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**Scopes Convicted In
Evolution Trial In
Tennessee**

Dayton, Tenn.—John Thomas Scopes was found guilty here Tuesday of having violated the law of Tennessee which forbids the teaching of the evolution theory.

The jury returned a verdict at 11:29 o'clock after only a few minutes' deliberation. The defense had waived all argument, agreeing to a verdict of conviction in order to complete its case in preparation for an appeal to a higher court.

After the jur. had reported its verdict Scopes was summoned before the bar. Judge Raulston told him of his conviction and read a copy of the statute to him.

The court then fixed the fine at \$100, the minimum penalty provided by the law.

"Have you anything to say, Mr. Scopes?" the court asked.

"Your honor," Scopes replied, "I have been convicted of violating an unjust statute. Any other action than I have pursued would be in violation of my idea of academic freedom."

Scopes added that he would continue to oppose the law in every way in his power, as he considered it unconstitutional.

The judge repeated the fine of \$100 and fixed bond at \$500, pending appeal. It was announced the appeal would be made to the supreme court, meeting at Knoxville. The court gave the defense thirty days to perfect the appeal and said that an extension would be granted if necessary.

In his instructions to the jury, Judge Raulston called attention to the wording of the indictment in which it was charged the defendant taught a theory of evolution, teaching that man descended from a lower order of animals.

The judge charged that if the defendant should have violated the law against teaching that man descended from a lower order of animals he should be convicted. The question of denial of the Divine story of creation as taught in the Bible was not before the jury, the court ruled.

Following is the law, Bible story and the barred theory pertaining to evolution in the Tennessee trial:

The Statute.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee that in any of the universities, normal schools and all other public schools of the State which are supported in whole or in part by the public school fund of the State, to teach any theory that denies the divine creation of man as taught in the Bible, and to teach instead that man has descended from a lower order of animals.

Violation is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500.

Genesis, Chapter 1.

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; the darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said let there be light, and there was light. (Then follows the account of the creation of the firmament, the waters, land, grass and herbs, and the sun, moon and stars, in the first four days.)

And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind; and God saw that it was good.

And God said, let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cat, fowl and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind, and it was so. . . . And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let him have dominion.

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God created He them. . . . And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

[Following the foregoing matter in Chapter I, Chapter II contains what is either a retelling in detail of the creation if man, or, as some critics declare, a variant account of that event.)

There went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. . . . And the Lord God said, it is not good that man should be alone; I will make an helpmate for him.

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept, and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Evolution

From "A Civic Biology" by George William Hunter, Ph. D., of Knox college, Galesburg, Ill., the textbook used in the Dayton high school.

The ameba is a type of the simplest form of animal life. Although but a single cell, the ameba appears to be aware of the existence of food when it is near at hand. Food may be taken into the body at any point, the semi-fluid protoplasm simply rolling over and engulfing the food material. We find the single cell performing all the general activities which the many-celled animal is able to perform. Any part of the cell can take in food, can absorb oxygen, can change the food into protoplasm, and excrete waste material.

Protozoa are found almost everywhere in shallow water, especially close to the surface. They form the food for many animals higher in the scale of life.

Animal forms may be arranged so as to begin with very simple 1-cell forms and culminate with a group which contains man himself. This arrangement is called the evolutionary series. Evolution means change, and these groups are believed by scientists to represent stages in complexity of life on the earth.

Geology teaches that millions of years ago, life upon the earth was very simple, and that gradually more and more complex forms of life appeared, as the rocks formed latest in time showed the most highly developed forms of animal life. The great English scientist, Charles Darwin, from this and other evidence, explained the theory of evolution. This is the belief that simple forms of life on the earth slowly and gradually gave rise to those more complex and that thus ultimately the most complex forms came into existence. Over 1/2 million species of animals are known to exist today.

Although man is separated mentally by a wide gap from all other animals, in our study of physiology we must ask where to place man, . . .

Anatomically we find that we must place man with the ape-like mammals. The group of mammals which includes the monkey, apes and man we call the primates.

Monkeys certainly seem to have many of the mental attributes of man.

Undoubtedly there once lived upon the earth races of men who were much lower in their mental organization than the present inhabitants. Man at first must have been little better than one of the lower animals.

Help Spur Grow

J. J. Albin and family left this week for Comanche county and other points where they will spend some time visiting with relatives and also fishing in the streams along the way.

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Eric Ousley made a business trip this week to Stamford, Abilene and other points.

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Mrs. W. J. Elliott, of the Spring Creek Ranch to the southwest of Spur, was shopping in the city Friday afternoon of the past week, also spending several hours here the guest of friends.

W. J. Blanton and wife, and Frank Ray, of Aspermont, passed through Spur the past week on their way to New Mexico, spending the night in Spur with Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Blanton.

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Billie Bryant and family are on an extended trip up in Cool Colorado where they have been spending the past week or two.

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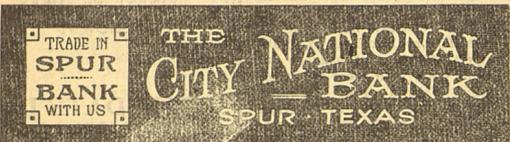
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Midway Home Demonstration Hold Interesting Meeting

The Midway Home Demonstration Club met Tuesday, July 21st with eight members present. Mrs. Hollins worth gave three demonstrations first sherbet; second ice cream; third coffee cake. Each demonstration was a success and was enjoyed by all. The demonstration will be a short course at next meeting, which will be August 4th, but the members will have charge of the demonstration, which will consist of the making of angel food cake, Caramel icing and white stack cake.

Let all members be present and bring somebody with them.—Reporter.

It is estimated that there are some thing like 2,000,000 laws and ordinances now in effect throughout this country. E. V. Wilcox, writing in the Harvard Graduates' magazine, adds together all congressmen, legislators and councilmen and obtains "a net total of 100,000 persons more engaged in the ceaseless brewing of laws." Is it any wonder taxes climb?

Help Spur Grow
J. H. Farmer, of four miles northeast of Spur, was in the city Monday. Mr. Farmer is within the Davis blocked acreage for an oil test well, and is very optimistic with reference thereto, being confident that not only will the work begin within a short time but that actual results will be forthcoming from the operations. A big gusher would come in mighty fines these dry, trying times.

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Farming is a Business Says Jardine

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. The troubles of agriculture during the last five years in no small measure have grown out of the over-expansion of production during and immediately after the war. In response to high prices and the appeal for food, farming was made more intensive and crops were pushed out upon lands where risks were abnormally great. As a result, the production of farm products was enormously increased. When the markets for these products became demoralized, prices sharply declined. A group of farmers escaped. Some suffered more than others. Many of you here suffered doubly because at the time you also experienced severe crop failures.

What is meant by fitting production to the needs of the market? As you well know, consumers will not eat unlimited quantities of wheat, corn, butter and other products. Naturally if you flood them with more than they can consume, prices will fall. To illustrate this point, I need but remind you of the rapid drop in the farm price of wheat within eighteen months after the crash in 1920 from \$2.58 to 92 cents, of corn from \$1.85 to 41 cents per bushel, and of hogs from 19 cents to 6 1/2 cents per pound.

Fitting production to the needs of the market implies more than merely supply 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 amounts. Right here I can not refrain from 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 benefits of these facts. If you are not already familiar with the outlook 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.

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 live stock. 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.

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.

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 or, perhaps, even nothing. I can not help but feel that too many farmers have reinvested their surplus earnings in high priced land when they should have kept at least a part of them in more liquid reserves upon which they could really draw in times of depression.

In the one-crop system of farming there are 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 live stock.

Wherever feasible, forage crops and live stock should be grown. Our work at the experiment stations and your own personal experience have shown that corn, when properly cultivated, is the one crop above all others that can weather unfavorable years. Your recent success in growing corn, alfalfa and other kinds of forage crops points to changes that will have far-reaching consequences in the farming of this region. In the production of flax, sheep, dairy products and wheat you are affected by the tariff and you should so adjust your programs as to receive the full benefits of the tariff.

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 pocket" costs. Why should farmers buy vegetables, eggs, butter and even canned milk when they can so well provide these articles themselves?

The efficient marketing of farm products is another important part of the farm business. All of us have observed the wide 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 improvement in our marketing methods.

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.

I am one of those who believe that co-operative 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 developed. The first farmers' co-operative in this country was organized shortly before the civil war. Today there are over 12,000 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. While this development is remarkable, there is nothing mysterious about it. It is merely common sense applied to the marketing problems of the farmer.

At the present time, I am more interested in the question of making these farmers' co-operative organizations highly efficient than I am in organizing new associations. For, after all, the success of the co-operative movement will depend very much upon the success of the organizations already established.

Co-operative marketing among the orange and lemon growers of California reaches away back to bud selection. By organizing co-operatively in the marketing of their products the California orange and lemon growers have successfully solved many of their marketing problems by adjusting and improving their production methods and practices.

The success of co-operative associations hinges upon a number of factors. First of all I should say they must have honest and efficient management. If you will carefully scan the co-operatives that have been most successful, you will find that invariably they have been fortunate in having efficient managers. It is equally important that the farmer members of the co-operative take a personal and active part in the activities of their organization and co-operate with the management in solving its many problems. If the members have the feeling of responsibility for the success of the association, they will, see to it that their association is honestly and efficiently managed.

