

Whatever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them.

The Texas Spur

THE DICKENS ITEMS

May happiness and prosperity attend every Texas Spur reader in 1926.

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The
FLORSHEIM
\$8.85
SHOE SALE
is now on



HOGAN & PATTON
"THE MANS STORE"

Mr. Johnson, of northwest of Spur, was here Tuesday transacting business, stating that he yet had a number of bollies in the field to pull, gin and market. However, the prices being paid for bollies barely pays the expense of gathering and ginning.

J. H. Bolch, of near Spur, was here the first of the week ginning and marketing bollies, trading and meeting with friends.

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

ABILITY—our first idea of a bank is that it should have the ability to serve its customers. The men behind a bank must have financial ability and its officers and directors must have business ability.

ACCOMMODATION—our second idea is that a bank should keep itself in a position to grant financial accommodation and assistance to its customers when justified.

ACCUMULATION—our third idea is that a bank should encourage its customers and our community to accumulate money and by conservative banking keep the money of their depositors absolutely secure.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK
SPUR, TEXAS

PROFESSIONAL NOTICE

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T. H. BLACKWELL

Spur Officers Round up Ring of Burglars and Car Thieves

Constable M. L. Nichols and Deputy Ed McArthur, assisted by other officers here and elsewhere, have succeeded in rounding up a ring of burglars and car thieves who have been active throughout the country for some time. In their operations last week seven arrests were made and eleven stolen cars recovered. The seven parties to the ring are now languishing in jails at different points, and the officers are confident of making other arrests soon in connection with car thefts. In recovering the eleven stolen cars, Messrs. Nichols and McArthur were on the run from Spur to points intervening between Altus, Oklahoma, to El Paso on the line of Old Mexico.

In making the arrests, it is said by the authorities, that one of the first arrested confessed to activities in connection with the theft of cars and also to participation in a number of burglaries, giving information leading to the arrest of others and also to the recovery of stolen cars. One of the burglaries to which confession was made was that of the Spur Service Station recently when the building was broken into and some eighteen or twenty dollars removed from the cash register.

Sheriff Jones Opens Campaign in Announcing for Re-election to Office

Sheriff M. L. Jones opens the political campaign in Dickens county by authorizing the Texas Spur to make his announcement for reelection to the office of sheriff and tax collector subject of course to the democratic primary elections.

Sheriff Jones is now serving his first elective term in this office, and upon his record as a peace officer and diligent services as a collector of taxes, he is seeking reelection to the office and asking voters to support him for a second term in the office.

Mr. Jones became Sheriff by appointment at the hands of the Commissioners Court following the death of Sheriff H. P. Cole, being elected to the place at the next election. The duties of the office have been performed without fear or favor, and in fact Luther Jones has made a record as a peace officer in that during his incumbency there has apparently been fewer crimes and less law violations than at other times for years. If elected for a second term he will continue to promote and encourage peace and law observance and perform the duties of the office fearlessly and without undue favoritism.

Lettered Sweaters for the High School Football Club

Members of the Spur High School Football team recently received their red sweaters bearing the letter "S" to be worn in the games, and of which they are each proud.

The Spur High School Football team made an enviable record during the past season, and are expected to take the lead of all other high school teams the coming season.

P. H. Miller made a business trip to Abilene Wednesday.

Judge Vardiman Died Monday in Kent County

Judge B. P. Vardiman, one of the leading citizens of Kent county, died Monday following a stroke of paralysis which came upon him several days before while on a business trip from his home on Cat Fish to Jayton and while at the home of C. C. Jones near Twin Wells where he remained until his death. His remains were interred Tuesday in the Clairmont Cemetery, Rev. I. A. Smith of Spur conducting the funeral service, and which was attended by many old time friends and associates from all parts of the county.

Judge Vardiman, in earlier days practiced law at Jayton, later being elected county judge in which office he served the people some three or four consecutive terms, retiring from the official position several years ago because of declining health, removing with his family to their farm home on Cat Fish in the hope of regaining his health.

As a public official Judge Vardiman was recognized as one who performed his duties with absolute justice and in accord with the law. He was a man who was respected and honored by all in both public and private life, and in his death the country has suffered a real loss.

He leaves a wife and eight children in the home to mourn his death, and to whom the Texas Spur joins the entire community in extending sympathy and condolence.

Mrs. Claid Powell is reported ill, having gone to the home of her mother at Jayton.

T. S. Lambert Suffers Critical Burns at His Home Friday

T. S. Lambert was most painfully and critically burned Friday night of last week at his home at Draper, caused by the explosion of a gasoline lamp which threw burning gas over him with the result that his face and hands were almost cooked. Mr. Lambert was brought to Nichols Sanitarium where he is being treated and at this time reported doing well under the circumstances.

Mr. Lambert had started to refill the lamp with gasoline, and in removing the cap from the bowl of the lamp the escaping gas was ignited from the lamp flame which was thought to have been extinguished. When the explosion occurred Mr. Lambert fell backwards, pulling the lamp with him with the result that the burning gas poured out over his breast, face and hands. He is considered in a critical condition, and it is hoped by his many friends throughout the country that he may soon be recovered.

County Court in Session This Week in City of Dickens

County Court convened Monday of this week in Dickens with Judge H. A. C. Brummet presiding and County Attorney Worswick prosecuting. The court has remained in session throughout the week, disposing of a number of cases on the docket.

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SALEMS

Christian Endeavor Reorganized in Spur Sunday

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian Church was reorganized recently with a good membership, and last Sunday afternoon held its first meeting at 6:30 o'clock in the Christian Church auditorium, there being some fifteen members in attendance and reporting a most pleasant meeting.

All young people who are not members of other organizations meeting at this hour, are cordially invited to meet with the Christian Endeavor at the Christian Church at 6:30 each Sunday afternoon.

C. A. JONES, President
W. B. LEE, Active Vice-President
W. T. ANDREWS, Jr. Cashier
F. G. Collier, Asst. Cashier

SPUR NATIONAL BANK

SPUR, TEXAS

Dear Customers and Friends:
The Savings Department that was opened here December 15, 1924, for your benefit, has been growing very rapidly and satisfactorily. On December 31, 1925, we had 565 customers in this department with deposits aggregating \$60,920.44, and new accounts are being added daily.

This department was opened at considerable expense, solely for the encouragement of thrift and economy, which is resulting in direct benefit to those of our customers who are taking advantage of this special service.

It will perhaps be of interest to you to know that the Spur National has the largest Savings Department of any bank between Wichita Falls, Texas, and Roswell, New Mexico. This speaks well for the thriftiness and progressiveness of Dickens County folks.

On December 31, 1925, we paid \$1,054.74 to our savings depositors as interest on their deposits. Were you in this fortunate list? If not we heartily solicit your account. If you are already a customer we want to urge you to add to your account regularly so that your next interest check, June 30, 1926, will be larger than ever before.

Those of our savings depositors who have not turned in pass books for interest credits as of December 31st, WILL PLEASE DO SO PROMPTLY, SO THAT THESE INTEREST CREDITS WILL ALSO BEAR INTEREST.

Yours very truly,
SPUR NATIONAL BANK.

P. S. We are still pooling low grade cotton. If you want to leave your tickets, we shall be glad to handle the sales free of charge.

S. N. B.

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We will offer our whole stock until February 1st, at a Tremendous Reduction for Cash. Spend your cash here and Save Money!

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Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Afton, were in Spur Monday of this week and made arrangements to move to Spur the latter part of the week. Mr. Anderson has placed a bid with the postal department for the operation of a mail line from Spur to Roaring Springs, and until it is known who will be favored with the contract, Mr. Anderson will be employed with Mr. Smith in the operation of the line. Last year Mr. Anderson made a crop on the Fretwell place near Afton, and still has a few bales of bollies in the field which he intends to pull this week. We are glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Anderson as resident citizens of Spur and wish them a pleasant, prosperous home among us.

—Prosperous 1926—

O. I. Taylor, of Duck Creek, was here Wednesday. Mr. Taylor is one of the most fortunate farmers of the country this year, in that the freeze did him no damage but on the other hand helped him benefited him in making his cotton open. He was one of the few who had early cotton.

County Commissioner W. H. Smith, of the Red Mud country in Kent county, was in Spur Monday transacting business affairs. As commissioner of Kent county, Mr. Smith has been most active in county affairs, and especially so with reference to road construction and improvement work. In fact the Red Mud precinct now has a most complete system of roads leading to all points. Other road improvement work is being planned for the year in Kent county which soon will be recognized as one of the foremost counties of the West in the matter of good roads.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mack Rash returned this week from the Eastern part of the state where he has been some time. While in the East Mack suffered an attack of pneumonia and was quite ill for several weeks.

—Prosperous 1926—

FOR SALE: One good P. & O. double disc plow, two sets of discs. Price \$50. S. C. Rawlings, 11 miles northwest of Spur near Highway School. 1tp.

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 SPUR, TEXAS

CITATION ON APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
 The State of Texas, County of Dickens.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Texas, Greetings: You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once a week for two consecutive weeks, exclusive of the day of publication, before the return day hereof in some newspaper of general circulation published in said county which has been continually and regularly published in said county for a period of not less than one year, the following notice: To all persons interested in the estate of D. G. Hisey, Deceased: Mariah M. Hisey has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said D. G. Hisey, Deceased, which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the third Monday in January A. D. 1926, the same being the 18th day of January, A. D. 1926, at the courthouse thereof, in Dickens, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so. Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the first day of the next term thereof this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and seal of said court at my office in Dickens, Texas, this 28th day of December, A. D. 1925.

