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Debt may be advisable provided it makes you hustle to get out.

Bad habits most expensive luxuries some people have

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## Texas Spur Subscribers Requested to Look at Dates by Address

This week, following the holiday rush, the Texas Spur force took occasion to work over our mailing list. In doing so, thirty thousand, more or less, changes and additions were made—and in making so many changes and additions, it is possible that mistakes may have been made, therefore every reader is requested to look at the dates opposite the address and see that they are correct.

We appreciate very much the large number of new and renewal subscriptions given the Texas Spur during the past several weeks, and the manner in which they continue to come in at this time.

During the New Year we will endeavor to give each subscriber the worth of his money in home news values, and at the same time be of service and benefit to the community.

We want to get our subscription list on a cash basis—it will help us pay taxes, meet our expenses and publish a better paper. The amount may be small to each subscriber, but the sum total to us amounts to a big sum. If your date does not read "1928" (or above that) we would like very much to mark it to that date.

## F. E. Dillon Building a Blacksmith, Garage and Filling Station at McAdoo

F. E. Dillon is now erecting a large building in McAdoo, which when completed will be used for a combination blacksmith shop, auto garage and filling station.

This is substantial indication that McAdoo is keeping in the progressive procession of building activity for which towns and communities of this section are noted.

## M. L. Nichols Makes a Record as Constable of Precinct No. One

Constable M. L. Nichols in making his yearly report for Precinct 3, notes that during the year 1927 he filed 236 charges of law violations, in all of which fines were assessed with the exception of a single case.

Upon his record as a peace officer for the precinct, Constable Nichols is being solicited and is considering the proposition of entering the race for sheriff and tax collector of the county.

## J. A. Akins For Public Weigher of Precinct One at McAdoo

We are authorized to announce that J. A. Akins is a candidate for reelection to the office of Public Weigher of Precinct Number 1, which includes McAdoo, Dickens and Duncan Flat.

Mr. Akins is now serving his first term as weigher of Precinct 1. His service has been accurate, systematic and most satisfactory in every detail, and at all times he has been most accommodating to farmers and cotton men having dealings at the cotton yard. He respectfully asks voters of the precinct to consider his candidacy for a second term in the office, with the assurance that he is in better position to render service a second term than in the beginning of the first term.

## Durward Abernathy and Miss Moser of Menard Married

Durward Abernathy, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Abernathy, of three miles north of Spur, and Miss Moser of Menard, Texas, were married at the home of the bride, Tuesday, December 27th.

Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy may later very probably will, make their home in the Spur country.

The Texas Spur joins friends in sending congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy.

## Two New Cafes Being Established in Spur For the New Year

Mrs. R. E. Sampson and brother, Earnest Thrantham, of Moody, are in Spur making all necessary arrangements for the establishment of a new cafe business, to be known as Rainbow Cafe, and to be located in the Link building on West Harris Street.

Mr. Bull, of Slaton, is also in Spur arranging to establish a new cafe business on East Harris Street, in the building now being vacated by Spur Drug Company.

They are each experienced cafe people, will install handsome furniture and fixtures, and operate first-class and inviting cafes.

## Sylvester Bank Robbed Tuesday by Two Unmasked Robbers

Bank robberies are coming nearer home. Tuesday of this week two unmasked men robbed the national bank at Sylvester in Fisher county, escaping with \$2,500. In the hunt for the robbers an oil scout was shot Tuesday night by officers guarding the highways at Justiceburg. The robbers have been trailed to Trent, and are expected to be captured soon.

The standing offer of \$5000 for a dead bank robber, has not apparently checked bank robberies, but possibly has encouraged more interest in 'getting' the bank robber, as well as killing battles at the time on the least provocation.

## A. B. Hogan Announces For Tax Assessor's Office of County

The Texas Spur is this week authorized to announce A. B. (Shorty) Hogan as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Dickens County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary elections.