Farmers in this section of the country are particularly interested in the violent fluctuations of grain prices during more recent months. As 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 wheat 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 exchanges themselves.

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ested in better financial returns for the farmer only as that means better living. We want men and women to stay on 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.—W. M. Jardine, Secretary of Agriculture.

Help Spur Grow
W. E. Pirkle, of the Afton county, was here the past week trading and greeting his friends and acquaintances of the city.

Help Spur Grow
Rev. J. V. Bilberry, of Stonewall county, was in Spur Monday of this week greeting his many friends here. We asked him about Stonewall county, but he only smiled.

DIED
Ben J. Parks, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Parks, of twelve miles west of Spur, died Friday, July 17th, at the home of his parents, after a protracted illness of typhoid fever, the remains being interred in the Spur cemetery.

Ben Parks was about twenty four or twenty five years of age, and leaves a wife and children.

The Texas Spur extends sympathy and condolence to the family in their sorrow and bereavement.

Help Spur Grow
W. M. Ledford and laughter, Miss Loraine, returned, this week from Fort Worth where they have been spending the past week visiting with relatives and friends.

Help Spur Grow
W. W. Waldrup was here a short time Tuesday from Dickens.

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Why We Oppose the Child Labor Amendment

Farm and Ranch is in receipt of a letter asking why it opposes Federal regulation of child labor.

Farm and Ranch, on several occasions, has given its reasons, but to satisfy the curiosity of our correspondent, we will again briefly state the why of our position.

The proposed amendment would confer unlimited power on Congress to say whether or not any child under eighteen years of age shall work or not.

It would add one more bureau to our already top-heavy bureaucratic Government.

It would add thousands of employees to the Government payroll and already every eleventh person in gainful occupation has a Government job of some kind.

The amendment, if ratified, would prove to be an unwarranted Government interference with the inherent rights of parents, and the home is the foundation of our freedom.

It would give Congress power to make idlers out of the children of the Nation, and already there is too much loafing.

General laws governing child labor could not be passed that would meet with the varying conditions found throughout a country covering so great an area. If such laws are necessary, the Legislatures of the different States are more capable of passing such as will not work an injustice on those who need protection.

The Federal Government is already overburdened with duties that have been forced upon it by the general and growing indifference to our individual responsibility in Government.

There is evidence that the demand for the amendment comes from interests that would profit by a reduction in the number of wage earners and from uplifters whose chief joy in life is to put over some alleged reform. Of course there are others who have been influenced by illustrations taken from congested factory districts, and are sincere in their belief that Federal control of children is necessary.

The Government should never be called upon to do things that we ourselves should do. Our trend toward paternalism is destroying the initiative of the American citizens and making us a Nation of weaklings.—Farm and Ranch.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. W. E. Pruett, of Cisco, is visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Burnam.

—Help Spur Grow—

C. C. Cornelius, of Girard, was in Spur Wednesday. He reports a fine rain throughout the Girard country.

—Help Spur Grow—

Jack Rector, Eric Ousley and C. R. Edwards are down on the Clear Fork this week fishing.

A Trip to Yellowstone Park

Editor Texas Spur—I want to thank my friends and policy holders, through your paper for the nice trip wife and I have just had to the northwest.

I want to say first that we surely do appreciate the liberal patronage of any friends who gave me their insurance business and made the trip possible. Each application was a help toward the trip, and an asset to you, which if kept enforced will mean an income to you or your loved ones in the future.

We went to Dallas where we joined the Frank Keedy party of about one hundred and fifty jolly sight seers. There were ten of us insurance agents with two of the officers of the company. Everybody left business cares at home and all had a jolly time.

Our first stop was at Colorado Springs where we spent several hours sight seeing in the mountains up Pikes Peak, to the Cave of the Winds, Seven Falls, Garden of the Gods, and many other things of interest. From there we went to Denver, and to Denver in time to board our Mountain, stopped at Col. Cody's (Buffalo Bill) grave, which is located on one of the high points which he considered one of his best stands to kill buffalo and other wild animals.

We then drove over to Frontdale in the pines, a very beautiful place, for lunch, had mountain trout which tasted mighty good after that ride over the mountain, where we saw snow in some places and so much beautiful mountain scenery, returned in automobiles over Lookout special train. Woke up next morning near Ogden City, crawled out early so we would not miss anything. At about ten o'clock we were transferred to trolley went up Ogden Canyon to the great Artesian wells, then to the Hermitage for lunch, then back to our train and on to Salt Lake City where we spent two days. We first went out to Saltair and went in bathing in the great Salt Lake, the water is twenty two per cent salt and one can't sink. We saw the great Mormon tabernacle that has a seating capacity of ten thousand people, saw the capitol, a wonderful building built of marble and granite from the mountains in Utah. Went over to Bingham to the Bingham Copper mines, said to be the largest copper mines in the world. We went from Salt Lake City to West Yellowstone Park, where we left the train again and were carried in the yellow busses through Yellowstone Park, spent five days in the park, traveling in the big yellow busses or walking and climbing around to see the many wonders in the park and sleeping each night in the cozy little cottages at the many camps in the park. We came out by the way of Cody, Wyoming, visited the hotel there that Col. Cody built, saw so many interesting paintings and other curiosities.

Well, I could fill your paper full and then not tell all we saw, but don't want to worry you with more.

Again thanking my friends and policy holders, also the United Fidelity Life Insurance Company for this great trip. With best wishes to you and your many readers.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Middleton.

—Help Spur Grow—

J. B. Yantis came down Monday from Elton and spent some time in Spur on business and meeting his friends of the town and surrounding country.

The Ku Klux Beast

Dear people take warning, in Rev. 20. 4 John said, I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God, and which had not worshiped the beast neither his image, neither received his mark upon their foreheads or in their hand and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. This one thousand years the devil is in the bottomless pit with a seal over him. Notice those that reign with him are blessed and holy, notice they have part in the first resurrection, notice they shall be priests of God and of Christ and have the promise to live with Christ a thousand years. Listen! the rest of the dead live not again until the thousand years are finished. If the rest of the dead don't live where are they? All with the rich man? No. Where then the spirit has gone to God who gave it and the soul has gone to paradise and the body has gone back to its mother earth. Ecc 12-7.

Now I want to impress one thing on your mind and that is this, no birth child can worship this beast, neither his image. You might coach them to enlist, but they can't sin that way. They cannot bear the iniquity of the father, nor the father, the son. So all little children are in the first resurrection. And on such the second death hath no power. I am glad this is true. Christ said except you become as little children you cannot enter the kingdom of God. No creed but the Kingdom of God. No beast, no image, no mark, but Gods Kingdom, and no ku klux, no crosses of any kind. Thank God for the kingdom or church as you see. Now every one that obeys his word and comes out and take a true stand for his word and denounces the ways of the world and turn their back on all such worldliness as is carried on in those worldly things will become as a little child and have part in the first resurrection they will be exempted from the last or general judgement, and they have no part in the lake that is to burn for ever. At the final end when all that sleep in is called up then the dry bones of the valley will all come together bone to bone, and have life put in them. But they will come at the last trumpet. The sea will give up its dead, and the grave will give up its dead, and death and—will give up their dead and death and—will be cast into that lake. Rev. 20-13, 14, 15. The dry bones are in Ezekiel 37 chapter. Read it for yourself. Some believe we go to Heaven, those bones never, Christ never, the thief never, all those that rose when our Lord was crucified never, the Bible said the graves opened and many of the saints arose and went into the cities and showed themselves. Mat. 27-52. If they were in Heaven the graves are Heaven. No, their bodies are sleeping waiting the call from above. This makes all that have parted in the first resurrection equal and the same with the second time is not no more than a night's rest. Our Lord came once and he said he was coming again. He has gone to prepare a place for us, and he affirmed he would come again that where he is there we may be also. John 14-2, 3. He told them to touch not for I have not ascended to my father. John 20-17. No, he never went to Heaven when he died, but he laid the pattern we must follow in all things. No one can deny that except him as their Savior.

I am glad I am out from under all wicked, rotten idolatrous worship. I am glad he is leading me by his hand. I am truly glad that I have left the world's way and become as a little child. I am glad I have part in the first resurrection. I am glad I have no part in that lake. I am glad that he is coming again. I am glad he is building a mansion. I am glad that he is calling us out and in. Sure glad that many are obeying his word. Rev 18-4. I am glad I know that the ku klux will do as well as lots of others, not by their selves. I must close for this time as the Seagraves Signal says my articles are trashy and should go in the waste basket. I want to say one thing if they are trashy I have my name behind them. Thank God they want belittle the paper. I am trying to explain not to hurt any ones feeling, but I must condemn evil in all its forms.

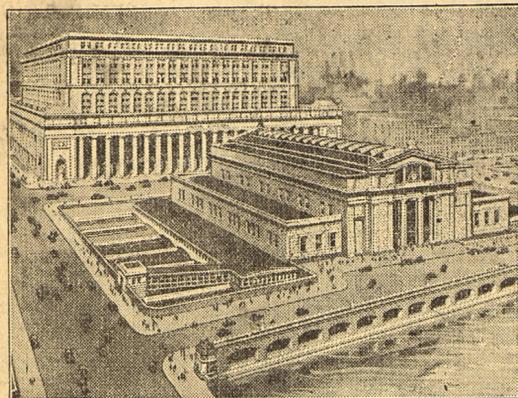
Yours for a better world.—H. Mings, Loop, Texas.

