

Cut Cotton Acreage, Raise a Cow, a Sow and a Hen is the Farmers Slogan for 1927.

# The Texas Spur

## THE DICKENS ITEMS

Some Day The Spur Country Will be the Greatest Diversified Agricultural Section of Texas.

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## The Two-Days Agricultural Short Course, by the International Harvester Company, Now in Progress

### The I. H. C. Short Courses Now Touring the Country is Proving a Factor in Agricultural Education

Hundreds of farmers and their families from every community within the Spur territory are coming in Thursday and Friday of this week attending the Two-Day Short Course being given by the Agricultural Extension Department of the International Harvester Company, the programs being held in the Baptist church.

The program carried out Thursday was largely attended and fully appreciated, being as follows:

Band concert on street, Orchestra, Community Singing, Solo by Mrs. Fred S. Reynolds, moving pictures showing "Farm Inconveniences," and "Cherryland," Trombone Solo by Cleo Hazel, Male Quartet of T. J. Seals, Bill Brown, F. G. Collier, E. C. Edmonds; Talk by County Agent Fred S. Reynolds. The features of the program in connection with the course were by H. S. Mobley on "Educational Use of Knowledge" and "Communities Are Made of Folks," "Garden Talk" by G. L. Smith, and "Feeding the Family" by Miss Grace M. Smith.

The talks and lectures were to the point, were appreciated and will encourage and promote better living and better farming methods in the future.

Pupils of the high school and two of the grammar school grades were dismissed from Spur Public Schools and were in attendance, together with country people, filling the church auditorium to its capacity and many being turned away for the Thursday program.

The program as arranged for Friday, today, is as follows:

Band concert on the street at 9:30 o'clock; saxophone solo by Curtis Harkey; community singing; vocal solo by Mrs. Leslie Cooper; "Alfalfa Talk" by G. L. Smith; moving pictures; "Bringing the Kitchen up to Date" by Miss Grace L. Smith; a

reading by Miss Willie Richbourg; cornet solo by H. L. Underwood; a talk by Miss Daisy Gordon, Dickens County Home Demonstration Agent; "The Cow, Sow and Hen" discussed by H. S. Mobley. In the evening, beginning at 7:30, the following program will be rendered:

Spur High School Orchestra, directed by Miss Lena Belle Scudder. Spur High School Singing, directed by Miss Nell Higgins; ladies octet led by Mrs. Fred S. Reynolds; moving pictures; "Home Canning Saves Work" by Miss Grace M. Smith; a talk by Clifford B. Jones; "Beautifying the Home Grounds" by G. L. Smith.

The lecturers on the program here for the I. H. C. Course are Messrs. H. S. Mobley, on agricultural and community subjects, and G. L. Smith on fruit growing and horticulture; and Miss Smith on home and kitchen subjects; each of whom are practical experts in their lines, their lectures being presented in a forceful and impressive manner.

The two days short course in Spur will be of inestimable benefit to the people in attendance, and during the two days practically everybody from every community is expected to hear at least a portion of the program.

### Sylvan Golding Accidentally Breaks Leg While at Play

Sylvan Golding, little son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Golding, last week suffered the misfortune of breaking one of his legs while playing around the home. Sylvan fell from the top of the yard fence, his clothing hanging to the fence in such a manner as to cause the injury. The broken bones were reset and Sylvan is now rapidly recovering.

### City Commissioners Order Election and Re-employ Birdwell

At a meeting of the City Commissioners of the City of Spur, held Thursday morning, an election was ordered to be held Tuesday, April 5th, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two commissioners to serve the ensuing two years, C. H. Perry being appointed judge of the election.

At the meeting T. C. Birdwell was re-employed as superintendent of the water department for a term of one year at a salary of one hundred and eighty five dollars per month.

### Candidates Announced For Places on City Commission

In view of the City election to be held in Spur Tuesday, April 5th, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two commissioners to serve the ensuing term, the Texas Spur is authorized to announce the following as candidates for the respective places:

For Mayor: Ned Hogan.

For Water Com.: Roy Stovall.

For Street Com.: Webber Williams.

Aside from those names already announced, there has been considerable talk of "drafting" into service a number of other candidates for the places, among whom are the following: The present Commissioners, who are John King, G. R. Elkins and G. H. Snider; E. J. Cowan, D. H. Sullivan, Jas. F. Williams, for mayor; and Leonard Jopling, H. A. Boothe, C. Hogan, Chalk Brown, W. E. Fletcher, C. A. Love, and possibly others whose names we do not recall at the moment, for Commissioners.

The Texas Spur has always tried to encourage interest in campaigns for city offices, offering to make announcements without charge heretofore as will be done in this campaign. There will be absolutely no expense attached to running for the city offices, even all names being printed on the tickets without charge to the candidates, and no doubt there will be a sufficient number of candidates 'drafted' to not only make the campaign interesting and provide ample opportunity for voters to make a choice expression at the polls, as well as select the very best material offered for the three offices.

### T. M. Maples to Undergo an Operation for Complicated Ills

T. M. Maples was carried last week to Abilene where he will undergo an operation for gall stones and other ailments. Mr. Maples condition was such that he would be unable to take other than a gas anaesthetic, therefore he was carried away from home for the operation. He was accompanied by Mrs. Maples and children who will remain with him through the critical stages of the operation. Mr. Maples had been in ill health for some time, being confined to his bed several weeks. It is hoped the operation will give him relief and effect a permanent cure.

Read the Texas Spur for news—advertise in its columns for results.

### 30,000 Bales Cotton Weighed at Spur Cotton Yard

Public Weigher Fred Hisey informed us Tuesday that the Spur Cotton Yard to that date had weighed a total of thirty thousand bales of the 1926 crop of cotton.

This 30,000 bales of cotton has already exceeded the total number of bales expected for the year, and the probability is that several thousand more bales will be weighed before the end of the season.

Up to this date the several gins of Spur have ginned a total of 26,500 bales of cotton, the gins continuing to run full time.

### Interstate Federal Loan And Building Association Organized with Horace Gibson Local Representative

Messrs. Herrscher and C. H. Ackerman, of Utah, were in Spur this week, perfecting a local organization of the Interstate Federal Building & Loan Association, with state headquarters at Fort Worth.

Horace P. Gibson, cashier of the City National Bank, was selected as the local representative, and who informed us that his office equipments would be here this week after which time he would be prepared to make loans for building purpose.

The Interstate Building and Loan Association has unlimited funds for building purposes, and with its liberal interest requirements and easy payment plans, will prove of value and service to the town and country in promoting substantial building progress.

### A. R. Howe Moves His Garage to North Side of West Fifth Street

Thursday of this week A. R. Howe moved his garage business and vacating the building on Burlington Avenue, locating and establishing his business on the north side of West Fifth Street in the building with the Spur Auto Wrecking House.

The building on Burlington Avenue was vacated for the purpose of constructing a new brick building by W. H. Crouse, and which work will begin as soon as the old frame structure is removed from the lot.

### Spur Merchants Kept Busy Replenishing Stocks for Trade

C. R. Edwards returned Wednesday evening from Dallas markets where he purchased goods in replenishing stocks. Notwithstanding the prevailing conditions of short finances resulting from low prices of cotton, the merchants of Spur are constantly replenishing their stocks in meeting demands of the trade.

### MR. FARMER:

Just think who your friends are? We sell you Hulls at \$5 per ton and Meal or Cake at \$1.75 sack; or will exchange for cotton seed and give you top prices. This is a Home Institution, handling from us—we correct all mistakes Home Products. Buy your feed and Make Them Good! Talk over our proposition of feeding out calves for market with us.

Spur Ware House  
J. J. ALBIN, MGR.

### Two Negroes Indicted For Murder of Bob Morgan, and Trial Set for Monday March 21st at Crosbyton

Upon the convening of District Court Monday at Crosbyton, the grand jury immediately began the investigation of the murder of Bob Morgan which occurred west of Spur on February 14th, returning indictments against two of the negroes implicated, Robert Stanley and Son Gipson, for the murder.

The cases against these negroes has been set for trial at Crosbyton, Monday, March 21st.

Among the witnesses called from Spur to appear before the grand jury were Sheriff Jones, Cattle Inspector Hogan, Dr. J. E. Morris, Boney Scott and S. C. Rawlings.

The murder of Bob Morgan occurred

just over the county line of Dickens and Crosby counties, when Mr. Morgan had gone to a field where the two negro men and a woman were pulling cotton for him. The negroes marched Mr. Morgan, at the point of guns, a mile or more from the field, into canyons and breaks along Cat Fish Creek, where he was murdered and carried across the creek and thrown in a gully along the west bank.

This was one of the most heinous crimes committed in the history of this section of West Texas. All officers and citizens have been active in securing evidence, and contributing to the prompt apprehension and trial of the murderers.

### Spur's Hatchery and Poultry Farm Takes Place of The Spur Poultry Rancho

Since the purchase of the Spur Poultry Rancho recently by C. O. Davis, owner and manager of the Sunset Farm of Rule, the name has been changed to "Spurs Hatchery and Poultry Farm."

H. E. Hannsz will be manager of Spur's Hatchery and Poultry Farm, which will hatch eggs for the public and also breed high grade baby chicks for the market.

The ownership and management of Spur's Hatchery and Poultry Farm are experienced in the business, owning and operating several farms and hatcheries at other points, and will make the Spur plant one of their largest and most noted business establishments.

### West Texas Basket Ball Team Awarded Bronze Medal in State Meet

West Texas is now not only assuming the lead in agriculture and commerce, but is showing its prowess in school athletic training as was evidenced last week when the "Jack-rabbit Basket Ball Team" of Ralls High School was awarded a Bronze medal at the state meet in Austin as third prize for the state championship.

Surely and steadily West Texas is forging to the front and enforcing recognition along all lines. Come to West Texas.

### Robert James Farm Home Destroyed by Fire Wednesday

About one o'clock Wednesday afternoon fire completely destroyed the farm home of Robert James one and a half miles west of the Dry Lake school house, together with all the household effects.

The fire is supposed to have been caused by the explosion of an oil stove, all members of the family being occupied with duties outside the house at the time. The family suffered the loss of everything except the clothing they were wearing.

Insurance to the amount of five or six hundred dollars was carried.

A subscription list made up by neighbors and friends of the country Thursday and contributed to the family in assisting them in the burden of their loss.

Mr. James was in Spur Thursday arranging for lumber and building material for the immediate reconstruction of the farm home.

### Cut Worms Doing Damage to Winter Wheat on The Plains

S. W. Stephenson, of near McAdoo on the Plains, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday of this week. He informed us that the cut worm was doing much damage to winter wheat on the Plains at this time. Last year cut worms also did much damage to wheat.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF  
OUR SPECIAL  
SALE

On all Ladies Coats and Fancy  
Piece Goods

C. HOGAN & COMPANY

### SPARK'S MILK BREAD

To insure getting a good loaf of bread—buy Spark's Milk Bread. It is made by Spur Bakery, owned by Spur people, employing Spur labor, paying Spur taxes to keep up Spur Schools and Spur's streets. A good loaf of bread put up in Spur wrappers, for Spur people, and sold by a Spur boy. Every loaf guaranteed to be the best in Spur or your money will be given back by Spur Bakery. Keep Spur Money in Spur!