Mr. Hogan has lived in Spur and Dickens county a number of years, having been with the Simpson Barber and Beauty Shop of Spur several years. He has never held a public office, but is qualified in every respect to fill the place of assessor, being well informed of property values, honest and of the highest integrity.

The Texas Spur asks voters to give Mr. Hogan's candidacy a due and deserved consideration before casting a vote in the primary elections.

## Statistics Are Wrong. Rep. Brand Says

Washington.—Investigation of specific Department of Agriculture reports in September which he said "resulted in a decline of cotton prices with a loss to the farmers of many millions of dollars" was demanded in a resolution introduced in the House Monday by Representative Brand, Democrat, Georgia.

The Georgia member charged inaccuracy in reports concerning boll weevils, conditions in the cotton belt, estimates of the carryover of cotton as of July 31, 1927, and the "probable farm price situation during the balance of the year, which contained prediction that the trend of cotton prices would be lower."

These were all unauthorized, he charged, with a further reference to reports that "the New Orleans, New York and Chicago cotton exchanges were concerned with the issuance of such reports."

Under his resolution power would also be given to the committee to investigate other matters relating to the cotton situation since Jan. 1st, 1926, and to report their findings to the House.

## Star Filling Station at McAdoo Now in Charge of B. F. Eldredge

The Star Filling Station at McAdoo this week changed hands, B. F. Eldredge having taken charge of the business, while F. E. Carter, who has been operating the business some time, has retired to other fields of endeavor.

## 1927 RAINFALL IS LARGEST SINCE YEAR OF 1917

The rainfall for 1927 was lighter than it has been since 1917. The total amount of rainfall here, according to government record was 16.70 inches. For 1916 it amounted to 10.38 inches, and in 1917 it amounted to 12.50 inches. In 1927 more rain fell in June and July than during the other ten months combined. In November there was no rain, only a trace on November 10. In December there was two inches of snow fell. The average maximum temperature for November was 74.89. The average minimum temperature was 39.96.

Following is the rainfall for each month during 1927: January, .99; February, .48; March, .98; April, 1.18; May, .58; June, 4.46; July, 5.21; August, .55; September, 1.50; October, .89; November, .00; and December, .78.

On January 11 and 12, 1918, the temperature went to 10 below zero. On January 1, 1928, it registered 3 above zero.—Crosbyton Review.

## 50th Wedding Anniversary of James Russell and Esther Antenette Karr of Spur, Texas

J. R. Karr was born June 30th, 1852, in Guinnett County, Ga., and was married January 6th, 1878, to Esther Antenette Hendrix, who was born Nov. 26th, 1857, in Hall County, Ga. They lived in the country until 1897, moving to Hunt County, Texas, in November of that year. They lived in Hunt County ten years, when they came to West Texas, living in Hardeman and Wilbarger Counties about six years, moving to their present home in Dickens County in 1914. They have five sons and three daughters, all married, and twenty seven grandchildren. All were present at this reunion except one grandson, Hubert Karr of San Diego, Cal. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Karr, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Karr, of Crosbyton, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Karr of Oklaunion, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Karr, Jr., of Breckenridge, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Mabe of Levelland, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Carey Clement of Wellington, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Homer McBride and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Karr of Spur, Texas. Others, not of the family relation, present were: Grandmother Hobson, Mrs. Sallie Shockley, and daughter, Ona, and Mr. Shugart, of Spur, Texas; Mr. W. A. Puckett of White Rock, Texas.

The occasion was a great joy, and we all join in wishing father and mother many days more of real happiness.

## Fred Hisey for Reelection as Public Weigher of Precinct Three

The Texas Spur is this week authorized to announce Fred Hisey as a candidate for reelection to a second term for the office of Public Weigher of Precinct 3, including the voting boxes at Spur, Dry Lake, Highway, Red Mud, Duck Creek, Espuela, and Red Hill.