—Help Spur Grow—
W. A. Valentine, of west of Spur, was among the number in the city Tuesday of this week. He was hurrying out home for fear he would be caught out in a rain, since threatening clouds were hanging about.

—Help Spur Grow—
Grundy Crego came over Tuesday from Dickens, spending some time in Spur on business and meeting with his friends here.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moses, of Ralls, were in Spur Tuesday on business and the guests of friends.

Latest Triumph in Railroading



THE completion of the new Chicago Union Station marks a noteworthy accomplishment in the history of important engineering undertakings, from which travelers from all parts of the United States will derive pleasure and benefit.

The station is without doubt one of the finest and most efficiently designed railroad terminals in the world. It forms a vital link in the realization of the "Chicago City Beautiful Plan." Simplicity, accessibility and convenience for the traveling public are the essential virtues of the new terminal. Rest and recreation rooms, ticket offices, barber shop, dining rooms, stores of various kinds, and almost every convenience known to travelers, are to be found on the one level, no steps to climb.

The main station is a low monumental type of building with a row of massive columns of classic design along the entire east front. Once inside, the traveler finds himself in a gigantic waiting room more than 100 feet high and brilliantly lighted through skylights in the great arch ceiling. Colonnades inclose the room, the walls of which are patterned after the architecture of ancient Rome. Bordering this room are the ultra-complete passenger terminal facilities. An innovation in railway terminal design is a conference room accommodating 125 people, which is available, without

charge, to patrons of the Union Station lines for conferences and other meetings.

To give some idea of the immensity of the new station, it may be stated that the main building covers an area of about three acres with a concourse covering 60,000 square feet. The entire terminal facilities cover more than 35 acres and will expedite the prompt and satisfactory handling of 50,000 passengers, 400 tons of baggage and 300 trains daily with room for future expansion. Fifteen acres of glass were used in the various coverings over the train sheds, which extend more than 1,200 feet beyond the main structure. A total of 17,000 tons of structural steel, 175,000 cubic feet of Indiana limestone and 10,000 cubic feet of granite were used in the station building and concourse. The foundation consists of 449 cylindrical concrete piers from four to ten feet in diameter, reaching to a depth of more than 60 feet below the level of the Chicago river.

Those who have had the privilege of inspecting the new station pronounce it a marvel in terminal construction and are urging their friends to see it on their next visit to Chicago.

The station is used jointly by the Pennsylvania Railroad; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Ry.; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy R. R., and the Chicago & Alton R. R.

Swiped Squiblets

It is more diplomatic to think what you say than say what you think.

Some men are so stingy they refuse to laugh at their own expense.

It's easy to keep things coming your way if you are going theirs.

Scientists say that earthworm sings. The worm will also turn.

Most every man likes to brag about how bad he was before he grew up.

Perhaps the movies are popular because actions speak louder than words.

Fishermen are not the laziest men in the world. Some men are too lazy to fish.

The main thing about driving an automobile is to turn when the road turns.

After all, there are only four steps we need to learn—up, down, in and out.

Only one farmer in fifty has a truck, show how few truck farmers we have.

What has become of the "laugh up the sleeve" since women are sleeveless?

Two can live as cheaply as one when they don't live as much as one.

When a man is down and out, he can keep a lot of other folks in the same position.

It's not surprising that people have faith in the man who has faith in himself.

You are as good as anybody until you assume to be better, and then you are worse.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Battles and little son, Ray, of Winona, are spending vacation days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Battles of Espuela.

—Help Spur Grow—
Walter Hogan, of Belton, spent several days this week in Spur visiting his brother, C. Hogan and family. Bob and Tenie Glasgow, who have been spending the summer in Belton, returned home with Mr. Hogan.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. Porter Day and children, of near Dickens, left this week for Mount Pleasant where they will spend the summer vacation with relatives and friends.

Hicks and Hick Towns

(By Hicky Hix of Hickville.)

A "hick" is a male who is so dern well informed on any subject you can mention that it gives you the "canker" to hear him talk a minute.

A "hickness" is the female of the species whose skirt is so short and thin that when she walks between you and the light the whistle blows and your imagination quits working.

A "hick town" is one with streets too narrow for the traffic, without the impediment of a cast iron light post mounted on a yard square, a yard high solid concrete block at ever intersection.

A "hick town" is one that forces its citizens to pay out thousands of dollars for nice curbs and gutters and then let its streets get so rough that you would have to hobble a jack-ass before he would be safe on them.

A "hick court" is one which has to adjourn so his "honor," the attorneys and officers may engage in a free for all, in order that they gain the notice of their constituency.

—Help Spur Grow—

In Memoriam

Mrs. Annis Hill was born in Russellville, Alabama, March 26th, 1865, and departed this life July 28th, 1925. Age 60 years, 4 months and 2 days.

She was married to Jim McGaha at the age of 15 years. To this union were born four children, three are living. After the death of her husband she was again married to R. T. Hill in 1892. To this union were born six children. All are living. She was converted in her early life. She has lived a consecrated Christian life. She lived to see nine of her children grown and converted.

She was laid to rest in the Girard cemetery July 29th. She leaves a mother, husband and nine children. The husband and eight of the children were present at her funeral.

Her home was in Wheeler county, Texas, and was on her way to see her mother at Hamilton, Texas, and met her death by an automobile accident near Eastland, Texas.

The writer prays God's blessing on the entire family in their bereavement and bid them look to God for help and strength in a time like this.—Rev. J. V. Bilberry, Jayton, Texas.

—Help Spur Grow—
B. M. Blackmon, of twelve miles west of Spur, was here Wednesday. Last week he informed us that he would make some crops whether or not it rained. With the good rain Tuesday night it is possible now that he will count on a bumper harvest.

—Help Spur Grow—
Roy Stovall and wife and Billie Bryant and wife returned this week from an extended vacation spent in Colorado.

LYRIC THEATRE WEEKLY PROGRAM

SEE

REX BEACH IN

"Big Brother" AUGUST 13th

This picture was played in Spur on July 16th, and appreciated to such an extent that it is now being repeated

IT IS ONE OF THE FINEST PICTURES EVER SHOWN!

THE DATE IS AUGUST 13th

ALL GOOD PICTURES SEE THEM!

Is the Pig Given the Preference Over the Boy

We study the pig and study the pig. We puzzle over his needs. We erect good shelter for him. We feed him regularly and give him pure water and keep his pen clean. We send for booklets so we can read about the best things to do for him. We watch his development, noting every little change in his growth and disposition.

We protect him in every way from disease, insanitation and incorrect breeding. If he gets sick, all our other work ceases while we call the veterinary to doctor him. We expend this time and thought and energy without complaint. There is almost tenderness in our solicitude over the pig's health and care.

But our boy! Do we study him—or just let him grow any way he will. Do we take the same interest in him that we do in the pig? Do we bother ourselves much about his needs? Do we plan his education and his training? Do we furnish for him the best school within our means, with the best teacher and the best equipment? Do we interest ourselves in his school life keeping in active touch with what he does there? Do we visit the school and talk with the teacher. Do we make any sacrifice for his welfare and for the future good that he may be to himself and to us?

Surely we must think him as valuable as our pigs. And as worthy of attention. He is human life stock with the most wonderful possibilities.

Read this little incident—it may cause you to think:

A mother living near one of our large agricultural colleges in the west telephoned the college for some assistance for her sick son, asking if some one might not be sent to help him. The answer came back over the phone that this was not the purpose of the college, it being agricultural only. "We are sorry, madam, but we cannot help you," was the only encouragement she received.

The very same day a message from a farmer in the next county saying that he thought his hogs had cholera and he wanted help. Immediately a veterinary sped across the country in an auto with his inoculation instruments and material to take care of the sick hogs.

Pigs, corn, wheat, alfalfa—all these are of real importance. But there are things of greater importance. It does not make much difference how many pigs we raise, or the wheat or corn we grow, but it does make a tremendous difference what we do with the pigs and corn and wheat.

It is the real benefit that comes to us, our homes to our children through the things we produce that makes the pigs and corn and the wheat worth while.—By Edgare W. Cooley.

—Help Spur Grow—
G. A. Howsley returned from Albany where he had been spending several days with home folks and friends.

—Help Spur Grow—
I. Wolfe returned Wednesday from Dallas where he spent several days on business.

Opening of the New Peanut Parlor

I have moved in part of the Quick Service Cafe Building, 1 door South of the Midway Hotel and will have a nice line of Confections in connection with my Peanut Stand. I still want all of my old customers and lots of new ones to come and feel at home.

JOHN VANN, Prop.

