he reached us his car stopped again. Uncle Bill was visibly peeved. Some one in his car asked "what's the matter now?" Evidently the question had been asked each stop, for he turned a withering glance toward the questioner and replied "I have nothing to conceal from you. If I knew I'd tell you cheerfully; I think though there's something wrong with this darn car's innards." After a few kind but reproving words the car was so peevish for its bad behavior that it raced three miles ahead of the rest into Lovington.

We inquired here for the tourist camp, were told there was none, but that tourists were permitted to camp in the church tabernacle. Our cars were driven right under shelter. After supper part went to a near revival in progress, the rest to bed. During the night snores resounded, seldom less than a solo frequently a quartette, at times apparently congregational. Jennings remarked next morning that every one but he had a "night mare". Mr. Kidd replied "If that makes you unhappy you can have mine, I don't want any live stock in this dry country."

That portion of New Mexico traversed has not had a general rain in four years—only a few light showers which the thirsty air and earth quickly drink and there is no visible evidence left in a few hours. Vegetation is dwarfed, parched, and practically all of it in keeping with its evil situation bears a thorn.

A four years drought, yes, and the irony of it is that we were water bound a day by the swollen Delaware caused by a heavy rain at its head near the mountains. A rise in this river and the Black river, both of which empty into the Pecos, kills several kinds of fish in the latter—possibly on account of the mineral content of the water or its extreme muddiness we later saw fish floating down the Pecos, that resembled a fat shiat in size.

The Pecos is a wonderful stream, running swift and clear normally; ugly and treacherous when it is up. It takes its course through rugged hills, bare except for dwarfed mesquite and grease wood. Salt cedars line its lower banks, but they do not except in few places reach such size as to offer shade. All kinds of fish are plentiful, good fishermen frequently landing cat fish from 25 to 75 pounds. Our best fish was a fifteen pounder. One of the party fishing at night with cane pole and line fell asleep on the sandy bank, with rod balanced across his breast. His description follows: "Lightnin' struck me. I was on my feet in an instant, holding the but of the pole with one hand, the pole and line stretched tight up the river. A force tugged in and out, around and about. As advantage came I worked down to the line, finally pulling in an eight pound channel cat—fighting, flouncing and sending an indescribable thrill with each wriggle. The experience was new to me; I'm sure any number of such would not cease to excite me. Like the rabbit being chased by the dog, was heard to remark: "no matter how often you're chased, the last time is just as exciting as the first."

Nothing the poverty stricken appearance of the few cattle left in that section. Mr. Jennings said "I see only two things here to keep cattle alive. Some other, with tongue out from the last climb of the steep hill to camp, agreed, "yes, river-gyp and exercise." It was our purpose to shift camp to the Falls. Busby who had grown slightly pessimistic, said, "twont do any good, they will fall before we get there." It was prophetic at that, for we took a wrong road and touched the river at another place.

All the women proved excellent sports. No fastidious complaints, but sportsmanship bearing of hardships, wholesome enjoyment of the pleasant side of the trip which largely overbalanced the unpleasant features. How that bunch ate. It would be discourteous to correctly estimate

Central Market

Will Sell on a Cash Basis Only
Beginning August 1st.

Beginning August 1st, the Central Market will do business on a Cash Basis, selling for

CASH ONLY

The Patronage of Former Patrons and the Public in General is Solicited, and if possible even better service will be extended under the new Cash Plan

LONNIE HARRIS, Prop.
SPUR, TEXAS

the food taken by the ladies. That performance on the part of the men must be described by an eight letter word rather than one of three letters. One thing certain, such an outing is more conducive to appetite than sitting at a desk all day, praying for rain.—One of the Party.

Help Spur Grow

Wilbur Perry and W. M. Ledford returned Tuesday evening from an extended fishing trip to Junction, Llano, Paintrock and other points of noted fishing streams. They report having caught lots of fish, their fishing operations being interrupted on occasions by "bathing beauties" of which they may say little around home.

Help Spur Grow

H. R. Witt, of the Watson community to the southwest of Spur, was here Saturday among the crowds of visitors and shoppers.

Help Spur Grow

H. C. Eldredge came down Saturday from McAdoo, spending the day hert trading and meeting with friends from every quarter of the great Spur county.

Help Spur Grow

Miss Lottie Moore, daughter of S. M. Moore, underwent an operation for appendicitis Sunday at the Nichols Sanitarium, and we are glad to not is now reported doing nicely and recovering. Mr. Moore has been coming in daily to be with his daughter through the critical stages of the operation.

Help Spur Grow

Tom McArthur was in the city Tuesday transacting business matters and incidentally expressing lamentations because of the continued dry weather.

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.

TRY US NOW

SPUR TAILOR SHOP

5 1/2 Per Cent
FEDERAL
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\$25.00 or up can be paid any time—Make your own terms. Over one hundred million loaned to Texas Farmers.