A Stick of Candy For the Kiddies in  
Each Loaf of Bread  
EAT SPUR BREAD



### THE TEST OF THRIFT

The true test and the value of Thrift Accounts comes when, like a bolt from the blue sky, you find yourself out of work. It may be no fault of your own, but the fact remains to be faced. With an account at the bank you can tide over and start again without sacrificing your ability to necessity.

### THE CITY NATIONAL BANK

Mrs. Robert Cunningham, of Cross Plains, is spending the week in Spur with her sister, Mrs. Oran McClure and family. Oil was recently developed on the Cunningham place at Cross Plains, there now being ten producing wells on their land. They are having a fine and modern home constructed while their oil royalties are coming in, and which is expected to be complete upon her return home.

Dave Taylor and family recently moved back to Spur from Ralls, he having sold his grocery business at that point. We are glad to have them back with us.

### Look Over Our House Plans

In the varied array of plans you will be certain to find a house that exactly fits your needs. And when you have decided upon the plan you like, we can tell you to a dollar just what the materials will cost. Stop in any time and look them over.

**Musser Lumber Co.**  
Spur, Texas

## LONG GIN COMPANY

THE WHITE GIN  
IS THE RIGHT GIN

Joe is hard to beat in turn out and price

Joe always does his best by his customers.

COME WHERE CUSTOMERS  
ARE SATISFIED

JOE M. GAINES, Mgr.

### HARD TO GET



"A diamond is the hardest stone, isn't it?"  
"Yes—to get."

### Facing Opposition

"A statesman must always be prepared for opposition."  
"Of course," answered Senator Sorghum. "When I hint that I may retire from office, I am invariably prepared to be contradicted."—Washington Star.

### Emphasis on "Had To"

"If you had it to do over again, would you marry me, dear?" asked Mrs. Brown.  
"Of course," answered her brute of a husband. "If I had to do it over again."

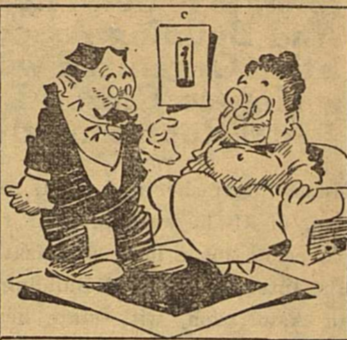
### The Difference

"Ernie, dear! Don't go too far in the water!"  
"But, look, daddy's out a long way."  
"I know, dear, but your father's insured."—Humorist.

### Lazy Luke

"I'd like to go fishing, but my wife doesn't care about it."  
"Go alone."  
"Oh, I don't like to row."

### CHECK-BOOK RESTRAINT



Mr. Nuvorich—Charles is more of a spendthrift than ever! How can I restrain him?  
Mrs. Nuvorich (and ignorant)—Why not try giving him a check book, my dear?

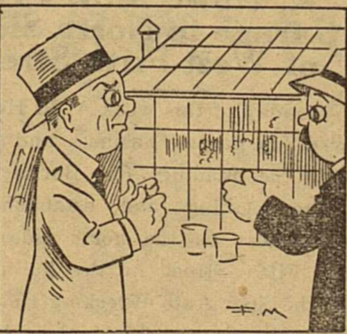
### Hello Hetties

The girls up at Central Keep busy all day, Whenever I see them They're plugging away.

### Slow for Nell

"Have you heard about Nell's eloping with her father's handsome French chauffeur?"  
"Mercy, No!"  
"Neither have I. I wonder what's delaying her."

### LIVED IN A GLASSHOUSE



The Florist—You're a liar, sir! What have you to say to that?  
Other Man—Only this—people who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

### Pitiable

For sheer hard luck This cove's the wreath— Corn on the cob And no front teeth.

### His Affliction

Hostess—You can't imagine how bad my husband's eyesight is getting. Only today he mistook me for the nursemaid.  
Friend—And she's such a pretty girl, too.

### Seniors

"I'm going to work as a salesman."  
"Well, you'd make good at it if you sell gum or cough drops."  
"Why?"  
"You always take one's breath away."

### Modern

Bilks—So your daughter has taken up futurist painting?  
Jones—Yes, this morning she came downstairs with one blue cheek, one pink cheek, a rouged upper lip, inverted eyebrows and a green ear.

### Some Lad!

Clara—So George is in love with you! The poor fish!  
Maie—Well, I wish he was a devil-fish, so he'd have six more arms, that's all!

### Changing the Farm Program Can Not Be Done Over-Night

Changing the farm program cannot be done over night. A proper balanced program is the result of several seasons' efforts. Farmers who have devoted their attention for many years to a single crop may not find themselves equipped with the knowledge of production or marketing of other crops, nor will many of them have the necessary implements and machines to handle these crops efficiently and economically. All of these things must come gradually. The same is true with the farmer who has become enthused over the dairy and poultry business. One can get into either industry too rapidly. The man who does not understand cows or their feeding and who has not considered the marketing question, has no business with a herd of dairy animals. Such a man should content himself with one or two well-bred, good producing animals for family use, increasing the number of his cows as he learns the art of feeding, the rules of sanitation, and develop a market for his product. His equipment can be made to grow along with the development of the business.

No farmer should consider the poultry industry on a large scale unless he is thoroughly familiar with its requirements, but a good flock of standard bred chickens, turkeys or geese should be found on every farm.

Every man to his specialty, but always with enough intelligent diversification to produce a living as nearly as possible for family and livestock. The first duty of every man is to make a living. More than 90 per cent of the people of this country are satisfied if they accomplish this. If the city man with what appears to be a large salary, whom so many country people envy, succeeds in finishing the year without going into debt, he considers himself fortunate. His large salary goes for living expenses. If he loses his position he must find another immediately or he will be deprived of many of the things he has formerly considered as necessities. The farmer has the opportunity of producing a large part of his living right at home. It should be his first duty to see that every available opportunity to do this is taken advantage of. Then, if he specializes in cotton, wheat or other crops, his farm will produce profit most years. The "sow, cow and hen" slogan has been used so much that it is threadbare, but the thought that it conveys is just as fruitful as ever. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again."—Farm and Ranch.

Silas Frazier and family, of McAdoo, moved recently back to Waco where they will make their home another year. Their household effects were trucked through the country by Ponder & Akins which firm has been operating trucks throughout the year. Mr. Frazier stated before leaving that he was not "burning bridges behind him" and that if a suitable farm home could be arranged for he might return later.

B. M. Blackmon, of west of Spur, was here trading and transacting business the past week.

J. H. Farmer came back down the past week from Lubbock, to look after his unfinished crop interests here. He recently traded his farm here for property in Lubbock where his family is now located and operating a dormitory near the Tech College.

Roy Akins and family, of Sherman Texas, are at McAdoo visiting his father, J. A. Akins and family. He informed us that cotton is not yet all out in his section, and that lower prices have prevailed there than in this section, the prices dropping as low as four cents for picked cotton at Sherman.

W. L. Lusk, of near Dickens, was transacting business here the first of the week.

## SCOTT BROTHERS

Grocery and Market

We can supply your every need in Fresh Cuts of Meat, Fancy & Staple Groceries. Phone us your orders

PHONE 195

It will be a pleasure to us and a profit to you in trading here!

J. T. BILBERRY, DRAYMAN

HAULING OF ALL KINDS.—"QUICK SERVICE" Our Motto.  
PHONT 279, SPUR, TEXAS

### NEWSPAPER ADVERTISING

By J. W. Craig

Newspaper advertising is known to be the most economical form of advertising. As compared to handbills, the difference is so great that no thinking merchant would resort to the latter method. Supposing a merchant wanted to reach 2,500 people. His printing would cost him in the smallest handbill \$10. To cover his town, he must hire several boys at \$1 each to distribute at least 1,000 of them, 1,500 must go thru the mails at a cost of \$15. He now has an expense of over \$26 aside from labor of mailing and cost of envelopes. A quarter of a page in the newspaper would have cost him \$8.50 and his advertising would have been read because the newspaper is a welcome guest in the homes. His advertisement would have been larger, illustrated and carried with it the prestige of the newspaper.

The local newspaper is the most powerful of all advertising mediums. Foreign advertisers realize the tremendous interest in the local newspaper and for that reason, you cannot pick up any local newspaper without seeing advertising from national concerns. National advertisers do not spend their money foolishly. The mere fact alone, that national advertisers use the local newspaper should be sufficient recommendation for its use as a medium for advertising. Mail order houses study every community. They take note of the amount of advertising carried by local merchants. It there appears to be a lack of advertising, they immediately flood the community with additional catalogues, for the field offers better opportunities for them. How much better for the community if every merchant would give the people a chance to study and read

his advertising every week. All the merchandise handled by catalogue houses can be procured in your home town at prices even better than mail-order prices—quality considered. But people will not know this unless the fact is constantly brought before them. A merchant who thinks he is saving money by not advertising is fooling himself. If he sits quietly by and waits for people to look him up, he is surely going to lose a large amount of business. This business will not necessarily all go to mail-order houses, but to competitors and nearby cities, simply because customers have not been attracted to his store. Their opinion is formed as to whether this merchant has what they want or not; if they know he has it, then price enters into the picture, and the store has never mentioned price.



LYRIC THEATRE

LET  
THE QUALITY  
CLEANERS

Do Your  
CLEANING,  
PRESSING  
OR ALTERING

OTTO MOTT, Prop.  
Rear Simpson's Barber Shop

### TO THE COTTON GROWERS OF SPUR

I am a little late in telling you, but have thoroughly overhauled the plant from one end to the other, new saws and new ribs which is the most essential part of a gin.

A trial will prove to you that this gin will do as good work as when new. Have my unloader in good shape, will unload you any time through the night. Thanking all of you for past patronage, I hope to merit the same in the future.

WILLIAMS & BAKER

By J. W. BAKER



**Spread It On Thickly**  
Our Jams and Preserves in glass cans are equally as good and sometimes are better than home made. Pure Fruits and cane sugar combined into a wonderfully good confection.

**JOPLIN & GIBSON**

**PENNANT SERVICE STATION**

PENNANT OILS, GASOLINE AND GREASES  
We Give you the Best of Service as well as Gas and Oils  
IT WILL DO YOUR CAR GOOD TO TRADE HERE  
**TOMLIN AND MOORE, Proprietors**

**DUCK CREEK NEWS**

Duck Creek Sunday School is increasing fast.

Miss Mary Jane Simmons, Miss Auden Simmons and Miss Evelyn Thorp were the guests of Miss Buelah Tooke last Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Bennett and Miss Edna Bowen visited one of their schoolmates that has married, Mrs. Parlie Cellars.

Mr. Earnest Tooke was the guest of Mr. Hester Arnold Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Bennett and Mr. Earnest Thomas took evening lunch with Hester Arnold and his sister, Parlie Cellars. They said they enjoyed being with each other all of them being good friends.

The singing at Rev. W. E. Bennett's was appreciated by a large crowd.

There was a party at Johnstons Saturday night.

Misses Auden Simmons and Evelyn Thorp seem to be getting popular with the young men. It was in the news last week that some girl was getting popular—she isn't by herself.—Blue Eyed Farmer Lass.

W. H. Young, of the Red Hill section of country, was in the city the past week.

Five or six months was required gather the big crops produced in the Spur country the past year.

was among the crowds here the past week.

