

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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### Deep Tests for Oil Going Down Now at a Rapid Rate

The Texas Company test well for oil now drilling near the old ranch headquarters of the 24 Ranch, eighteen or twenty miles southwest of Spur, is now approximately twenty five hundred feet deep, and the drilling continues without interruption. We understand that three drilling crews are being used on this test, working eight hour shifts both day and night, and unless some unforeseen delays are encountered, this test will probably be completed within the next few weeks.

The test being drilled by the Deep Rock Company on the Swenson Ranch just over the line in Garza county, is being delayed on account of the loss of their derrick by fire last Saturday. However, a new derrick will be constructed and drilling resumed without unnecessary delay. This test is now down approximately fifteen hundred feet.

The test being drilled by Mike Wells on the Pitchfork Ranch, about twenty five miles northeast of Spur, has encountered delays, having boiler troubles which we are informed are now corrected and the drilling again ready to resume. This hole is now approximately five hundred feet deep, and though the contract depth is for thirty five hundred feet, the drillers expect to carry on down to the pay sand regardless of specified contracts.

Shallow core tests are now being drilled west of Dickens two or three miles, following up the procedure of R. D. Clancy in finding certain formations in making locations for deep test wells to be drilled later. Mr. Clancy and associates are expected to arrive in Spur within the next few days for the purpose of making a locations and immediately beginning the drilling operations on a deep test.

Altogether, the oil development situation is very promising at this time, and we are assured of thorough tests being made in every section of the country. The favorable reports made by geologists, and the interest being evidenced on the part of experienced oil men and big oil developing companies, is assurance that we are on the eve of big developments.

### Sam Smith Farm Home Destroyed Saturday by Fire

The Sam Smith farm home, one or two miles north of Spur, was destroyed Saturday by fire. The fire originated from an oil stove, and the farm home, together with all the household effects, was a complete loss.

A subscription list was circulated among the people of Spur and surrounding country contributed liberally of funds and other items for the immediate needs of the family.

### 16,124 Bales Cotton Weighed to Date at the Spur Yard

Public Weigher G. W. Rash informs us that up to Thursday of this week he had weighed a total of 16,124 bales of cotton.

Cotton continues to come in at a rapid rate, notwithstanding it was thought the season would end several weeks ago. It is estimated that the gins are now ginning around one hundred bales daily.

### Residence Property Changes Hands in Spur This Week

Dr. J. E. Morris this week purchased the W. J. Bryant residence property on Burlington Avenue, the consideration being \$7,000.00.

Roy Harkey purchased the Dr. Morris residence property, the consideration being \$5,000.00.

Dr. Morris and family and Roy Harkey and family have moved into their new homes, while W. J. Bryant and family have moved to Hamlin where they will hereafter make their home, he assuming the management of a new business being established in that place by Bryant-Link Company.

### Derrick Burns on Deep Rock Test In West Pasture

The derrick on the Deep Rock Test for oil, in the Swenson West Pasture 25 miles southwest of Spur, was completely destroyed by fire, last Saturday night about nine o'clock. The fire is said to have started from a small gas engine which was in use near the derrick. The gas tank of the engine blew up scattering burning oil and gasoline over the lower part of the derrick.

No one was at the well at the time of the explosion, the workmen having closed down and gone to supper and before any efforts could be made to extinguish the fire had become uncontrollable.

This misfortune, we understand however, will not end the operations on this well and will cause only a short delay in the downward search for the golden fluid.

### Mrs. Claud Holly Died Friday After a Brief Illness

Mrs. Claud Holly, of the Cat Fish community, died Friday morning at six o'clock, following a brief illness, her remains being interred in the Dickens cemetery.

Mrs. Holly was brought to the Nichols Sanitarium where she underwent a surgical operation in the hope of relieving her condition, but which proved unavailing.

The Texas Spur joins friends in extending sympathy and condolence to the family and relatives in this great bereavement.

### W. L. Thanisch for Co. Commissioner Precinct Four

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce W. L. Thanisch as a candidate for County Commissioner of Precinct Four, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary elections. Commissioners Precinct Number Four includes the voting boxes at Croton and Wichita, to the east of Dickens.

In offering for Commissioner, Mr. Thanisch did so in response to the solicitation of friends, and also in the hope of being able to so conduct county affairs as to reduce expenditures and taxes, and at the same time give the public the benefit of a progressive administration.

T. D. Hale, a leading citizen of the Afton country, was a business visitor to Spur during the week.

### Judge Oliver Candidate for J. P. Precinct 3

The Texas Spur has this week been authorized to announce Judge F. N. Oliver as a candidate for Justice of the Peace in Precinct Three.

Judge Oliver has long been a resident of Texas having come here 58 years ago from Florence, Alabama. He was in the newspaper business for thirty five years having established and operated newspapers at Lewisville and Pilot Point in Denton Co., Oak Cliff, Rockport and Lockney, Texas.

Of later years however, Judge Oliver has served the State in an official capacity, being Justice of the Peace at Lewisville, Rockport, Lockney and Spur, for a period of 16 years. He served as the first mayor of Oak Cliff and was Chairman of the Building committee which erected the Oak Cliff Central High School. All of his life the Judge has been in the forefront of constructive work for a greater Texas. It will be remembered that Mr. Oliver was largely responsible, several years ago, for the removal of the "differential" an excessive transportation rate that had been placed on the Stamford Northwestern railway leading from Stamford to Spur.

Judge Oliver's long years in public life assure his ability to attend the duties of the office of Justice of the Peace in the most efficient manner and he asks that the voters of this precinct give his name due consideration in polling their votes in the primary elections.

### Jas. F. Williams Candidate for Co. Judge and School Superintendent

The Texas Spur is this week authorized to announce Jas. F. Williams as a candidate for the office of County Judge and School Superintendent, subject to the action of the Democratic primary elections to be held in July and August.

Jas. F. Williams has been in business in Spur since the early days in the history of the town, and is well known to the people and voters throughout the county. For a number of years Mr. Williams has been serving the Democratic Party as County Chairman, and in which capacity has rendered generous and valued services to the party.

As a judge Jas. F. Williams will be fair and just in rendering decisions and court judgements, and as superintendent of county schools will be most active in promoting and advancing educational and school interests.

### W. W. Flournoy Has a Finger Amputated Monday

Monday of this week W. W. Flournoy, manager of the Lyric Theatre, had one of his fingers amputated at the Nichols Sanitarium where he is now recovering from the operation.

Some time ago Mr. Flournoy very painfully injured his finger by getting it caught in the cogs of his moving picture machine, and since which time the finger has given him much pain and trouble.

It is hoped that Mr. Flournoy may soon be able to resume his work and duties in connection with the theatre.

### Bells' Cafe Moves to New Brick Home on Main Street

Bells' Cafe is this week being removed from its former location on Harris street to the new Powell building, recently constructed, on the east side of Main.

Bells Cafe under the management of John A. Bell and son, Willie Bell has long been noted as one of the most elite cafes and best places to eat in Spur; and with the completion of improvements now under construction in the new location it will be recognized as one of the best in all West Texas. Since coming to Spur several years ago, Mr. Bell has built up his restaurant business from an "eating joint" of meagre proportions to its present state, "The Best in The West." Such success merits approval and could only have been accomplished by a policy of fair dealings, courteous service and good food, such as has always been found at Bells Cafe.

The interior decorating and finishing of the interior of the cafe is under the management of Mr. Fallis of this city. Mr. Fallis is an interior decorator of no mean ability having recently returned from the East where he has been making a study of this particular line. In addition to his studies in the east Mr. Fallis has had many years of practical experience and is able to design a color scheme and supervise a job that will rival the work of highest paid interior decorators of the North and East. Mr. Fallis and Bully Clay are on the job in the new cafe and when they have finished with it it will look like the Ritzmore, in fact Bully says it looks so swell now that he has to work with his hat off.

Spur welcomes the installation of a cafe of this class and it will be a real asset to our fair little city.