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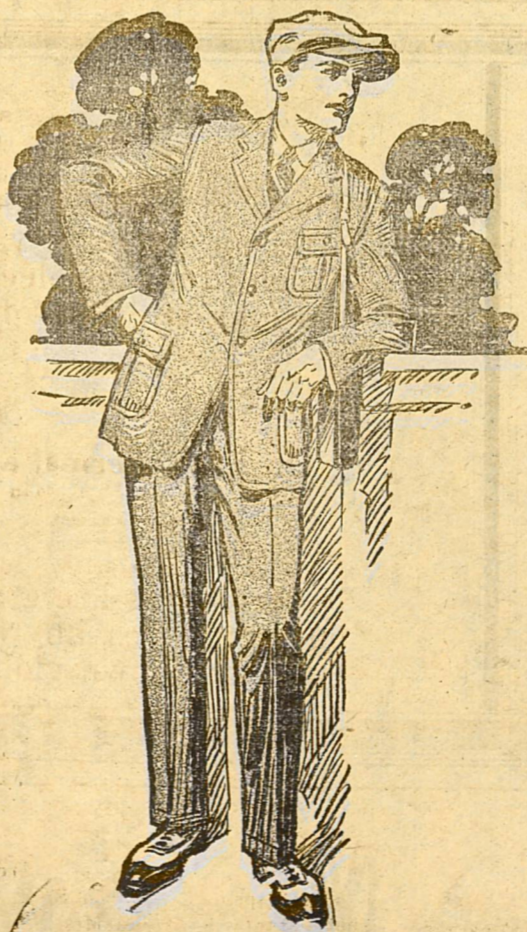
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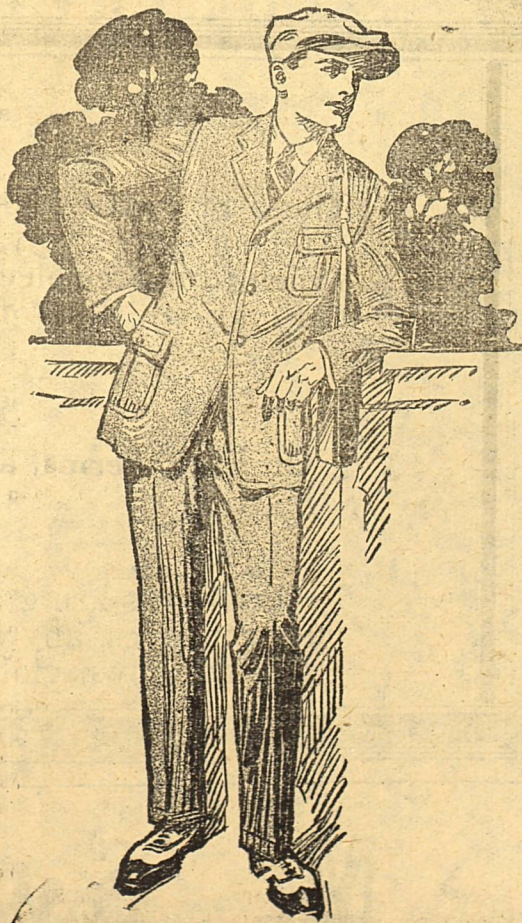
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Mrs. J. B. Rape, of Roaring Springs, underwent an operation Tuesday of this week at the Nichols Sanitarium. Mrs. Rape had been in the sanitarium the past ten days under treatment. She is in a very critical condition and grave fears are entertained for her recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sample were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sample Sunday in Matador. While there they drove up on the plains, and it is reported that while on the Plains they encountered what the natives said was mud which came near causing a serious wreck, the driver of the car not being familiar with such driving conditions.

Farmer's Big Problem Finance, Say Lynch Davidson

Government is of fragile fabric, as dependable and as delicate as a silken thread and equally as easy to break. It is upon citizenship that government must rely for its existence. The very warp and woof of the fabric of government is good citizenship. It is the basis of all civilized society.

Citizenship can express itself in life devoted to religious exemplification and inculcation of religious belief and practice in mankind. It might find its outlet in spreading the doctrine of moral right, and warning against wrong.

It could find a lifetime and the time of many lives employed in scientific research. The scientist has added many years and much happiness to the human race. He has brought to life untold benefits to mankind.

The world and the nation cry out for charity. Good citizenship could devote its time to no better cause than spreading the mantle of charity over the world and administering aid and succor to those whose needs are greater than its own.

Good citizenship could find a field of everlasting endeavor in the nation's economic affairs. No nation, no people, can exist unless its economic affairs are sound and substantial. Homes must be built, schools maintained, railways and highways established, agriculture promoted, barter and trade efficiently conducted, our churches and school financed.

Education is a vital angle in good citizenship. No nation, or people of a nation, can neglect education, except to sacrifice civilization.

Good citizenship may be considered from many and various other angles. One of the most important of which is from the standpoint of "individual economic independence."

It was said by Napoleon, one of the greatest generals of the age, that "any army based on its stomach must be fed, or else it will not travel. So it is in the walks of life, and that calls for individual economic independence. It calls for the man to first provide for his own."

No class of people throughout this broad land has enjoyed less economic independence than the farmer of this country. I speak of the farmer in the broad sense of those who will till the soil—the biggest business of all business, producing annually more new wealth than any other single business. It provides, generally speaking, poorer standards of living, less opportunity to enjoy the luxuries of life, than any other single industry, and yet is the very heart and soul and backbone of the wealth and prosperity of the nation.

Many preach that productive methods and archaic, unscientific and wasteful. No doubt there is large measure of truth in the statement. It is also a well known principle that production cost can only be varied up or down at small percentage ratio from time to time. Intensive application of efficiency methods will bring about substantial reduction in cost, but those reductions only vary to a degree one way or the other.

Practically every successful line of business in this country has long ago learned that its sale price must, more or less, be stable and dependable. No cotton producer can stand to have his production fall in price from 35 to 12c per pound, as I saw

cotton do only a few years ago here in Texas—in 1920, I think it was. This principle of income from your output can be violated only at a cost of destruction to your business—the business of farming. No use to discuss the faults of the game, unless we consider a cure in the main. There will be no cure so long as each individual farmer with a sample in his hands peddles his crop from door to door.

All other manufacturing industries realize as a first essential to success that they must control the sale of and regulate their output. It is an age old principle, and one so well tried that it seems almost foolish to expound on the subject.