The little four years old child of Mr. and Mrs. Marcum, of Roaring Springs, recently operated upon at the Nichols Sanitarium, was carried home this week, having almost fully recovered.

Mesdames H. I. Lawrence of Peacock, and Jack Davidson of Aspermont, who underwent operations the past week at the Nichols Sanitarium in Spur, are reported doing nicely, their friends will be glad to know.

**BERACHAH ON THE AIR**

Will you please announce that a friend to American girlhood through his personal contribution, has made possible the broadcasting of a series of services by the Berachah Society, incorporated, for the purpose of placing before the public information for the protection of boys and girls. The next of these programs will be given over K F Q B of Fort Worth, Sunday evening, March 13, from 6 to 7 o'clock. In addition to the musical numbers presented by the members and friends of the Berachah Family at Arlington, J. T. Upchurch, the founder of the Berachah Home, will deliver an address on "The Cheapest Thing in America," demonstrating what the people treat as the cheapest thing is in fact America's greatest asset.

Programs will also be broadcast Monday 14, Thursday and Friday 17 and 18. Monday his subject will be, "The Worth of a Girl." Thursday he will answer the question, "Has white Slavery been Abolished in the United States?" and on Friday evening he and his associates will present "Riding the Rapids, in a Struggle to be Pure Again." In this latter program one of the most tragic incidents of erring girls.

Let us hear from you how you appreciate these truths and also the music and singing.

Any question you wish to ask concerning the great social problems of the hour may be addressed to Berachah, Drawer thirty-eight, Arlington, Texas.

Young McMeans, who recently suffered a broken leg and hip bone in an airplane wreck at Swenson, is now rapidly recovering and will soon be able to leave the Nichols Sanitarium where his broken bones were reset and his wounds dressed.

Miss Ruth Maples came down the latter part of the week to be with her father, T. M. Maples, through an operation.

**HAMBERGER McCOMBS**  
On the Wrong Side of the Street.

**THE Dixie Beauty Shoppe at Home**  
**SOL DAVIS BUILDING**  
Phone 252 and 20

**Low-Price Cotton is Permanent Blessing**

The total of the South's agricultural products in 1925 was \$5,855,000,000, of which only \$1,600,000,000 represented cotton. This section produced 38 per cent of the aggregate crop value of the country last year.

The total value of its manufactured output in 1923, the last census year, was \$9,450,000,000, with over \$1,600,000,000 from its mines and quarries, counting only the plants that produced over \$5,000 each annually, a total of manufactures and mining of over \$11,000,000,000, or nearly double the entire value of its agricultural products. If all the small plants producing less than \$5,000 a year in output had been included, the industrial and mineral interests of the South would be more than double the total value of agriculture.

The Southern Railway, with 7000 miles of line, cuts through the very heart of the South from Washington to the Mississippi River, with its arms stretching out to the West on one side and to Florida and the Gulf on the other, but only 5 per cent of its total volume of business is cotton.

The South has so long thought in terms of cotton that some people outside of the South as well as some Southern people themselves, think that its people have cotton bolls for brains and cotton strings for backbones and, therefore, believe the low price of cotton will break their back bone and destroy the initiative and energy of their brain power. It is time to stop thinking that way. Temporarily, the decline in cotton will cause heavy losses to some cotton growers and to some other interests which have backed the planters on a large acreage, but in the end the present situation will be worth to the South many times its cost. It will teach the cotton growers that they cannot concentrate upon cotton and live upon the foodstuff produced in the West.

It will turn the thought of this section to diversified agriculture and industrial development.

It will show the world that the South is not dependent upon cotton.

It is important that the panicky condition should be stayed by financial aid to the farmers to enable them or others to carry 4,000,000 or 5,000,000 bales of cotton for a year or two if necessary, but it is time to stop thinking as though low-priced cotton is going to destroy the South. It is going to be a blessing to the South. The lesson has already been learned.

Further loss can be minimized by prompt action on the part of bankers, cotton factors, Intermediate Credit banks and co-operatives in with drawing a large amount of cotton from the market and guaranteeing that it will not be sold except at a fairly profitable price, with specific contracts to reduce acreage, and no farmer who does not agree to reduce to receive a dollar of credit from any cotton factor or supply man or from any bank. In contracting to reduce his acreage the farmer must also contract to raise his food and feed supplies. On that basis the whole situation will be saved; the farmers will have learned the lesson and the South will have greater prosperity than it has ever before known.

The hysteria about cotton which is sweeping over the South, and from the South to the country at large, is as unjustified as was the wild movement in 1914 to pose the South as a beggar, beseeching everybody in the country "to buy a bale of cotton to save the South from bankruptcy."

Every man who increased his cotton acreage and every banker and supply house that financed the farmers in doing so is merely paying the just penalty for his egregious blunder and shortsightedness, however hard the present losses may be to bear.

The South's Permanent Prosperity Will be Enhanced as a Result of This Temporary Depression in Cotton.—Manufacturers' Record.

**Farmer's Bill Vetoed By Pres. Coolidge**

At least the farmers will have to give President Coolidge credit for having the courage of his convictions. It has been freely predicted that his political ambitions, at least insofar as the next presidential election is concerned, would be emphatically sat upon by the farmers of the Nation should he veto the McNary-Haugen bill. In the face of that, he has, nevertheless, vetoed it.

His reasons for doing so were: that he considered it economically unsound; that it was discriminatory because it did not apply to all agricultural products and would therefore benefit only the growers of the specified commodities; that it involved price fixing of the Nation's basic foods and materials; that it guaranteed a profit to exporters, packers, millers, cotton spinners and other processors but not to farmers and, most decisive of all, the attorney general had pronounced it unconstitutional.

While it is entirely possible and natural that men should hold different opinions in regard to the effects of the law, to the uninitiated it seems the height of absurdity as well as wanton waste of time for Congress to consume hours, days and weeks and months of time discussing a bill which is unconstitutional. There is no reason why with the attorney general right on hand, the proponents of a measure should not determine its constitutionality before bringing the matter to the attention of Congress, and, if necessary, make such changes as will insure it against defeat in the courts, after it has become a law. Such governmental red tape costs the taxpayers dearly.

It will have to be admitted that it is scarcely possible to refute some of the arguments against the McNary-Haugen bill. Every farmer in the nation knows that if the bill worked and he could be assured of a profitable price for his corn, wheat, hogs, rice, tobacco and cotton, he would most certainly go in for larger acreage of these commodities and thereby still further increase the surplus. Increased prices for these products would inevitably increase the cost of living and wage earners would demand higher pay. Nobody thinks for a minute that manufacturers and industrial operators will take these increased wages out of their profits. They can and will, pass them on to the consumer in higher prices for their commodities with the result that the farmer will have to pay more for the things he buys and will be no better off than he is now.

Farm Relief having been finally disposed of for at least another year, so far as any help from Congress is concerned, it is up to the farmers to do what they can to relieve the situation themselves. That there are vast numbers of farmers who do not practice such methods of farming as are calculated to insure success, cannot be denied. Whether it is indifference, stubbornness, laziness or a feeling of helplessness that actuates them it is difficult to say but the fact remains that many of them stick to shiftless, unbusinesslike methods in spite of all that can be said or done to get them to change.

It is natural for the farmers to feel that agriculture should be treated as well as by national government as industry has been. Our tariffs have made it possible for American factories to grow and prosper at a marvelous rate. The railroads have been given subsidies in the way of enormous tracts of land, loans from the public treasury, by allowing them to collect surcharges on Pullman tickets and by guaranteeing them profits of five and three-fourths per cent. Likewise labor has received a share of Congressional favor but it seems that whatever is done for the benefit of the farmer and stockman fails to work to his advantage. Those agencies which are antagonized by enactments to help the farmer have a way of discovering loopholes in the law through which

**Colds are More Deadly than Autos**

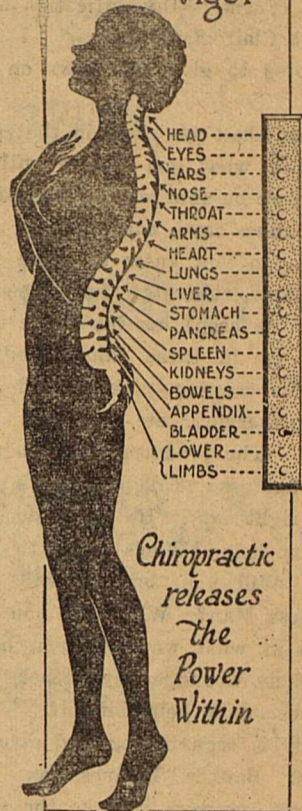
**Friday Health Talk**

**LAVINA B. CONKLIN, Chiropractor**

The newspapers give us annual statistics on deaths by automobiles and the total is appalling, but it is nothing beside the number of deaths from la grippe, influenza, pneumonia and tuberculosis—all of them diseases that develop from neglected colds.

Chiropractic Spinal Adjustments will eliminate colds in from one to four days. During the influenza epidemic of four years ago chiropractors piled up the astounding record of but one patient lost of every 886 spinally adjusted. Pneumonia cases under chiropractic handling simply do not develop. Tuberculosis in the early stages is usually no more difficult of eradication under chiropractic spinal adjustments than is any other chronic trouble.

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**CHRONIC SUFFERER IS WELL.**

"I suffered for a year or more with a continuous cold. I sneezed frequently, my face was flushed and my nose discharged freely—at times it became so stopped up that I

could not get a good night's rest. After the first adjustment I knew that at last I was on the right track. Now, six months after my last adjustment I can say that results have been permanent."—Mrs. J. R. Morrison, Chiropractic Research Bureau, Statement No. 2235-B.

**Uncle Ben Says:**



"Talk can get you a job but it takes ability to hold it."

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they evade its requirements and prevent agriculture from profiting by its own legislation, as witness the Packers and Stockyards Act.

Now that no further hope of being legislated into prosperity remains for the farmer this year, why not turn attention to organization? Let every farmer in the Nation get into a farm association and stay with it and he will soon find that agriculture is as powerful as any of the organized bodies of the country.—Southwest Plainsman.

John Smith, of Red Mud, was in town Tuesday of this week with another bale of cotton for the gins and market. Mr. Smith is a "stock farmer", always having cattle on his farm and ranch, but the past year he apparently went stronger on cotton than usual—and possibly received

W. F. Cathey, of near Dickens, was meeting with friends on the streets of Spur the first of the week.

Attorney B. G. Worswick was over Monday from Dickens.

Tom Salem made a trip Tuesday evening to Crosbyton, and it is stated that he was forced to spend the night in his car along the highway.

The little boy of Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap, of the Plains country, was brought to the Nichols Sanitarium Sunday for an urgent operation for appendicitis. Though the case had developed into a pus case, the operation proved successful and the little boy is now reported doing nicely.

Mrs. Cox, of Matador, was rushed Sunday to the Nichols Sanitarium in Spur for a very urgent operation, which was successfully performed by Dr. Nichols, the patient now being reported doing very nicely under the circumstances.

Bill Davis was in town the past week from his farm home near the Spur Ranch headquarters.

R. M. Slack, of southwest of Spur, was here recently on business and meeting with his friends and acquaintances

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**Favors Organization, Co-operation and Diversification**

Having just read in the Texas Spur, headed in large capitals, "Plant a Garden," and noticed in another part of the paper of the same issue, "Farmers Diversification Meeting at Claremont, Texas," I am prompted to give my views on the same.