### Spur Boy Makes 100 Hour Endurance Auto Drive

Lee Cathey, a former Spur boy and son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cathey of near Dickens, completed this week at Abilene an endurance automobile contest drive of one hundred hours. A Chrysler car was used in the contest.

#### SENIOR PLAY.

Walter Ben Hare's "And Home Came Ted" is the name of the comedy drama to be presented by the Senior Class at the High School auditorium Thursday evening, Feb. 25th at 7:45. This is Ben Hare's very best drama, one which has had an extensive run in the leading cities of the United States. A sprightly comedy of mystery in which there is an abundance of fun without any taint of impropriety or any element of offense. Mrs. Alvas C. Hull, sponsor of the Senior Class, and a cast which consists of members of the class, are putting forth every effort possible to make this the best production ever seen in Spur. In the cast are Cora McKenna, Klemmons Hargrove, Dorothy Love, Verna Cudd, Thelma Caraway, Myrtle Messer, Hilton Manning, A. D. Ensey, Joe Bailey Whitener, Crate Snider, Joe Bailey Chapman, and Estelle Smith.

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E. D. Jackson, of near Dickens, was among the business visitors in Spur the past week.

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### Mrs. G. W. Dodson Cured of Cancer by Radium

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dodson, of north of Dickens, returned last Saturday from Abilene where Mrs. Dodson had gone to take a radium treatment in the cure of a cancer. However, the treatment was unnecessary, since she was pronounced well of her cancer troubles.

Mrs. Dodson had suffered several years, taken various treatments and had undergone several operations. Only three of the radium applications were necessary to effect a cure.

#### MR. AND MRS. C. HOGAN ENTERTAIN T. C. U. GLEE CLUB

On Friday evening February 12, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hogan entertained the T. C. U. Glee Club.

The following guests were present: Messers and Mesdames Chalk Brown, E. L. Elkins; Misses Nell Higgins, Derah Whaley, Willie Richbourg, Edna and Estelle Collett, Reba Dott and Mary Edna McGaughey, Bonnie Gilbert, Bertie Bell Brown, Dick Stafford, Flossie Hawley, Ruby and Dorothy Love, Mildred Williams, and Hellen Boren, of Ft. Worth; and Messrs Ben Murry Hale, Jack Hogan and Sam Clemmons. All the Spur people are proud of Henry.

The guests all reported a real nice time and departed to their homes, wishing the T. C. U. Glee Club would not forget them in the future.

#### McADOO HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS TO PUT ON PLAY MARCH 5TH.

The McAdoo High School pupils will put on a play at the School Building, March 5th, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

The title of the play is "The Face at the Window;" a three act comedy drama.

An admission of 15 and 25 cents is to be charged, the proceeds of which are to be used for school equipments.

Everybody come and bring your friends.

#### MARRIED.

Miss Ruby Maben, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Maben, of southwest of Spur, and Mr. William Dee Hall, were married Sunday afternoon, and are now receiving the congratulations of friends and acquaintances.

The Texas Spur joins friends in extending congratulations and very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Hall, and wishes them many years of happiness and prosperity.

Tom Cross was in Spur Tuesday from his farm and ranch home just over the line in Kent county. He has finished gathering his crops for the season and is now getting every thing in shape to begin farming for the coming season.

Miss Adelaide Senning returned Thursday from Albany where she spent several days the guest of her sister, Mrs. Carol Cobb.

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to our tax payers. As a rule, the State requires the counties to furnish one half the money for road construction, but inasmuch as Dickens County was one of the pioneer counties in good road building, and had already voted heavy bonds for road purposes, the Highway Department made an exception to the usual rule in our instance. In fact it is said by those in a position to know that Dickens County is the only exception, and such liberality has been shown no other county in the entire state. The court was greatly assisted in negotiating this allotment by Mr. C. B. Jones, and to whom we extend our sincere thanks.

The Commissioners court succeeded in interesting the Highway Dept. in the road from Dickens east to the King County line. It was duly designated a State Highway, and after being placed in acceptable condition by the county, was taken in charge by the State for maintenance and upkeep, on February 10th 1926. Our road, and north and south across the roads east and west across the County, are now State highways and will be maintained and kept up by the State without further expense whatsoever by the county.

Consequently, as heretofore most of our road money was expended on these main roads, it will hereafter all be expended on the lateral community roads.

To induce the State to take these main roads over for maintenance and upkeep has made necessary quite a lot of work at some extra expense, but inasmuch as we were to be done with these main roads permanently, we felt that it would be good business and would take a heavy burden off the County and make it possible to lower our taxes. But the main roads have not been

the only ones to receive attention. We feel that the poor fellows who live away out in an out of the way place, and who pays a small tax and has a hard time getting by, is just as much entitled to a convenient road to haul his few bales of cotton over, as the largest taxpayer in the County who sails along in a two bale truck over a road that cost ten thousand dollars a mile. The man who has a good road already, is prone to think that road building should stop, and that if his neighbor is given a road also it is a wrong expenditure of public funds. Following out this policy, roads have been graded into ever ynook and corner of the County. People and communities that had heretofore received no consideration now have splendid roads to travel over.

You might think that, as so much road work has been done, an enormous amount of money has been spent. But the cost has been very reasonable. Prior to 1923 all road work in the County had been done with teams. That year the Court, after careful investigation as to the costs of operation and upkeep, purchased two large Caterpillar Tractors and two large Adams Graders. A comparison of the cost of work done by the teams and that done by the Tractors may best be shown by citing an actual occurrence: Before we secured the Tractors, bids were called for to grade 7 miles of road in the Pitchfork lane with teams. The lowest bid received was \$1,050., and, while the bid was considered reasonable, the Court did not feel able to expend that amount at that time, and the bid was rejected. The tractors were secured a few months after this time, and graded his same 7 miles of road at an actual cost of \$140. Labor, gas, oil, depreciation

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By D. K. Barber

Washington—"It is well."  
J. Q. Adams—"It is the last of earth."  
Byron—"I must sleep now."  
Cromwell—"Then I am safe."  
Goethe—"Let the light enter."  
Sam'l Johnson—"I am about to die."  
John Adams—"Independence for ever."  
Jefferson—"I resign my soul to God; my daughter to my country."  
Edward VI—"Lord take my spirit."  
Lord Nelson—"I thank God I have done my duty."  
Lawrence—"Don't give up the ship."  
Walter Scott—"I feel as if I were myself again."  
John Wesley—"The best of all, God is with us."  
Voltaire—"I am taking a fearful leap into the dark."  
Schiller—"Many things are becoming clearer to me."  
John Keats—"I feel the daisies growing over me."  
Mirabeau—"Let me die to the sounds of delicious music."  
Mozart—"Let me hear those notes so long my solace of delight."  
Philip Sydney—"I would not change my joy for the empires of the world."  
Sir Humphrey Gilbert—"We are as near heaven by sea as by land."  
Stonewall Jackson—"Let us cross over the river and rest under the shade of the trees."  
Raleigh—"It matters little how the head lieth."  
Stephen—"Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."  
Paul—"Grace be with you. Amen."  
Jesus Christ—"It is finished."

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#### TO THE PEOPLE OF DICKENS COUNTY:

As the time is drawing near for the people to select officers to manage and direct the affairs of the county for the next two years, I feel that now is the opportune time to study and discuss together the business affairs of the County. I trust that in the race for public office this year we may be able to pitch the campaign on a high plane, and that no one will divulge in personalities. If a serious study is made of our public problems, we will then be better fitted to make a selection of public officers to solve those problems. And I shall now briefly discuss some of the things that have been accomplished by your Commissioners Court during the past three years.