How is the sky-scraper cotton merchant of the big city to be jarred loose from the strangle hold upon the farmers of this country, immediately becomes the question. It can only be done when the farmers themselves by some process control, and market 50 or 60 per cent of the cotton output of this nation.

In order to control the flow of cotton production, financing is fundamental. Collectively and co-operatively, your financing has moved with precision and successfully. Accordingly, as it proceeds, a faster and firmer hold is gotten upon cotton production. Control the flow or major part of the flow of cotton production and you instantly establish steady, reasonably regular and even sale price for your product.

I do not know whether Aaron Sapiro and the "Jew bankers of New York," as charged in Ford's Independent magazine are trying to get hold of the co-operative cotton marketing organizations or not. It doesn't seem to me their trying makes much difference, if the producer intelligently conserves his rights.

WE MAKE LOANS—on grazing land and on farms throughout West Texas. 6 per cent interest plus 1 per cent principle payable semi-annually pays entire loan off in 33 years. Borrower has privilege of paying part or all of loan off at end of five years or any interest paying date thereafter. If cost the borrower 1 per cent to obtain a loan and no more. This is the best loan you can get. If in need of a loan, get in touch with me at once.

There are quite a number of cases of typhoid fever reported in Spur and surrounding country. The cause of this disease is not known. Some think flies spread the disease and other think it possible that it originates from the city sewerage ceptic pool just south of town. This ceptic pool situation will probably be remedied now, since installing new sewage as well as cess pools.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Bingham, of the Spur Ranch headquarters, were among the many shoppers in the city Saturday.

H. C. Parsons, a leading citizen and one of the old timers of the country, was among the large number in Spur Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Shugart were in the city Wednesday of the past week from their home to the east of Spur.

New Buick Agency in Spur

We are now authorized Agents for the Buick Automobile, and now have these cars on display.

WE WOULD BE GLAD TO DEMONSTRATE THEM TO YOU!

Motor Inn

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BARBECUE NOTICE—Separate sealed bids will be received and opened Saturday, July 25th for all concessions and stand rights for the two days barbecue to be held at Claremont, Kent County, Texas, August 7th and 8th. All bids not accepted, checks will be promptly returned. Address J. Rector Ward or Thos. O. Osman, Claremont, Kent County, Texas.

Mrs. J. A. Koon, who is spending the summer with her mother, Mrs. W. M. Winkler of the Draper country, was the guest this week of Mrs. T. H. Blackwell and other friends of Spur. Mr. and Mrs. Koon formerly lived in Spur and have many friends here who are always glad to see them and to know that they are prospering in their home away out on the "border land."

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Quite a number enjoyed the ice cream supper given last Friday night by the Baptist ladies on the lawn at the Baptist church. Such social affairs are a most pleasant manner in which to raise funds for church work and a nice sum was realized from this occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris, of Waco, are in Spur the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Busby at their home in the city.

Rev. J. V. Bilberry, who is now pastor of the Center Point Baptist church in Stonewall county, was in Spur Monday again meeting with his friends here. Brother Bilberry reports everything in fine shape in Stonewall county.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Lollar, of east of Spur, were among the many shoppers and business visitors in Spur the first of the week.

ANY AUTOMOBILE REPAIRING

That can be done in any first-class shop.

I also have any size AMERICAN HAMMERED PISTON RING commonly used in this territory.

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GILLEY CHEVROLET CO.

W. A. Johnson, who for years was a resident of the Spur country, but who now lives near Lockney, was here recently meeting with his old friends and attending to business affairs. Mr. Johnson reports good crop conditions prevailing in his part of the country, with prospects at this time of bumper harvests this fall.

Sol Thomas, of east of Spur several miles, was on the streets Tuesday of this week, meeting with friends, talking politics and sizing up crop conditions in general. Help Spur Grow—Miss DeLois Bempous, of Ralls, was the guest this week of Miss Ruth Maples and other friends.

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J. P. Simmons, Mgr.

A. A. Fry is an "old timer" here, been farming many years, and while in town Saturday from his farm and ranch on Cat Fish, told us that he had the best crops and prospects for many years past. Here is hoping that he and other farmers of that section will make not only a bale of cotton to the acre and get forty cents a pound, but that they will also make enough feed to supply those of the tighter lands who fail to make enough to run them another year.

Mrs. M. E. Gilpin, who is now making her home with Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Faver of east of Afton, was among the shoppers in Spur Saturday of the past week. Mrs. Gilpin owns some valuable residence property in Spur, on which she is now making some additional improvements.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Jordan, of the Duck Creek community, were visiting and shopping in the city Tuesday of this week.

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Alec Winkler, of the Croton country, was among the many business visitors here Saturday. He reports everything in good shape in that part of the county, with good crops and good seasons yet holding on regardless of lack of rains in July.

Ward Harris, a leading citizen of McAdoo, was among the business visitors in Spur Saturday.

George Harris and family, of McAdoo, were shopping and visiting in Spur Monday of this week.

PICNIC LUNCHES


When preparing for a Picnic or Outing. Call 195 and we will assist you in the selection of items for the lunch.

We Have Everything in Groceries and Fresh Meats

IT IS A PLEASURE TO SERVE YOU!

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Spur Citizen Fishing and Recuperating His Health

Texas Spur.

Dear Mr. Editor:—I will drop you a few lines to ask you to keep the Texas Spur coming regular to Lometa for I don't want to be without the good paper. You remember I had one Texas Spur sent to D. P. Smith at Lometa and one to Roy Saver at San Saba. So I want them both to come every week, for I am at one place and then the other. It is very dry here now and crops are needing rain very badly.