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A Good Yard
In a Good Town

MR. FARMER

How about your McCormick & Deering Row Binder Repairs? It will pay you to list your Row Binder Needs for Repairs with us at once and save delays when needed

SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY

Social Events of the Week

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lewis Entertain with Lawn Party

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Lewis entertained a number of guests with a lawn party Thursday evening of last week at their home on Burlington Avenue. Eight or ten tables were arranged on the lawn which was well lighted, a cool, pleasant and delightful place for the games of forty two which was the entertaining feature of the evening. Following the games refreshments of nut cake and lemon sherbet was served to Messrs. and Mesdames G. R. Elkins, C. Hogan, R. F. Huie, C. B. Jones, F. W. Jennings, Geo. S. Link, Leland Campbell, Homer Dobbins, Oran McClure, E. L. Adams, Birl Hight, B. F. Hale, Roy Harkey, W. T. Andrews, M. A. Lea and Mesdames E. J. Cowan, C. L. Love; Messrs. Chesley Speck, Geo. S. Link, Jr., and Ben Murry Hale; Misses Lucile Lucas, Lena Belle Scudder and Arlene Scuder.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are most pleasant and delightful entertainers and make their guests feel at ease. We have never spent a more pleasant social evening than the occasion of this lawn party with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis as host and hostess.

—Help Spur Grow—

Miss Lera Harris Entertains Kolonial Kard Klub

Miss Lera Harris entertained the Kolonial Kard Klub with a lovely lawn party at her home last Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Miss Annis Albin won club prize and was presented with a lovely vase of pottery, while Miss Bonnie Gilbert won the guest prize, which was a beautiful bottle of perfume.

Skill was used in the selection of tallies and plate favors. During the bridge hour punch was served by Miss Lera Harris, and at the end nut cream and cake were served by Misses Lera and Mabel Harris, Mesdames Harris and Tracy Gorham. Those present were: Misses Rubye and Dorothy Love, Annis Albin, Mildred Williams, Dick Stafford, Pauline Brown, Thelma Caraway, Winnie McArthur, Ermal Lisenby, Bonnie Gilbert, Bessie Wayne Jackson, Mabel Harris, Mrs. Tracy Gorham and hostess.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. C. A. Love Entertains

Mrs. C. A. Love entertained members of the Joi de Voi Club at her home Thursday evening honoring Mrs. Ruth Love Morrison and Mrs. Rex Despain of Dallas. Mrs. Roy Russell won high score, a lovely bottle of Black Narcissus perfume. Mrs. Faust Collier won consolation, a set of handpainted mats. Mrs. Rex Despain honor guest a pair of white chiffon hose. An ice course which carried out the pink and white color scheme was served after four games of auction bridge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Foreman Entertains Social Club

Among the most pleasant and successful entertainments of the year was the Social Club meeting at the beautiful home of Mrs. W. F. Foreman. Thursday, July 23rd, there being forty-three present. A quilt was quilted for the hostess and a most delicious dinner was served to the following members and guests: Messrs. and Mesdames J. Q. Gragson, G. R. Woods, H. P. Bell, Mesdames O. C. McMahan, D. R. Cypert, J. A. Murphy, J. J. Lilly, M. L. Meadows, Kate Buchanan, M. B. Haile, Misses Ouita Bell, Evanel Cypert, Alline Murphy, Mozelle Lilly, Naona Ruth Gragson, Laverne Wynona Cypert, Pauline and Nadine Foreman, Messrs. Ford Woods, Jack Cypert, Olton and L. D. Foreman, Master Murl and Clarence Foreman, P. W. and Ralph Bell, Willie and George Murphy, Rogers Cypert and Ernest Gragson. After the business meeting Miss Ouita Bell entertained a while with readings, which we all enjoyed very much. Four new members were enrolled and a most enjoyable time was expressed by all.

The next meeting will be at Dickens court house lawn. Our annual picnic in honor of our husbands and family. Each member is urged to attend and bring a well filled basket. A nice little program will be rendered after the meeting hour.

—Help Spur Grow—

Bridge Luncheon

Mrs. E. L. Brown entertained the Joi de Voi Club with a Bridge Luncheon Wednesday morning in compliment to her sister, Mrs. Roberts of El Paso. Her home was made especially attractive for the occasion, yellow being predominant in the color scheme, which was carried out in candy baskets, pads and score cards. Mrs. Roy Russell won high score prize, Mrs. M. H. Brannen was given the cut, while Mrs. Roberts was presented the guest of honor favor, a beautiful piece of lingerie. A twelve o'clock a lovely luncheon consisting of a salad and a desert course was served. Mrs. Brown was a most entertaining hostess, and the morning was declared very pleasantly spent by the following: Mesdames M. A. Lea, Jr., Tracy Gorham, Mac Brown, Roy Russell, Jack Rector, M. H. Brannen, J. E. Hall, Dan H. Zachry, Roy Harkey, Faust Collier, Roberts and Miss Clara Zachry.

Tracy Gorham made a business trip the first of the week to Lubbock. He reports having to drive through mud and water to get home, a fine rain having fallen at the Leatherwood school community which is within the Spur territory on the Plains. Since then, however, the whole country has been wet.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. Barton, of the Tri-County Lumber Company, made a business trip this week to Jayton and Girard in the interests of the company.

J. H. Jones came in Saturday from his place to the southwest of Spur. He reports that his crops are continuing to grow and are not yet suffering noticeable damage from dry weather. He is in the sandy lands of Dickens county which always make good crops.

—Help Spur Grow—

S. W. Stephenson, of the McAdoo country, came down Monday and spent a short time here trading and meeting with friends and acquaintances.

—Help Spur Grow—

Chas. Gunn, of near Dickens, was among the recent business visitors in Spur. In the earlier part of the year his crops were threatened with careless worms, but he got by them by leaving plenty weeds in the field, and now since dry weather is threatening we are wondering just what will be done to save the situation. In a country of resources and resourceful people, there is always a way provided.

—Help Spur Grow—

Miss Lillian Milam, of Eliasville, is in the city the guest of Mrs. Carrie Allen and Mrs. W. E. Fletcher.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. S. J. Ousley and children and Eric Ousley and family returned this week from Corpus Christi where they have been spending several days visiting, fishing and vacationing in the balmy breezes of the Gulf Coast. A very nice trip is reported, but Eric states that it is dry and discouraging along the way at many points.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Wilkes and son, L. B., and Miss Miller returned this week from another fishing trip and visit. This fishing trip is reported more satisfactory than former trips this year, in that some nice fish were landed during four days spent on the Llano and San Saba rivers. They also visited in Austin, San Antonio and other points, reporting a most pleasant trip.

—Help Spur Grow—

Roy Harkey made a business trip this week to Lubbock, Amarillo and other Plains points.

—Help Spur Grow—

Cal Martin and family and L. L. F. Parker and family attended the Baptist encampment at Lueders, spending several days fishing and outing on the river.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Snider and son, Crate, are enjoying a trip through Colorado, California and the National Parks, sending word back that they are having a grand and glorious time.

—Help Spur Grow—

S. M. Moore has been handicapped in the city this week in that his glasses have disappeared.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. Dunaway and two sons, Sam and Morrow and Miss Rosa Poole, of San Antonio are the guests this week of Mesdames Cloud and Hargrove.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. J. J. Cloud and neices, Misses Hargrove, were in the city Saturday and while here were very pleasant callers at the Texas Spur office.

—Help Spur Grow—

C. H. Scott, of the Duck Creek community to the south of Spur, was in the city Tuesday.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. Thelma Gourassas and mother, Mrs. T. G. Harkey, returned last week from Carlsbad, near San Angelo, where they had been to visit with Mr. Gourassas who is now confined in the Sanitarium at that place. We are glad to note that his condition is reported improving at this time.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mace Hunter dropped in to see us one day the past week while in the city. He was not seriously complaining, but stated that rain must come within the next few weeks to mature the bumper crops expected earlier in the year. There are many who think rain would do little good now, but two days after a big rain will make a wonderful difference in the appearance of things in general.

—Help Spur Grow—

W. P. Marshall was here Tuesday from his Duck Creek farm. He is over in the sub-irrigated belt of country which rarely if ever suffers for moisture.

—Help Spur Grow—

E. E. Turner, formerly in the blacksmithing business in Spur, but now of the Amarillo country, was here this week spending several days on business and again meeting with his friends.

J. I. Greer, of the Lone Oak Farm and Ranch, was in the city Monday. He has been here in times past when the wolves howled, and stated to us that it was just possible that they might howl again, judging from the condition now prevailing. The dry weather has already cut feed crops short, and short feed crops always means that "tight times" will be experienced in a country. However, with later rains and the sowing of wheat and winter grazing the situation can be considerably eased up.

—Help Spur Grow—

W. A. Craddock came in Saturday from the "Poor Farm" to the southwest of Spur, spending the day here on business and meeting with friends acquaintances. It is possible that he came in to obtain some of the optimism which still prevails around town regardless of the conditions prevailing in the outlying districts.

—Help Spur Grow—

County Commissioner Chas. Perrin was in town Monday from the Draper country, and notwithstanding the cry of dry weather in many sections he stated that he had plenty grass, cattle fat and that that he might add a few more head to his grazing herds.

—Help Spur Grow—

County Commissioner G. A. Sloan, of Dry Lake, was among the crowds in the city Saturday.

—Help Spur Grow—

County Attorney B. G. Worswick was here among the crowds Saturday, shaking hands with friends and incidentally transacting official business.