The chief duty of the Commissioners is to open, construct, and maintain public roads. The present court has been very active in performing this duty. Early in 1923 we secured an all allotment of State and Federal aid in the amount of approximately \$200,000 to be expended in grading and hardsurfacing the Spur-Crosbyton road from Dickens west to the Crosby County line, and the road from Dickens north on the Spur-Matador road, to a point about 3 miles from the Motley County line. The only requirement the State Highway department made of the County to receive this aid, was that the County furnish right-of-way, and pay one fourth the cost of a bridge across Duck Creek. The cost of the right-of-way has been about \$15,000, and one fourth the cost of the bridge has been exactly \$2,469.36. The road west is now completed and the road north is near completion. These roads are of high grade construction and are not excelled in all west Texas.

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Over and above the cost of the County of approximately \$18,000 made necessary by the \$200,000 allotment, the Court has expended approximately \$20,000 per year for the past two years. This is about \$5,000 per year more than was previously expended per year. You will note this extra expense is \$28,000 for the two years together, which was made necessary by the \$200,000 allotment, and placing roads in an acceptable condition for the State to take over. But we feel that for this \$28,000 we have given the people very nearly as much good road value as they received in 1918 when they voted upon themselves heavy road bonds that will require a million and sixty thousand dollars to pay off at maturity.

Building highways develops the county, the industries, the resources, and enhances the value of lands. In the Interscholastic League work in school this year, "Highway Development," is a subject for essay writing. Business houses will suffer for lack of highway facilities. For want of patronage business will die. We must have highways or we perish. It is indeed a subject to be written about. And it is not strange that the school children are writing and thinking about the highways of the land. Right now the town of Spur is drawing trade from every adjoining county. WHY? There are two reasons. First, because of her progress-

ive business men who keep large stocks of goods at attractive prices, and second, because the County has constructed good roads for these customers to travel. This combination makes competition that is hard to meet, and explains why Spur has no real competitor within a radius of 80 miles in any direction.

The County has more and better roads than ever before. And, while this extended road program has made much additional work for the Court, yet, we feel that we owe our best to the people we serve, and are amply rewarded in the knowledge that we represent a people who want and appreciate good roads.

Respectfully, H. A. C. Brummett,  
County Judge and School Supt.

#### BRAZOS VALLEY WELL HAS SHOWING OF GAS AND OIL

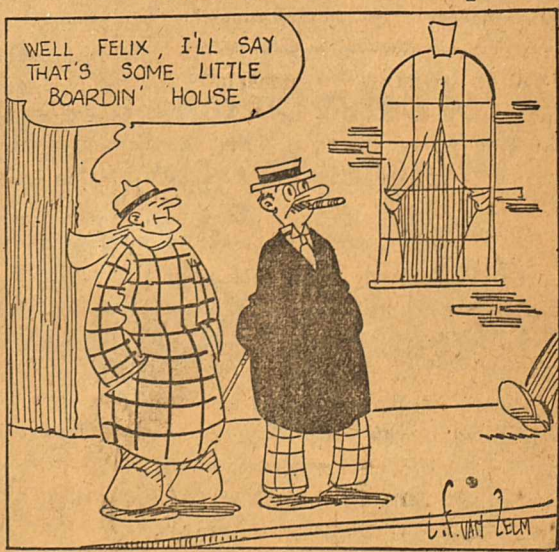
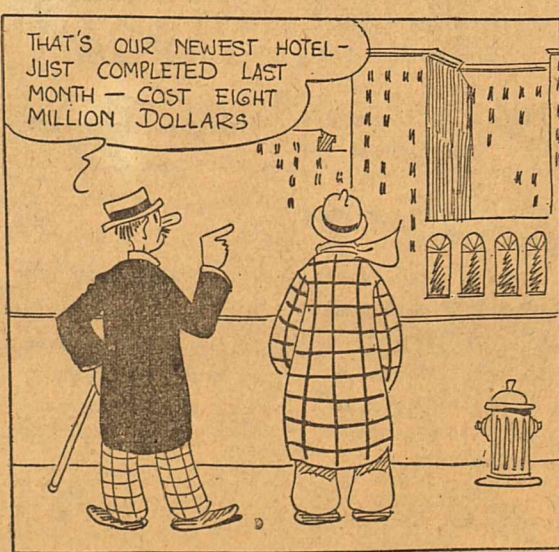
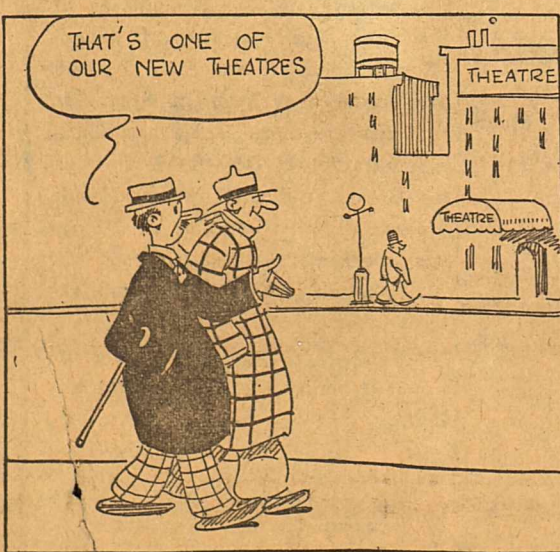
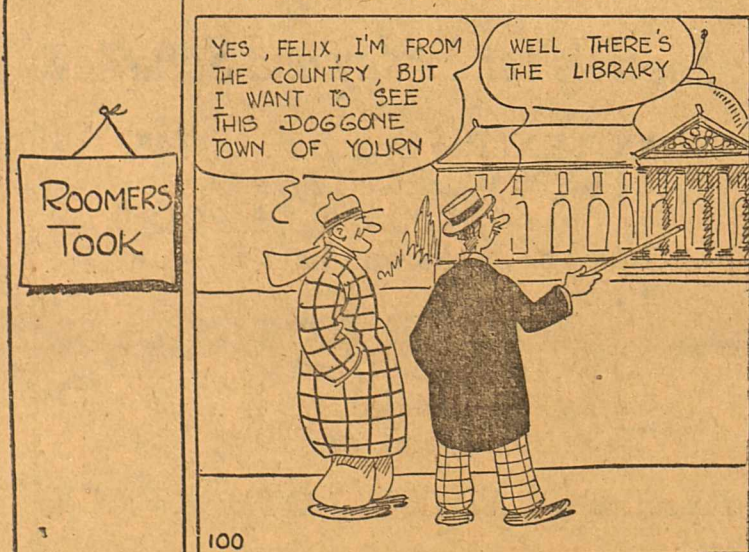
News reached here Tuesday that is reliable that the Brazos Valley Wild cat at the depth of 2700 feet tapped a vein of gas and oil, Monday afternoon. Large crowds visited the well Tuesday, among them well known oil men from Wichita Falls, Dallas and Fort Worth. The well is located nine miles north of Aspermont and from the reports received it is the most encouraging prospect of anything yet discovered in this section of country. We understand that the well is being drilled by a New York Company and if it turns out to be good as it now indicates there will in all probability be some real development in this section.—Jayton Chronicle.

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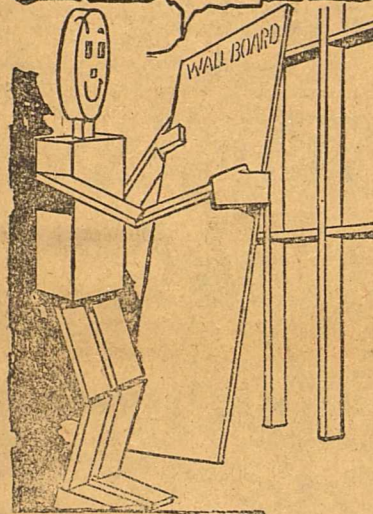


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**CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING**

The Christian Endeavor met Sunday, February 21st, 1926, with 18 members present. Annie Mae Hale was our leader.

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The names of the sides in the contest are the Bears and Deer. Both sides are progressing.

Our program for February 28 is going to be very interesting.—Rep.