What shall we plant in that garden and what can we do with it should we be able to grow a garden? The Banker says, 'can it up for use.' Listen, do you know the man who plants, cultivates and harvests a garden (a crop) has his entire time taken up in these things and no time for canning, pickling and drying, preserving, etc. It's a fact folks. The producer who produces must harvest and dispose of his product right now. He can't do that without help. Who's going to help him? Will you, banker; will you, Business Man? Why sure you will—but in what way will you help? President Coolidge says that the farmer must help himself. His remedy is organization and diversification. Banker, Businessman and Farmers, suppose we take the president at his word and organize a co-operative and diversification movement and do it right now. Here's what we can do by getting together. We can put in a small canning factory, a small potato curing plant a small packing house to be used in cold weather anyway. See. And we can put up for our own use, possibly a little to spare.

Now you Town Folks eat just the way we Country Folks eat, 3 times a day. You eat potatoes, tomatos, ham, bacon, beans, and apparently enjoy what you eat as much so as Country Folks. What do you say Banker, Businessman? Shall we organize? If you decide to organize let me know. I want to show just for once what this old sandy land farm over here on Croton will produce in the way of vegetable. But do not want to grow fruit or vegetables to be dumped in the hog lot any more by reason of no market, as I have done many times in years gone by.

I did not measure, nor did I keep any account of the bushels of peaches and plums I threw over to my hogs when I had 12 acres in bearing trees, but I believe, honestly, I fed to those hogs as much as 500 bushels in the season. I let them out to dry on shares, sold what I could, gave half to men to peddle; then had to see it go to waste—to feed fruit to hogs is waste—you cannot fatten a hog as long as you feed him peaches.—E. B. Shaw.

W. W. Flournoy returned Tuesday from Quitaqua where he is on a deal for a picture show business. He states that the town is on a bigger boom than if oil had been developed, by reason of the fact that a railway is building through the town.

W. M. Ledford was in Spur this week, having returned from a tour of the country, selling his lines of Busby gloves.

**Spur Tailor Shop**

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**Mirth, Thrills, Adventure In "Wings of the Storm."**

Motion picture fans who like their entertainment liberally spiced with hilarity and mirth, with thrills and adventure, will find Fox Films version of "Wings of the Storm" very much to their liking, according to advance reports.

The production, which features Thunder, the marvelous new police dog star, will be screened at the Lyric Theatre, beginning Friday.

According to manager Everts, who recently previewed the picture, J. G. Blystone, the director, has woven a colorful tapestry with scenes as vivid and intriguing as anything seen here in months.

Exteriors were filmed in the picturesque region of the Pacific Northwest, centering about Mount Ranier, declared to be one of the finest peaks in the world, from the standpoint of physical beauty, alone. Interiors were filmed at Fox Hills Studio, near Hollywood, the new "location studio" operated in connection with William Fox West Coast Studios in Hollywood.

Virginia Brown Faire, who won immortal fame as the fairy, Tinker Bell, in the picturized version of "Peter Pan", appears in the leading feminine role, that of Anita Baker, millionaire sportswoman, young and beautiful. Reed Howes impersonates the young forest ranger who befriends Thunder and William Russell does some heavy villaining.

These three popular players are the central figures in the human drama that runs parallel with the dog's activities.

**Pretty Girl Faces Gravest Dangers in "The Silent Flyer."**

On Friday the Lyric Theatre will ring again with the excited shouts of chapter play fans when the second episode of "The Silent Flyer" ends the anxiety of those who have worried about the safety of Louise Lorraine, the pretty leading lady who was attacked last week by a howling pack of hungry wolves just as the film flickered out and left us all in a cold sweat.

If the miracle happens and Louise is saved, as we sincerely hope, the guileless girl will escape one death to face another, for it is said that "The Silent Flyer" is so packed with dangers that a garter snake couldn't wriggle through the perils that will be Louise's lot in the coming chapter.

Her father, as the story goes, is the inventor of a device that will revolutionize flying and aerial warfare. Malcolm McGreagor, well known featured player, is seen in the role of a dauntless young Secret operative who is attempting to guard the invention and foil the desperate schemes of a gang of plotters who seek to gain control for foreign interests. A cool head, speed and daring are required of the youthful sleuth every minute.

The superhuman cunning of the wolf-dog, played by Silver Streak, the famous police dog, is an element that turns the tables in a most astonishing manner at the very outset of the coming chapter. This dog, whose unusual sagacity and intelligence have won him movie fame, plays an important and sensational part in the entire action of the story.

**HELL GET ALONG**

The farmer who owns a farm is the particular person who is fixed. Banks may fail, and factories close, workmen strike and mines suspend, merchants fail and towns burn, times may be panicky and even crops may be short—but the farmer who owns his acres will get along. He will live in comfort and quiet with plenty to eat and wear. He is about the most independent person on earth. Yet there is lots of them who do not appreciate their situation.—Chillicothe Valley News.

Olda Harrington was here Wednesday from his farm home in the 24 Ranch community.

**Crouse Will Construct New Brick Business House in the City**

W. H. Crouse, we are informed, will begin the construction of another brick business house in Spur on a lot on the east side of Burlington Avenue, on the lot now occupied by A. R. Howe's garage. The foundation will be laid just as soon as the present wooden frame building is removed from the lot.

In the beginning of Spur Mr. Crouse, of Stephenville, purchased a number of business lots in Spur, three of which are already covered by brick business houses, and others will be constructed as growth of the town demands.

W. H. Crouse, though a non-resident, has been a substantial factor in the permanent growth and progress of Spur since the very beginning.

**Shifting Tide of Population Turns From the City to Country**

A redistribution of the population of the United States, away from the cities, is now definitely in progress throughout the United States according to the architectural editor of the Woman's Home Companion in his annual summary of home building conditions. People are shifting to the rural districts, this movement being largely brought about and facilitated by automobile transportation.

"The small incorporated villages that have sprung up show how rapidly the distribution is taking place," says the writer, "and it is obvious that the movement will soon have a powerful effect on real estate values. The effect will be beneficial in a way because it will reduce the too high prices in some sections that are relatively too low.

"The shifting has created a demand for the cutting up of woodland and farmlands in many places for sale as small farms and suburban homesites. In many cases these homesites are already worth far more than sites in thickly congested sections."

Local building and loan associations report nearly 500,000 new members last year. This means that through this one source more people than ever before are taking first steps toward becoming home owners. Probably all of them will rot carry out their intention, but the figures show that a very large proportion of people want to own their own homes.

**STATEMENT OF CITY OF SPUR.**

Statement of receipts and disbursements for Waterworks and Streets for the years 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926:

WATERWORKS	
Receipts	Disbursements
1922, \$7,819.92	\$ 7,057.71
1923, 9,113.71	9,503.52
1924, 8,900.05	9,068.29
1925, 14,169.56	13,051.10
1926, 12,309.10	13,239.52
\$51,812.34	\$51,920.14
STREETS	
1922, \$1,616.97	\$2,664.90
1923, 3548.96	2,944.85
1924, 2,707.27	3,226.33
1925, 3,111.65	1,990.58
1926, 4,583.36	3,057.58
\$15,568.11	\$13,884.33

Salaries now paid city officers and employees:

Mayor, Commissioners, Treasurer and Health Officer, each, \$5.00 per mo.  
Secretary, \$40.00 per mo.  
Marshal, \$75.00 per mo.  
Water Supt., \$185.00 per mo.  
Assessor and Collector, 5 per cent on amount of taxes collected for assessing and collecting.

Ordered published by City Commission.  
E. J. COWAN, City Secretary.  
Wayne Van Leer, of west of Spur, was here Tuesday.

**Prominent West Texas Citizen Moves Back to Arkansas**

Rev. J. V. Bilberry came over to Spur Monday, paying the Texas Spur a short call. Rev. Bilberry had been sick, being unable Sunday to fill his regular appointments. He stated that J. F. Ragsdale and family, of Endee, New Mexico, passed through Dickens Monday, moving to Evanville, Arkansas. Mr. Ragsdale and family formerly lived in Arkansas, returning to this section and then trying New Mexico. It is very seldom that one goes "back East" after remaining out West any length of time, but since this is Mr. Ragsdale's second move to Arkansas he very evidently knows what he is doing and what he wants—and the Texas Spur joins his friends in wishing Mr. Ragsdale unbounded prosperity and uninterrupted contentment in his Arkansas home, and where the Texas Spur will continue to be a regular weekly visitor to cheer him along the way.

**Physicians and Surgeons Concur in Diagnosis of Dr. Nichols**

E. L. Smith and wife returned with their daughter, Miss Mildred, Saturday from Abilene where they had been to see if anything could be done to relieve Miss Mildred's condition. Some fifteen physicians and surgeons of Abilene were called in to see and diagnose her case, all of whom concurred with Dr. Nichols of Spur in the diagnosis of the case, and also stating that nothing could be done to give permanent relief. Miss Mildred is suffering of an abscess or growing tumor in the head and which is pressing on the brain. One other similar case occurred here, that of Miss Nina Morgan, daughter of Mrs. B. E. Morgan, and who was carried to Mayo Brothers at Rochester. In this case an operation was performed but the tumor could not be removed without causing immediate death, she living only a short time thereafter.

**Farmer Will Offer Advice to Some Other Business Interests**

Rev. and Frs W. B. Bennett, of near Gilpin, were in Spur recently. Rev. Bennett recently suffered a broken rib, and as a result stated that he had been staying in close around the home. Some time ago Rev. Bennett informed us that since farmers had been given so much advice of late years, that he had concluded to give through the press some advice to other business interests, including the merchant, banker, newspaper and professional men—not in an antagonistic manner but hoping that community interests and cooperation would more noticeably result. The farmer usually takes, or listens to, advice in a good natured way, and we feel certain that any advice to other business interests will also be listened to and considered.

**Mammoth Consolidation of Big Mail Order Houses**

Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward, the two kings of the mail order world, are about to consolidate, with a capital of immense proportions behind them, and a record of annual business of four hundred and fifty million dollars. This united concern does approximately a quarter of a million dollars' worth of business a day, and yet this staggering volume of business is built on printers ink—insistent, systematic publicity. What a lesson to the average town! Yet, in the face of this glaring fact, some merchants say it does not pay to advertise, and attempt to kid themselves into thinking they are business men.—Ex.

Mrs. Turven, who has been in the Nichols Sanitarium some time, following a surgical operation, is reported doing well at this time and will soon be able to leave the sanitarium.

"A Good, Safe Place to Trade"  
**B. SCHWARZ & SON**  
"The Store of Little Profits"

**NOTICE**  
It is not an unusual thing to see the recipient of a circular or an advertisement of any kind to waste basket same, without the slightest consideration of the value its contents may be to them. Should you be that way inclined, don't read any further, as this advertisement is something  
*Of Value to You!*

**COATS, COATS, COATS,**  
Special purchase and Sale of  
**100 LADIES COATS IN FLANNEL AND TWILL**  
Colors are Tans, Navies, Rose, and Yellow—All Fur Trimmed  
\$22.50 to \$25.00 Values  
Sale Price ..... **\$9.95**  
**Another Lot of Flannel Coats**  
\$29.50 Values to \$32.50 Values  
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Colors and shades to match any desire, Fur Trimmed, and Plain Tailored, lined with heavy Crepe de Chine or Satin de Chine, beautifully made and finished. There is no woman anywhere who would not be proud to wear one of these coats. No wardrobe is complete without its colorful Swagger, smart Spring Coat. Come, you won't be disappointed.