O. C. ARTHUR,
 Clerk County Court, Dickens County, Texas.

By Josephine Green, Deputy.
 —Prosperous New Year—
FOR SALE OR TRADE

At a bargain; cafe at Afton, and Ford truck with house bed; inquire at Maples Garage, Spur, Texas. 2tp

—Prosperous 1926—

FOR SALE—Everbright heating stove, cheap at Callie Ramsey's Garage.

May Add 20 Years to Man's Average Life

New York.—Twenty years may be added to the average life of man at present well short of three score and ten, within the next 50 years, according to indications in two of the three localities in New York state where the Milbank Memorial fund is spending \$2,000,000 in community health tests.

A congested district in New York's East side, the city of Syracuse and rural Cattaraugus county, in the western end of the state, are scenes of the tests, known as the New York health demonstrations. While the New York city research is only beginning, the other districts already show decreases in the number of deaths from disease and in the amount of sickness.

A reduction is reported in the infant mortality rate in Cattaraugus county from 93 per 1,000 living births in 1923 to 65 in 1924, while the general death rate for the latter period was 12.6 per 1,000 persons, as against 14.4 in 1923.

\$50,000,000 Vein of Silver Found in Idaho

Boise, Idaho.—A vein of silver and lead ore, measuring 38 feet in a driven cross-cut, 2,200 feet below the apex, and which conservative estimates of productive value are given at \$50,000,000, was found in the Walker H. McGinnis Metals company mine at Clayton, in central Idaho.

The ore tested 50 ounces of silver to the ton and 33 per cent lead, an estimated value of \$1,000 a ton. Operation costs of recovering the ore were given by the state mine inspector at \$5 a ton, with additional costs of transportation to the nearest present smelter of \$17 a ton.

Walker H. McGinnis Metals company is a New York firm in which the General Motors corporation is said to hold a heavy interest. An adjoining property and mine prospect, the Red Bird, upon which proving operations are now being forwarded, is owned by Henry Ford.

—Prosperous 1926—

Miss Maude Clemmons left this week for Dallas where she will re-enter school in special courses.

COME AND LAUGH

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION OF SPUR

Presents
Texas Technological College Dramatic Cast
 IN
"ONE MUST MARRY"
 BY WILHELM
 and
"SIX AND EIGHT PENCE"
 BY TREE

Two Comedies, Directed by
 DR. PFLUEGER

CAST OF CHARACTERS:
 Dr. Pflueger
 Mrs. E. E. White
 Miss Verna Wilson

DATE:
January 29th, 1926

PLACE:
Spur High School Auditorium

Admission: Adults, 50c; Children, 25c.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP IN BASET BALL TO BE DECIDED AT EARLY DATE

The Executive Committee on the League for 1925-26 met in the County Judge's Office on January 9th, as per announcement, and arranged a schedule for the Boys and Girls Basketball to decide the County Championship in Dickens County.

Games for Boys Basketball to be played in Tournament Style, as agreed upon at the Teachers Institute at Lubbock, 1925.

Finding the championship should be decided sooner than expected, we have arranged to hold the Boys games on the indoor court at Roaring Springs, Texas, January 30th, 1926; games to be played at 10 o'clock p. m. and 7 o'clock p. m., on the same day. Each team that enters the contests to be awarded 10 tickets of admission free, and all others will be charged an admission fee of fifty cents, to see all the games, and the money thus collected will be used to defray all expenses of the Basketball Tournament and award prizes to the winners.

The Girls Basketball Tournament to be held at Roaring Springs indoor court, between Dickens, McAdoo, and Croton teams, to decide for the Banner which these three teams purchased last year, and agreed to award to the winner of these three schools respectively. The school getting the banner two years in succession shall hold same permanently.

January 23, 1926.

Then, two weeks later, all schools that desire to enter the contest for Girls County Basketball Championship will have the privilege of contesting for the same on open courts on the 5th day of February, 1926, at Dickens, Texas, High School Court, and to begin at 2 o'clock p. m.

Qualification or Eligible Rules: Only High School Girls permitted to play in contests. Membership fee of the school must be paid and card or receipt be brought to the contest.

Watch announcements of other events in the County papers if interested.

Yours respectfully
 H. A. C. Brummett, Director
 Frank Speer, R. L. Gibson, G. W. Bennett; Committee.

—Prosperous 1926—

J. A. Caple, of near McAdoo, was in the city Monday, informing us that he is now getting his land in shape to make a crop, due to the fact that he has to farm every two or three years in order to make enough to keep going on. Mr. Caple has had misfortunes the past several years, both he, and Mrs. Caple and his daughter having experienced illnesses and spent much of their time in sanitariums and under the treatment of specialists.

—Prosperous 1926—

Miss Aline Williams returned this week from Paducah where she has been visiting relatives the past several weeks.

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SCOTT BROTHERS, Spur
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H. P. Edwards, of the McAdoo Mercantile Company, was a business visitor Monday in Spur and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. He reports good business throughout the fall and all disadvantages encountered. In speaking of the contemplated buildings to be constructed as a result of the recent fire, Mr. Edwards stated that the insurance had not yet been adjusted, therefore nothing definite could be done. However, just as soon as the insurance is adjusted several substantial buildings will be constructed.

—Prosperous 1926—

NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS

After the first day of February a penalty of twenty five per cent will be attached to all car owners or drivers who fail to pay the required license tax before that date.—M. L. Jones, Sheriff and Tax Collector, 2t

Roy E. Henley, of a mile or two southwest of Spur, called in this week and had his name enrolled on the Texas Spur subscription list. Mr. Henley, with his brother-in-law, J. A. Crafton, and families, recently moved to the Spur country from Clarksville. They bought teams and farming tools from Joe Gaines and will this year make a crop on the Hisey place. We are very glad to have these good families as resident citizens with us, and feel confident that after one year spent here they will become permanently identified with the citizenship.

—Prosperous 1926—

O. B. Simms, of the Espuela community, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday of this week. He reports everything progressing satisfactorily and to the very best advantage to all in this section.

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POULTRY

CAPONS COMPARED WITH MALE BIRDS

That caponizing pays but that capons do not gain anywhere near what is claimed by some, is indicated by the results of an experiment conducted by the poultry department at South Dakota State college.

According to these claims, the capon should gain twice as much as a rooster of the same age and breed, but a 10 per cent gain is about the best to expect. The lighter breeds like Leghorns, do not really gain at all. Since chickens usually hatch late on the farm and since there is usually plenty of feed, caponizing will probably pay the farmer. The birds should be caponized when developing wattles and combs or better when they weigh about two pounds in the American or medium-weight breeds. The capons can be shipped in barrels holding 150 to 200 pounds, during January and February, and bring a good price.

Two weeks before marketing, the capons should be put in close quarters and fed on fattening rations, such as milk, corn meal, bran, tankage, etc. Any combination like corn and milk is very good. During the time previous to these two weeks, the capons can be fed on corn and can be allowed to run with the pullets.

In dressing capons for market, only the soft feathers need be removed. The coarse feathers on the wings, tail, etc., may be left on. The capons must be dry-plucked, if a good price is expected.

As capon feathers, especially white ones, are in demand and will bring from 85 to 90 cents per pound, the farmer can afford to keep them clean and dry and the colors unmixed.

To have capons mother little chicks does not pay. This means that capons have to be kept over winter. Three or four dollars are thus invested in them, whereas an old hen would do better.

Must Feed Hens Mash to Fill Summer Egg Basket

"Hens will not lay eggs in the summer unless they are supplied with all the mash they can eat," says Duncan H. Reid of the poultry department, University of Wisconsin. During the spring months, the wet ground and grass are full of insects which provide plenty of animal feed for the hens, but when summer comes the insects disappear and this lack of animal food must be supplied through the mash.

A good ration recommended by Mr. Reid consists of 100 pounds of ground corn, 100 pounds of ground oats, 100 pounds of wheat bran, 100 pounds of wheat middlings, 100 pounds of meat scrap, and 5 pounds of salt. When milk is fed with the mash, the meat scrap should be cut in half.

"A hen should receive two ounces of grain a day and all the mash she can eat," says Mr. Reid. "The grain ration should consist of corn supplemented with 25 per cent wheat and oats. This is contrary to the general belief that corn furnishes too much heat. Tests have shown that the best results are obtained when this ration is used. The grain should be fed a little in the morning and heavy at night. The mash should be changed at least once a week. A lack of oyster shell during the summer months will cut egg production in half. Green feed, such as clover, when mixed with the mash, has a decided advantage even if the green feed is growing in the yard."

Poultry Notes

For some reason, not fully understood, thick, sour skimmed milk seems to have a greater value for hens than sweet milk.

The old idea of ducking and starving to prevent broodiness is not to be recommended where further egg production is desired.

Green feed at all seasons is a necessity for health and egg production. Large quantities of mangels and cabbages can be produced on a very small area.

Chickens, to be fed profitably, should first be kept growing during the growing season. To best accomplish this they should be given a varied diet of meat and vegetable protein.

Lime is the principal constituent of egg shells and hens should be provided with lime if they cannot gather it naturally. It can be given in the form of crushed lime stone, crushed egg shells, etc.