—Help Spur Grow—

J. M. Hahn returned last week from a fishing trip to the Middle Concho down near San Angelo where he says the fishing is as good as in the days of long ago. It has been sixteen years since he fished in Middle Concho, but the number of fish landed and the good time enjoyed still lingers with us. In those days the fishing accessories were at hand and dull moments dispelled in Harpers best.

—Help Spur Grow—

Tom Greer was here Monday in an official capacity assisting in the determination as to whether or not the city bastille had been burned. The evidence gained, we understand, was so uncertain that a personal inspection was necessary to determine this fact.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Harrington left the first of the week for Lake Kemp where they will spend the week fishing and enjoying some of the pleasures of a summer outing and vacation.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Faver and Mrs. Gilpin, of east of Afton, were in Spur Tuesday, attending to business matters and visiting among friends.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sparks, of Spur, were shopping in the city Monday of this week. Mr. Sparks was not the least depressed but somewhat elated in the thought that rains would come in plenty time to make crops. There are many sections where crops are not yet greatly suffering for rain, and should this change of the moon bring rain, the country as a whole will make fair harvests. This is the greatest country in the world, and can make better crops on less rain than any other section of America.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. Birl Hight and children, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Cairnes at their home on the Paddle Ranch.

—Help Spur Grow—

Attorney A. J. Folley, formerly of Spur but now of Floydada, spent the week-end in Spur with friends and on professional business.

—Help Spur Grow—

Wayne Van Leer was among the crowds on the streets Saturday of the past week.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Roberson, of near McAdoo, passed through Spur Monday on their way to East Texas where they will spend some time visiting with relatives and friends. They will drive through Fort Worth and then to Como where most of their time will be spent. Mr. Roberson stated that he was going to where he could get plenty water melons to eat before returning.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. Sam McGaughy and children left Thursday for Fort Worth, Denton and other points for an extended visit with friends and relatives.

Mrs. W. E. Fletcher and Mrs. Carrie Allen returned the past week from Eliasville where they spent several days visiting with their mother and other relatives.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. J. W. Dunn has joined the building and improvement procession by having changes made in the front of her rooming house, and building a new awning in the front.

—Help Spur Grow—

W. M. Hazel has just completed the building of a new iron warehouse on the lots back of his grain business.

—Help Spur Grow—

Ernest Mayfield, of Jayton, was in Spur Monday to confer with Douglass Brothers with reference to the construction of his new brick theatre building in Jayton. The contract for this building was let last week to Douglass Brothers for a consideration of ten thousand nine hundred dollars, and preparations are being made to begin the work immediately. The buildings now under construction and the number of building contracts being made does not evidence material fear of adverse conditions.

—Help Spur Grow—

Sheriff M. L. Jones was over from the county capitol Monday, and while here dropped in a few minutes at our sanctum. He is giving the public warning with reference to the new automobile laws which soon go into effect. The new laws affect the lights and mufflers of cars. The commissioners court will designate official light adjusters, and Sheriff Jones is anxious that all car drivers and owners observe the law with reference to cut-outs and mufflers. Mr. Jones and family had just returned from a trip to Austin and San Antonio where they spent a few days very pleasantly seeing the sights of that historical city, fishing and visiting with friends.

—Help Spur Grow—

J. C. Jones, of Jayton, spent some time here Monday on business and meeting with his friends.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Boothe returned Tuesday from Dallas where Mrs. Boothe visited with friends while Mr. Boothe attended to business matters pertaining to the Gulf Refining Company for which company he is local agent in Spur. Homer stated that he noted all along the way the popularity and preference given "That Good Gulf Gas" and at different points encountered price scrapping to the extent that he was able to fill up at wholesale cost.

—Help Spur Grow—

Elzy Watson left Monday for Brownwood and other points south for an extended vacation.

—Help Spur Grow—

Miss Pearl Huie and Mrs. Bill Britton returned home Thursday after a several days visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Huie.

—Help Spur Grow—

Jim Smith came in Wednesday morning, reporting that the frogs were again croaking around Dry Lake. A little rain certainly has a reviving effect on everything and everybody.

Dickens Items

A good shower fell Monday evening which cooled off the atmosphere and helped the gardens.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Petty of Guthrie-visited in the city the week-end.

The Baptist revival is now in progress a great meeting is expected and many souls to be saved. Bro. Cobb of Plainview is holding the meeting. You are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Johnnie Koonsman was in town Monday.

Mr. John Beebe, formerly of here, but now of Littlefield passed through town Monday on his way to Breckenridge.

Mrs. Joe Speer has been quite sick but we are glad to report that she is improving.

Misses Alice and Mary Porter of the Croton country, was visiting in town Saturday.

Mr. Loren Harkey returned home Saturday after spending the week in Guthrie with his sister, Mrs. Leo Petty.

Miss Dannie Street, who won first place in sewing at the Girls Sewing Club of Dickens County, on first years work, is in College Station, with Mrs. Hollingsworth for a two weeks short course. We are proud of her that she won the honor for Dickens. The business men paid her expenses.

Mesdames Elnor Gay and O. Douglas entertained the 42 Club Friday night at the Dickens Hotel. Tables were arranged on the long porch. A salad course, cake and punch was served to the following guests: Messrs. and Mesdames E. L. Harkey, J. H. Meadors, D. J. Harkey, M. L. Jones, Douglas, Misses Beryl Harkey, Olive Meadors, Mildred Gipson, Ermal Payne and Messrs. W. W. Waldup, Clay and Fred Arrington.—Reporter.

—Help Spur Grow—

TEACHER'S EXAMINATION

Notice is hereby given that a teacher's examination will be held on the 14th and 15th of August, and those desiring to take same may do so by registering with the County Superintendent not later than August 5th.

—H. A. C. BRUMMETT,
County Judge Dickens County, 39-3t

—Help Spur Grow—

Ned Hogan is in Lubbock where Hogan & Patton have just purchased the Jones Brothers gents furnishing business which is being taken over. R. F. Huie will also be associated with Hogan & Patton at Lubbock, in the tailoring business, continuing the business in Spur also as will Hogan & Patton.

—Help Spur Grow—

Miss Alice Wright, of Anson, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Birl Hight at their home in the north part of the city.

—Help Spur Grow—

R. C. Forbis came in the first of the week from his farm and ranch in the north part of the county, spending a day here on business.

—Help Spur Grow—

Hawley Bryant and family spent several days of the past week on the Clear Fork fishing.

RED PEPS PHILOSOPHY

"We all know a barking dog never bites, but does the dog know it?"

Drugs
Cigars
Cigarettes
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SPUR, TEXAS

Mary, Queen of Scots, Prayer

Keep us, Oh Lord, from pettiness, Let us be larger in thought and word and deed.
Let us be done with fault finding and leave Off self seeking.
May we put away all pretense and meet each other
Face to face, without pity and without prejudice.
May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous.
Let us take time for all things.
Make us to grow calm and serene and gentle.
Teach us to put into action our better impulses,
Straight forward and unafraid.
Grant that we may realize that it is the little
Things of life that create differences, that in the big things we are as one.
Let us not, Oh Lord, forget to be kind.

**Help Spur Grow—
Dickens Social Club to Meet**

The ladies of the Dickens county social club will entertain their husbands and invited guests August 6th, with a picnic dinner and a program prepared by the members. Those coming should have well filled baskets and should assist the worthy ladies in making this occasion a pleasant success.

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
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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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Health and Home

FOOD FOR CHILDREN WHO TRAVEL

Many times, and especially during the summer months, mothers are forced to take their children on trips with them. During these trips, the parent is forced to contend with that ever-present and serious problem of food for the child.

As in almost every other case, the chief source of worry, during these periods, is the milk supply, its source, its purity and its food value. It is not always convenient to get market milk of dependable quality for, in many sections of the country, adequate facilities for its care are not provided. To meet the needs of mothers in these trying situations, science has provided a form of milk, conveniently carried and easily prepared. The cans are in two sizes, the one containing six ounces and the other sixteen.

Evaporated milk is just pure cows' milk with more than half of the water removed. None of its food value is lessened; in fact its digestibility is improved. It is easily mixed with water and is, undoubtedly, the most practical form of milk for use as a food for children. Some of the country's leading pediatricians recommend its use, employing the following formula:

From Sixth Week to Third Month.
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Milk sugar 2 ounces
Boiled water 2 1/2 ounces
Seven feedings in twenty-four hours; 4 to 5 ounces at three-hour intervals during the day and four-hour intervals at night.

From Third Month to Fifth Month.
Milk, evaporated 7 1/2 ounces
Lime water 3 ounces
Milk sugar 2 ounces
Boiled water 2 1/2 ounces
Six feedings in twenty-four hours; 5 to 6 ounces at three-hour intervals during the day and a feeding at 10 p. m.

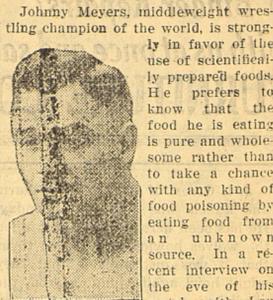
From Fifth to Seventh Month.
Milk, evaporated 10 ounces
Lime water 3 ounces
Milk sugar 2 ounces
Boiled water 2 1/2 ounces
Five feedings in twenty-four hours; 6 to 7 ounces at four-hour intervals, the last feeding to be given at 10 p. m.