During his one term in the office Fred Hisey has thoroughly demonstrated his efficiency and fitness for Public Weigher, being fair and honest in every particular, accurate in his weights and systematic in the performance of the duties of the office. In fact, Fred has been so thorough and accurate in his office work, and so accommodating and considerate of those having dealings with him in an official capacity that it is very probable he may have no opponent in his race for the second term—notwithstanding the fact that the place is one of the best paying offices of the county.

## Marshall Powell Suffers Broken Bones Skating on Ice Xmas

Marshall Powell, son of C. C. Powell, suffered a broken collar bone and other painful injuries while skating on ice during the recent extremely cold weather.

## The Political Campaign is Now Open and Will Soon be in Full Blast

The several political announcements already made indicates that a warm political campaign is now opening up.

Aside from W. M. Malone and H. J. Parks, who have already announced for sheriff, there are a number of other prospective candidates, among whom are M. L. Nichols, Roscoe McCombs, F. F. Henry, G. L. Barber, J. J. Cloud, and Sheriff M. L. Jones who will very probably remain in the race to hold the place.

For County Judge W. A. Craddock and O. C. Newberry have announced, and while talk of prospective candidates for this race has been more speculative than usual, it is presumed that there will be other candidates. Judge Brummett will very likely make the race again, and very probably others will enter the running.

For Tax Assessor W. F. McCarty and A. B. Hogan have announced, J. H. Biggs will run, and we have heard that Mrs. C. H. Perry is considering making the race for this office.

For County Clerk Robt. Reynolds has announced for reelection, and although Mr. Reynolds is serving his first term there are several other considering entering. Among those most prominently mentioned are Eric Ousley, Lee Mimms and young Murchison of Wichita.

There are a number of other prospective candidates, whose names and announcements will appear later. In fact we look for one of the biggest campaign years we have ever had.

## H. J. Parks Announces For Sheriff and Tax Collector

The Texas Spur is this week authorized to announce H. J. Parks as a candidate for Sheriff and Tax Collector of Dickens County, subject to the will of the Democratic voters in the primary elections to be held in July and August of 1928.

H. J. Parks has been a resident of Dickens county ten or fifteen years, and is well known to the people, especially of the Spur country. During the time he has been in the county, Mr. Parks has served in an official capacity as peace officer, and before coming to Spur had served as ranger and peace officer a number of years. He is familiar with the duties of the office, will enforce the laws without fear or favor, and promises if favored with the place to exert his every ability in giving Dickens County the very best official service within his knowledge and capacity.

## KINDERGARTEN WORK HAS UNUSUAL SUCCESS INCHOOOL

The Kindergarten work that has been given in the Spur Schools this term has met with unusual success. Standard kindergarten equipment, the equal of any in the larger cities, has recently been installed. In order to class this work in the State Department with the best, we should start another class now giving the regular kindergarten work with no first grade work attached. Mrs. T. W. Whigham, kindergarten instructor, has agreed to take this extra class from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon if enough pupils enter to justify the work. Work would begin on January 16th. This work will be arranged so that there will be no age limit, any child of pre-school age being eligible to attend. If interested be sure and get in touch with Mrs. Whigham at once.—R. N. Cluck.

## Robt. Reynolds For Re-Election as District and County Clerk

In the announcement column this week will be found the name of Robt. Reynolds for re-election to the office of District and County Clerk of Dickens county, subject to the Democratic Primaries to be held in July and August of 1928.

Robt. Reynolds is now serving his first term as clerk, and feels that the services rendered justify him in asking for a second term. He has rendered efficient and trustworthy service in his official duties, and if re-elected will continue to give such service to the public.

## 10,000 Bales Less Cotton Ginned This Year Than in 1926

Notwithstanding the big crop of cotton made in 1927, there will be more than 10,000 fewer bales ginned than in 1926.