Many farmers begrudge a hen every bite that goes down her neck, and numerous early risers on the farm get up to feed the hogs before daylight to keep the hens from eating with them.

—Prosperous 1926—

Bob Willis, constable of the Antelope precinct in Kent county was among the business visitors in Spur Monday of this week.

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WE HAVE IT

See Davis or Ousley

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Spur Nat'l. Bank Bldg.

It is said that M. E. Tree and Vernon Powell spend so much of their time in Spur that in municipal elections they are permitted to vote without question.

We are informed that W. H. Taylor recently traded his farm home in the Duck Creek country to Henry Williams for his place out near Baileyboro. The exchange of places has already been consummated, and we understand that Mr. Taylor is now out at Baileyboro establishing a trading headquarters, and no doubt recommending the institution of a regular monthly trades day for that place.

—Prosperous 1926—

Bob and John Goodall, of the Girard country, were in Spur Monday, going on out to Twin Wells to see Judge Vardiman who was critically ill at the time. John Goodall has been up in the Plains country where he has acquired the ownership of another quarter section farm. However, he has no intentions of moving to the Plains country, merely investing some of his surplus funds with the assurance of increased valuations.

—Prosperous 1926—

Joe T. Salem has been taking a vacation this and the past week, spending the time at Rotan, Idalou and other points. He informed us that he would leave about the first of the month for the Eastern markets to buy new stocks of goods, he having sold out practically everything now in stock.

—Prosperous 1926—

W. D. Thacker, of the Draper section of country, was among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week.

DICKENS ITEMS

Dickens is still boosting for the Santa Fe Railroad and if the Plains ever gets a direct route to Ft. Worth Dickens will be on it.

Mrs. R. H. Eskridge is very sick at this writing in her home in the city. Also Uncle Johnnie Speer is on the sick list, but is improving.

Mrs. J. H. Edwards was called to her mother's bed side in Oklahoma last week.

Wedding bells have been ringing in and around the city. Miss Lizzie Bell Hicks and Mr. Clarence Hickman, of Afton, were married Saturday night. They will make their home at Afton.

Our good citizen, Mr. L. G. Crabtree, of a few miles east of town, was married to Mrs. Honeycut, of New Mexico, Friday night at Floy dada. We wish for them a long and happy married life.

The Dickens High School is progressing nicely. They have been playing a series of basket ball games. Adoo was: Girls, Dickens, 5; McAdoo, 5; Senior boys, Dickens, 68; this week. Friday's game with McAdoo, 17; Junior boys, Dickens 18 McAdoo 11. Monday's games with Jayton were very interesting games both Junior and Senior. Jayton Junior 15, Dickens 11; Jayton Senior 21, Dickens 25.

Miss Virginia Worswick, who has been visiting in Quannah returned home Monday in an airplane. She reports a nice trip. The people of Dickens are very glad to report that a new State Highway, offering a direct route to Fort Worth, is to be opened within a short time, with acceptance by maintenance department of the State Highway Commission of a strip approximately 75 miles through King county and portions of Dickens and Knox counties, according to George A. Field, division engineer of the State Department who has inspected the new route recently.

The State several months ago, offered to take over the highway, provided the counties affected would bring the road into shape so that State maintenance could be carried on. Knox and Dickens counties have finished their work, Field stat-

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MAPLES GARAGE
SPUR, TEXAS

ed, and King county is fast bringing work to completion there.

The highway will lead due east of Lubbock thru Idalou, Lorenzo, Ralls, Crosbyton, Dickens, Guthrie, Knox City, Seymour and on to Fort Worth.

This will surely help Dickens county as a whole and that is what we want.

When Dickens gets the Santa Fe railroad and the direct highway it will be one among the leading cities of West Texas.

Judge Worswick returned last week from Temple where he has been for treatment. We are, indeed glad to report that he is improving. Judge Worswick is known all over Dickens county as well as West Texas. This makes his thirtieth year as County Attorney for Dickens Co., and Dickens County owes Judge Worswick a grand tribute that can not be expressed in words.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wyatt Holly on January 10, a fine girl. The mother and babe are doing nicely.

Grandpa Greenwade, formerly of Dickens, but who has been making his home in New Mexico near Roswell, died January 3rd. and was buried in Dickens Cemetery January 4. Grandpa Greenwade was making his home with his son, Vernon. He lived here during the early days of Dickens county. One by one the early pioneers are passing to the Great Beyond, who paved the way for our civilization.—Cor.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mrs. Hollingsworth, County Demonstrator, and two children, left Sunday morning for Dallas, driving through the country in a car, where Mrs. Hollingsworth will attend the state convention of County Agents and Demonstrators.

—Prosperous 1926—

J. J. Martin, of the Red Mud section, was here Wednesday meeting with his friends.

Don't Neglect That Stubborn Hacking Cough

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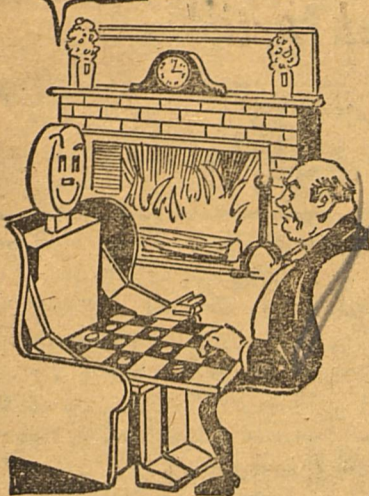
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R. S. HARKEY
At Sunshine Service Station

Mrs. Terry, of Paint Rock, passed through Spur Tuesday morning in route to Clairemont to attend the funeral of her brother, Judge B. P. Vardiman.

"The Gates of Paradise"

By MARTHA M. WILLIAMS

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"YOU need a ride—a real long one," Mrs. Gore had told her daughter. "I'll have Dusky saddled by the time you get on your habit. Stay out as long as you like and go just where you please."

"That's the talk I'm hungry for. Real Mammy talk," Tulp answered with a smile rather tremulous and a tight hug. After a breath she added: "I'm going to stop at the Cannon gate and say they can have the cars for all day—and ask exactly when we shall send them over."

The Cannons were given to borrowing anything not nailed down. Their car was distinctly shabby through much hauling of market-truck—naturally they disliked to have the stylish Enderby cousins see it, much more to have them go in it to the garden party at Overways, the next afternoon. They were counting on it to impress the rich kin—it would be the climax of their brief stay. It might lead to inviting the two Cannon girls to visit their home later. Madge and May were unquestionably beauties—and wildly anxious to try their wings in a wider social world. Tulp merely tolerated them.

She matched her mount, silver-roan Dusky, beautifully, being dark and full of spirit. Riding as only one can who needs not learn, through fairly growing up in the saddle, she was a figure of delight, swaying like a lily stalk. So at least thought a tall youngish man with tired eyes, lounging in an ambush of shrubbery, a little way off the Cannon gate. Tulp did not see him when she called musically: "Hallo! Hallo-o!" across the vacant lawn, the while checking Dusky, who fretted impatiently, until she felt a light hand on her neck, and heard a whimsical: "Black devil, behave! This is our day and way of atonement for very sinful sins," after which she stood quiet, even though steps sounded on the road.

"Let me open the gate for you," the tall man said courteously, approaching languidly, but with eyes alert. Tulp started a bit, but answered: "Thank you, sir—but no! I only want to say—to tell Mrs. Cannon, my mother will send over the trifles she wants."

"Very kind of her, I'm sure. My cousin will be grateful. Your mother is?" an interrogative pause, and a faint quizzical smile.

"Mrs. Gore, a next neighbor," Tulp said bowing slightly, angry at the color flooding her cheeks. "Then—you must be Miss Gore," the stranger said. "I'm happy to have even a glimpse of you—Im Raymond, Loster—please don't make it Lobster, though it might fit better."

Here the Cannon girls launched themselves upon the pair at the gate, begging Tulp to stay—to ride up to the porch for a swig of lemonade—they did so want her to meet dear Aunt Emmy, not to name Cousin Lou,

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and her adorable brood. Only think, five—and three nearly grown up—and they might have passed by unknowing their kinfolk near, but for that lucky smash-up day before yesterday. Across all this huddle Tulp was shaking her head vigorously—she ended it only by galloping off at top speed. Mrs. Cannon had said distinctly over the phone: "Our rich kin, the Enderbys." That left Raymond Loster unsponsored, unless—suddenly Tulp laughed audaciously. Of course he was a son-in-law, husband to dear Cousin Lou and father of the brood. Still—somehow he hadn't the least tame-cat married look—rather that of the adventurous freebooter, which she had seen more than once. It was dreadful of her, but recognizing it, she instantly changed her mind—she would be among those present at Overways.

She went early—being privileged there, got a rapturous welcome from the Dentons, mother, father and son. By the time there was even a sprinkle of other company Jim Denton had asked crossly: "What you plottin' girl? Always somebody in danger when you doll up in that buff-yellow frock and put red flowers all about and about." For answers he had got first a giggle, second a distinct frown, last the worst face she could possibly make up. When he saw her smile coyly at Loster he pitied him. Really Tulp needed to be taken in hand. She was a menace to hapless helpless masculinity. By way of making that plain to this stranger, Jim slid behind the pair, saying over Tulp's shoulder: "Better watch your step, sir. When this," tapping Tulp gently, "puts on war paint, wampum and feathers—"

"She is doing her duty, sir," Loster responded, his eyes twinkling as though they had never been tired. She turned from the pair disdainfully, saying loftily: "I am going to find—Mrs. Loster—in your present state it is unsafe to leave you unguarded."