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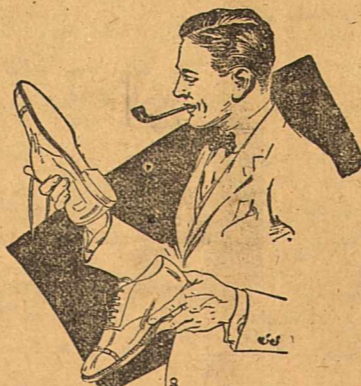
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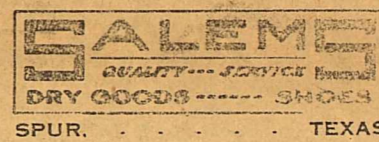
Ben Reddell, a prominent citizen of McAdoo, was here Monday with a bale of bollies. Mr. Reddell was in the section most heavily damaged by the early freeze, in fact his cotton was damaged to such an extent that only 16 bales were gathered from 85 acres of land. He grew plenty of feed, however, to run him through the winter and is optimistic about prospects of the coming year.

Harvey S. Holly was a pleasant caller one day this week at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Holly stated that he picked out thirty three bales of cotton from his last year's crop, and now forty acres of his land prepared for planting. He is very optimistic at this time.

FOR SALE—4-room house, modern garage, two lots. See J. H. Biggs at Long Gin Company office, phone 182.

W. E. Gates, of Afton, was in the city the first of the week. While here he handed us a dollar and fifty cents for another year's subscription to the Texas Spur, and for which he has our thanks.

I. B. Alexander was in the city Saturday and while here was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Alexander was formerly of Cat Fish but has recently removed to the Dickens vicinity.



**Salem's Interesting Letter.**

You will benefit by reading every word. Nearly \$10,000.00 worth of new goods from the markets.

**WE MUST SAY THANK YOU**

If we don't, you gain your purchase free of charge. This will be in force all day Saturday. After we wrap up your package and you hand us the money, we must say "thank you, mam, or sir." If we do not, your money will be given back to you and your purchase will be free of charge, provided the amount does not exceed \$25.

**TO THE FIRST FIFTEEN LADIES**

Saturday we will open our store at 8:30 a. m. The first fifteen entering will receive a ticket which will entitle each to buy five yards of choice 32 inch fast color Red Seal or Kalbourne gingham for 35 cents at the rate of 7 cents a yard. Fifteen new spring patterns for you to select from. Be on time!

**10 PERCENT DISCOUNT; JUST ONE DAY**

To have an inducement and make it worth your while to do your trading with us Saturday the 27th, only during this day, we will allow a 10 per cent discount on anything in the house including all the new dry goods and shoes. This discount is in addition to the already extremely low price.

**INTRODUCING A FEW OF OUR REGULAR PRICES**

Beautiful ladies house dresses made of percale and gingham, handsomely trimmed and designed at only 95 cents. Fast color 32 inch gingham at 15 cents per yard. Men's summer unions 50 cents. Men's imported English Broadcloth shirts at \$1.75.

**MANY NEW THINGS**

Joe Salem's trip to market has brought many new things to Spur—figured rayons, printed crepes, plaid and solid color taffetas. A distinguished array of silk dresses, spring coats, hats; and ladies fancy pumps in the new shades. We will feature two price ranges in hats, \$3.75 and \$5.00. Our dresses will vary in price from \$7.50 to \$35.00. You can buy a beautiful pump from us for \$6.00.

**YOUNG MEN**

We have the Snap Brim hat you have been looking for a long time. We are selling them from \$4.00 and up. Oxfords Galore, in both J. P. Smith and Peters Diamond Brand Shoes. Let us sell you a new pair.

**TWO WRITING TABLETS FREE**

With each pair of school shoes we sell Saturday, we will give away two writing tablets. Shoe up the whole family and carry away a supply of tablets. Remember nickels spent for tablets can either make you rich or poor, and you have to use economy. Boys watches are also given away, ask us. Thank you.  
P. S. WE HANDLE PICTORIAL REVIEW PATTERNS.

Yours truly  
**SALEM'S**  
The busy store by the post office.

### Oil Tests Progressing in Kent, Garza and Dickens

The test well for oil, now drilling on the 24 Ranch south of Spur, by the Texas Company, we are reliably informed, has now reached an approximate depth of 2,000 feet. On this test it is said that three shifts are working eight hours each, thus keeping the drill going down without interruption both day and night.

Nothing exciting has been encountered in the drillings.

The test on the Pitchfork Ranch, being drilled by Mike Mikels, is now going down without interruption, being approximately five or six hundred feet deep.

It is expected that one or two locations for deep tests will be made on the Davis blocked acreage near Spur within the next week or ten days.

Altogether the oil outlook in this section is now most promising, at least for a thorough and complete test of the actual possibilities.

#### RED HILL

Whooping Cough is raging here now. John Latham's two little boys John Blair's three children also the little man Dady Pat and wife live with now has it.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerley and two daughters, Marge and Dorothy, are on the sick list this week.

Sunday School met at the usual hour Sunday evening. Good lessons were had and much interest was taken. Everybody come and take a part and ask questions. Let's study the Bible and learn the way of the Lord more perfectly.

To be Westfall has bought a new mule; some say he is too small; and others say he is too slow, but none have said he wasn't old enough.

I wish some real estate man or some old timer of Dickens County would tell through the Texas Spur how long it would take a man of small means to pay for row land at \$25 to \$30 per acre with cotton at \$40 per bale.

The writer met one of Dickens County's office holders last week on the streets of Spur. He gave me the glad hand, asked after my health, and how the wife and two babies were getting along—and I came home "stepping high" and proceeded to tell my wife that at last, high society was taking notice of me. But she shouted at me, "You fool he only wanted the office two years more."

Plowing and grading is in order at Red Hill. Everyone seems to want to try to raise something to eat and plenty of feed; and some cotton on the side. If they would only cut the 1926 cotton crop 35 to 40 per cent, they would have as much money and less work to do.—An Observer.

J. H. Farmer, of four miles to the northeast of Spur, was in the city Wednesday of this week, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Farmer is very optimistic with reference to the proposed oil developments on the Davis blocked acreage, and from all appearances his optimism is well founded. Some two or four geological surveys have been made of that territory, and more than one big oil developing concern has made favorable reports, and even locations for drilling sites. It is almost certain that more than one test well will be drilled in that immediate territory, and it is very probable that at least one of the tests will be spudded in within the next thirty or sixty days.

Judge H. A. C. Brummett was in Spur one day during the week, on his rounds visiting the rural schools of the county, as well as meeting with voters in furthering his campaign for re-election.

LOST—Separator spindle near the McKeever blacksmith shop. Finder return to the Texas Spur office. 1p

### IF ITS INSURANCE

WE HAVE IT

See Davis or Ousley

Telephone 264 Spur, Texas  
Spur Nat'l. Bank Bldg.

Mrs. Claude Powell, who has been visiting her mother in Jayton, returned to her home in Spur, Sunday. She was accompanied by Mrs. Bessie Cox who will be here for a few days.

#### 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 John Elvin Law, Deceased, Mrs. Lillie Law, has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for Temporary administration upon the Estate of said John Elvin Law Deceased, 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 A. D. 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 the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court at office in Dickens, Texas this 11th day of February A. D. 1926.—O. C. Arthur, Clerk County Court, Dickens County, Texas. By Josephine Green, Deputy. 2t.

### Uneasy Tight Feeling

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

### BLACK-DRAUGHT Liver Medicine

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

"About two years ago I found I was having indigestion, a tight smothering in my chest, then severe pain, especially after eating sweets. I commented 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 Thedford's.

Sold Everywhere E-107

### Change in Law Governing Election School Trus.

There has been a radical change in the law regulating the election of school trustees, according to a statement furnished us by County Judge Rice and County Supt. Pruitt, in common school districts and in independent school districts having fewer than 500 scholastics according to the last approved census.

Under the new law (Art. 2746 a of Revised Statutes) the ballots are prepared by the County Judge and sent to the election officers. The officers to hold the election should be selected by the school trustees as heretofore. The trustees themselves should not hold the election.