From Seventh to Ninth Month.
Milk, evaporated 11 ounces
Lime water 3 ounces
Milk sugar 2 ounces
Boiled water 2 1/2 ounces
7 to 9 ounces at four-hour intervals during the day. Last feeding at ten at night.

From Ninth to Twelfth Month.
Milk, evaporated 12 ounces
Lime water 3 ounces
Milk sugar 2 ounces
Barley water 3 1/2 ounces
8 to 9 ounces at four-hour intervals during day. Last feeding at ten at night.

Help Spur Grow—
W. A. Stevens, of teen or twelve miles west of Spur, was here Tuesday a short time, meeting with other here that day.

Champion Wrestler Tells What to Eat



Johnny Meyers.

Johnny Meyers, middleweight wrestling champion of the world, is strongly in favor of the use of scientifically prepared foods. He prefers to know that the food he is eating is pure and wholesome rather than to take a chance with any kind of food poisoning by eating food from an unknown source. In a recent interview on the eve of his match with Lou Talaber, from whom he won his crown, he said: "I expect to win the crown from Talaber. He is a fine wrestler and uses more science than any man of the mat today. However, I feel sure that my superior physical condition will prevail and that I will emerge victorious and the champion of my division. Diet is a very important part of my program in training for a match. The system that I use is really very simple, involving only good judgment and caution in the selection of food. I prefer to eat scientifically prepared foods whenever possible and I never eat anything to which is attached the slightest doubt of its purity. I eat a great deal of canned foods because I am sure that they are pure and will have no ill effects on my digestive system. Take just as an example of what food can do for the body—milk. It is the greatest of body builders and a very important part of any man's diet. But is sometimes impure or contaminated and may be the source of illness if used. Because of this fact, I use evaporated milk entirely and find it very satisfactory. I know that it is pure and that I will not suffer from its use. I know that it is a great body builder because the concentration of it gives it such food value. I know that it is easily digested, more so than market milk, in fact, because I drink it before going to bed and feel no effects of it in the morning. This is usually hard to do with ordinary market milk. This plan, in substance, is the same one that I use regarding other foods. If there is any chance or suspicion of impurity or low food value, I use something else.

"And if a man is so situated that it is impossible for him to get the proper amount of exercise, he must be doubly cautious not to partake of any but the purest food. On the whole, if a man eats with wisdom and observes the fundamental rules for good health, there is no reason why he should ever have a sick or uncomfortable day."

Help Spur Grow—
Novih Ousley, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Ousley, who has been sick is now reported very much improved, we are glad to note.

"What is Life?"

What is life?
Happiness, love and deceit.
Life is sorrow, woe, distress,
Life is a growth in the forest of this mighty world.
Life is in many forms, both beautiful and reverse
Life is bitter, and sweet; Oh, yes!
Life is even worse than death:
Life is different, yes, life is light;
And yet 'tis dark; Oh, yes! even black:
For the radrows of sorrow
And the burdens of sin o'er shadow it:
What is life? 'tis a riddle;
We are forced to solve it:
'Tis hard, yet 'tis easy; just live and hope;
And as we grope for a standing in the throng,
We finally solve it.

—Baxter.

Help Spur Grow—
Royal Buchanan, who has been in California the past several months, returned the past week and is spending the summer vacation with his mother, Mrs. Kate Buchanan, at their home in the city.

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A. R. HOWE

Jim Davenport, a prominent citizen and prosperous farmer of the Girard country, was among the crowds in Spur Saturday, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Davenport reports that while a general rain is needed in his section, yet crops are holding up remarkably well, and with rain later an average crop may be harvested.

Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sample returned this week from Roaring Springs where they had just returned with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sample from a several days trip up into the mountains of Colorado and New Mexico.

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INDEPENDENCE OF THE FINANCIAL KIND

By WILLIAM E. KNOX
President, American Bankers Association.



William E. Knox

The principle upon which America was founded was independence. The primary duty of the pioneers of this country was to interpret independence in its political sense, but independence today has another special significance in its financial sense. The ability to apply the primary principles of personal economics, to use intelligently that common thing we call "a pay check," has as much to do with individual independence as any other force in life.

The greatest problem of independence of the average man or woman is how to get out of what they earn a good living and a reasonable degree of financial comforts in old age. We cannot maintain a high standard of national life without an intelligent management of the financial matters that constantly confront the average individual and family. In the accumulation of capital in the hands of the masses lies the hope of the true independence of a nation's people. The chief concern of wage earners is to get a reasonable degree of financial independence out of what they actually earn.

This question of how to attain personal financial independence has not been worked out on the principle of individual responsibility. The most important social needs today are a course of instruction in public education to give young people a practical notion of how to start life on a sound economic basis; and, secondly, a broad co-operative plan in American industry whereby men and women shall be helped to work out a personal financial program that will guide them toward a definite goal of financial independence. There ought to be a way for a man, for every dollar put aside each week now, to get back four or five dollars a week forty or fifty years later, regardless of where he works.

The present policy in American industry of helping employees is based on the assumption that they will ultimately become dependent. Old age pensions and other forms of charitable compensation are to be commended in lieu of a practical alternative, but in principle they are wrong and contrary to the purposes of democracy. What we want is an organized plan that will direct working people toward independence. No system can claim complete success that does not contemplate the financial independence of every employee, according to his ability to earn. It can be shown that American employees, with reasonable prudence on their own part, can reach a fair degree of independence while they are still working.

There must be injected into our industrial policy an additional economic element of mutual benefit and permanent value to both labor and capital, concerned not alone with the amount of wages and profits that are earned but with how these earnings shall be used. I am arguing for an industrial savings policy based upon the principle of independence. I am arguing for a new basis of co-operation in industry, for the elimination of poverty, and for a practical demonstration of economic democracy.

When public education teaches school students how to manage their personal affairs intelligently, and when the heads of firms make it a requirement that every young man and young woman who accepts a position shall be working toward a definite goal in saving money, then we will attack economic illiteracy at the source and begin to save men from the tragedy of financial dependency.

WHERE MONEY IS A NUISANCE

Americans have reason to be thankful for their simple and reliable money. The complications of the Chinese currency are endless. China possesses 72 different money values. As to the money of account, the Kalkuan Tael, familiar in connection with the customs, the Hankow, Kuantung, Esaoing, Tookwai and others, each differ by varying percentages of weight from the "liang," or Chinese ounce of silver. If a traveler from Shanghai were to make an extended tour into the interior, passing through the districts where a manifold variety of coins circulate, the constant exchange from one weight or coin to another would dissipate a very large part of his capital.

An experienced traveler has been known to take scales with him, and still his weights and the purity of his silver were subjected to dispute in different provinces. At coast ports, Mexican, Yuan, Dragon, Hong-Kong and Hankow dollars are all current, each having its own defined exchange value in the native market, while in the interior the added intricacies of dealing with cents and copper cash are so great that it is astonishing how business can be carried on without endless disputes and a considerable handicap to trade.

STRAIGHT TALKS WITH AUNT EMMY

ON A NARROW ESCAPE

"Oh, Aunt, I just have to talk to you," said Maud, bursting in on Aunt Emmy. "Those bonds Tom's father gave us for a wedding present have matured and Tom has the money. A man is trying to get Tom to invest in a radio company. I want your opinion on it."

"Don't hurry; tell me everything you can remember," said Aunt Emmy. "Well, Tom didn't seem enthusiastic. Then Mr. Brown, the salesman, said that if he bought stock in his company, and wanted his money at any time, the company would buy back his stock."

"Are you sure he said that?" interrupted Aunt Emmy. "That is a claim that is not made by people connected with dependable investment houses. Unless you have an agreement with the company clearly stating that it will repurchase its stock, signed by one of its officers, you would have great difficulty in getting the company to buy back your stock. A company cannot be compelled to repurchase its own stock. Do you know who Mr. Brown is?"

"No," replied Maud. "Neither does Tom, but he seems awfully nice and Tom liked him right from the start. He is good looking, well dressed, and has beautiful manners."

Aunt Emmy sniffed. "Did he offer to sell you preferred stock on which dividends are guaranteed?"

"Why, how did you know, Aunt?" exclaimed Maud. "That is exactly what he did."

"I thought so," said Aunt Emmy. "Reliable stock salesmen don't promise that a company will repurchase its stock, nor do they promise guaranteed dividends. Unless a company operates profitably, it cannot pay honest dividends of any sort, guaranteed or otherwise. You can see how foolish it is to believe that you can get dividends just because some one says they are guaranteed. The only guarantee in the world for dividends is the successful operation of a company. Guaranteed dividends is a glib phrase used by unscrupulous persons to get money from unthinking ones. A while back the country was flooded with fake oil stock. Now dishonest promoters are trying radio stock."

"What shall I do?" cried Maud. "Tom is with Mr. Brown now at the store to buy the stock with the bond money."

"You just go to the phone and call Tom," said Aunt Emmy. "Ask him and Mr. Brown to meet you at the bank at ten o'clock. Tell him not to buy the stock until you talk with him again. Half the money is yours. Then call the bank and make an appointment with the vice president to discuss an investment."