"Please, please let me go with you!" Loster entreated. "You see I've been in search of her all of ten years—and never got on her trail until yesterday." Jim laughed uproariously at that—Tulp out-blushed her reddest rose. Loster drew her hand within his arm, saying very low: "Come along. I seem to see somewhere in the distance—the gate of Paradise."

"And I see my finish. Well, luck to the pair of you!" Jim's voice trailed after them. Whether they found Paradise then and there is a moot point, but the fact remains that the Raymond Loster are reckoned by all who know them well, a truly blissful pair.

—Prosperous 1926—

G. W. Bradley was in Spur recently, and while here dropped in and had his name enrolled with the large list of Texas Spur readers. Mr. Bradley has been in ill health, and is now in Marlin or some other health resort in an endeavor to regain his health, and in which his many old time friends hope he will succeed.

—Prosperous 1926—

W. A. Craddock, of southwest of Spur, was in the city Tuesday.

Tax Assessor McCarty Returns With Bride

Tax Assessor W. F. McCarty returned last week from Erath county where he had gone ostensibly to spend the Christmas holidays. However his bride returned with him, he having been united in marriage during the time to Miss Carr, of the county, who is also a preacher, performing the ceremony. The bride is of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Erath county.

The Texas Spur joins in with the many friends of W. F. McCarty throughout the county in extending congratulations and very best wishes to him and his bride, and predicting for them years of happiness and prosperity.

—Prosperous 1926—

Director Pfeuger, of the Texas Tech, and who will direct the play, "One Must Marry" in Spur, January 29, has made hits in a number of places with his plays. He has been voted first place to take the play to Dallas in the Little Theatre Tour name.

He comes highly recommended and the evening here is being looked forward to with much pleasure and a lot of real fun is anticipated. The Texas Tech and P. T. A. of Spur reap all benefits of proceeds so come and enjoy an evening of wholesome fun. Mrs. E. E. White, formerly of Spur, Mr. Cavett and Miss Verner Wilson, of the Texas Tech, are also characters in this play.

—Prosperous 1926—

ISAAC MORRISON DIED AT HOME OF SON, J. L. MORRISON

Isaac Morrison, 73 years of age, died Monday at the home of his son, J. L. Morrison of the Espuela community, following a protracted illness brought about by old age. O. R. Maples, of the Spur Hardware & Furniture Company, was called to embalm the body for shipment to Miriam, Texas, for interment in the old home cemetery.

Grandpa Morrison had been ill and confined to his bed for some time and his death was not unexpected.

The family has the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

—Prosperous 1926—

J. I. HAYES INSTALLS BOLLIE MACHINES IN GIN

J. I. Hayes, of the Swift Gin Co., has installed the latest bolle machine in his gin and is now prepared to turn out the finest samples from pulled cotton.

These bolle machines are a late invention and recently improved machine for handling pulled cotton. In fact it is said that cotton stalks, bolls and all may be run through these machines with the result that the cotton will be separated from the trash and a practically clean sample turned out.

The ingenuity of man in machinery will in years to come make mechanical living possible.

—Prosperous 1926—

OLD TIMERS NEVER BECOME DISCOURAGED

E. B. Shaw, of the Croton country was here Monday for a short time, marketing some bolls and transacting other business matters. He was optimistic concerning the general prospects for this year, both in production and price advancements. Uncle Eb Shaw was one of the earliest settlers of the country. Was here before the county was organized, knows the conditions and possibilities of the country, and is one who never becomes discouraged because of temporary disadvantages or disasters. It is such men as Uncle Eb Shaw who have made West Texas and paved the way for the present day development and progress.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mrs. B. F. Hale, who has been visiting her sister at Anson, returned to Spur, Saturday.

Four Inch Snow Fall Over Entire Spur Country

Thursday night of this week a four inch snow fell over the entire Spur territory, placing a fine season in the ground for plowing, growing grain crops, grass and will also contribute to more rapid opening of the bolly cotton yet remaining in the fields.

At this the beginning of another crop year, the conditions are most favorable, and we are all optimistic of a bumper crop production for the year 1926.

—Prosperous 1926—

H. Hisey and family recently moved to Haskell from near Spur, and where they will make their home in the future. Mr. Hisey writes us to send him the Texas Spur to his new address. We regret to see Mr. Hisey and family leave the Spur country, but wish them a prosperous home in their new location.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mrs. Alexander, of Jayton, was among the shoppers in Spur Tuesday of this week.

—Prosperous 1926—

A CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank the people of Spur and surrounding country for helping us get back our household goods which the fire destroyed.

—Prosperous 1926—

Prof. C. Evans, of the Watson community, last week underwent an operation at the Nichols Sanitarium, where he is now reported doing nicely. Prof. Evans' school at Watson will be suspended during the time he is confined in the sanitarium, and his friends, school patrons and pupils all hope that he will soon be recovered.

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—Prosperous 1926—

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—Prosperous 1926—

Miss Jennie Salem and Tom Salem are spending the week in Amarillo with their mother and other relatives and friends.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mrs. A. J. Ritchey, of Croton, was shopping in Spur Tuesday of this week.

—Prosperous 1926—

The little son of Mrs. Woodson in the west part of Spur is reported ill of scarlet fever.

—Prosperous 1926—

T. M. Maples and family were among those who attended the funeral of Judge Vardiman at Clairemont Tuesday. Judge Vardiman was one of the old timers of Kent county, was widely known and highly respected, and the large attendance of old timers at his funeral somewhat attested the high esteem in which he was held.

—Prosperous New Year—

J. D. Powell spent a day out of town this week in Abilene with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Lester of east of Afton, were among the shoppers in Spur the first of the week. Mr. and Mrs. Lester formerly lived in the Spur country and have friends here who are always glad to meet them.

—Prosperous 1926—

A thirteen pound boy was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. Monk Rucker. The Texas Spur extends congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Rucker on having such a fine youngster as their first born son and heir, and we are confident that he will grow and develop into one of the leading citizens of West Texas.

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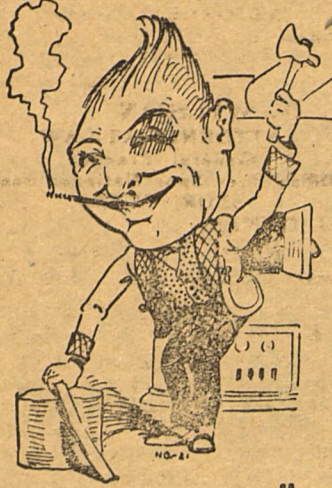
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Sunbonnets and Prue

By CLARISSA MACKIE

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THOMAS DEMEREST was one of those very silent young men who speak only when they have something to say, and his frequent lapses into silence had annoyed the eldest Miss Raymond to the degree of asperity. After an hour in his company Nell Raymond usually declared exhaustion.

"What can he be thinking about all the time?" she asked her assembled family, when their neighbor at Ashley had gone home across the fields.

"Wondering whether your red hair really is an indication of temper, perhaps," grinned her Brother Dick.

Nell flushed. "Of course he isn't interested in me," she said, "I really have tried him on every subject under the sun and the only thing he talks about much is the country and farming, and you know how I hate that. Most men are interested in the sea, and I even confided to him my engagement to a naval officer stationed in the Far East, and after a few polite inquiries and murmured congratulations, he asked a question."

"Tell me what he said—quick—the suspense is terrible!" groaned Dick.

"He asked: 'Why does your sister always wear a sunbonnet?'"

She laughed and Prudence smiled. "The dear ugly old thing," she commented.

"How do you know? You never met him."

"He is fascinatingly homely," said Prue. "What did you tell him about my sunbonnets?"

"I told him you had a delicate skin," said honest Nell.

Dick was holding the door open for his mother. "Very likely Tom believed one of three reasons—that you had ruined your skin with cosmetics—that you had dyed your hair and were letting it grow out in its natural color."

"Pooh!" sniffed Prudence as she followed her mother. "I am going to the garden to pick you some roses, mother—the cinnamon roses are in bud."

"Be sure and put on your sunbonnet, dear," cautioned Mrs. Raymond as she went into her own room for a nap.

"Exit the ugly duckling, with the dyed hair and the 'ruin' skin," called Dick, rushing for his bicycle and his stool in his father's bank in the town.

Silence fell upon the Raymond place. The stillness of a June day, when lads like Bob Raymond went fishing or swimming, and flower lovers like Prudence roamed the garden like an adoring bee, bending first over one and then another blossom, inhaling the sweetness in the plainest flower, Nell and her mother were napping, and in the distant kitchen, Hester was sprinkling clothes for the next day's ironing.

Prue and the bees and birds had the garden to themselves. Among the roses, where the ramblers formed arches and arches of colorful beauty, a sweet languor prevailed. Prue's blue-bonneted head bent over the small cinnamon roses, and her bright blue smock was like a bit of blue sky. Snip, snip, went the garden scissors, swish, through the grass came the sound of feet. They were very deliberate feet that invaded the privacy of the rose garden.