If any person desires his name to be placed upon the official ballot as candidate for school trustee, either in common school district or in an independent district having less than 500 scholastics, he should present a written request to the county judge, AT LEAST TEN DAYS BEFORE THE ELECTION, and no candidate shall have his name printed unless this is complied with, or unless five or more voters request in writing that a certain name be printed.

The ballots are then caused to be printed by the county judge and delivered to the persons who are to hold the election, at least one day before the election, other supplies except the ballot boxes are also furnished by the counties.

The election officers shall make return to the county judge, and shall certify the result in the same manner as now required by law, and the returns shall be canvassed by the commissioners court. The name of the presiding officer selected by the trustees should be sent to the county judge, in order that he may properly deliver the election supplies.

Clarence Bilberry returned last week from California where he had been spending several weeks. Clarence made the trip through the country in a car, being nine days on the road.

**Tyler Transfer & Storage Company**  
Will Promptly and Efficiently Serve you  
in Express and Other Hauling  
Also Safe, Fire-Proof Storage Room.

**G. A. CARROLL**  
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Dickens, Texas  
Cowboy Boots a Specialty.

**HAMBERGER McCOMBS**  
Real Hammburgers are still in style  
at Roscoe's.

#### SERIOUS ACCIDENT OCCURRED LAST WEEK AT JAYTON

Sometime Monday afternoon while on a cat killing expedition with a pump shotgun, Q. T. Wade and Newell Porter received the larger part of a load of number four shot at close range in various parts of the body. Sidney Cox had the gun and it is said stumbled and fell and let it fall from his hands, when it was discharged. The greater part of the load entered Q. T. Wade's leg above the knee. His condition being that serious he was taken to Abilene to a Sanitarium late Monday evening. Newell suffered only slight injuries and was able to go to school Tuesday.

Q. T. Wade was brought home from Abilene Tuesday night. None of the shot that had taken effect in his body were removed but it is thought that he will get along alright and recover from the accident.—Jayton Chronicle.

Jim Miller returned the first of this week from a business trip to Cross Plains and other points down in the oil belt. He reports things just a little dull at this time in the oil fields, notwithstanding the fact that much development is in progress at this time.

When you want as good white poultry as there is in this State, write Mrs. W. P. Fretwell, Afton, Texas. 2tp. skp

Mrs. Al Bingham, of the Spur Ranch headquarters, was among the shoppers in the city Monday of this week.



### How to Stop That Weakening Cough

Why let a heavy, stubborn cough wear you down when you can get speedy relief and often break it up completely in 24 hours through a remarkable new method based on the famous Dr. King's New Discovery for Coughs?

Here is the method: You simply take one teaspoonful and hold it in your throat for 15 or 20 seconds before swallowing it. It has a double action. It not only soothes and heals irritation, but also removes the phlegm and congestion which are the real cause of the coughing. So with the cause removed the worst cough soon disappears.

Dr. King's New Discovery is for coughs, chest colds, bronchitis, spasmodic croup, etc. Fine for children, too—no harmful drugs. Very economical, as the dose is only one teaspoonful. At all good druggists. Ask for



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## "Long Distance" Made Convenient

TELEPHONE USERS here may henceforth give long distance calls of the kind known as "station-to-station" to the local operator who says "Number, please" when you lift the receiver.

The only proviso is that you must know the number of the distant telephone desired. For example, just say: "I want Houston, Preston 2000"

"Person-to-person" calls should be handled through the "long distance" operator as heretofore.

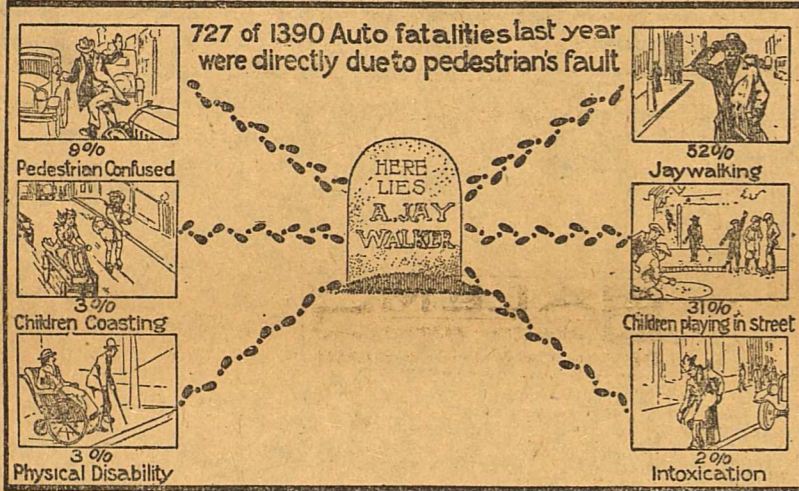
Number, please!

SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY



ONLY CALLS FOR A NUMBER WILL BE HANDLED IN THIS WAY

## Jay Walker to Blame for Half of the Deaths by Auto



MANY a motorist whose car has figured in a fatal accident will be able to present a clear sheet to Saint Peter when his time comes, when one considers all the contributing factors outside of the driver's own fault. A total of 1,390 auto fatalities on record with the Stewart-Warner Safety Council for the prevention of automobile accidents, covering a period of seven months, shows that in 727 cases the fault was clearly the pedestrian's and cannot be put down to the driver, the weather or unavoidable circumstances.

The careless pedestrian's footsteps lead him to the grave by six distinct routes, says the Safety Council, and the most travel-worn of these is jaywalking. Sixty-two per cent of the 727 auto fatalities just referred to were due to straggling across busy streets without using the intersections. Children's playing in the streets was responsible for 31 per cent and coasting for another 3 per cent. Confusion on the part of the pedestrian, not hearing whistles and turning back in his tracks, brought about 9 per cent of these 727 deaths, while physical disability and intoxication rate 3 and 2 per cent respectively.

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Grow bigger and healthier chickens

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### READ THE ADVERTISEMENTS APPEARING IN TEXAS SPUR

The attention of conservative buyers is directed to the advertising columns of the Texas Spur, with the assurance that not only time and convenience but dollars will be saved thereby. From the advertisements the judicious shopper may make selections of goods, determine prices as well places to shop.

Mr. Farmer—I have 800 bushels of absolutely pure Half and Half Cottonseed, first year from the originator and stored and ginned under contract by Guthrie Gin Co., at Afton, I am offering these seed at \$2.50 per bushel. Reference any bank or business firm or responsible individual in this territory.—Albert Power, Afton, Texas. 15 4tc.

Joe T. Salem returned Saturday of last week from the Northern and Eastern markets where several days were spent in purchasing new stocks of goods for his dry goods establishment in Spur.

Dr. T. A. Tedrick made a business and professional trip this week to Kansas City and other points.

A boy was born the past week to Mr. and Mrs. Dane at their home to the southwest of Spur.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Sladen, of Dickens were in Spur Saturday of this week.

J. W. Jones, of McAdoo was a visitor in Spur Monday of this week.

Mrs. W. S. Hunter is visiting with relatives at Wichita Falls this week.

E. D. Jackson, of near Dickens was here Saturday.

### SHELL PROBLEM IS SOLVED BY CIVILIAN

#### 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 350,000 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 10 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.