Say, Mr. McClure you ought to have been with me the past two weeks fishing. I was camped on the Colorado River at what is known as Maverick Valley, and I sure did catch the fish. I caught one that weighed about 30 pounds and several that weighed 20 and 25 pounds, and lots of smaller one. I caught more than 75 pounds one night, and I am going again this evening. I am going to camp this time where the San Saba River runs into the Colorado. I do not know what luck I will have there. good, I hope. Come down and camp with me and we will eat fish and squirrels.

My health is improving fast and I hope that I will soon be able to come back to Spur for I do love Spur and its people. Now I do not want to miss a copy of that good, old Texas Spur.

With best wishes I am yours truly,
—W. A. Smith.

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TO THE PUBLIC
Miss Lena Belle Scudder, who will teach piano and cornet in Spur the coming season, will appear in a recital assisted by Mrs. Leland Campbell and Mr. Henry Elkins, Tuesday evening, July 28th, at 8:30 P. M. in the auditorium of the Methodist church.
The public is cordially invited.
—Help Spur Grow—

NOTICE
On Sunday morning, at eleven o'clock the 19th. Rev. Percy Jones, Protestant Episcopal Church will preach. Through the kindness of the pastor and the members of the Presbyterian Church these services are held in the Presbyterian church. The public is cordially invited to attend.
—Help Spur Grow—

WANTED—A nice fat calf, two three months old, must be cheap.—Mr. Harrow.
—Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. Robert Cunningham, who has been spending the past ten days in Spur the guest of her sister, Mrs. Oran McClure, returned Saturday to her home in Cross Plains.

Walter Jordan and family, of Duck Creek, were among the hosts of shoppers here Saturday.
—Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. Arnold Copeland and two children, of Meadows, are spending the week in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Copeland and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ledford.

Help Spur Grow
H. E. Grabener, of east of Spur, was among the business visitors on the Streets Saturday. Mr. Grabener and family contemplate purchasing a residence in Spur and moving to the city another year, giving us an advertisement in the hope of being able to trade cows, horses and farming tools for a place here. The business of farming is the back-bone of the country and this will be a good opportunity for some townsman through such a trade to get on a solid business foundation.

Help Spur Grow
I can gladly recommend this remedy as being the greatest cure for rheumatism in the world. It cured me and it will cure you.—John Vann, Midway Hotel, Spur, Texas.

Godfrey & Smart Display Truck Bodies And Chassis This Week

This week has been designated as National Ford Truck week and Godfrey & Smart, local authorized dealers, have arranged for a complete showing of Ford built truck bodies.

Entrance of the Ford Motor Company into the manufacture of commercial bodies indicates a new and important advancement in this division of motor transportation since it shows that Ford is bringing into delivery and hauling services the same low cost and high value that has made the Ford passenger car the most popular in the world. The Ford truck chassis has long held the lead among light commercial vehicles and of the one-ton trucks in use are at present approximately 75 per cent Fords.

May Move to Lubbock

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Henkel, of the Afton country, were among the visitors and shoppers in Spur Saturday of the past week and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office. They had just returned from a trip out in the Lubbock country where they recently purchased land and which is now being improved and cultivated. Mr. and Mrs. Henkel intend to move to their Lubbock place if they can sell their farm in the Afton country. They are among the best and most substantial citizenship of the country and we will regret to see them remove to another section.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Dickens County Texas, will receive sealed bids at Dickens, Texas, until 2 p. m. on Monday, August 10th, 1925, on one Caterpillar tractor, 60 h. p. Bidders shall be required to demonstrate said tractor to the satisfaction of the Commissioners' Court prior to acceptance of bid. The Commissioners' Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
H. A. C. BRUMMETT, County Judge, Dickens County, Texas, At Dickens, Texas, July 10th A. D. 1925.
—Help Spur Grow—
Yes, we have no lies today, nor tomorrow.—Spur Drug Store.

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QUALITY --- SERVICE
DRY GOODS --- SHOES

Dear Customers:

With the arrivals of early shoes, our shoe stock now is larger than it has been since our opening. It is because we are selling a reputable line of shoes at cheap prices that a much greater demand has been created and this is why we have been obliged to stock heavier.

Let next Saturday be your shoe day. We will give away a new silver dollar with every pair of ladies men's or childrens shoes sold on Saturday and costing not less than \$4.00. Do not think we are imposing, but let this be an inducement. All we ask is that you buy a pair of Peter's Shoes for yourself and other members of your family and receive a present of a new silver dollar for every pair you buy.

In addition to the new numbers of ladies patent and satin pumps, for an early fall showing, you will see on display a three eyelet sport tan oxford. It is cut out low on the sides with fancy stitching and a pretty silk tie.

We have most any description of a shoe a man would want. A new feature being offered now is special values in two new numbers. Be certain of seeing the new dress oxford at \$4.00 and the straight last dress shoes at \$4.75.

Take advantage of this one day opportunity and shoe the whole family with "Peter's Diamond Brand Shoes." It is the best general line of shoes that can be bought whether for constant hard wear or for style. They are built of solid leather.

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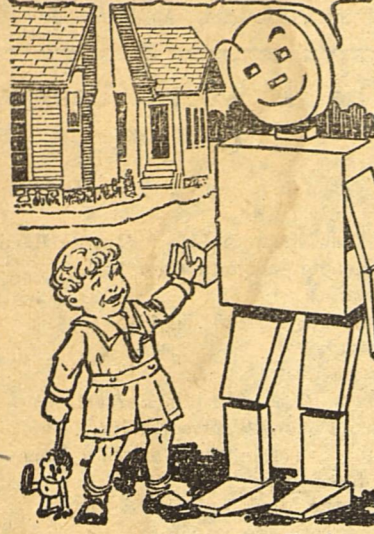
Board and room can be secured at \$1.00 per day

On Sunday, August 9th there will be an all day Singing at this place conducted by Prof. Cornelius. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy some good Singing.