Prue did not turn around at first. "That you, Dick? Want a posy for your buttonhole?" She selected a lovely bud, drew a pin from somewhere, and turning, stood on tiptoe to pin the bud in the gray flannel lapel. But her fingers trembled as she jabbed the pin in place, for, too late to remedy it, she remembered that Dick was at the bank by this time, so was her father—her sunbonnet drooped so that only the top of her head was visible to the dark, blunt-featured youth whose brown eyes laughed and whose lips twitched to smile but did not.

"Thank you," he said at last, "I should not have trespassed—no, no, I will keep the flower if you do not mind, Miss Raymond! I will promise not to intrude again without an invitation. I am Tom Demerest from next door."

"How do you do?" said Prudence quite primly. "I have heard my family speak about you. Do you think you are going to like Ashley?" She jerked her sunbonnet down and snipped at the roses in a heedless way.

"It is just the place I'm going to like—you may have heard that I am a farmer."

"Don't you love it?" she asked enthusiastically.

"Is that an airplane?" he asked. Prue threw back her head and the blue sunbonnet dropped off, disclosing the most bewitching head and countenance Tom had ever seen. The blue eyes looked at the blue sky in vain and came back reproachfully to the admiring, satisfied brown ones.

"I just had a feeling you were mighty good to look at, Miss Prudence," he had the impudence to say, but Prue, pink with wrath, retired within her blue bonnet, and it was not until he had talked unceasingly for half an hour, apologizing and humbling himself, that at last she told him that he could keep the rosebud.

That evening Nell put her arms around her sister. "Darling, I am thrilled! How did you make that boy talk? I heard the rattle of his voice for hours."

But the secret was such a sweet one that Prue could only blush and shake her head.

Prosperous 1926 —
J. Carlisle of the Duck Creek section of country, was in Spur Tuesday.
Prosperous 1926 —
Wagon, team and harness to trade for good truck.—C. P. Harris 12 4t

Many Important Problems Solved

Various State Experiment Stations Conducting Farm Projects.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
Many important problems in agriculture are being gradually solved by the experiment stations and the grist of knowledge given to the public. During the year 1924-25 the various state experiment stations were conducting projects dealing with 5,538 different phases of agriculture, an average of 110 projects per station. In some instances projects are finished in one year, but in many cases several years may be required to complete the investigations and make the results applicable to practice.

Wide Range of Subjects.
A classified list of the different projects now being carried on by the stations has been prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture, which shows the wide range of subject matter covered by the experimental work.

Projects dealing with field crops lead in number, with a total of 1,817. Of the field crops under study, corn leads with 170 or more projects, wheat follows with 164, potatoes 162, cotton 99, alfalfa, 82, oats 81, and soy beans 58.

Horticulture comes second with 952 projects, of which over 400 deal with orchard fruits, the leading fruit being apples 115 and peaches 45; 185 in small fruits; 275 with vegetables, the leading representative of which is tomatoes 34; 65 with ornamentals; and 50 with nuts, the largest representatives of which are pecans 20 and walnuts 13.

The third largest group is animal production with 926 projects, including among others poultry 206, dairy cattle 191, swine 159, sheep and goats 81, beef cattle 77, and horses and mules 12.

Plant Pathology.
Plant pathology is another large group, having 492 projects, of which 47 deal with potato disease.

Projects in economic entomology number 372, 38 of which relate to bees and 22 to cotton insects.

In addition to the projects carried on at the state stations, the stations maintained by the department at Alaska, Hawaii, Porto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands had 150 projects, which increases the total to 5,688.

Additional Protein for Dairy Cows Profitable

Cheap feed prices and relatively good butter prices will encourage the dairyman to feed heavier this year than last when the conditions were exactly reversed.

In connection with heavier feeding it is well to make a special study of economical feeding. As a general rule one of the chief needs of the ration is additional protein.

Additional protein for dairy cattle is furnished either by some good form of legume hay or by oil meal, cottonseed meal, gluten feed, wheat bran and cracked soy beans, or by a combination of both. Cows which are heavy producers can make a profitable use of a larger percentage of these feeds in a ration than cows which are low producers. In other words, it is often practical to feed from two to three pounds of high protein concentrate to a five or six-gallon cow when it is not practical to buy any additional feed to balance up the ration for a two or three-gallon cow. The reason for the difference is that the high producers will increase their production on account of the added protein.

A question which is often asked is, "Which of these feeds shall I buy?" Illinois experiment station tests show but little difference. Therefore it is largely a question of available supply and relative cost.

Compare Soy Beans With Tankage to Fatten Hogs

In comparing a ration of shelled corn, soy beans and mineral mixtures, with shelled corn and tankage, in recent experiments at Purdue, Ind., it was found that soy bean hogs put on weight at a cost of \$5.75 per hundred weight against \$6.04 for the tankage fed animals, and the rate of gain was almost as much, 1.62 pounds per day against 1.65 pounds per day. The cost of corn and soy bean hogs, without the mineral mixture, was \$5.88 per hundred. All the lots had a legume pasture.

These results show that a pound of soy beans practically replaced a pound of tankage. On this basis, soy beans may be used if obtained at a lower cost per pound than tankage. Since soy beans can be produced on the majority of corn belt farms for considerably less than the usual cost of an equal amount of tankage, they should be more generally used with corn and legume pasture for fattening hogs.

Quarters for Pullets

The young poultry stock should be shooed towards winter quarters by this time, especially pullets hatched early enough to begin laying in October. When the pullets put on their red combs, they are nearing the period of egg production, and any disturbance in quarters at this time will postpone the laying of the first egg. Have the house thoroughly cleaned, and plan to get the birds in gradually, by moving the brood coops nearer the house each day.

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S. C. Thomas, of the Girard territory, was in Spur the first of the week. He was accompanied by his son, Sol Thomas, who was released last Saturday from the Nichols Sanitarium where he had been several weeks following an operation. Sol and family will remain at the home of his father until he is fully recuperated from his illness and operation.

Prosperous 1926 —
C. N. Jackson, of near Dickens, was here Tuesday trading and marketing cotton, and in meeting with

handed us a dollar and fifty cents for the Texas Spur another year. He stated that he had several bales of bolls yet in the field to pull, and was gratified at the prevailing weather which would encourage bolls to open more rapidly.

Prosperous 1926 —
A. Fry of Cat Fish, was here a short time Monday, trading some and meeting with friends.

Half Section of land in Mills and now being drilled in Kent County, Texas, 3 miles North and 8 miles West of Claremont; subdivided in ten acre tracts for the benefit of the small investor at ten dollars per acre. An investment of One Hundred Dollars might make you wealthy. If you would like to take a chance, phone or write, D. C. Scogin, Clerk County Court, Kent County, Claremont, Texas. 12tf

Prosperous 1926 —
Buster Bural, of the Gilpin county, was in Spur Tuesday of this week, trading some with the merchants and meeting with his many friends and acquaintances of the town and country here that day.

Prosperous 1926 —
FOR SALE—98 acres all fenced, house, barn, 70 acres in cultivation, wood, water, grass. \$45 per acre. or I will sell 50 acres best part for \$50 per acre.—J. T. Walden, Spur, Texas, Rt. 1 Box 54. 6tf

J. A. Brown of the north part of the county, was in Spur Wednesday of this week with a bale of bolls to gin and market. He had been offered eleven cents for his staple which indicates that the price is advancing. While we can remember the time when cotton sold as low as three and four cents, yet at this time eleven cents hardly pays the expense of picking, rent and ginning.

Prosperous 1926 —
W. L. Hutson, of the West Pasture, was in Spur Monday and had us send the Texas Spur to W. A. Roberts at Decatur. Mr. Hutson put in a new place the past year, stating that he had twenty five acres of cotton on which he has picked out ten bales. He was optimistic of the oil possibilities of that territory, stating that he has had several opportunities to lease his lands for the cash. He is some five or six miles from the oil test well now going down on the 24 Ranch lands.

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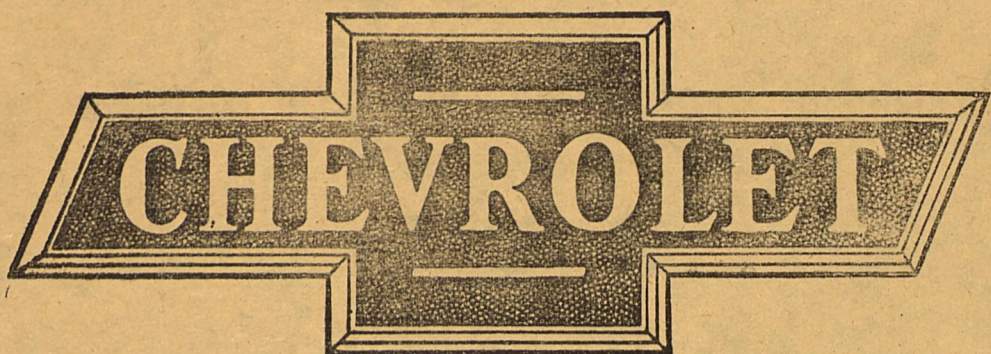
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Thinning Improves the Farm Woodlot

Winter Is Season to Get Out Defective Trees.

Nearly every farm woodlot can be improved by the removal of dead, dying and defective trees, and some of the less valuable kinds as well. The foresters at the New York State College of Agriculture at Ithaca make this statement and say that this work can best be done in the winter months when other work is slack. Winter is also the best season of the year at which to cut timber, since those species which sprout naturally from the stump will do so vigorously in the spring. The work of chopping and handling logs likewise is much easier in winter.