### DICKENS COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following candidates for public offices, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Elections to be held in July and August, 1926:

- For District Attorney, 50th Dist.; WM. B. COMBEST, of Paducah (Re-election 2nd term)
- For Sheriff and Tax Collector: M. L. JONES (2nd Term)
- W. D. STREET
- WALTER MALONE
- For County Judge & School Sup't.: H. A. C. BRUMMETT (Re-Election)
- F. C. GIPSON
- R. R. WOOTEN
- JAS. F. WILLIAMS
- For County and District Clerk: O. C. ARTHUR (Re-Election)
- ROBT. REYNOLDS
- For County Treasurer: MRS. OLLIE M. COLE (Re-Election)
- For Tax Assessor: W. F. McCARTY (2nd term)
- For Public Weigher, Precinct 1: W. W. WALDRUP
- R. H. ESKRIDGE
- J. A. AKINS
- J. L. (Jeff) ELMORE
- For Public Weigher, Pre. 3: A. M. SHEPHERD
- FRED HISEY
- E. M. HINSON
- J. J. RANDALL
- TOM RUSSELL
- For County Commissioner, Pre. 1: W. J. (Joe) CLARK
- For County Commissioner, Pre. 2: O. C. NEWBERRY (Re-Election)
- For County Commissioner, Pre. 3: H. O. ALBIN
- W. J. ELLIOTT
- For County Commissioner, Pre. 4: CHAS. PERRIN
- W. L. THANISCH
- For Justice of the Peace, Pre. 3: D. A. YOUNG (Re-Election)
- F. N. OLIVER

### KENT COUNTY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- For County Commissioner, Pre. 2: M. P. SMITH
- M. F. HAGAR
- J. A. Brown, a good citizen of the Afton country, was trading in Spur the past week.
- WOOD FOR SALE at \$3.50 per load on place or \$5.00 delivered.—Phone or see W. J. Elliott. 15tf

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People who have traded with us know we always offer unusual bargains. Quick Sales, and Many Turnovers for Spot Cash have made us one of the busiest stores in West Texas. We can afford to sell our merchandise at Smaller Profits, because we don't have the expense and losses that go with the credit stores—

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## Chas. Whitener

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## The Hancock Hull Extractor Now Installed and In Service at The Farmers Gin

This machine is nothing short of an innovation in the cotton world, has just been perfected by the Engineers of the Murray Company, who have been working on it for the past three years. It is called the Hancock Hull Extractor, but that is a name of convenience, since the machine does not actually extract the hulls from the cotton, but literally picks the cotton from the hulls. Properly, the machine might be called a stationary cotton picker, and those who have seen it in operation predict that it will do much to take the women and children out of the cotton patch and put money into the pockets of the cotton growers.

The machine is designed to separate hulls, burs and shale from the cotton, or the cotton from them at the gin. After the cotton has been picked from the burs, it then is cleaned and ginned just like picked cotton. Naturally, a greatly improved sample over that obtained under other methods results.

As is commonly known, heretofore so-called hull extractors were equipped with saws to perform the operation of separation. These saws naturally cut up hulls and at best placed shale and particles of hulls in the lint in such a manner as to make removal impossible. A woody sample and a lower price inevitably resulted. The Hancock Hull Extractor employs no saws, but is equipped with a belt which has picker fingers which engage the cotton but do not engage hulls or other foreign substances. These fingers pull out the lint in such a way as to obviate putting hulls or shale in the lint. The cotton falls out looking as if it might have been picked in the field by some very careful person who "chokes the boll" while pulling the cotton out a lock at a time.

For the last two years the machine has been in use in the Murray demonstration gin plants in Dallas and during the 1925 season five of these machines were placed in the field, in gin plants in Texas and Oklahoma, to see how they would stand up under continuous operating conditions. The Murray Company had built only six of these machines and as we had been in close touch with its development and decided it was by far better in every way than any other machine we had ever seen, persuaded them to let us purchase the sixth machine, which was installed in our gin February 22nd, where it is now doing its work and everybody is invited to call and see it in operation.

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	New Price	Old Price
Tudor	\$520	\$580
Fordor	565	660
Coupe	500	520
Touring	310	290
Runabout	290	260

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**Left-Hand Drive—**

Originally introduced by Henry Ford on the Model T car in 1908 and since adopted for most American-made cars.

**Three Point Motor Suspension—** First used by Henry Ford in 1903, and a feature of the Model T power plant for eighteen years.

**Dual Ignition System—** Dual ignition is provided for Ford cars, (1) the Ford magneto and (2) the generator and storage battery. This has been a great factor in establishing the Ford reputation for reliability.

**Planetary Transmission—** Costs more to build than the conventional sliding gear type but gives better light car control.

**Multiple Disc-in-oil Clutch—**

The multiple disc clutch is generally conceded to be the best and smoothest type for any car. The Ford clutch runs in oil.

**Thermo-Syphon Cooling System—** Extremely simple—always efficient. No water pump to require packing. Circulation of water is governed entirely by engine temperature.

**Simple, Dependable Lubrication—** Exceedingly simple, combining the splash principle with gravity flow. No pump required.

**Torque Tube Drive—** Henry Ford originated the Torque Tube in 1908—a driving principle now embodied in many of the highest priced cars.

"We have never lowered the quality of the car to reduce the price"



County Commissioner Chas. Perin of the Draper country, was in Spur Monday of this week. We understand that in his campaign for reelection an effort is being made to secure W. T. Lovell as campaign manager. In securing Lovell for campaign manager, two birds will be captured in a single stroke, thus not only obviating him as a possible opponent in the race but obtaining an astute, experienced campaigner.

**FOR SALE OR TRADE for Mules**—20 acre block, No. 5, south of Spur. See or write Andy Wooten, McAdoo, Texas.

Pete Neeb, of south of Spur four or five miles, was among the business visitors here the first of the week. Mr. Neeb just recently moved here from Callahan county and will make his permanent home here in the future.

T. E. Rucker, of west of Spur a few miles, was among the business visitors in the city Tuesday of this week. Mr. Rucker is this year improving a new farm to the west of Spur.

Men, buy your new suit from C. R. Edwards & Company

Newt Cravey, of the Red Mud section of country, was in Spur Saturday of the past week, trading some and meeting with his friends and acquaintances. Newt is over in the "oil belt" of Kent and Garza counties, and is very optimistic of the successful development of that section. The two wells drilling in that section are going right on down with out delay, and from present indications it will be but few weeks until the tests will be completed.

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

PROFESSIONAL NOTICES

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Practices in District and the Higher Courts. County Attorney's office.

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Lawyer  
Office over Spur National Bank

**W. D. WILSON**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
General Practice  
Office Over Spur National Bank  
SPUR, TEXAS

**E. J. COWAN**  
Attorney-at-Law  
Cowan Bldg. Spur, Texas

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Office Nichols Sanitarium

**Dr. M. H. Brannen**  
DENTIST  
Office over Spur National Bank

**Dr. D. H. Zachry**  
DENTIST  
Office in Cowan Building  
SPUR, TEXAS

**LAVINA B. CONKLIN**  
Chiropractor  
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Alec Winkler, of the Croton country to the east of Dickens, was one among the business visitors in Spur Saturday. He reports everything in good shape in that part of the country.

Cecil Scott, of the Duck Creek community, was here Saturday meeting with friends. He had been strongly solicited to enter the campaign in Kent for Commissioner of his precinct, but informed us that he would not be a candidate.

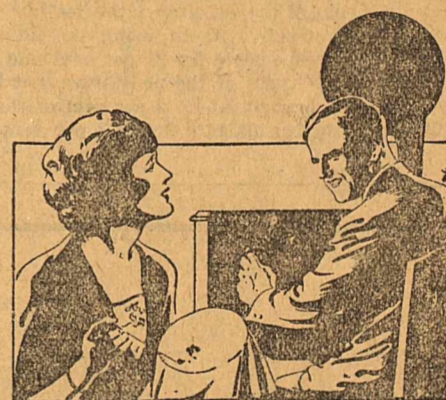
H. E. Grabener, of eight or nine miles east, was here the past week trading.

Mrs. Ed McArthur is with relatives in Colorado City, having recently undergone a surgical operation from which she is now convalescing, and it is hoped will soon be able to return home.

Mr. Johnny Jones and family, of Dickens, were in Jayton the past week.