**SPRING HATS**  
NEW  
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No Better Hat Values Anywhere for  
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Constant shipments keep our selections interesting at all times.

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All silk from toe to top. Made like mothers, and the colors are peach, pink, biege, champagne. Sizes to 9 1/2  
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"I had stomach trouble 9 years and gas made me restless and nervous. Adlerika helped so I can eat and sleep good."—Mrs. E. Touchstone. Just ONE spoonful Adlerika relieves gas and that bloated feeling so that you can eat and sleep well. Acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel and removes old waste matter you never thought was there. No matter what you have tried for your stomach and bowels, Adlerika will surprise you.—Spur Drug Store.

**JONES LEADS WESTERN COUNTIES IN COTTON PRODUCTION**  
Anson—Jones county leads all other West Texas counties in cotton production for 1926 with 82,160 bales according to a report of the crop ginned prior to January 16. This amount gives the section sixth place in the state. Ellis county holds first place with 120,969 bales.  
Dr. Reed, formerly of Spur, and Girard but now of Hastings, Oklahoma, and Mr. Stephens, president of one of the national banks of Hastings, passed through Spur Tuesday of this week. Dr. Reed spent only a short time in Spur greeting his acquaintances and friends.  
D. R. Cypert, of near Spur, was a recent business visitor in the city.

J. L. Hutto, of Dry Lake, was in the city Saturday with the crowds.  
Dick Sampson was on the streets Wednesday, from the Paddle Ranch in Kent county.

**Percy Lamar Sustains Broken Nose in Plane Fall at Crosbyton**

Engine trouble was said to be the cause of an airplane falling to the ground here Monday evening, in which W. P. Lamar and his little daughter, Marie, were riding. Mr. Lamar received a broken nose in the fall, while Marie only received a little scratch over the eye.

At the time of the accident, an aviator was demonstrating the air plane to Mr. Lamar, who had in view a purchase of the machine. They were flying low over the town and when in the south part of the city and nearly directly over Rev. D. L. Hukel's home, the aviator aried to rise but was unable to do so. One wing of the machine striking the roof of the house and easing to the ground in the back yard.

The plane was badly demolished, it was said, and a few shingles were torn off the roof of the house.—Review.

Seals Earnest was on the streets one day this week, greeting friends and on business.

T. E. Love, one of the old time citizens of the country, was here recently from his farm home to the west of Spur.

J. L. Jenkins, of northeast of the city, was transacting business in Spur the first of the week.

Bob Hahn, of west of Spur, was here the past week, meeting friends and acquaintances.

J. C. McNeill was a business visitor in the city one day the past week from his Alamo Stock Farm to the west of Spur.

Bill Dodson, of the Tennessee Valley community, came down Tuesday, spending a few hours in Spur on business.

**HENRY BAKKE LOSES EYE IN REPAIRING TIRE**

Last Saturday while changing tires on a car Henry Bakke had the misfortune of hitting his right eye with the pliers. His hand slipped in some way and one prong of the pliers hit just under his eye while the other stuck just over the eye ball. He was rushed to Stamford where the bruised member was removed. He is reported to have stood the operation quite well and is expected home in a few days.—Aspermont Star.

**THE WOMEN'S CO. COUNCIL**  
Miss Daisy Gordon was hostess to the Women's Council at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Johnson Saturday afternoon, February 26.

After the business session the time was spent in discussions of different phases of the years work in the clubs, playing games and conversation.

A refreshment plate consisting of sandwiches, hot chocolate and whipped jello was served.—Reporter.

While in the city during the week C. D. Copeland stated that he lacked a few more bales gathering all his crops. He will make approximately four hundred and fifty bales of cotton. Had good prices prevailed everybody in the country would have been in fine financial shape this year.

R. N. Thomas, of a mile or two south of Spur, was in the city the past week, transacting business and meeting friends.

T. S. Lambert and daughter, of Draper, were among the shoppers and business visitors in Spur Tuesday of this week.

Miss Laura Albin, who had been spending some time here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Albin, returned this week to Dallas where she is engaged as a professional nurse.

**DUCK CREEK NEWS**

The people of our Community are getting their part of the bad weather again.

Most all of the farmers have gotten their cotton gathered.

Our Sunday School is progressing nicely.

There was a party at Mr. Johnson's Saturday night.

Mr. Duff Simmons, and his sons, D. G., and Bill, returned home Sunday night.

A nice time was reported at the singing at Mrs. W. B. Bennett's, by everyone in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Bennett, Mrs. W. B. Bennett and their children took dinner last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Buster Bural, of Antelope.

Walter Driggers was missed by all the people in Gilpin Saturday. We heard later that his wife made him stay at home and attend to the baby.

Mr. Aubrey Bennett is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bennett.

Misses Mary and Audeen Simmons took dinner with Miss Bulah Tooke Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Reah is visitng her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold.

Well, we had better go juce the old jerseys—Slim and Shorty.

Mrs. R. E. Dickson returned this week from Dallas where she had been visiting with her brother, Joe Grace and family, and also taking special medical treatments.

Mayor John King and wife returned this week from El Paso where they have been with her brother who is critically ill. Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Riter remained with their son, who yet remains critically ill.

Miss Eernal Payne, of Dickens, was shopping in Spur Tuesday afternoon of this week, calling in while here an dhaving the Texas Spur sent to Miss Gladys Payne at Wichita Falls.

**Seventeen Year-Old Girl Masquerading as Boy Returned Home**

A 17 year old girl masquerading in boys' clothes, giving her name as "Bobby Newman," was taken last Friday night on the streets of Littlefield by Night Officer Albert Anderson.

Upon being questioned, she told the officers that she had run away from home. She said she lived in Woodrow, 14 miles southwest of Lubbock; that she left home in girl's clothing, having \$13.00 and a \$6.00 check in her possession. At Brownfield she bought some boys' wearing apparel and made the change, coming on to Littlefield.

The girl was taken to the home of City Marshal Wynn, where she spent the night under the care of Mrs. Wynn. Her parents were duly notified, and the next day her mother and an uncle came for her. She went back willingly, but intimated to the officers she would not stay.

When asked as to her reason for leaving home, she said she was dissatisfied; that it was all work and no pleasure and she was getting tired of it.

Officers stated that the girl was very quiet and modest, showing no traits whatever of badness, and they were convinced of the statements made by her to them.—Lamb County Leader.

Miss Ruth and Retah and Loren Maples returned Wednesday evening from Abilene where they had been with their father through an operation. Mr. Maples stood the operation well. Mrs. Maples will remain with him until he is able to return to Spur.

Mrs. Al Bingham, of the Spur Ranch headquarters, was among the visitors and shoppers in Spur during the week.

R. B. Johnston, of Swenson, and former county agent of Dickens county, was a business visitor here during the week.

J. D. Powell left this week for Marlin where he will spend several weeks taking the Marlin Wells treatments.

John Goodall, a big farmer of the Girard country, was trading and on other business in Spur this week.

County Treasurer Mrs. H. P. Cole, of Dickens, was among the visitors and shoppers in Spur the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Craig and little daughter, Mildred Marie, of Trent and Mrs. Geo. M. Jaynen and little son, Maurice Keith, of Menard, have been visiting with their father, J. R. Craig and family to the east of Spur.

Joe Ericson, of the West Pasture, was among the many in the city last Wednesday.

A high court ruling recently decided that the primary election law prohibiting negroes voting, was unconstitutional. That was pretty generally known before the court decision, but nevertheless negroes never have and never will be permitted to join in with white folks in an election to select party nominees.

Prof. Matthews, of Lubbock, in passing through Spur the past week on his return from Dallas, attending the School Superintendents Convention, stoppe dover and visited with his sisters, Mesdams W. C. Gruben and T. C. Ensey.

Henry Gruben and wife recently made a trip to Rule and other points, visiting with relatives.

Mrs. J. H. Clay returned Monday of this week from Abilene where she had been visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Cochran.

J. J. Cloud was here this week from his truck and fruit farm near Soldier Mound.

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**LADIES READY-TO-WEAR AND MILLINERY DEPTS.**

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**PROGRAMME**

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*Second Day, Friday, March 11th*

**FORENOON, 10:00**

Band Concert on Street ----- 9:30 to 10:00  
Orchestra  
Saxophone Solo ----- Curtis Harkey  
Community Singing  
Vocal Solo ----- Mrs. Leslie Cooper  
Alfalfa Talk ----- G. L. Smith  
Moving Pictures  
Talk, "Bringing the Kitchen up to Date"—Grace Smith

**AFTERNOON, 1:30**

Orchestra  
Reading ----- Miss Willie Richbourg  
Cornet Solo ----- H. L. Underwood  
Talk-----Daisy Gordon, Home Demonstration Agent  
Moving Pictures  
Dairy Talk—Cow, Sow and Hen discussed—H. S. Mobley

**EVENING, 7:30**

Spur High School Orchestra --Lena Bell Scudder, Dir.  
Spur High School Singing-----Nell Higgins, Director  
Ladies Octette ----- Led by Mrs. Fred S. Reynolds  
Moving Pictures  
Talk, "Home Canning Saves Work" ---Grace M. Smith  
Talk ----- Clifford B. Jones  
Beautifying the Home Grounds ----- G. L. Smith

**Mrs. Thurman Harris Entertains Fri.**

A most enjoyable affair was the party given on Friday afternoon by Mrs. Thurman Farris when she entertained the Joi de Voi Club and several guests.

An unusual salad plate was served to Mesdames Murray Lea, Dan Zachry, Cecil Fox, Jim Edd Hall, Homer Schrimpsber, James O. Smith S. B. Scott, W. L. Gibbs, W. E. Flint, Floyd Barnett, Charley Powell, Jack Rector, A. C. Hull, and Miss Eleanor Harris.—Reporter.

Chas. Gunn, of near Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday of this week, repairing harness and otherwise making preparations to begin farming again. However, he stated that he yet had several bales of cotton to pull, but would start his plows to going, depending on the pullers to stay in the lead.

G. W. Pope, of near Spur, was a recent business visitor in the city.

**ELECTION NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held in the City of Spur, at the Director's Room of the Spur National Bank, on April 5, 1927, being the first Tuesday in said month, for the purpose of electing a mayor and two commissioners to serve the ensuing two years.

C. H. Perry is hereby appointed presiding judge of said election, with authority to select necessary assistants.

J. L. KING, Mayor

Attest:  
E. J. Cowan, City Secretary.  
Attest: 19-3t

John Callahan, of Wake, was in Spur this week. He stated that the wheat crops were certainly looking fine at this time, but that cut worms were doing it damage. John stated that he did not sow any wheat, staying with the row crops.