Up to this time the Spur gins have ginned 18,000 bales, whereas in 1926 27,000 bales were ginned. McAdoo has ginned 3,910 bales, and Dickens and Afton probably have ginned a similar number, making the approximate number of 30,000 bales ginned to date in the county, whereas in 1926 the approximate total number was 40,000 bales ginned in the county.

## Little School Girl of McAdoo was Recently Killed by a Truck

Just before Christmas the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Warren of the McAdoo school district, was run over and killed by a gravel truck on the Spur-Crosbyton highway.

The little girl was returning home from school on the school bus from which she had alighted, and in walking across the highway was struck by the passing truck. The girl was about ten years of age.

The death is deplorable and regrettable by the entire community, and should be a warning to all car and truck drivers to be careful and observant.

## Mrs. Sennino Installs Electric Letter Machine in Spur Post Office

Mrs. Sennino, postmaster, has just recently installed a new electric machine with which letters are now being cancelled in the Spur postoffice.

In operating the machine it was shown that 16,986 letters were cancelled in five days, which is conclusive that the volume of business at the post office is reaching city proportions.

## Bank Statements Show Town and Country to be in Fine Shape

A perusal of the statements published by the two banks of Spur, which appear elsewhere, show that the two banks, the town and the country are in fine financial condition.

The total individual deposits subject to check, together with the state, county and savings deposits, amounts to the total sum \$1,469,306.02.

The cash in vaults amounts to the sum of \$267,128.41, while the notes outstanding amount to \$34,300.00.

The undivided profits of the two banks is \$7,769.30.

A million and half dollars deposits shows there is money in the country, while most of the debts have just been paid.

Spur shows a very healthy financial situation—comparable to any other town its size in Texas.

## 20,800 Bales Cotton Weighed to Date at Spur Yard

Public Weigher Fred Hisey reported to us that he had weighed a total of 20,800 bales of cotton at the Spur yard up to Wednesday of this week. Cotton is worth 19 to 20 cents, with bolls bringing almost as much.

## PAY CAR TAX BY JANUARY 20

Sheriff and Tax Collector M. L. Jones requests that all car owners pay their taxes by January 20th, or a penalty will be attached. The delay in car tax collections was occasioned by a misunderstanding from reports generally circulated over the country, therefore no penalty will be exacted until after January 20th.—M. L. Jones, Sheriff and Tax Collector, Dickens County, Texas. Itc

## A. B. (SHORTY) HOGAN.

I am a candidate for Tax Assessor of Dickens County. I am a stranger to a great many of you. It is some time until the election, and I will appreciate very much if you would investigate my record as a man, and my ability to fill the office. I will appreciate your vote and influence.—A. B. Hogan.

## Robert Stanley Sentenced to be Executed for Bob Morgan Murder

Attorney W. D. Wilson, who assisted in the prosecution of the negroes charged with the murder of Bob Morgan last year, informed us that Robert Stanley, who was convicted of the murder, was sentenced to be executed February 10th, by the Judge in District Court at Crosbyton last Monday. The negro was carried to the state penitentiary Wednesday where he will be held until his execution on February 10th.

The other negro implicated in the murder, is now serving a fifty years sentence in the pen.

Geo. J. Hassell, convicted of the murder of thirteen members of his family, was also sentenced at Farwell to be executed on the same date.

## Bonds Carried in Matador for Water Works System

The election held last Friday in the city of Matador to determine whether the city should issue bonds in the amount of \$50,000 for the purpose of installing a Water System in the city carried by almost a four to one majority. There were only 142 votes cast, and out of this number 112 were cast in favor of the bonds, and only 30 votes were cast against the bonds.—Motley Co. News.

## Little Child of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hindman Died Saturday

The little five month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hindman died last Saturday while the mother was visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. I. A. Smith, in Wellington, the remains being brought home for interment Monday.

The Texas Spur joins friends in extending sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Hindman in this bereavement, of their first and only child.