About noon Aunt Emmy's telephone rang. It was Maud. "The queerest thing happened, Aunt," she said. "Mr. Brown agreed to meet us at the bank at ten o'clock. Tom and I waited until eleven and he never showed up. Then Tom told the vice president about it and he said we had a lucky escape. Only last week the bank looked up the company Mr. Brown represented and it is absolutely no good!"—A. B. Aymes.

TO MAKE FARMING YIELD BETTER RETURNS

The outstanding possibilities of co-operative marketing are more largely along the lines of standardizing and improving production, eliminating excess varieties, standardizing and improving grades and pack, stabilizing production, regulating flow to market, improving distribution as between markets, developing new markets, collective bargaining, betterment of financing, correcting trade abuses, and representing producers before legislative and administrative bodies, says H. E. Erdman, associate professor in California College of Agriculture. All of these should, of course, result in higher net returns, he says, adding: "If I were to list the limitations I should put them about as follows:

"1. Co-operation cannot fix prices that are out of line with supply and demand conditions.

"2. Co-operation cannot eliminate the middleman. It can, and does, of course, establish the farmers' own agencies to take the places of private agencies and often puts one co-operative agency where several dealers formerly operated.

"3. Co-operation cannot reduce costs greatly except in so far as an increase in scale of operations makes for lower costs. Some of the gains of large scale operation, however, are dissipated because of tendencies toward extravagance.

"4. Co-operatives will not run alone. Constant attention is required on the part of the membership because 'what is everybody's business is nobody's business.'

"5. Co-operation does not permit the farmer to hold his products for a higher price without also compelling him to assume the risks of getting a lower price.

"6. The outsider often gets as much of the benefit of co-operative marketing as does the member, and in some cases gets more because he does not have to bear his share of certain development expenses. This is a decided handicap to co-operation."

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

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John Goodall, of near Girard, dropped in a few minutes to see us Monday while in Spur stating that he had a pleasant surprise in again meeting Mr. and Mrs. Grisham, old friends and neighbors in Oklahoma when he had not seen in twenty odd years. They drove up to his home, and being unrecognized, insisted upon being supplied with water melons from his productive fields. John Goodall is

very much disheartened with reference to the continued dry weather, and is afraid that he may not be able to gather more than fifty or seventy five bales of cotton from his crop—thus being somewhat limited in Christmas funds.

—Help Spur Grow—

Mrs. Ruby Pierce is spending the summer vacation with her parents, at Ponta, Texas.

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TO CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF SPUR

You are hereby notified that sewer connection must be made before Octo btr 17th, this year; after said date all persons failing to comply with the requirements of the sewer ordinance will be subject to a fine not exceeding \$200.00.

All citizens are urged to make the connections without delay for the improvement of the health conditions

of the city.
J. L. King, Mayor.
J. E. MORRIS, Health Officer.
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—Help Spur Grow—

Miss Frankie Shugart left the paht week for Dallas where she will be employed in the millinery department of Higginbotham & Company, one of the largest firms of the state.

—Help Spur Grow—

WANTED—A four inch rain.

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J. I. Hayes and family returned this week from a visit to relatives and friends at Hillsboro, Waco and other points in that part of the state. Mr. Hayes stated that while crops in the Spur country may be somewhat short on account of continued dry weathers, yet they are

much better than any crops noticed in other sections of the state. The fact is that West Texas this year has the best crops of any part of Texas. It is estimated that eight to ten thousand bales of cotton will be ginned in Spur regardless of whether or not it rains.

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NOTICE TO AUTO DRIVERS

This is to warn all automobile owners and drivers that the new law requires all cars to have mufflers and muffler cut-outs are prohibited, and that these law requirements will be strictly enforced in Dickens county. —M. L. JONES, Sheriff and Tax Collector. 39tc

CARD OF THANKS

We the undersigned express, or at least try to thank our friends that so ably assisted us in doing what they did during the last sickness and death of our husband and father. Dear friends you have a place in our hearts that we will never forget.—W. W. B. L. Letie Glenn and Mrs. W. L. Pickens.

Saturday, August 8th, Will be a Big Day in Spur at the

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2,000 at Hearing on Proposed New Railroad Lines

Plainview, July 20.—The entire Plains country rallied to the support of the Fort Worth and Denver City proposed line from Carey to Dimmitt with old time West Texas vigor Monday when the hearing before E. C. Boles, Interstate Commerce Commission examiner, opened with a

crowd of 2,000 attending. West Texas was forced to defend its own laurels.

Opposing the Fort Worth and Denver City are lined up the Santa Fe; Texas, Panhandle and Gulf, Quanah, Acme and Pacific, and Gulf, Texas and Western, the Santa Fe proposing to build from Plainview to Dimmitt and from this city to Silverton.

—Help Spur Grow—
J. W. Jennings was among the number in the city Monday.

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Night Phone 275

T. S. Lambert, of Draper, was among the crowds on the streets Saturday. Mr. Lambert is farming some forty or fifty acres as well as supplying the traveling public with gas and oil on his place. He is optimistic of being not only in position to

supply home-grown water melons but also home-produced oil and gas at a later date, since work is under way not only in developing surface resources but also underground resources of that territory. —Help Spur Grow—

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Under Existing Farm Practices Can Farmers Operate on the Cost-Plus Plan

The manufacturer figures cost of production before he places a price on his products. Under existing farm practices, can a farmer operate on the same principle? Can he, as an individual, or as a member of a co-operative organization, say, "My cotton cost me 23 cents a pound, therefore I will not sell it under 25 cents; my wheat cost \$1.25 per bushel to grow and thresh, and I therefore demand \$1.50 per bushel?"

The principle of cost-plus, being sound in practice with the merchant and the manufacturer, why shouldn't it work in fixing the price on farm products? This question opens a wide field for discussion. Many farmers, and others claiming to have the interest of farmers at heart, say it can be done. Not a few are always ready to tell you just how it can be done. Others, however, see many obstacles in the way of price fixing and are seeking more light. While it seems only just, and good business for the men who produce the food and fiber for the world to receive proper compensation for their labor and investment on a cost-plus basis, are farmers, as a rule, putting themselves in a position to make such a demand and stick to it? Can farmers expect to receive cost-plus for products that are produced without regard to cost of production? Let us consider this phase of the question.

The manufacturer who stays in business and makes a profit, notwithstanding competition, is as much concerned with the cost of production as he is with the price he secures. Instead of trying to find a means of increasing the price of his product, he encourages increased consumption by seeking ways of reducing the price. It is his constant aim to lower the cost of production in order that he may sell for less. To meet competition he keeps his factory fully equipped not over-equipped and installs every new proved labor-saving device and machine that is put on the market. He keeps the leaks stopped, buys his supplies and raw material at the best possible advantage, and seeks constantly to improve the quality of what he produces. This is generally true in all kinds of manufacturing. Is it true with the average farmer?

The average farm is not properly equipped for efficient production. Such equipment as exists is out of repair and fails to perform properly. If cows are kept they are mostly scrubs and poor producers, but good eaters, if given the opportunity. The hogs are not of the best type; beef animals are either canners or two or three grades below the best, and chickens are often of the uncertain variety which do not encourage much care and attention. The worst feature of the situation, however, is found in the fact that the main plant is in a rundown condition. Lands that once produced a bale of cotton per acre are now averaging one-third of a bale or less; many fields are washed and ditched. Instead of yields increasing they have grown less at an astonishing and disastrous rate, with quality diminishing each succeeding season. Throughout the years of co-operative organization stress has been laid on efforts to boost prices while nothing has been said about reducing cost of production by putting the farm back to a productive condition. And yet, farmers have succeeded in more than keeping up with the demand for their products by increasing the acres under cultivation. Instead of putting their plant in condition for efficient and low-cost production they add to its size, increasing the amount of labor for its operation and increasing cost of their products.

Farm and Ranch believes that co-operative selling methods can be made to increase profits to the producers of farm products, but can any co-operative agency fix an arbitrary price on farm products under prevailing conditions? Would not co-operative organizations more quickly reach their goal by joining forces with extension workers and farm papers in an effort to reduce the cost of production by getting every farmer to adopt and follow a sensible farm program which would insure the family a living without touching the major or money crop? When farmers are able to hold their major crops, such as cotton and wheat, without mortgaging them to the banker, they will be in a better position to demand what they are worth. If they persist in increasing the cost of production by neglecting to restore the fertility of their soils, and continue to farm with poor equipment, at the same time keeping up the supply by increasing acreage, they may expect to receive less than the cost of production. Just because poor soils and poor equipment make

cotton cost 25 cents per pound to grow it does not make it worth that much. This is especially true when more of it is produced than the world can consume.—Farm and Ranch. —Help Spur Grow—

Teachers Exams and Certificates With Other School Regulations

1. Teachers Examinations and Certificates. There will be a county examination held throughout the State August 17, 18, 1925, in order that builders under the old law may complete their examinations for permanent certificates. The certificate law provides for the continuance of examinations but no more permanent or permanent primary certificates will be issued. Only two kinds of certificates will be issued on examination after September—elementary and high school, and the elementary certificate may be built upon to secure the high school certificate. These certificates are second class, because they are obtained by examination. The second class elementary certificate is legally valid in any public school in the elementary grades; but the second class high school certificate is legally valid only in unclassified high schools of the third class. All certificates issued prior to September 1, 1925, have the same validity as heretofore. The certificate issued, valid for life, as a person who has taught six years on a State first grade certificate since 1910 is only a first grade certificate and not a permanent certificate within the meaning of the law. It has been legal to issue a county certificate of any kind since September 1, 1923. All certificates obtained by examination after September 1, 1925, will be second class certificates; all certificates obtained by college training will be first class certificates.