For further information write Chas L. Lassiter, Elton, or W. R. Lewis, Spur.

Bill Ding Sez:

AFEW LITTLE FLOWERS, A NICELY TRIMMED LAWN, 'TIS THEN THAT THE HOURS OF HAPPINESS DAWN. A HOME AND A WIFE, A CHILD WITH A SMILE, ALL HELP TO MAKE LIFE REALLY WORTH WHILE.



This is my home. You've missed a lot if you've never said these words. For there are none sweeter. The best of life, the most joy, no matter how wide we roam, is found in happy contented life in the dwelling we build and own. We labor, we strive, or we struggle, but peace surely awaits us there. Our plan service, comprising many charming and distinctive designs, will enable you to build without regrets. Call on us today.

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Eggs That Will Keep

"Water, water, everywhere and not a drop to drink," may well be paraphrased in many rural sections of Texas to read, "Eggs, eggs everywhere and not an egg to eat." The water was not desirable for drinking purposes because it had been spoiled by the presence of salt, so in the case of summer eggs many have been spoiled because of the hot weather and the presence of the rooster in the flock.

Thousand of eggs are being wasted every summer in the rural communities, and merchants find them undesirable for marketing because of their condition when they reach the consumer.

A little care and thought on the part of the poultryman will prevent this loss.

Produce infertile eggs by removing the rooster from the flock, and after a period of fourteen days the eggs laid by the hens will be infertile eggs.

Gather all eggs twice daily and keep them in a cool, dry place, removed from contact with obnoxious odors, and do not permit the temperature to rise above 68 degrees where the eggs are kept.

Infertile eggs when properly handled, will keep for over two weeks in first-class condition and be desirable for table use. This permits them to reach the consumer in good condition.—Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas.

Uneasy Tight Feeling

"I used Theford's Black-Draught first for constipation," said Mrs. C. E. Buntin, of R. F. D. 5, Starkville, Miss. "I would feel dull, stupid, and have severe headaches, even feverish. I had an uneasy, tight feeling in my stomach. I read quite a bit about

BLACK-DRAUGHT

Liver Medicine

I began using it and soon my bowels acted regularly and I was greatly relieved. I used it every once in a while for about 18 years.

"About two years ago I found I was having indigestion, a tight smothering in my chest, then severe pain, especially after eating sweets. I commenced taking just a pinch of Black-Draught after meals, and by doing this I could eat anything.

"I gave Black-Draught to my children for colds and headaches. I can certainly recommend it."

Black-Draught is used, with satisfaction, by millions. Get Theford's.

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Move for Constitutional Amendment May Result From the Evolution Trial

Dayton, Tenn., July 8.—A move for new constitutional amendment was seen Wednesday by defense counsel as the outstanding inference to be drawn from the address Tuesday night of William Jennings Bryan before the Progressive Dayton Club.

In a statement issued by Dr. John R. Neal, chief defense counsel, in which he summed up the inferences drawn by the defense attorneys from the address of Bryan Tuesday night, he declared:

"He forecast that he will move rapidly from the lower court to the Supreme Court of Tennessee, then to the Supreme Court of the United States and having lost his fight on account of the existing constitutional liberties, he intends immediately to wipe out the constitutional immunities by a new constitutional amendment."

The statement, issued shortly before noon, follows:

"We regard Bryan's speech as the most remarkable utterance ever made by a lawyer just before his entrance into a trial of a criminal case.

"His speech comes as a challenge to the defense not to confine the test of the anti-evolution law to the existing limitation of the Constitution of Tennessee or even the United States, but instead to put on trial the truth, or the lack of truth of the theory of evolution, the conflict or lack of conflict between science and religion.

"Having demonstrated as he apparently expects to do, at least to his own satisfaction, that evolution is untrue and it is destructive to Christianity, he forecast that he will move rapidly from the lower court to the Supreme Court of Tennessee, then to the Supreme Court of the United States and having lost the fight on account of the existing constitutional guarantees of religious and educational liberties, he intends immediately to wipe out these constitutional immunities by a new constitutional amendment, a very ambitious program, I should say—even Bryan.

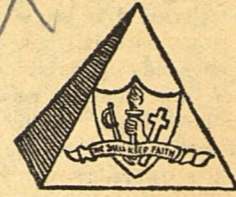
"We have no objections to his undertaking, but, however, we shall insist as we did at the very inception of this case, that the great issue is not whether evolution is true or untrue, or even whether it conflicts with religion, but whether the Tennessee Legislature has not transcended the limits set upon its powers by the constitution of Tennessee and the Constitution of the United States in passing the anti-evolution law, and thus attempt to control the mind in its struggle after the truth."

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Your Life Insurance is admittedly your best investment. When carried in the United Fidelity, a Texas Old Line Legal Reserve Company, it may be made doubly valuable by adding Accident Insurance coverage. This additional protection is optional under all standard United Fidelity policies except Term Insurance, for a nominal premium, and pays specific cash benefits for specific injuries over and above those provided in the policy itself. Ask for further particulars.