The way to go about making these cuttings follows: First, remove all dead and dying trees, or those which are suffering from disease or insect attack. Second, remove those which are crooked and defective, or which may be hindering the growth of others more valuable.

It should, of course, be kept in mind that the stand of trees is not opened up to such an extent that grass and weeds will grow where young trees should be growing. In other words, the "crown cover" should be kept so that about one-half shade will be provided. Nearly all species of trees will reproduce naturally without special effort, and a second crop should be obtained without any difficulty.

In the case of failure from this source, it is possible to plant young nursery trees to take the place of those cut.

If there is no local market for the material removed from the woodlot, it is always possible to convert it into firewood with a small portable buzz saw. Cordwood has been commanding a good price in nearly all parts of the country this year.

The college of agriculture will be glad to send bulletins describing in more detail the work of thinning.

Cream Layer on Bottled Milk Will Vary Much

Some misconceptions regarding the effects of various factors on the creaming ability of market milk have been drawn by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Minnesota state board of health as a result of an experimental study of the different methods of pasteurizing, cooling, storing, and handling market milk. A discussion of the results of the study has been published in Department Bulletin No. 1344 which has just been issued and is now ready for distribution.

In the pasteurization of milk, some difficulty has been experienced with variations in the depth of the cream layer on bottled milk. A uniform and satisfactory cream layer is regarded as of great commercial importance because of the housewife's habit of judging the richness of milk almost wholly by the depth of the cream layer rather than by the butterfat content as determined by laboratory test. The study has indicated that the cream volume varies with various methods of processing, sometimes as much as 30 per cent. A study of the results of the test conducted to show the effect of the various milk-plant practices on the cream volume should be of value to the plant operator in determining how he can best secure a satisfactory cream layer.

A copy of the bulletin may be secured free of charge, as long as the supply lasts, by writing to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Permanent Tame Pasture Returns Most Net Money

We have been finding out lately that permanent tame pastures return more net money than most of the acres that are cropped.

Alfalfa is the most permanent if the grasses are kept out. If one wants to treat it as a cash crop, it is good for around \$60 a year counting on three tons of \$20 hay.

The acreage of alfalfa in some sections has increased a thousand per cent in the last year. Some of the store-box gentry allow that in a year or two alfalfa hay won't be worth cutting. It was ever thus. One banker made a pretty apt reply to this objection when he said:

"Well, sir, maybe alfalfa will be cheap enough then so you can afford to feed it to your cows."

Making long-time investments such as growing alfalfa is generally a mark of shrewdness.

FARM FACTS

The most effective method of ridding cattle of lice is by dipping.

The wise farmer will keep his eyes on the wheat market of the world.

Help the valuable birds through the winter. They will repay for your kindness next summer.

If you are not receiving the benefits of a systematic rotation now is the time to plan one.

To adjust production to the demands of the market is the pertinent problem of farm management.

Prosperous 1926
M. Hahn, of Highway, was in town a short time Monday.

STUDIO MOVED

We have this week moved our Studio from the former location to the Wendell building, up-stairs, where we are better prepared to serve the public.

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PROTECTION ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS WITH SWEET CLOVER

Sweet Clover has been tried in Dickens county in small patches for 4 or 5 years with varying degrees of success. Lack of complete success has been largely due to the growers inability to maintain good stands. All are agreed that sweet clover would be an excellent pasture crop if we only had a full stand. How shall we get a good stand?

1. First, put seed out well settled and. 2. Plant in winter, January or February. 3. Plant where there is some stubble for protection for the young plants. 4. Plant with a drill at the rate of 15 lbs per acre. 5. Cover seed only one inch deep if possible. 6. If you should fail, try again.

The above method is believed to be a winner. Many have succeeded with this method. Many others have failed. We believe this one to be the best we know of. Try it. All of these steps are essential, but I want to emphasize one of them which we have not heretofore given attention, namely protection. Protection is offered by sorghum stubble, sudan stubble, corn or grain sorghum or wheat stubble. Where these crops have been planted in rows and the crop cut off leaving rows of stubble, there is provided the best kind of protection. Protection is essential in maintaining a stand of sweet clover. Select such a field and try

5 acres. Lime, Manure and inoculation wont do any harm and may do a lot of good.—M. B. Oates, Agricultural Agent, Ft. Worth & Denver Rail Road.

Prosperous 1926

Joe Gaines has been confined to his room and bed the past week or ten days, suffering of rheumatism. However, we are glad to note that he is now able to be up and look after his gin business. At the close of the ginning season he will probably go to Hot Springs, New Mexico, or some other health resort in an endeavor to completely rid himself of all traces of the disease, and it is hoped that the treatments may be effective.

Prosperous 1926

Red Moore, Pink Abernathy, Kyle Rogers, Nyles Montgomery and Pinkie Williams all returned Monday of this week from a business trip to Wichita Falls.

Prosperous 1926

W. C. Messer dropped in at our office one day the past week, renewing his subscriptions to both the Texas Spur and Dallas News in combination, and for which he has our thanks. Mr. Messer is one of our most valued friends and readers, and his regular yearly visits are appreciated.

Prosperous 1926

J. B. Morrison was in Wednesday from his farm and ranch home to the southwest of Spur.

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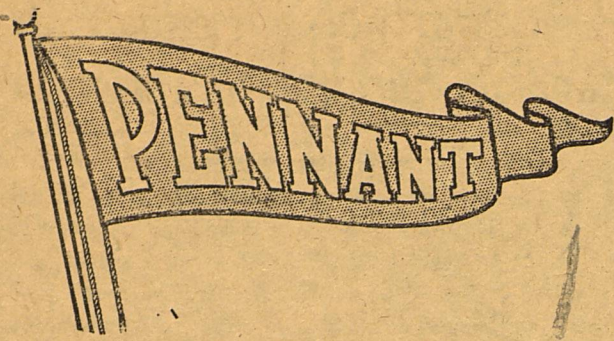
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AN APPEAL

My friends, I say my friends, because we should all be friends, and we are, the New Year (after having such a siege with the freeze) must bring resolutions and a determination to live in doing good for all with our fellows. It is necessary that friendly, unselfish, and unstinted cooperation be practiced and demanded to achieve and execute the fullest measure of good. And if we be not friends, malice and connivance is conceived and developed into fighting hatred. Where the intolerance of hatred reigns there is no community incentive of expansion and progress.

In all life there is either advancement and improvement, or deterioration and decline. The life of a community is no exception, there must be growth or decadence. A town imbued with the spirit of friendliness and good will is a fertile field for accomplishment, and prosperity abounds. Strife and antagonism harbored within the heart of man maketh of him an undesirable townsman, and usually a parasitic sore eating out the heart of good fellowship and cooperation.

What we need and what we must have in Spur to make our town more attractive, is more friendliness, harmony and mutual effort in working for the general good of the town. Not only self interest, but we must invite suggestions and recommendations from our friends. In turn we can greatly satisfy some of our needy causes by aiding and assisting our farmer friends in warding the

wolf from the door in times of depression and drouth.

Some one will say how can we do that? By helping him to gain an education in the better methods of diversified farming, the raising of more and better poultry, at least two or three swine to the farm, and the one great industry for which our country (Dickens County) is well suited, dairying. With the growing season two or three months longer than the northern states, land adapted to the production of feed stuffs necessary to profitable dairying, and the rapidly increasing population and the demand of our country for butter and milk.

Why not sponsor a business that will help us all? Even our own town is in dire need of more milk and butter, the dairying here is not sufficient to supply the demand, a small dairy properly managed would pay a profit far in excess of any one horse farm cultivated the ordinary haphazard, hit or miss method.

The time has come when, if the townsman and farmer do not cooperate to promote better conditions of both in a mutual way, unfavorable circumstances will overshadow prosperity and the progressive ambitious man of the community will hunt new fields where the soil is no richer but the inducements are greater.—W. M. Malone.

—Prosperous 1926—

Frank Goodson, of southwest of Spur, twelve miles, came in Monday and spent an hour or two here trading and visiting among friends.

NEW BOLLIE MACHINES
INSTALLED

We have installed the very latest and best improved bollie machines to our gin, thus being equipped to gin bollies to the best advantage for you.

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We will continue to operate our gin until the last lock of cotton is picked or pulled!
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GRAIN PROPORTION
LOWER IN SUMMER

Although equal parts of mash and grain are often recommended, it is not desirable to hold to any such arbitrary figures. It is desirable, however, to know what proportion is being consumed so that production may be somewhat regulated. During warm seasons the proportion of grain should naturally be lower than in winter as less sugars, starches and fat are needed for body warmth.

When egg production and health are satisfactory it is wise to let well enough alone regardless of whether more grain or more mash is being consumed. If production and consumption of mash are both low, the trouble may lay in too much grain being fed, or in an unappetizing mash. If the birds are poor in flesh and subject to colds, the feeding of more grain is usually the correct procedure.

Feeding wet mash instead of dry mash is occasionally practiced with success by skilled feeders. Because there is considerable risk of overfeeding by this method, and because no better results are secured for the time expended, wet-mash feeding is not recommended as a substitute for hopper feeding of dry mash.