2. Free School Age. The correspondence in the office indicates that a mistaken idea prevails concerning the free school age. This extends from seven to twenty-one as heretofore. The bill reducing the age to six years failed to pass.

3. Transfers. Since the Court of Civil Appeals has not given any written opinion in the case of transferred pupils, they will receive credit for their State and county apportionment; but tuition should be paid the district to which the transfer is made after the free term has expired. In the case of high school students, this tuition should be paid by the State; and for pupils below the high school, the tuition should be paid by the district. Unfortunately, the last Legislature declined to authorize the payment of this tuition by the State, and the burden falls upon the district or the parent. If the home district does not offer the grade in which the child is classified, the district trustees should pay its tuition in a neighboring school for so long a term as is maintained in the home district. At any rate, it is unfair and unjust to require the receiving district, with a high maintenance tax, to give free tuition for the entire term to all transfers.

4. Fire Prevention. Some years ago, when the present state superintendent was chief supervisor of high schools, he suggested to the State Fire Insurance Commission that if sufficient credit could be given on reduction of the key rate in the towns and cities of Texas for the teaching of fire prevention, many school systems would be induced to include this subject in the curriculum. The reduction allowed at that time for such teaching was one-half of one per cent. It was agreed that an allowance of three per cent should be made and this has resulted in saving thousands of dollars in insurance premiums. Schools which have agreed to teach fire prevention should keep faith with the State Fire Insurance Commission. Attention is directed to a little play entitled The American Forestry Association, Washington, D. C. This is for free distribution and serves the double purpose of adding to the instruction in fire prevention and also emphasizing the necessity of caring for the forests.—S. M. N. Marrs, State Superintendent.

—Help Spur Grow—
R. B. Brynt, of Stamford, was in Spur the first of the week. He and Geo. S. Link made a trip Monday to Petersburg where the Bryant-Link Company has established another branch business.

—Help Spur Grow—
Miss Smith, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. I. A. Smith, who has had a protracted illness of typhoid fever is now convalescing, we are glad to note.

—Help Spur Grow—
Carlisle Russell, who has been spending the past week a guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Huie, returned Sunday to his home in Anson.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mrs. Cecil Fox is visiting with her parents at Austin this week.

How to Insure Future Prosperity

Do you ever stop to wonder what future generations would inherit from a world devoted to single-cropping?

Wearing out the land steadily, systematically, would, of course, result in smaller and smaller crop yield, poorer and poorer rural living conditions, hungrier and more savage the crowded humanity of cities. Eventually, it is easy to believe, world bedlam and universal woe would be brought about.

The world must be fed. Self-preservation is the first law of nature, and it is this law that dictates diversification.

"On the rich black corn land of Champaign county, Illinois, the college of agriculture of that State began a test fifty years ago this spring of cropping methods in their relation to soil fertility," relates H. J. Waters, in the Weekly Kansas City Star.

"The results are most significant. On that portion of the field in which corn has been grown year after year without change and without the use of any kind of manure, the yield has fallen to less than twenty-five bushels an acre. Not twenty-five bushels for last year's crop, but as the average for the last twelve years. Where a simple rotation of corn, oats and clover was pursued the yield in the same field has been more than fifty-six bushels an acre for the same period.

"Thus land grown continuously in corn for fifty years has produced in corn an acre. Similar land in the last twelve years 300 bushels of the same period on which corn was grown only once in three years has produced a total of 224 bushels an acre. But in that period four crops of oats and four crops of clover have also been taken off the land. Who would doubt that four crops of oats and four crops of clover were not worth more than the equivalent of seventy-six bushels of corn?"

"Besides, the land has been plowed and cultivated every year in the one case and once in three years in the other. The crop had to be harvested by hand each year when corn alone was grown, whereas in two years out of three the harvest was gathered by machinery when a rotation was followed.

"It may be said that this is an inopportune time to change our system of farming from one of continuous production of grain to one in which less corn is grown."

What is true of corn in Illinois is equally true of cotton in Texas, wheat in Kansas, and flax in certain parts of Canada. Continuous strain in one direction of production is exhaustive, and in time had so maltreated to work.

More and more, Southwestern framers are diversifying. Thus, they are piling up wealth for their children, and writing an insurance policy providing future prosperity.—Farm and Ranch.

A Difference in Store-keeping and Merchandising

If you are so proud of your fine new merchandise that you want to keep it around to look at during the coming year, don't advertise.—Holland Progress.

Sound advice. The best way in the world to keep merchandise is to store it on shelves in a store and refuse to advertise it. Some personal friends may happen along and buy some of it or casual passers-by drop in and take a little of the goods, but for the most part the unadvertised wares will stay with the proprietor day after day, month after month, year after year. There are still some men who keep store. But as a general thing the mercantile business is now in the hands of merchants. A storekeeper is one who buys a stock of goods and keeps it until it is taken off his hands in the course of time, whereas a merchant is one who merchandises—a man who buys things to sell and will not suffer them to become shelf-worn, unseasonable, old-fashioned. He calls advertising to his aid in order to attract customers, stimulate business and keep his capital in a fluid rather than a stagnant state. Stagnant capital is unfruitful, whether invested in merchandise or in non-dividend-bearing stocks. Modern advertising is commercial information. It is as necessary to distribution as transportation is. Some relics of the leisurely era, when storekeeping was a sedentary job and the storekeeper sat for hours daily in a splint-bottom chair in front or at the back of his place of business, still regard advertising as waste, but if they but realized it, they waste their time and capital more prodigally than they can afford to, as the last event invariably proves.—State Press in Dallas News.

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

—Help Spur Grow—
Rooms to rent.—Oliver House.

—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. 35tf.

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

—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

—Help Spur Grow—
FOR SALE—My residence near Spur school, good location.—Mrs. W. H. Putman. 38tf.

—Help Spur Grow—
FOR SALE—27 pigs and 3 brood sows. Pigs \$5.00 each. See W. H. Hamilton, Two miles southeast of Spur. 38-2tp.

—Help Spur Grow—
CAR FOR SALE—A six cylinder, 1924 model, five passenger Buick touring car. See Roy Harkey at the Hudson-Essex Agency. 38tf

—Help Spur Grow—
The Oliver House desires a few boarders and lodgers. 33tf.

—Help Spur Grow—
FOR RENT—3-room house apply to J. P. Wilkes. 39tf

LOST—Shell rimmed glasses with strong lenses, on Spur streets. Finder please return to S. M. Moore. 1c

—Help Spur Grow—
FOR SALE—Jersey cow with young heifer calf, gives three gallons milk.—See O. N. Nix on Mat Bingham place. 1tp

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. 36-4t.

—Help Spur Grow—
O. C. Henry came down the past week from his farm home in the Afton country where it is said everything is looking fine, crops growing and rains are of secondary consideration at this time.

—Help Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vandiver, of near Afton, were among the number of visitors and shoppers in Spur the first of the week.

—Help Spur Grow—
Clarence Bilberry and Tang Smith left Saturday for Archer City where they have both secured employment and will remain indefinitely.

—Help Spur Grow—
J. C. Davis, Luke and Dick Davis, are spending the week fishing in Clear Fork.

Why We Have so Many Government Bureaus

It is said that every eleventh person in gainful employ has a Government job of some kind. He may be working for the Federal Government in some capacity, for the State, or for some county or city. In either event, ten of us have got to support one of these Government workers along with his family.

Why do we have so many Government jobs? Because the people keep on increasing their demands on the Government. Because we ask the Government to do things for us that we ought to do for ourselves; because we have lost all sense of responsibility and are politically lazy.

What are we going to do about it? Are we going to keep on demanding of the Government the things that States and individuals should provide for themselves, or are we going to get back to commonsense principles and develop a pride in our own initiative and our ability to think and act for ourselves?—Farm and Ranch.

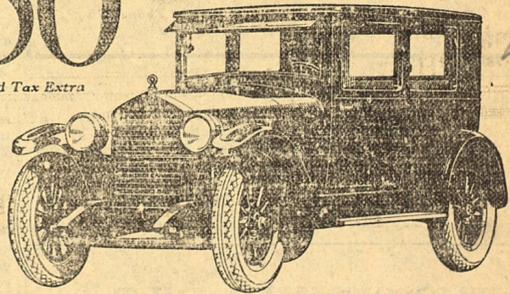
—Help Spur Grow—
O. N. Nix, of east of Spur a mile or two, was on the streets Thursday morning, smiling with all the rest of the people. Incidentally he is advertising through the Texas Spur to sell a fine Jersey milk cow now giving more than three gallons of milk a day.

—Help Spur Grow—
J. W. Vandiver, of Afton, was here Wednesday, and said you can tell the world that we are now in fine shape with respect to crops and crop prospects. The Afton country had a good shower of rain Monday and again Wednesday morning.

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