J. H. Boothe, of just east of the city, was here the first of the week on business.

**FOR SALE**—Jersey milk cow.—Joe M. Gaines at Long Gin Company in Spur.



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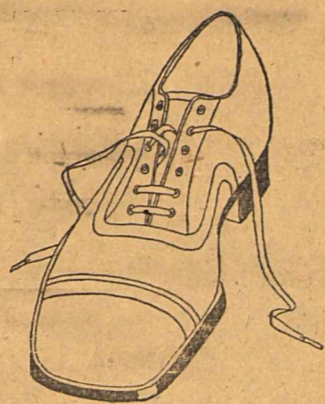
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SPUR DELPHIAN SOCIETY  
MET TUESDAY OF LAST WEEK

The Spur Delphian Society met with Mrs. C. B. Jones, February 16th with thirteen members present. Mrs. Forbis led a very interesting lesson on Greek mythology. The book committee reported quite a number of new books added to the library. The next meeting will be with Mrs. L. L. F. Parker, with Mrs. Reynolds as leader.—Reporter.

W. H. Nichols, of the Croton community to the east of Dickens, was among the business visitors in Spur during the week. Mr. Nichols is being mentioned as a possible candidate for sheriff and tax collector in the present campaign, and it is possible that he may enter the race after the campaign begins to warm up.

**STRAIGHT TALKS**  
**WITH AUNT EMMY**  
**ON "BAD LUCK"**

"The Brownes are the unluckiest people I ever saw," remarked Emma, as she and Aunt Emmy walked by their house. "They were just getting on their feet after James lost so much money in stocks. Maud told me only last week that he was putting his savings in government bonds now. Yesterday his office was robbed and the bonds stolen out of his desk. Five \$100 bonds gone. It's the only money they have been able to save since he lost his savings in that radio stock."

"That certainly is bad luck, if you call it bad luck," commented Aunt Emmy. "I call it stupidity, myself."

"Stupidity! why Aunt Emmy, how could James know that thieves would get in his office!" exclaimed Emma. "It doesn't seem stupid to me."

"I don't want to be too hard on James, my child, but if he had only used ordinary precautions, he need not have lost what was for him a large amount of money on that radio stock and he surely need not have had those bonds stolen."

"Why Aunt, James isn't a mind reader or a fortune teller."

"No, of course he isn't. But neither is every successful business man a seer. Luck is ninety per cent common sense. If James had gone to his banker and asked him to look up the radio company whose stock he was

thinking of buying, the chances are that he never would have bought it after he got the bank's report. Banks can get the record of any company issuing stock and if the company is not well financed, if it has not been paying dividends, if the officers of the company are not men with clean, honest records, the bank can find that out. The radio company that James invested in made a disgraceful failure a month after he bought his stock. If he had taken the trouble to find out something about it first, doubtless he would have that money today."

"Well, Aunt, that may be true about the stock, but who in the world would anticipate thieves?"

"Anybody who reads the papers today knows that thieves are pretty active," said Aunt Emmy dryly. "Why ignore them? If James had kept his bonds in a safe place, at a bank, he would have had them yet. James has been careless, if not actually stupid. His bad luck is mostly James himself."—Anne B. Aymes.

**BANKERS HELP**

The Minnesota Bankers Association at its annual convention adopted the following resolution:

"We believe it to be the duty of every banker in the state of Minnesota to co-operate with our Agricultural Committee and to call the attention of its farmer patrons to the excellent work being done by our Agricultural College, and the means thereby available for the improvement of farming conditions and for the practical education of the boys and girls from our farms."

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- How to reduce the unbecoming droop under the chin.

If you wish to avoid the possibility of waiting, phone for APPOINTMENT

**SPUR DRUG STORE**

**JUNIOR CLASS OF SPUR HIGH SCHOOL ENJOYS PICNIC**

Members of the Junior Class of Spur High School enjoyed a picnic outing Wednesday, going to the Spur Ranch headquarters, where they indulged in varied games, enjoyed picnic lunch.

I. B. Alexander was here trading and on other business during the week.

L. A. Hindman underwent an operation this week at the Nichols Sanitarium.

**CARD OF THANKS.**

We desire to express our sincere thanks and appreciation for the many kindnesses, consideration, assistance and sympathy shown us in the illness and death of Mrs. Claud Holly. Each one will ever have a warm place in our hearts.—Claud Holly, Harvey S. Holly, Mrs. C. J. Bonham and L. W. Holly and families.

C. C. Cornelius was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday of this week.

ROOMS TO RENT at the Oliver House.

**Concrete Streets in TEXAS**



Wichita Falls has more than 500,000 square yards of concrete pavement—10 square yards per capita.

The concrete pavement on Scott Street was laid in 1915. For ten years it has carried the heavy traffic of the business district. During that time only simple, inexpensive maintenance has been necessary to keep the pavement as good as when built. On many other Wichita Falls streets concrete has given the same satisfactory service.

It is not surprising therefore that the taxpayers of Wichita Falls are adding nearly 200,000 square yards to the city's paved street system this year.

Wichita Falls is known as "The City That Faith Built." Her citizens have pride in the present and vision for the future. Concrete pavements have helped this faith because they act as a town tonic.

What about the streets in your town?

All of the facts are in our free booklet on "Concrete Streets." Ask for your copy.

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## Suspicious About Wall Street and How They Arise

By FRANCIS H. SISSON, President  
Trust Company Division, American Bankers Association

WOULD-BE economists, political orators and the general public make frequent positive assertions about the functions of Wall Street without any realization of what constitutes Wall Street or what purpose it serves. Lack of knowledge breeds suspicion. Yet it is not difficult to understand the nature and function of Wall Street. Let us set down a few of the facts which account for the existence and nation-wide, as well as international, services of Wall Street.



There are 316 banks in New York with combined capital and surplus of about \$1,400,000,000. Their deposits aggregate over \$11,500,000,000, and during 1924 their total volume of business reached nearly \$250,000,000,000.

The New York Stock Exchange in 1925 sold 463,000,000 shares of stock and in 1924 \$3,828,000,000 worth of bonds. Wall Street is the national credit and money market. It is just as essential that there be markets for money and for

the facilitation of trade, industry and investment are upon a correspondingly ample scale. It is clear that these funds must be employed sanely, constructively and to the real service of the business community. Other wise they would inevitably soon be withdrawn.

### Huge Investments Help Farmers

These huge investment operations in Wall Street are of significance to the farmer. Much of the \$10,000,000,000 invested in farm mortgages was advanced by Eastern financial institutions. In no sense is Wall Street's interest in agriculture local or sectional. The main function of New York financial institutions is to send money where it is most needed.

Another service rendered to agriculture by Wall Street is the purchase of Farm Loan bonds, Joint Stock Land Bank bonds and the debentures of the Intermediate Credit Banks. There is a total of \$1,451,800,000 of this paper outstanding, of which New York banks took about one billion.

Wall Street loans to country banks are made at low rates, usually below 4 1/2 per cent. The local banker's rates to his customers are adjusted to local conditions, which cannot justly be laid at the door of Wall Street.

General financial service to other industries related to agriculture also helps the farmer substantially. Wall Street loans to the packers, railroads, millers and farm-machinery manufacturers to help them serve agriculture.

Wall Street is as necessary and serviceable in the handling of credit and capital as is the cold-storage plant in caring for seasonal perishable products. The necessity of such a credit center in a country with a \$90,000,000,000 annual business is obvious.

### What the People Want

Every great international bank in New York maintains close relations with thousands of other banks in the United States and in every foreign country of any importance. The movements of commerce and investment are supported upon this inter-related system of domestic and foreign banks. Thus it comes about that the products of the farm, factory and mine are financed by these banks all the way from the producer to the foreign consumer.

Wall Street in the discharge of its true functions as the nation's reservoir of capital and credit includes the whole business community in its field of operations. Its control lies with the people. Their demands govern it, and their presence or absence from the market determines its trends.

Wall Street prospers as farming and industry prosper. Its service is to the people of the whole country and, for them, to the people of other countries. It is the direct reflection of American agriculture, industry and commerce.—From the *Country Gentleman*.