Wet mash in addition to hopper feeding throughout the year is usually unnecessary and dangerous in the hands of the average feeder. This practice is probably desirable and to be advocated from July 1 to September 1 to postpone the moult, and on slow-maturing pullets in the fall. Three quarts before wetting to 100 birds is sufficient. Feed mash at noon, so that it can be gradually discontinued when the desired results have been secured without upsetting the regular feeding schedule.—O. C. Krum, Extension Service, Colorado Agricultural College.

Promoting Chick Growth
by the Use of Sunlight

Direct sunlight as an essential in promoting growth in chicks and in preventing the development of leg weakness has been proved by recent experiments just announced by the poultry department of the State College of Agriculture, New Brunswick, N. J.

One thousand chicks kept under glass weighed only one-fourth pound at the end of 12 weeks, whereas 200 chicks of the same age, but kept outdoors in direct sunlight averaged one and one-half pounds each.

Cod liver oil has for some time been considered an effective growth stimulator and preventive of leg weakness, so the truth of this was also investigated by the experimenters. Of the chicks under glass 800 were fed varying amounts of the oil. At the end of 12 weeks they were no more thrifty than those receiving no oil. After the fifth week leg weakness began to appear among all of the birds under glass, whether they were being fed cod liver oil or not. In contrast with this the chicks kept in direct sunlight showed no leg weakness at all.

The combination of direct sunlight and cod liver also was tried by the experiment station. Using 200 chicks and feeding oil equivalent in weight to 1 per cent of the ration, it found that an average weight of one and three-fourths pounds per chick had been attained. This was one-fourth pound more than the weight of the chicks getting sunlight but no oil.

It was found that chicks kept behind glass and developing leg weakness could be cured by a half-hour exposure to sunlight on four days.

Value of Limestone and
Oyster Shell for Hens

According to Maryland Bulletin 244, "a crushing test of eggs laid by oyster-shell-fed and limestone-fed hens showed no appreciable difference in the strength of shell.

"There was practically no difference in the thickness of shell of production in the limestone pen.

"The consumption of limestone per bird was much less than the consumption of oyster shell even though there was a greater egg production in the limestone pen.

"This test would indicate that limestone can be safely used as the sole source of supply of material for egg-shell making with laying hens."

When to Fatten Turkeys

During the summer and early fall turkeys can find an abundance of feed on the average farm. About October 1, it is advisable to begin fattening them for market, giving only a little feed at first and gradually increasing this until the birds are marketed. The marketing season for turkeys is very short, running only from the middle of November to the latter part of December.

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SHELL PROBLEM IS
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New Way of Turning Out
Ammunition Suggested.

Washington—An apparently offhand suggestion on shellmaking, dropped casually into an army ordnance experts' meeting, may serve to simplify Uncle Sam's whole problem of having at hand enough big gun projectiles to shoot up an enemy who obtained or attempted to obtain a footing on American soil.

Experiments already made indicate a wholly practical way of turning the American peace-time production of 850,000 tons of seamless steel tubing every year into a war output of shell casings up to 10-inch caliber at a rate of thousands per day without additional machinery.

All shell casings used during the war or manufactured since were turned to size, pointed on one end and squared off on the other in lathes, then bored out. It is a long, hard manufacturing process. It took terrific drive in the war to build up the output of any single factory to 200 or 300 shells a day.

He Asks Why.

At a meeting of ordnance men, a reserve officer who is a steel plant man in civilian life, asked, in discussing shell-turning facilities, why it would not be possible to spin them hot off of whirling, red-hot seamless steam tubes which are produced commercially for gas well use in virtually all sizes for the artillery up to 16 inches in diameter. Experiments were started voluntarily to test the scheme. While the War department is not in a position to make any definite announcement, it looks as though a long stride in national preparedness had been made.

"They just cut 'em off like sausages," is the way one officer described the new process.

New Angle Developed.

Even the necessity of boring out the squared and pointed ends after the spinning in order to make a place for the explosive charge and fuse has developed a new angle of its own. It appears in practice that impurities in the metal are forced toward the center by the spinning process and when this is cut out by boring the impurities are removed automatically.

The ten-year ammunition reserve project of the War department is based on storing \$300,000,000 worth of small arms and artillery ammunition the oldest projectiles and cartridges to be fired away each year and replaced with new stock.

If the spun shell case plan works out and a system for fast loading fuse making, banding, etc., is developed to supplement it, presumably a material reduction could be made in the stored reserves, as the twelve-month delay in procuring projectiles in sufficient numbers after war is declared now controlling the department's plans would have been scaled down.

—Prosperous 1926—

H. C. Allen, of Dry Lake, came in Monday and spent a short time here trading and meeting with his friends.

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KING and SAMPLE
GASOLINE LUB OILS KEROSENE

O. O. Love, of the Love Mercantile Company of Roaring Springs, last week underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Nichols Sanitarium in Spur. The Love Mercantile Company was formerly located in Dickens, and Mr. Love has many old time acquaintances and friends throughout this section who will be glad to know that his operation was a success and that he is now rapidly recovering.

—Prosperous 1926—

Strayed.—One sorrel mare mule, 15 hands high, 8 years old, white nose, long mane and tail. One brown mare mule, 6 years old, wide black mark down one side. \$2.50 reward for information leading to their recovery.—C. M. Buchanan, Elton, Dickens County.

Mrs. G. W. Alger returned this week from Houston where she attended and enjoyed a family reunion of the members of her family. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. Robert Newell Payton of Los Angeles, California, who also returned to Spur with her for a more extended visit here.

—Prosperous 1926—

Cliff Lovelace is now employed on the Pitchfork test well for oil. Cliff has had as much deep well drilling experience as any one of the oil fraternity, having spent several years on the deep well in Spur, and we doubt not that if drilling operations were placed under his directions Cliff would go down as deep and as fast as the most experienced drillers of the big oil fields.

Suppose You Should Become
the Dependent!..

Your life insurance will be paid, either to you upon the maturity of your policy, or to your beneficiary or estate upon your death.

BUT, what if you should become accidentally crippled for life; suffer the loss of your eyesight, or legs or arms? Think, man, to become a helpless dependent upon those who are now dependent upon you!

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Sipping, Like the Tasters
By EDGAR T. MONTFORT

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TASTER: One who tests the quality of teas, etc., by tasting, for trade purposes. Persons who engage in this work can only pursue it for a short time as the constant repetition of new flavors confuses the taste senses.

Jim Langston tossed his cigarette stub in the direction of the waste basket and leaned forward in his chair, his face tense as he stared at the rug at his feet. For five years he had been a business tramp—a bobo in the world of affairs. He had drifted from one thing to another. After graduating from college he had gone into the office of a real estate man. A few months and he was fired. Next came bonds. He had no facility for meeting people and persuading them to hand over their money. Certainly he was no salesman, and after weeks of struggle he found that he had earned exactly \$48.50 in commissions. One thing after another he tried—more real estate, insurance, pianos, victrolas. He liked music. Then back to bonds again and out again.

"I'm bitterly disappointed, son," his mother had said. "I was sure that it was just the work for you. There is something so dignified and gentlemanly about the bond business."

"Dignified and gentlemanly, thunder! You know what I always wanted to do."

Mrs. Langston merely shrugged. "We won't talk about that any more. I've suffered enough already."

After many wire pullings and using all the influence she had Mrs. Langston succeeded in getting a position for Jim in a bank, the president of which was a friend of hers.

"I'll be glad to give him a trial, Mrs. Langston," Mr. Miller had said, "but he'll have to make good if he hopes to stay here. Pull may help a young man to get a position but it won't help him to hold it in the business world today. There are too many hustling young fellows aching for the chance to make good."

"Oh, I'm not uneasy about Jim," Mrs. Langston had said with a slight demer in her voice. "But Mr. Miller did not respond very heartily to her remark."

"Well, we'll see how he gets along," she said and bowed her to the door.

The work at the bank was chiefly clerical and Jim was not clerically inclined. Miss Margaret Wallace, secretary to the president and pretty, noticed him with sympathetic interest. The third week she was an unwilling spectator of the abrupt dismissal of Jim Langston.

As she passed out of the president's office Margaret managed to slip out behind him.

"Please ask me to lunch with you

this afternoon. I want to talk," she said.

So they lunched together.

"I'm glad old Miller fired you," was her opening remark. "And now, Jim, I want you to find out what you want to do and do it."

"Find out! I know what I want to do all right," he burst out bitterly. "But mother'd go up in smoke if I tried it."

"What is it, Jim?" She leaned forward eagerly, her face alight with interest.

"I want to be a wholesale commission merchant and sell farmers' products; an honest one—one who won't cheat people who don't know enough about the market to protect themselves."

He stopped suddenly confused by his own enthusiasm, and waited for her to speak.

"Why, Jim, I think that's just wonderful. That's what you must do. Let's think now. . . . Suppose we get Mr. Miller not to tell your mother you're fired until you get a good start at your new work?"

"That would be splendid. I could begin tomorrow. There's an old empty building I've been watching for weeks down at Broad street and Seventh I could use as my warehouse. I would start out on a small scale and work up. And you could be official adviser. If I could come over about twice a week and talk things over. . . ."

"I'd love to have you."

"Partners then. Shake." He held his hand across the table and almost crushed hers in his enthusiasm.

The first few months were hard sledding but after a while things went better. His reputation and experience grew and business increased and at the end of four months he had earned more than he had in any one whole year of his previous careers.