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SPUR, TEXAS



Good Prices in Past Years Have Temptation

Good prices for cotton during the past few seasons have tempted many farmers to abandon the safe plan of farming and pulled them into a game where the percentage is against them. Every acre under their control has been put into cotton and there is sure to be a shortage of feedstuffs with prevailing high prices this coming winter. All cotton is gambling for any farmer, and this year it seems as though it was a case of "heads I win, tails you lose." Texas has over 18,000,000 acres planted to cotton. In many sections of the State there is but little promise of a profitable yield. In other sections prospects are good at this writing, but the prevailing lack of sub-moisture makes the outcome extremely uncertain.

In the beginning, farmers took a long chance in planting 18,000,000 acres to one crop. A normal yield of a third of a bale to an acre would make more than 6,000,000 bales for Texas alone, with prospects for an American crop of nearly 15,000,000 bales. Favorable weather conditions would have insured a crop large enough to have depressed prices so far that there would be no profit in it for the grower. With 18,000,000 acres in Texas producing less than a third of a bale per acre, there is no profit in it at any price the world is willing to pay. Some, of course, who are fortunate in producing a good crop, will profit by the misfortunes of others, but thousands of farmers who have put everything into cotton and who may fail in making a crop worth the picking, will go into the winter with debts unpaid and credit impaired. They will not have feed for their work animals, and no cows, pigs or chickens to help provide food for the family. They will, indeed, be in a distressing condition.

Those who have traveled through the western part of the State return with the report that the West has gone cotton wild. So much land has been planted to the staple, that time was not taken to properly prepare the land for the seed, and these fields are now covered with grass and weeds. Many farmers have entirely abandoned grain sorghums and other feeds, except small patches, and planted cotton. They will be in the market for feedstuffs this winter and will probably pay a high price for what they could have produced for themselves.

nessee and the Constitution of the United States in passing the anti-evolution law, and thus attempt to control the mind in its struggle after the truth."

—Help Spur Grow—
W. D. Blair, of east of Spur, was among the crowds on the streets Saturday.

—Help Spur Grow—
A. W. Jordan and family were among those who attended the big automobile races at Abilene on the 4th.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slayden, of near Dickens, were trading in Spur Saturday.

—Help Spur Grow—
W. G. McGaughy, who has been suffering of typhoid fever several weeks, is now reported in a very critical condition. It is hoped that he may pass the crisis and soon be regaining former good health.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. Iker, of Dublin, is in the city the guest of her nephew. Mr. and Mrs. Dave Taylor and other relatives of the city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Mayfield and his mother, of Girard, left this week for Rochester, Minnesota, where Mr. Mayfield will undergo treatment or an operation from Mayo Brothers, the most noted surgeons of America. For some time Gyp Mayfield has been suffering of severe headaches. In the hopes of relieving his condition, and upon the advice of dentists or physicians, he had all of his teeth removed. However, this failed to bring relief, and now he is going to Mayo Brothers to see if they can give him relief. Gyp Mayfield is one of the best men of the country. We consider him one of our best friends, and we sincerely hope that Mayo Brothers will be able to give him permanent relief. They are making the trip through the country in a car.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. Cherryhomes, of west of Spur, were here Tuesday shopping.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Russell, of Matador, spent several days this week in Spur, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Windham.

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The history of the one-crop farmer is a story of poverty, with only an occasional fat year. The farmer with a sensible "live at home" program will be farming his own land when the one-cropper will be working for somebody else.—Farm and Ranch.

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Social Events During The Week

Joi de Voi Club

Mrs. M. H. Brannen entertained members of the Joi de Voi Club and a few guests Wednesday afternoon, July 15th. Bridge was the diversion for the afternoon...

Mrs. Brannen was declared a most gracious and charming hostess by the following: Mesdames Mack Brown, Cecil Fox, Murray A. Lea, Jr., Jack Rector, Roy Harkey, Faust Collier, Dan H. Zachry, Tracey Gorham, Algier, Welsh, Golihar, C. L. Love, Bill Putman, E. A. Russell and Misses Thelma Caraway and Clara Zachry.

Miscellaneous Shower

Saturday morning at the home of Mrs. Thomas Teague, a party was given by Mesdames Mills and Teague honoring Mrs. Jesse Fletcher. As the guests entered the living room they were served punch by Miss Dorothy Lee Fite of Albany...

A pie, very cleverly constructed of paper, was served, each guest concealing from the others, what was written on their pieces, Mrs. Fletcher's piece contained a beautiful inscription, thus revealing to her the purpose of the party...

The following left cards: Mesdames C. Fite, Edd Lisenby, Cecil Fox, T. B. Crockett, Cal Martin, Lee Davis, E. J. Cowan, Foy Vernon, Dennis Harkey of Dickens, E. C. Edmonds, P. C. Nichols, J. E. Sanders, P. C. Harris, W. T. Andrews, G. G. Thorp, Wilbur Perry, Rob Davis, J. J. Hall, E. F. Hall, Grady Mageors, C. R. Edwards, Otto Mott, and Misses Etta Fite, Dorothy Lee Fite of Albany, Mildred Smith, Leonora Lisenby.—A Guest.

Birthday Parties

Wednesday of last week little Miss Helen Hale entertained about twenty five little guests at the home of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Hale, the occasion being the anniversary of her fifth birthday. During the afternoon various games were enjoyed...

Little Miss Jo Ann Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown, was a recent hostess to a number of little guests, the occasion being a birthday party in honor of her fifth anniversary. A number of nice presents were received, and each little guest heartily wished the little hostess many happy returns of the day and anniversary event.