If Wall Street Were Destroyed  
Wall Street is the natural evolution of the forces of trade and finance. It exists because there is imperative need for it in the nation's business. If some cataclysm should destroy the financial district of New York we would see frantic efforts to re-establish it so that trade and industry could continue. If the production and marketing of agricultural and industrial commodities did not need such a financial institution, Wall Street would not exist.

We depend upon the farmer to help maintain the general level of prosperity. Wall Street as a money market is called upon to finance the growth and marketing of farm crops. Many Wall Street bankers were born and raised on farms. If they were not thoroughly familiar with agricultural requirements, they could not hold their present positions in the financial world.

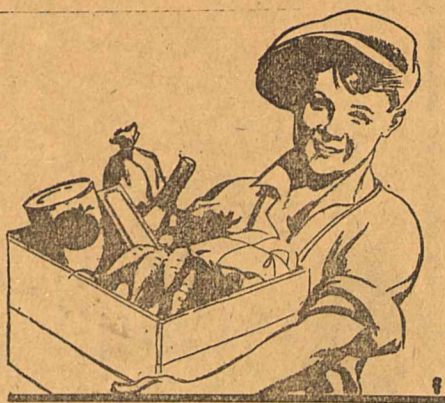
In the period of deflation, Wall Street suffered proportionately as much as the farmer. The aggregate losses of Wall Street banks amounted to a staggering sum. Wall Street is not an independent institution, but an organic part of the country's business system, necessarily reflecting the ups and downs of business.

### Four Billion Dollars

An approximate estimate of the main items in Wall Street's financial operations in handling farm crops shows that New York banks for the purpose of agriculture put out commercial loans to the value of one billion dollars, hold bankers' acceptances for another billion, buy commercial paper such as cattle and sheep loans for a third billion and carry balances of country banks for a fourth billion. Thus Wall Street furnishes a \$4,000,000,000 river of credit annually to produce farm products and float them to market.

The outward flow to rural banks enables them to make the required advances on farm crops and for warehousing and handling cotton, tobacco, wheat, raisins, prunes and countless other products. Outside of his own personal efforts on his farm, Wall Street is the biggest single factor in the prosperity of the farmer. After these commodities have been moved to market, the money used in handling them returns to Wall Street for investment. New York is the largest security market in the country and offers a use and market for the idle capital of the rural banks between crops.

Funds from every part of the country flow to New York, attracted by the greater opportunity for their profitable use found in this center. Thus the accumulations of deposits are large, and in turn the openings for the useful employment of these funds in



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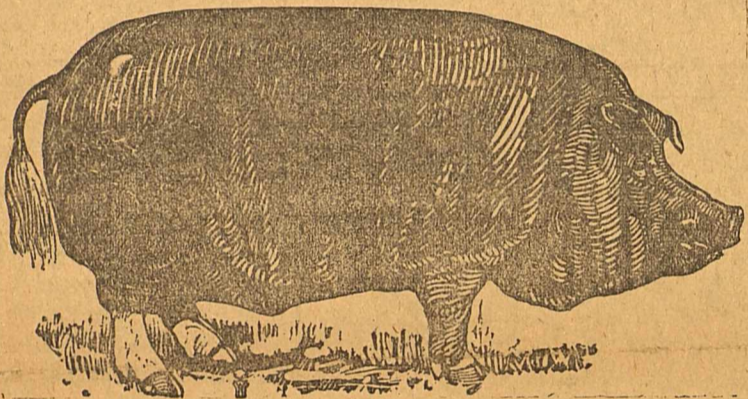
**SCOTT BROTHERS, Spur**  
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W. A. Stevens, of the Highway community to the west of Spur, was here among the crowds Saturday, meeting with friends and trading with Spur merchants.

G. W. Bennett, of the Duncan Flat community, was among the crowds of shoppers and business visitors in Spur Saturday.

Hamp Collett handed us three big silver cart-wheels Wednesday for a two years subscription to the Texas Spur—and the whole world looks brighter. What would a newspaper do without such readers?

Howard Campbell was among the large number of business visitors in Spur the past week.



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Badger and Pennsylvania Vacuum Cup Tires at 10 Per Cent Reduction!

**MAPLES GARAGE**  
SPUR, TEXAS

W. G. Mayfield, merchant, banker and cotton buyer of Girard, was in Spur Monday of this week transacting business. He says everything now looks good and promising in the Girard country.

Lon Fuqua, of the Red Mud country, was in Spur the latter part of the past week.

L. B. McMeans, of near Spur, has been critically ill the past week, suffering of heart troubles. It is hoped by many friends and acquaintances that Mr. McMeans will soon be completely recovered.

Mr. Witt, of the Watson community, was among the number here on Tuesday of this week.

We have lately installed the very latest in

**BOLLIE COTTON MACHINERY**

Giving the very best turn-out possible.

We also have our Maize and Corn Grinding Mills Ready.

**M. HARGROVE, GINNER, Spur**

### PRESBYTERIAN CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The Presbyterian Christian Endeavor met February 21 with eleven members present. The study, 'Lives Transformed by Christ,' was led by Carter Robinson.

On February 28th the Topic for study will be "Neglected Areas in the Country," led by Sam Tarver Clemmons.

### AN ESSAY ON GEESE.

The following composition about geese was written, according to *Capper's Weekly*, by a schoolboy in St. Louis.

"Geese is a heavyset bird with a head on one side and a tail on the other. His feet is set so far back on his running gear that they nearly miss his body. Some geese is ganders and has a curl on their tail. Ganders don't lay or set. They just eat, loaf and go swimming. If I had to be a geese I would rather be a gander. Geese do not give milk, but give eggs, but for me give me liberty or give me death."

Mrs. Bill Davis, of the Spur Ranch headquarters, was shopping in the city Monday of this week.

### TRAIN DEMOLISHES TRUCK OCCUPANTS ARE UNHURT

Quanah, Jan. —The northbound Fort Worth and Denver train hit a Ford truck belonging to a farmer, living about 20 miles northwest of Quanah, at Acme crossing, and totally demolished it. Two boys were driving and the engine had stalled on the track. Both doors of the truck were locked and wired shut, making it impossible for the boys to jump before the engine struck the truck. Fortunately, neither of them suffered even a broken bone, only one being badly bruised. The truck was dragged for some distance.

Rev. W. B. Bennett, of the Gilpin country, was among the business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week. He reports everything progressing in a satisfactory manner throughout the country at this time.

Joe Ericson, of the West Pasture, was in the city Tuesday of this week meeting with his friends and buying ranch supplies for the headquarters.

If you need some real hose—get the Rollins at C. R. Edwards & Co.



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**JOPLIN & GIBSON**

Mace Hunter came in one day the past week from his place to the east of Spur.

W. T. Wilson was among the business visitors here the first of the week from his farm home to the east of Spur.

The Spur wants to do your printing.

Mrs. R. A. Hodges, of Abilene, wife of R. A. Hodges who has the oil lease blocked from the Davis tract, is critically ill, having recently undergone an operation. For this reason the details in arranging to drill a deep test on the lease has been somewhat delayed. It is hoped that Mrs. Hodges may soon be recovered.

### 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! YOURS TO SERVE

**SWIFT GIN COMPANY**  
J. I. HAYES, Manager

Uncle Jimmie Jones, of the Duncan Flat community, was among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week.

Porter McClain, of the Cat Fish country, was here one day the past week trading and on other business matters.

M. F. Hagar, of the Antelope community, and candidate for county commissioner of his precinct in Kent county, was in Spur last Saturday meeting with the Kent county voters here that day, and also trading with Spur merchants.

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### SEE THE BOLLIE GIN

My Gin Man is back on the job after being away with his father in sickness and death. I also have another old head at the gin business, that will assist me the rest of the season. With this help and the repairs on new machinery we are in shape to do the best work that can be done. I will try and buy your cotton at market prices. I am doing better work every day and can gin your cotton as you want it ginned. There has been several old gin men through the West who stopped at my gin and said I was doing the best work they had seen in all of West Texas.

**LONG GIN COMPANY**  
JOE M. GAINES, Mgr.