J. A. Kerley wat in Spur during the week from his home to the east of Spur.

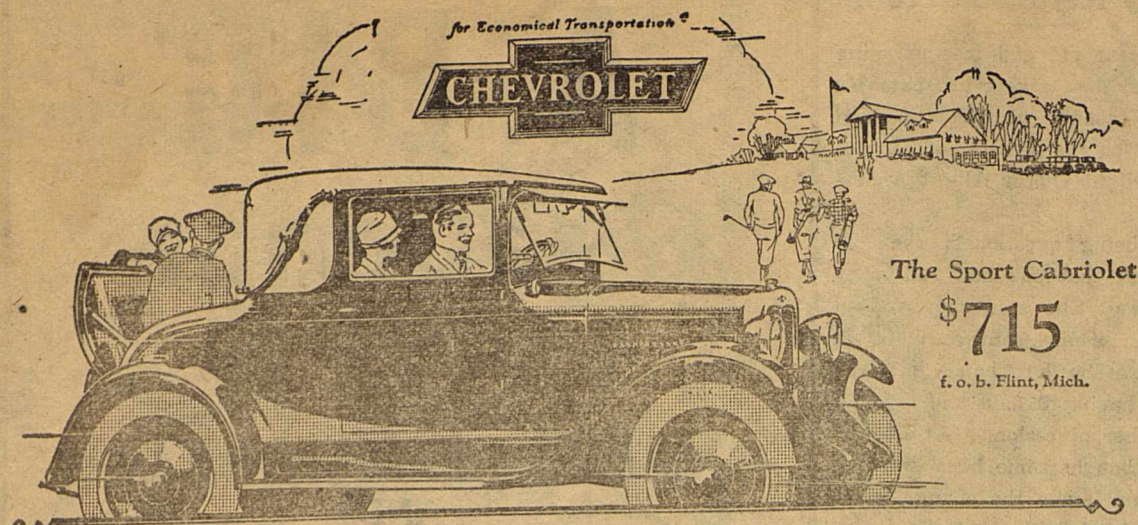


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## SPUR CHEVROLET CO. QUALITY AT LOW COST

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hodges and little son, Aubrey Gene, who recently moved from Spur to the Panhandle oil fields, are here this week visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap of the Afton country. They were all in Spur Tuesday of this week visiting with friends here.

Bob Westerman and Wade McDaniel returned the first of the week from Abilene where they had been on business—their business, we understand, being an endeavor to some what reduce their income tax as per the necessary report made. That is one thing that never gives us one minute's worry—and it is said that one should feel congratulated in escaping worries.

Mr. Craig, who has been in Spur the past week or two, assisting merchants in conducting sales and increasing business, left Wednesday of this week for San Angelo. He informed us that he was going down to San Angelo to bid on a bankrupt stock of goods to sell this week to the highest bidder.

J. T. White, of the Espuela community, was among the number of business visitors here during the week. Mr. White informed us that he is finishing up his crops and getting ready for another bumper crop in 1927.

J. A. Legg, of the Croton community, was among the business visitors in Spur Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry McDaniel returned Saturday from Cross Plains where they had been to attend the funeral of Mrs. McDaniel's sister, Miss Jewel Long, who died Thursday of pneumonia. Miss Jewel Long was only sixteen years of age, known, respected and loved by every individual of the community in which she lived. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Long, being one of the oldest and most highly respected families of that section of Callahan county.

Attorney W. D. Wilson was attending court at Claremont Monday of this week, representing clients.

Mr. Newman, of Matador, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday of this week, and while here called in and had the Texas Spur sent to his brother, Raldo Newman at San Angelo, Texas.

Ben Reddell, of McAadoo, was in Spur Monday of this week. He is this year sowing about a hundred acres of oats and barley on his Plains place, and will row crop down under the Cap Rock. Heretofore he has been working hard, making good crops, getting small returns, and trying to play even. Here is hoping his program of farming this year will net him a handsome profit.

Mrs. B. F. Hale came down from Lubbock, spending the week end at their home in Spur with Dr. Hale.

J. M. Thomason, of north of Spur,

Mrs. Lawson, of Afton, returned home the past week from the Nichols Sanitarium where she recently underwent a surgical operation.

Mrs. Smith, of Watson, is now reported doing nicely at the Nichols Sanitarium, after undergoing a recent successful operation.

Mrs. Robins, of Spun, is reported convalescing and doing well after an operation recently at the Nichols Sanitarium.

R. J. Bateman and family, of Afton, were in Spur Wednesday of this week, trading with the merchants and also visiting with friends of the city. Mr. Bateman stated that he had finished gathering his crops, and adding further that he was fortunate in the early part of the season in getting hands and gathering in his cotton at a time when the prices were the lowest.

Mr. Newman, of Matador, was a business visitor in Spur Tuesday of this week, and while here called in and had the Texas Spur sent to his brother, Raldo Newman at San Angelo, Texas.

Mrs. Swan, of near Dickens, returned last week from Wichita Falls where she had been called on account of the serious illness of her brother. Soon after her arrival there, her brother developed small pox, Mrs. Swan being placed under quarantine from which she had just been released after twenty one days restrictions.

Messrs Jim and Sam Derr, of the McAadoo country, were in Spur trading and on other business Tuesday of this week.

### Why Should the Government Expend Large Sums of Money on Sectional Propositions?

Some remarkable arguments are advanced as to the reasons why the government should spend \$125,000,000 building a dam and power plant on the Colorado River at Boulder Canyon.

The logical plea is that such a dam is necessary for flood control purposes to protect settlers & property along the river. The building of a dam for this purpose is a function of government, but it is stated that government engineers have estimated that the floods of the Colorado River could be controlled by a dam at Topock, Arizona, which would cost about \$14,000,000.

When the government treasury is to be tapped, modest schemes grow to gigantic proportions. Instead of \$14,000,000 for flood control, the Colorado River project immediately grew to a \$125,000,000 undertaking which included the greatest dam in the world, a canal to prevent diversion of waters and a great hydroelectric power plant.

The plea for this enormous expenditure is that it would furnish additional water for the city of Los Angeles and additional power for Southern California, although that section now has more electrical power developed than it can use. Another argument is, that with the Colorado River water for irrigation purposes, the Imperial valley could be made the greatest cotton producing section of the United States.

Why should the government furnish water to the city, Los Angeles. Why should it develop electric power for Southern California? And why should it spend millions to raise more cotton, when our present cotton production is so enormous that cotton prices are so low the Southern planters have been almost bankrupted. Men who know the cotton situation in the United States say that what the South needs to bring about agricultural prosperity is not bigger cotton crops, but a reasonable price for a moderate crop. What would be accomplished by the government's spending \$125,000,000 of the people's money to add a million bales of cotton to the over production of this crop which we already have in the South?

The next cry would be to furnish money to finance cotton planters who were unable to move their crops. If the Boulder Dam proposition with all the side issues proposed, developed into as big a farce as Muscle Shoals, and there is no reason to believe that it would not, with all the log rolling and wire pulling which would result from halfdozen states being interested, 25 years would not see the project finished, and \$125,000,000 would only be the first installment collected from the taxpayers.—The Manufacturer.

Joe T. Salem returned this week from Saint Louis and other markets whert he has been to buy a complete stock of dry goods for his branch business being established at Berger in the Panhandle oil field.

A. J. Slaton, of north of Spur, was among the business visitors here during the week.

S. H. Nally, of near Spur, was in the city during the week, transacting business.

Mrs. Waters, of Cross Cut, who has been in Spur visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Westerman, returned Saturday to her home.

### ALONG LIFE'S TRAIL

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

#### SUNDAY AT HOME

THERE are a lot of people who dislike Sunday, especially Sunday at home, and who seem to think it stupid and dull and altogether unprofitable; but not I. I have always looked forward to Sunday as a time of enjoyment and relaxation.

Possibly I got L. C. feeling first on the farm. We could sleep a little later on Sunday mornings than upon other days, though we had to be up before seven even on Sundays. There were the cows to milk and all the stock to be fed and watered.

We were never allowed to sit around in our work clothes on Sunday even if we did not go to church. After the morning's work was done, we had to bathe and shave, if we were old enough to make this ceremony necessary, and put on our Sunday clothes.

We always had a mighty good dinner on Sunday. It came later than ordinarily and there was never any formal supper at our house on Sunday, and so we were always ravenously hungry when mother called us in to eat.

Things were very quiet about the house on Sunday afternoons. Father was strict and we were not permitted to play the games that many of the neighbors' children engaged in, but we could read. I always found a cool shady spot in summer and took a comfortable position near the base burner in winter and settled down for an afternoon of uninterrupted pleasure. We had few callers, there was no jangling telephone to interrupt the flow of the story, and there was nothing to do until time for the chores at sundown. I simply ate up the books. I believe I had read a thousand by the time I was fifteen. After the chores were done, we sang often, or I wandered off sometimes to see some of the fellows or to call on a girl. I started early at calling on the girls. We talked a good deal on rainy Sunday evenings when I had to stay at home. I think I got better acquainted with mother on these evenings than at any other time.

I still like Sunday at home. It is the quietest, most restful day of the week. It is about the only time in a busy life when one has time to get acquainted with himself. I go to church still, but with that there is also time left to read, to think things out, to plan for the future. I'm writing these paragraphs on Sunday afternoon at home.

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L. A. Hindman returned Saturday from a business trip to Wichita Falls and Houston.

Tom Cross was here Saturday of the past week from his farm and ranch home.

Tom Simmons, of the Dry Lake section of country, was on the streets Monday, meeting with his friends of the city.

J. W. Smith, of near Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday marketing cotton. He received ten cents a pound this week, whereas last week he was fortunate in getting 10.50. However, he apparently was satisfied, stating the former bale was of some better grade.

E. M. Hinson, who is this year farming on the J. A. Davis place to the northeast of Spur, was in town Tuesday buying and hauling out maize with which to feed his hogs and also make a crop. He is paying from six to ten dollars a ton for the maize. Earlier in the fall he bought a bunch of hogs on which to speculate as well as supply the markets.

Superintendent Watson, of Spur Schools, returned the past week from Dallas where he spent several days attending a convention of school superintendents.

Mrs. Birl Hight has been quite sick during the week, but is now back at her post of duty with Salems Guaranty, we are glad to note.

#### PROFESSIONAL NOTICES

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S. L. DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Clay Wood, of Aspermont, are in Spur to be with her sister, Miss Mildred Smith, during her critical illness.

W. A. Valentine, from Kent county, was trading in Spur the first of this week.

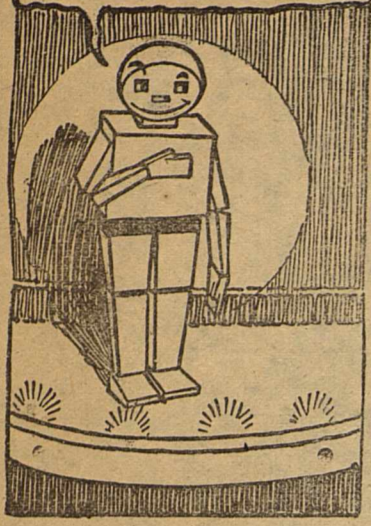
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A. Lollar, of east of Spur, was in the city Saturday. He reports every thing moving along very nicely and satisfactorily at this time out his way.

A. Frazier, of east of Spur, was on the streets on eday the past week, greeting friends.

W. R. Gannon, of southwest of Spur, was here Tuesday attending to business affairs and meeting with his friends.

A. M. Hoover, of near Spur, was among the recent business visitors on our streets.

J. T. Cozby, of near Spur, was in town one day the past week.

H. P. Edwards, of McAadoo, was in Spur Tuesday of this week, transacting business.

Tom McArthur was on the streets one day the first of the week.