Little Miss Ouida Fern Dobbins celebrated the occasion of her seventh birthday anniversary Wednesday afternoon of this week by entertaining a number of little guests at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dobbins at the Western Hotel. Many nice presents were received by the little hostess, and all had a most enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs. McMahan Entertains the Social Club

The Social Club met with Mrs. O. C. McMahan, Thursday, July 9th. Those present were: Mesdames Foreman, Cypert Woods, Aston, Denton, Meadows, Buchanan, Lilly, Gray and McMahan. The visitors were: Mesdames M. B. Hale, Lerla Blakley, Dura Whaley, Lavina Conklin, Dona May Aston, and Mrs. W. J. Young of Afton. After the business meeting the guests were favored by songs and readings by the little folks.

Mesdames Hogan and Elkins Entertained Thursday With Lawn Party

A most pleasant social event was the lawn party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hogan Thursday evening of last week by Mesdames Hogan and G. R. Elkins. Lights were strung over the lawn which was decorated in green with pink roses, and on which a number of tables were placed for forty two. During

the progress of the games lemonade was served, and at the conclusion plate refreshments of vanilla nut ice cream and cake was served to the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Faust Collier, Tracy Gorham, Birl Hight, Geo. Link, C. L. Love, J. E. Morris, Oran McClure, Jas. B. Reed, W. W. Sample, G. W. Alger, Leland Campbell, T. A. Johnson, W. R. Lewis, J. H. Grace, D. H. Zachry, M. H. Brannen, B. F. Hale, Roy Harkey, Frank Laverty, M. A. Lea, W. E. Putman, Lawis Lee, P. C. Nichols, V. C. Smart, L. H. Perry, Webber Williams, F. W. Jennings, Jim Edd Hall, and Mesdames Sol Davis, J. H. Busby, E. C. Edmonds, C. H. Senning, E. J. Cowan, B. D. Glasgow, B. L. Jamison, Robert Cunningham, Misses Arline Scudder, Lena Belle Scudder, Elaine Rector, Clara Zachry, Nell Higgins, Georgia Jamison, Faye Jamison, Ella Mae Hogan, and Messrs. Jim Sample, Alf Glasgow, E. C. Edmonds, Jr., O. R. Maples, Henry Elkins and Jack Hogan.

A most entertaining and enjoyable feature of the evening was the violin and piano music rendered by Henry Elkins and Misses Higgins and Scudder. Mesdames Elkins and Hogan on this occasion maintained an established reputation as delightful and distinguished hostesses in giving each of the many guests a most pleasant social evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal Martin Entertain With Lawn Party

Among the most pleasant and unique of the number of recent entertainments was the lawn party given Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Cal Martin at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Edmonds.

Upon arrival guests were served a most delicious punch from a large bowl set in sunflowers by Mrs. Hight. Decorations carried out the color scheme of blue and gold, while on the guest book and score sheets were silhouettes portraying characteristics of individuals, and the favors were clever gold paper exploding compacts containing blue paper caps, mottoes and miniature golden jewels.

Refreshments, at the conclusion of a number of interesting games of forty two, consisted of chicken salad and wafers, orange sherbet and white cake, served in a charming and gracious manner by the hostess assisted by Mesdames Edmonds and Cowan. Among the guests present and enjoying the evening were Messrs. and Mesdames Homer Dobbins, Foy Vernon, Wilbur Perry, C. L. Love, W. D. Starcher, G. G. Thorp, Hamp Collett, Oran McClure, J. E. Sanders, Jas. B. Reed, Birl Hight, E. C. Edmonds, W. R. King, Mesdames Otto Mott, E. J. Cowan, Lee Davis, Misses Ruby Vernon and Katie Ellis and E. C. Edmonds, Jr.

Finger Amputated

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Latham, while playing Saturday around a windmill, fell and injured one of his fingers to such an extent that it had to be amputated.

Help Spur Grow STRAYED—Poland China sow, weigh about 225 pounds. Notify C. D. Copeland for reward. 35ft.

Help Spur Grow Miss Mildred and Earl Griffin, of Abilene, were guests this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Dobbins.

The expected and predicted July rains are not materializing in this immediate territory, and as a result the crop situation is becoming somewhat serious, especially on the tight lands, the sandy lands standing the continued dry weather very nicely. Showers have been falling almost daily in sections up on the Plains, but these showers as yet, have not extended below the Cap Rock. While cotton is doing alright, the early feed is burning and rain must soon come to save the later feed crops. When a feed crop is cut short the country is in hard shape regardless of how much cotton may be made.

Help Spur Grow Mrs. W. J. Young, of Afton, has been visiting Mrs. Kate Buchanan the past week.

Help Spur Grow Mr. and Mrs. Jim Anderson, of Jayton, were shopping in Spur the past week, and were also guests of friends here.

Help Spur Grow Mrs. Leo McIntyre, of Breckenridge, is in the city the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Windham.

Help Spur Grow Little Miss Pauline Clemons, daughter of Mrs. Sam T. Clemons, is reported quite sick of typhoid.

Help Spur Grow Mrs. Simmons is reported critically ill typhoid fever at their home in the city.

Help Spur Grow J. A. Kerley, of east of Spur, was among the number here trading Saturday.

Help Spur Grow SEWING see Mrs. L. D. Farrington, next door Oliver rooming house. Prices reasonable. 37-3tp.

Help Spur Grow J. L. Hutto, of west of Spur, was in town Wednesday after supplies. Mr. Hutto says that while his crop is not the best in the world, he keeps stirring the ground and is assured of making some feed and cotton, even though it does not rain another drop.

"Red Mud" Lambert was here Wednesday from the Pitchforks. He reports no rain but grass good. He said they expected Mike Mikels to arrive Friday to begin drilling operations on the test well for oil, the new rotary rig having already been placed on the ground ready for installation in the place of the standard rig with which it was impossible to go through 180 feet of quicksand encountered at about three hundred feet.