"I'm so glad we had lunch together that day," sighed Margaret happily one evening as they sat talking things over.

"So am I! My account would show a deficit of one perfectly good business, one contented soul and one absolutely indispensable little partner and sweetheart."

"Who said anything about sweetheart?" she countered mischievously.

"I did," he replied, "and I'm the boss of this concern."

"Isn't it funny," said Margaret reminiscently after a while, "how one man prospers in one calling and another in another, and there's never any telling why?"

"It may be funny, but it's true," he answered soberly. "Unless we find what we want to do and do it, we drift around in the business world sipping here and there like the tasters, and losing our enthusiasm for all things."

County Agent Receives Replies Concerning Sale of Maize and Cane For Farmers

County Agent Reynolds informed the Texas Spur that he had received a number of answers to circular letters recently mailed to prospective purchasers of maize and cane to be sold in car lots by Dickens county farmers, the answers stating that price quotations would be considered for such Dickens county feed.

Mr. Reynolds will be glad to confer with farmers who have maize and cane for sale, and by the cooperative shipping methods an excellent market may be obtained.

—Prosperous 1926—

C. M. Buchanan, of north of Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday of this week. Two work mules had strayed from his place, and Mr. Buchanan was hunting them and offering a reward for any information leading to their recovery. We recall that in the early days of Spur the straying away of stock was frequent, but a reward always brought them in. However, these days it is different, and strayed stock have to be looked up.

—Prosperous 1926—

Mr. Golding, of the B. Schwarz & Son dry goods establishment, returned last week to Spur from Hempstead where he has been several days with the firm in that place. Mr. Schwarz who has been in Spur during that they were well pleased with turned to Hempstead. B. Schwarz & Son have stores both in Spur and Hempstead. In speaking of the business in Spur the management stated that they were well pleased with the extensive and liberal trade extended them since their opening a few months ago.

—Prosperous 1926—

W. R. Ferrell, of Brownfield, spent a day or two this week looking after his farming interests in the Espuela community. He stated that short crops were experienced in the Brownfield country the past year, but that all were optimistic of good seasons and crops this year. He enjoined us to keep the Texas Spur coming to him at Brownfield, in order that he might keep up with the people and happenings of the Spur country.

—Prosperous 1926—

J. C. Miller, who is now managing a produce and feed business at Jayton, was in Spur the first of the week, transacting business and again meeting with his friends in Spur.

New Concrete Business Houses Contemplated For Construction In McAdoo

R. I. Wallace, master and druggist, of McAdoo, was among the business visitors here the first of the week. While here Mr. Wallace was a pleasant visitor at the Texas Spur office, informing us that the rebuilding of a number of the buildings recently destroyed by fire in McAdoo would probably be rebuilt soon, and of the contemplated construction of a new building on the lots adjoining the McAdoo Mercantile building. The construction work will begin just as soon as preliminary arrangements can be made. The new contemplated building will be occupied by the postoffice and a drug business in connection.

—Prosperous 1926—

JURY COMMISSION THIS WEEK SELECTED JURIES FOR NEXT TERM OF COURT

Monday of this week A. M. Shepherd, of the Dry Lake community, passed through the city in route to Dickens to serve as one of the jury commission in selecting grand jurors for the next term of district court in Dickens county, as well as perform such other duties as comes to such a commission.

—Prosperous 1926—

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any constable of Dickens County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Dickens County, a copy of the following notice:

The State of Texas

To all persons interested in the Estate of J. L. Law, deceased, Lillie Law, has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said J. L. Law, Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the Third Monday in April A. D. 1926, the same being the 19th day of April 1926 at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said Court on the said first day of the next term thereof this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas this 20th day of January A. D. 1926.

O. C. Arthur, Clerk County Court Dickens County, Texas. 12-26

L. C. PONDER RETURNS FROM FORT WORTH HOSPITAL

L. C. Ponder returned last week from Fort Worth where he had been confined in a sanitarium a month or more, having undergone an operation at the hands of a specialist in gland operations. After being released from the hospital Mr. Ponder remained in Fort Worth with his son, Levi Ponder, for some time, recuperating while near the specialist.

The operation was successful and Mr. Ponder, though weak, informed us that he felt better than for twenty years. At one time while in the hospital it was thought that Mr. Ponder could not recover, the members of his family being called to Fort Worth.

We are very glad to note that Mr. Ponder has returned home, and that his ills have been relieved.

—Prosperous 1926—

FOR SALE—My nicely improved home, 7 rooms, 2 lots, orchard, servant house, barn etc., or would sell improvements and retain lots.—C. P. Harris, Spur, Texas. 12-26

Epworth League Has Costume Party at Methodist Church

A most enjoyable event was the occasion of an impersonation or costume party given Thursday night in the basement of the Methodist Church. The impersonations and costumes represented included, Indians, tramps, nurses, Spanish costumes, dancers, etc. In the representations prizes were awarded, Miss Willie R. Chabour, dressed as a little girl and telling tales, winning first prize; Joe Bailey Whitener, as a dancer, was awarded second prize; and W. C. Williams, as a Spaniard with cane and doing fantastic steps, was the third prize winner. Rev. I. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Campbell and others acted as judges in awarding the prizes.

At the conclusion of the costume contest, which also included a program of songs, various games and other enjoyable features, refreshments of hot chocolate, cakes and olives were served to the following who were among the number in attendance and enjoying the occasion: Bertha McKenna, Bill Davis, Freeman Edmonds, Corah McKenna Jacob Paul Twaddell, Curtis Harkey, Roy Edmonds, Berta Belle Brown, Nig Lisenby, Rayburn Evans, Crate Snider, Travis Burnham, Guy Karr, Carl Tree, W. B. Lee Jr., W. C. Williams Byron Perry, Cleo Hazel, Georgia Hargrove, Edith Ince Louise Rogers, S. Byl Perry, Edna Collett, Joe Bailey Chapman, Nellie Goff, Joe Bailey Whitener, Barron Chapman, Jerrene Cooner, Elnore Morgan, Opal Scott, Viola Morgan, Ino Bell Hargrove, Thelma Marsh, Dorothy Williams, Bessie Robins, Eleanor Harris, Wallace Bingham, Horton Barrett, Mrs. Neitha Campbell, Leland Campbell, Spencer Brown, Joe T. Salem, Gladys Smith, Willie Richard Ruby Smith, Byron Perry, Willie May Ince.

—Prosperous 1926—

JOI DE VOI

A pretty party was that given by Mrs. Roy Harkey on Friday, when she entertained the Joi De Voi Club and guests.

Dainty jowl ladies adorned the tallies while corresponding cups held delicious candies.

Mrs. Dan H. Zachry made high score in bridge, receiving a pretty pair of lustreware candlesticks and decorated candies. Mrs. Reynolds made high score for the guests, the prize being attractive lustreware salt and peppers.

Those present were: Mesdames J. E. Hall, E. L. Brown, Elwin Woody, Murray Lea, Cecil Fox, H. P. Schrimsher, Faust Collier F. W. Jennings, W. D. Wilson, Cran McClure, J. H. Perry, R. E. Dison, Bill Putman and Jack Rector.

—Prosperous 1926—

MRS. W. D. WILSON ENTER TAINED IN HONORING MISS MAUDE CLEMMONS

Mrs. W. D. Wilson entertained Monday evening at her home in the west part of Spur, honoring Miss Maude Clemmons on the eve of her departure for school in Dallas.

Quite a number of young people and friends of Miss Clemmons were guests of the evening which was made most pleasant for the honoree and guests present.

—Prosperous New Year—

County Agent and Demonstrator Attend In Dallas this week State Convention

County Agent Reynolds and County Demonstrator Mrs. Hollingsworth left the first of the week for Dallas to attend a state convention of the county agents and demonstrators, at which meeting the varied interests of this line of work will be discussed and plans formed in promoting such

—Prosperous 1926—

Ladies Form a "Good Fellows" Organization in Spur

The ladies of the various church organizations of Spur, following up the movement instituted by Dr. J. H. Grace during the holiday season, have formed a permanent organization to be known as "Ladies Good Fellows Association" for the purpose of more systematically assisting the poor and needy of the town and country.

Contributions to boxes will be placed at the Spur Drug Store, Red Front Drug Store, Spot Cash Grocery and possibly other places, where those who wish to do so may have the convenient privilege and opportunity of placing contributions in the boxes.

This is a most worthy and commendable proceeding on the part of the ladies of Spur, and unquestionably will result in more good being done with less contribution expenditure, and the Texas Spur is confident that the liberal citizenship of the town and country will keep the boxes well supplied with funds for the "Good Fellows" to disburse in the most effective manner in most needed instances and places.

—Prosperous 1926—

Buy Lots and Building Fine Residence in West Part Spur

John Miller, who recently purchased a farm home in the Twin Wells community to the south of Spur, last week purchased lots in the west part of Spur, on which he this week commenced the construction of a modern residence, to cost approximately \$3,500.00.

Upon the completion of the town home, Mr. Miller and family will become permanently identified with the resident citizenship of Spur.

—Prosperous 1926—

DIED.

Miss Mary Miller died Tuesday of this week at the home of Mrs. Boykin near Steel Hill, the remains being interred in Spur Cemetery.


Miss Miller has ben sick some time and the Texas Spur joins in extending condolence to bereaved friends and relatives.

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