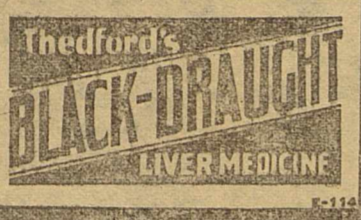
E. J. Lasseter, of near Spur, was here during the week, meeting his friends and trading with Spur merchants.

W. G. Mayfield, of Girard, came to Spur one day the past week, spending an hour or two here transacting business affairs. Mr. Mayfield has retired from the mercantile business and is now engaged in farming. He apparently enjoys the business change, and very evidently is just as prosperous. We have always worked to the end that when sufficient capital is acquired, we, too, would retire and engage in farming.

Miss Mildred Robinson, of west of Spur, was shopping in the city Tuesday of this week.

## Bad Color (liver trouble)

"OCCASIONALLY I am troubled with spells of constipation and inactive liver," says Mrs. John L. Pence, Broadway, Va. "I always use Theford's Black-Draught when I feel a spell of this kind coming on, for it saves me a bad headache. My color gets sallow at times. I get real yellow, showing that the trouble comes from the liver. "I have found Black-Draught to be the finest kind of a remedy for this. I take Black-Draught and make a tea out of it, and take it, along in small doses for several days. I have never found anything that served me so well. "Since I have known about Black-Draught, I have not suffered nearly so much with headache, caused from indigestion. If I find my tongue is coated, and I wake up with a bad taste in my mouth, I know I have been eating indigestively, and I immediately resort to Black-Draught to straighten me out."



J. A. Akins, cotton weigher at McAadoo, was in Spur Tuesday of this week. He informed us that he had weighed 2,500 bales of cotton to this date, expecting only a comparatively few more bales to weigh before the end of the season.

Will Watson, of nine miles east of Spur, was among the large number here Saturday.

C. A. Brinnell, of the Spur Ranch headquarters, was among the number in Spur the latter part of the past week.

S. L. Porter, of the Croton country, was in Spur the past week, trading and greeting friends.

Ben Rutledge, of west of town, was here Wednesday arranging for his year's farming work.

County Clerk Robert Reynolds, of Dickens, was in Spur Monday on business and meeting with his friends of this section.

Albert Power, of Afton, was in Spur Wednesday of this week, on business and incidentally meeting with friends.

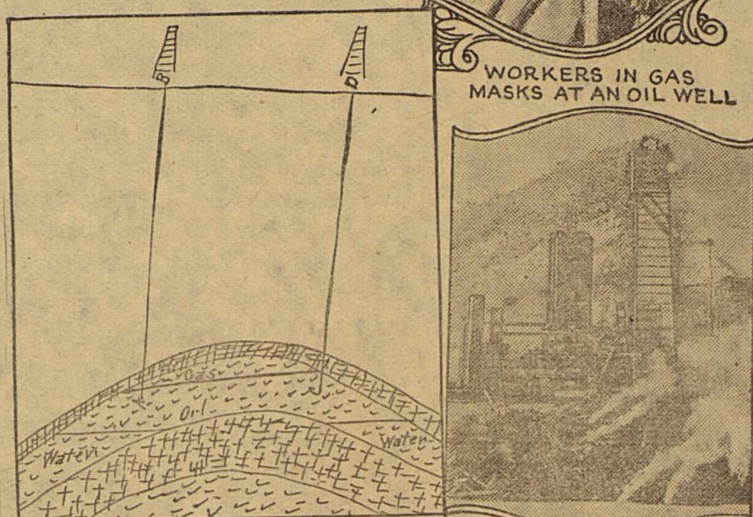
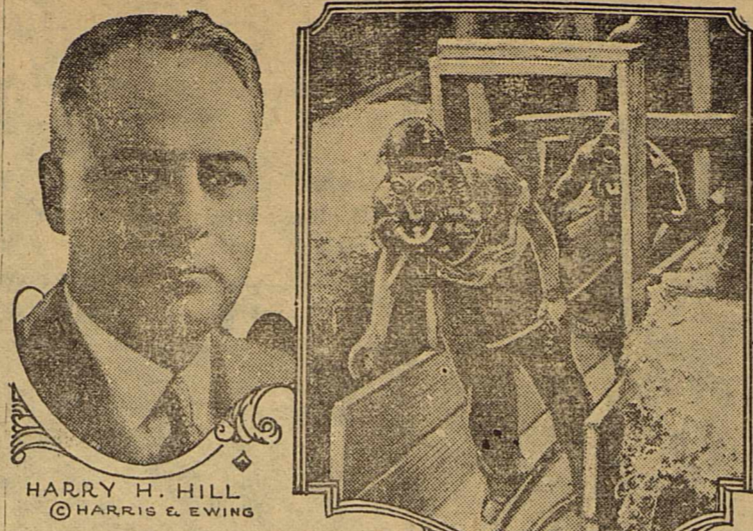
R. E. Slough, of near Dickens, was a Spur business visitor Wednesday of this week.

W. M. Randall, was here Wednesday from Steel Hill.

T. A. Randleman was in town this week, ginning and storing away a few more bales of cotton for the future markets. Mr. Randleman always "bulls" the market, and always wins.

S. M. Bailey, of the Plains country, was a business visitor here Monday.

## U. S. Authority Sees Ample Motor Fuel for Long Future



MR. HILLS IMPROMPTU SKETCH OF AN OIL DOME. The U. S. Bureau of Mines is confident that motor fuel supplies will be ample for many years to meet all needs of the country's millions of automobiles. Harry H. Hill, chief petroleum engineer of the Bureau, here tells the reasons for his conviction, and sketches the advances in industrial methods which justify his opinions.

By HARRY H. HILL  
Chief Petroleum Engineer, United States Bureau of Mines.

ONE reason why there is no reason to worry greatly about motor fuel for a long time ahead is that people are worrying about it. Interest in such a question at the right time is the best insurance against disaster. The President and the Federal Oil Conservation Board have done what was needed, at the right time. We know that most petroleum has come from rather limited areas and that even from these only a small proportion has been taken out. Oil produced by gas pressure capable of lifting it to the surface when we drill holes is but a small proportion of all the oil contained in the sands. Even from the best pools recovery by the old methods is small, perhaps one-half in the most favorable conditions, oftener one-sixth, or one-seventh, or one-tenth. But a considerable part of what still remains in the ground can be recovered by methods now established as practicable.

Producing oil from coal and shales and by mining the oil bearing sands is entirely possible. Experiments are going on in these directions. For a long time, however, the present methods of exploration and drilling, with improving processes to assure larger recoveries, are likely to suffice.

**An Oil Dome Illustrated**  
I am no draughtsman, but maybe I can draw something that will help explain. Here's a rough drawing of an oil dome. The shaded part at the bottom is a deposit of oil bearing sands—with an impervious rock stratum above. A wild-catter drilled the hole A-B and gas pressure caused oil and gas to flow. After a while the gas pressure wasn't sufficient to keep up the flow and they pumped until ultimately even this ceased producing. Nevertheless, most of the oil was still left sticking to the sand grains. Then the operator drilled the well C-D, which flowed for a time, but most of the oil was still down there in the sand. If the gas pressure could be restored more would flow. So the operator injects gas into one well, restoring the pressure and causing the oil to resume flowing from the other. After a time the flow will stop again, but still much of the oil will be left. In some fields it has been possible to obtain additional amounts of oil by introducing water in some of the wells and forcing the oil to others. The addition of a chemical such as soda ash to the water may assist in removing the oil from the sand grains, but neither plain water nor water containing chemicals should be introduced into an oil sand except as a last resort, for it is likely that the water, which travels faster through the sand, will get to the open wells ahead of the oil and when the flow is resumed under pressure water will come out.

**Everything Saved Nowadays**  
The gas escaping from an oil well carries with it a proportion of gasoline, which in the old days was lost. Nowadays it is extracted from the gas and saved, while the dry gas can be forced back into the ground to maintain pressure. One of the menaces to most oil pools is the inflow of subterranean water. Water flows through the

oil sands faster than oil, and by surrounding the bottom of the well keeps the oil out. How to shut off the water and permit the oil to run out is a problem with which the engineers have long worked. They have made great progress and so increased recoveries.

In earlier times most oil producers carefully guarded all information about their wells and experiences, but latterly there is co-operation in these matters. Geologists and petroleum engineers, once derided by the "practical" oil men, are more and more accepted as guides and mentors.

**As to Mining for Oil**  
In Lorraine they have dug shafts down to the oil sands and actually brought the sands out, like coal from a mine. But it's costly.

Another mining process is to sink a shaft to the oil sands and from its bottom drive tunnels in all directions through the sands. From these tunnels small perforated pipes are driven into the sands, which drained the oil out of the sands. It flows to larger pipes back at the foot of the shaft and thence is pumped out. This requires installing an expensive plant, but in some fields the high recovery that is assured might justify the cost.

Oil can be distilled from coal, and much work is now being done along this line. But more appeal has been made by the plan of extracting oil from shale. The shales of Scotland have been worked for three-quarters of a century, and they are almost unlimited in this country, richer in oil than those of Scotland. Kentucky, Ohio, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming and California are particularly rich in shales. It is just a question of the cost of extracting the oil. Congress has given \$130,000, with which the Bureau has installed a plant near Rutison, Colorado, to distill shale oil experimentally.

**The Use of Oil Shales**  
In Scotland they are working shales that produce about twenty-five gallons of oil per ton. The seams are from three-and-half to eight or ten feet thick. In Colorado are seams many times as thick and containing much more oil per ton. Reduction of shales involves an enormous mining operation, and after the oil is extracted the vast tonnage of refuse must be disposed of. So it is expensive compared with producing oil from wells.

Ben E. Lindsey of the Bureau of Mines Experiment Station at Bartlesville, Okla., is confident that exploration, better recoveries, better utilization and deeper drilling would furnish enough oil to meet all requirements for at least twenty-five to fifty years, if it could be extracted in that time. But as a practical matter this will not be possible. Within that period there will be times of shortage, when oil from shales will be needed to supplement the oil from wells, etc. Meantime federal and state governments and the industry are co-operating in an astonishing range of investigations and studies. These activities cover such a wide field that even an enumeration of them would run into tiresome detail.

## A NEW NAME

We have decided to change the name of the Spur Poultry Rancho to—

Spur's Hatchery and Poultry Farm

Primarily our business is to hatch eggs for the public and to give you a good standard grade baby chicks that will live and grow. So when we use the word "Hatchery" we intend to make it just that, for your convenience to make use of at any time. When we say "POULTRY FARM" we mean a breeding plant that will produce a fine high grade of baby chicks, that will be the equal of any found anywhere, priced so that you can buy them.

## CUSTOM HATCHING

Bring us your eggs, we are prepared to hatch you a stronger, better grade chick than you can in your small incubator. With our system of forced ventilation, we can produce as strong chicks as nature intended them to be, and we can do it as cheap as you can do it yourself and save you the worry and bother of setting an old hen or a leaky unreliable incubator. Phone us to reserve you a Tray.