Help Spur Grow Listen! why suffer with rheumatism when Handcock's Remedy will cure you. Give it a trial.—John Vann Midway Hotel, Spur, Texas. 35ft.

Help Spur Grow Mrs. Thelma Gourassas was this week called to the Carlsbad Sanitarium near San Angelo, because of the serious condition of her husband. Her mother, Mrs. T. G. Harkey accompanied Mrs. Grouassas, driving through in a car.

Help Spur Grow Prof. R. P. Bell and wife returned this week from an extended trip and visit in East Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Help Spur Grow Mr. and Mrs. John D. Hufsteler, of the Dockum Valley Farm, to the west of Spur, were among the great number of shoppers in the city Saturday afternoon.

Help Spur Grow W. W. Smith, of near the city, was among the crowds here Saturday trading.

Help Spur Grow J. P. Goen was in Spur Saturday from his ranch home to the northwest of Dickens.

Help Spur Grow Rooms to rent.—Oliver House.

Help Spur Grow Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Berry, of Princeton, who have been spending several days in Spur with their daughter, and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Simmons, left last week for Slaton where they will visit another daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons accompanied them to Slaton. There are members of the family now living, and they are arranging to have a family reunion soon, to meet at the home of the daughter in Slaton.

Help Spur Grow Austin Rose, of the Plains country near McAadoo, was among the number in Spur Monday of this week.

Help Spur Grow WANTED—A nice fat calf, two three months old, must be cheap.—M. Hargrove.

The Epworth League Program

Epworth League program for Sunday July 19th.

The Christian Life a Hurdle Race. Leader—Leland Campbell.

Hymn. Scripture Lessons. Prayer.

Hymn. Life's Race—Horton Barrett.

Two Roads—Crate Snider.

Four Steps in the Christian Race—Joe Salem.

"On the Mark"—Eula Smith.

"Get Set"—Lera Albin.

"Go"—Clarice Laine.

Hurdles—Nellie Goff.

The Power Within—Byron Berry.

Announcements and benediction.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Marshall were among the shoppers here Saturday from their farm home on Duck Creek to the southeast of Spur. Recently Mr. Marshall suffered damage to a 115 acre crop of cotton from hail the insurance adjuster allowing a damage of nine hundred dollars which was accepted and considered as a fair adjustment. The crop is now coming out again and with rain will make a fair crop. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall went up to Matador Saturday to spend Sunday with their son and family, returning home Monday.

Help Spur Grow W. J. Duncan, of Roaring Springs, while in Spur the past week dropped in at the Texas Spur office and left the silver coin with us to renew his subscription, stating that he appreciated the paper and could not do without it. Mr. Duncan was among the first men we met after the opening of Spur in 1909. He has lived in this country some thirty or forty years, and has contributed to the development progress of the country. We are glad to know such men as W. J. Duncan and number them among our friends.

Help Spur Grow 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-ft

Help Spur Grow By actual test—the coolest place in town—Spur Drug Store, the home of left-handed coca colas.

Help Spur Grow W. D. York, of near the city, was in Spur Wednesday of this week, spending a short time here trading and on other business.

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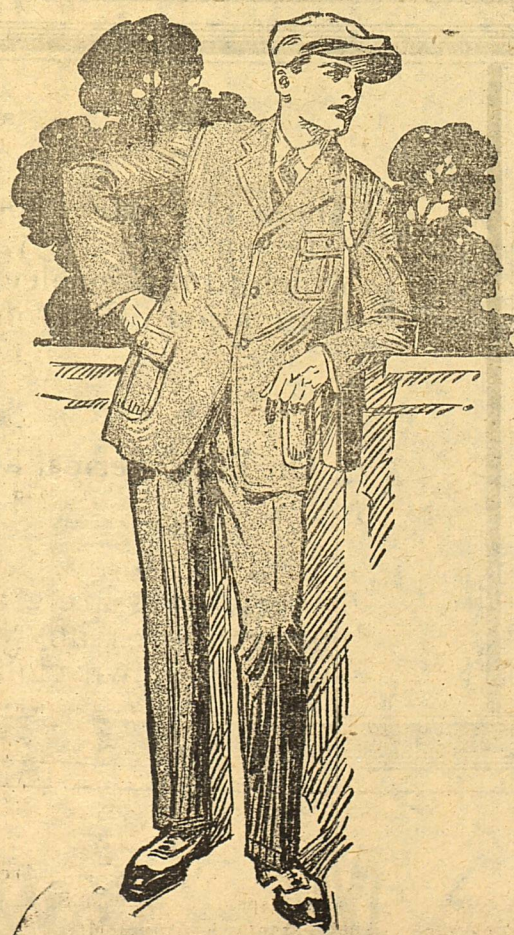
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An Enjoyable Sunday School Picnic Monday

The picnic had Monday on Duck Creek for members of the Baptist Sunday school was a very pleasant outing event and enjoyed by young as well as older people in attendance. Ice cold lemonade in plenty was on the ground, and throughout the afternoon the children enjoyed swinging and various games, while the older people were pleasantly diverted in games of snap, mumble-peg and social converse. Occasions of this kind bring smiles of pleasure as well as people closer together in memories of the day.

Best Crops of Years in Midway Community

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dodson, of the Tennessee Valley Farm in the Midway community, were among the many in Spur Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Dodson are now arranging to make another trip to their old home in Tennessee, and will leave soon, making the trip through the country in their car. Mr. Dodson stated that he now had the best crop prospects he had ever had in the number of years he has been farming in Dickens county. That section of the country has suffered very little if any for lack of moisture during the year.



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