## BABY CHICKS

We will have for sale from all the leading varieties, baby chicks from farm raised flocks that have been culled to the standard. You will find these chicks to be a high grade chick well worth the price we will ask you for them. Pay us a visit and get our prices. We produce our own White Leghorns, and you will find that they are from a laying strain.—Ask about them.

Visitors Are Always Welcome!

Spur's Hatchery & Poultry Farm  
C. O. DAVIS, Owner  
H. E. HANNSZ, Manager

## Obligation of Parents Important in the Lives of the Children

The sacred obligation of parents hood as a holy binding power that enjoins duty to both father and mother.

When the marriage ceremony is performed a new home is begun. This home should be filled with happiness contentment and usefulness. It should be a heaven of peace and rest. Into the home comes future citizens of the world—the child. What a great responsibility one should feel in the rearing of this little one.

As Tagor says: "This child has come to a place of a hundred cross-roads. He knows not which way to go—he has come to us, placed his hands in ours and asked us to show him the way. We must hold him close, love him close and lead him straight.

In proverb's 22:6 we find these words: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it."

The destiny of the world depends upon the character of its children. At home, boys and girls should be taught to use their imagination to observe, form their own opinions, and express them freely. Let them play games and direct them frequently. Picture school as a happy place instead of a reformatory where punishment will be meted out.

Teach the children not only the three R's but also how to use the 3 H's,—the htd, the hand and the heart. Teach them honor, thrift, patience, courtesy, stick-to-it-iveness and common sense.

President Coolidge tells us, "The destiny, the greatness of a nation lies around the hearth stone. If thrift and industry are taught there, and the example of self sacrifice of ap-

pears; if honor abide there and high ideals; if then the building of fortune be subordinate to the building of character, America will rejoice in abundant prosperity and good government at home and in peace and respect and confidence abroad. If these virtues be absent, there is no power that can supply their blessings. Look to the hearthstone. Therein hope for America lies."

Theodore Roosevelt once stated, "Fundamentally the question of love and confidence between parents and children underlies the whole social system. Not only underlie, but are. Our Civil life, in the long run, will rise or sink as average family is a success or failure. All questions of a social life will solve themselves if the children are brought up to be the highest they are capable of being, if our social and family relations are as they should be; if not, no material prosperity, no progress in art or success in business or victory in war can make up for it to the nation."—Ex.

W. D. Robinson, of west of Spur, was among the number in the city the past week.

O. B. Simms, of the Espuela community, was among the large number here this week trading and on other business.

G. A. Sloan, of Dry Lake, was in town Saturday greeting his many friends here that day.

F. E. Walker, of the Highway community, was here recently trading and shaking hands with his numerous friends.

W. C. Messer was in Spur during the week, meeting friends and also transacting business affairs with the merchants.

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<p>SILK JERSEY STEP-INS 95c</p>	<p>SILK JERSEY BLOOMERS 95c</p>

## SALEM'S

### Miss Morrow and Mr. Robinson of Afton Married in Spur Sunday

Miss Ida Morrow and T. F. Robinson, prominent young people of the Afton country, drove over to Spur Sunday afternoon where they were united in marriage, Rev. I. A. Smith performing the ceremony at his home at the Methodist parsonage.

The Texas Spur joins their friends in extending congratulations and very best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, and in their sail over the matrimonial seas may few adverse waves be encountered, joy and happiness attend them throughout the voyage.

### O. B. Colquit in Race for Senate Against Earl B. Mayfield

Former Governor O. B. Colquit has announced his intention of becoming a candidate at the proper time in the 1928 campaign for U. S. Senator to take the place of Earle B. Mayfield.

Tom Connally and Tom Love are also slated as candidates in this race which promises to become interesting, and possibly again revive the ku klux issue, regardless of whether or not that organization survives sufficiently to be recognized as a factor in politics.

### Miss Gladys Hayes and Clark Lewis Were Married Sunday

Miss Gladys Hayes and Clark Lewis were united in the holy bonds of matrimony Sunday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Hayes in the city, Rev. I. A. Smith performing the ceremony.

Clark Lewis is the son of Mrs. Minnie Lewis, was reared in Spur and is a young man of honor and integrity, while his bride is a charming and accomplished young lady, having made her home here only a few years with her parents.

The Texas Spur extends them congratulations, and throughout the years of married life may happiness, contentment and prosperity ever attend them.

### SIX BALES PER HEAD IN KENT COUNTY

Marvin Fuller our efficient cotton weigher tells us that he has received close to 11,000 bales of cotton at the yard this season and expects to get at least 1,000 more and if he does he will have established a new record for the Jayton yard and also for the county. At this time the combined receipts for Girard and Jayton are around 20,000 bales, or about six bales for every man woman and child in Kent County.—Jayton Chronicle.

### May Yet Reap Rich Harvests From the "Golden Fluid"

Newt Cravey, of the Red Mud section, came to town Monday of this week, spending a short time here, getting his mail and possibly doing a little trading with the merchants. Newt has been staying in close to home of late—in fact ever since the test wells in his community were completed as "dry holes." Newt had an opportunity to lease several hundred acres of his land for good money, but like all of us, thought bigger money would come with the oil, therefore he held on, taking the chances himself. However, oil prospects are not gone for good by any means, and here is hoping that within the course of time Newt and other old timers may reap rich harvests of golden fluid.

### New District Court Created at Lubbock

A new district court was created by the legislature last week for Lubbock county. Judge Clarke M. Mullican was appointed judge, by Gov. Moody, of the new formed district. Homer L. Pharr, of Lubbock, was appointed judge of the Seventy-second judicial district which will now include Crosby, Hockley and Cochran counties.—Crosbyton Review.

### Spur Markets Maintain Best Prices on All Farm Products

That Spur endeavors and does provide and maintain one of the best markets for all farm products is evidenced in the fact that at this time a price of twenty six dollars a ton is being paid for cotton seed when no other market of this section nearly approaches this figure.

At the present time the following prices are being paid on the Spur market for farm produce of the country:

- Cotton seed, \$26.00 per ton.
- Cotton, ten cents per pound.
- Chickens, 16 cents per pound.
- Maize, \$6.00 to \$10.00 per ton.
- Eggs, 15 cents per dozen.
- Cream, 43 cents per pound.

These market prices, though low, will compare with prices being paid on other and larger markets, and the people of the country are assured of receiving the highest market prices on all produce brought here for sale.

### Harkey Heads Boy Scouts and Dickens is Added to Council

L. S. Harkey, of Dickens, was named president of the South Plains area boy scout council at the annual meeting of the council in the chamber of commerce offices here yesterday, and Dickens was added to the twelve counties already in the area. Annual reports from Scout Executive H. B. Palmer and Treasurer F. A. Norman were heard, as well as reports on the progress of the budget drive now underway.

Other officers elected are: A. P. Duggan, Littlefield; Marshall Mason, Post; Dr. J. C. Loveless, Lamesa; J. W. Hood, Slaton; Geo. S. Link, Spur; J. G. Thomas, Brownfield, vice president; F. A. Norman, Lubbock treasurer, and L. C. Williams, commissioner.

Report of the campaign over the area raised a budget of \$20,000 for this year were made by President Harkey. Post has raised its quota, Mr. Harkey reported, while Lubbock, Littlefield, and Slaton are nearing the goal. Committees are out in Thacka, O'Donnell, Ralls and Lorenzo.

With a quota of \$6,000 to raise, local committees were disappointed at the outset but prospects are much better, Mr. Harkey said.

The report of H. B. Palmer showed that during the past fiscal year 15 new troops had been added in the council bringing the total to 33. Tow hundred and eleven scouts were added, bringing the total up to over 800 Adult leaders assisting in the boy scout work total over 278 at this time, which is an increase from 53 at the beginning of the past fiscal year.—Ralls Banner.

### Farmer Nets Small Income From Farming Operations

J. W. Garrett, of the Draper section of country, was among the large crowds in Spur Saturday. He stated that low prices of farm products the past year had hit him hard, but that he would "get by." That is characteristic of West Texans—to "get by", and in the end all usually prosper. Hereafter Mr. Garrett will receive weekly visits of the Texas Spur, and we are hopeful that it may prove of some benefit, even though it only "cheers him along the way."

### Fire Does Damage at Crosbyton Last Week

Fire broke out in the cotton house of Guy & McDaniel Gin last Friday night. The fire department saved the outside walls of the building, while the inside was damaged pretty badly according to Mr. McDaniel. One Bale of cotton was in the house at the time it burned.

Fire broke out in the cotton yard Sunday evening and again Monday morning about four o'clock.

About fifteen or twenty bales were burned, it was said.—Crosbyton Review.

## DOG SHOW

AT THE  
LYRIC THEATRE  
FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH.

Featuring  
**THUNDER**  
(The Dog Sensation of the Screen)  
IN  
**"Wings of the Storm"**  
and Episode Number Two of  
**"The Silent Flyer"**  
WITH  
**SILVER STREAK**  
(King of Dog Stars)

### Oldest Married Couple in Texas Lives at Anson, Rt A. Jones Co.

With a record of almost seventy-two years of continuous married life Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Scott, Route A Anson, Texas, have been declared winners of Adolphus Hotel's statewide long time married contest. The Adolphus first conducted a local campaign in Dallas, the award going to Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Hambrick who have been married almost seventy years.

Interest was so keen in this contest that it was extended to the entire state and Mrs. R. T. Clark of Stamford, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott, announces that they are almost a year ahead of the Hambricks.

Mr. Scott, who was born in 1830, is a pioneer Texan, Indian fighter and Buffalo hunter. It is said that Mr. Scott killed the last Buffalo seen in Jones County. Mrs. Scott was born in 1837, and married Mr. Scott in Travis county 1856.—Hamlin Herald.

### Special Program of the Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Sunday

The Presbyterian Christian Endeavor will have a special program Sunday, March 13th, with Olney Walker as leader.

The men of the church are to speak to the young people on the subject of "What the Men Have Done for Our Church."

We had an interesting study on March 6th, with eleven members present.—Reporter.

Weldon Williams is in Spur visiting his parents, Jas. F. Williams and family.

### Stock and Equipment of Noted Cap Rock Jersey Farm Sold at Auction March 10

Thursday of this week a sale was held at the noted Cap Rock Jersey Farm at Crosbyton in which all the fine jersey dairy stock, equipments, together with pure bred chickens, and all farm equipments were sold at public auction.

Thousands of dollars had been invested in this noted farm with an endeavor to make a "go" of it, but very evidently the income did not compare favorably with outgo and money invested. It was one of the most completely stocked and equipped dairy farms in West Texas not only including stock, but the farm furnished its own water system and irrigating plant, electric light plant and many other modern additions in making a complete institution.

### Farmer Considers Low Price Cotton Only as Temporary Item

Paul Aikin, of near Dickens, was in Spur Tuesday of this week, transacting business and meeting with his friends. Notwithstanding the fact that prices for farm products went to the bad the past year, Mr. Aikin is among those who are not discouraged—at least to the extent of going back to the oil field and engaging in oil work. Other businesses, as well as farming, has its set-backs on occasions.

### Abilene Attorney Undergoes Successful Operation in City of Spur

Attorney Snyder, of Abilene, who recently underwent a very serious operation at the Nichols Sanitarium, is now convalescing and reported doing nicely at the hospital.

## The Mission

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