## Miss Bell and Mr. Keen Married Monday in The City of Spur

Clyde Edward Keen and Miss Edna Faye Bell were married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. A. B. Davidson, Pastor of the First Methodist Church, Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m., January 2nd, 1928.

Mr. Keen, who is one of Aspermont's good citizens and popular business men, is a cousin of J. C. Keen of Spur. Miss Bell lives in Seagraves, and is one of the accomplished young ladies of that city. They will live in Aspermont, Texas.

## 6666 SUPPLY HOUSE AT GUTHRIE ROBBED MONDAY

Last Monday night the 6666 Supply House of Guthrie in King county was robbed and the officers sent for Jim Williams, the finger print expert of Crosbyton. He was accompanied by deputy sheriff, Arthur Swearingin.—Crosbyton Review.

Mr. J. E. Baird, who is in charge of the Agricultural Engineering work at Oklahoma A. & M., Stillwater, Oklahoma; and Mr. Bennett, who is in charge of Farm Terracing work, were visitors in Spur last week going over the work of the local Experiment Station. Mr. Baird says Oklahoma is making preparations to do the same kind of work that the Spur Station is doing. The Spur Station is doing the first work that has been done anywhere to determine the amount of water and soil lost from farm lands and methods to prevent this loss.

—Gin With Hargrove  
C O L L E G I A N S  
L y r i c — J a n u a r y 2 0 t h .  
—Gin With Hargrove

Mrs. Thomas Morrison and children, who have been spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Love, returned this week to Haskell.

—Gin With Hargrove  
Mrs. Jimmie McClanahan and baby left this week for their home in Houston, after being here several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Gilbert.

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No. 340  
Meets Monday night on or after each full moon.  
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**SPUR LODGE No. 1023**  
Meets every Thursday on or before full moon.  
Visitors Welcome  
W. R. KING, W. M.  
JACK RECTOR, Sec.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Texas Spur is authorized to make the following announcements of candidates for District and County offices, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary elections to be held in July and August, 1928:

For District Attorney, 50th Judicial District:  
"DICK" DRESSER  
of Baylor County.

WM. B. COMBEST (Re-Election)  
(of Cottle County)

For County Judge and School Sup't.:  
W. A. CRADDOCK  
O. C. NEWBERRY

For Tax Assessor:  
W. F. McCARTY (Re-Election)  
A. B. (Shorty) HOGAN

For Sheriff and Tax Collector:  
W. M. MALONE  
H. J. PARKS

For District and County Clerk:  
ROBT. REYNOLDS (2nd Term)

For Public Weigher, Precinct 3:  
FRED HISEY (2nd Term)

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NOTICE TO HUNTERS.

Notice is hereby given that hunters and other trespassers in any of my pastures will be prosecuted.—J. P. Goen, Dickens, Texas. 5-3mp

For Sale—S. C. Buff Orphington Cochrels, \$2.00 each.—H. L. Pullen, Rt. 1, Spur, Texas. 7 tfe.

FOR SALE—Chicken farm near Canyon, 160 acres, 2-room house, good well and mill, good outbuildings and 120 acres in cultivation, on public road, price \$35 per acre, good terms.—S. B. McClure, Canyon. 7-tf

Hogs For Sale: 125 head from 400 pounds to suckling pigs.—J. B. (Bud) Morrison. 10-3

For Sale—Buff Orphington Cochrels, thoroughbred, at \$2.00 each. Stock shipped from Wisconsin.—W. M. Malone, Spur. 10-2c.

FOR SALE—Essex Coupe, practically new, five good tires; will sell at a bargain to responsible person capable of completing payments.—See Si McClure.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—Two horse mules, a black and brown, collar marked, wire cut on front foot. Left the first of January. Phone or write O. D. Moreland, Jayton, Texas.

FOR SALE or RENT—One Dwelling house and filling station, half mile west of Croton School house.—A. J. Richey. 8tp

For Sale—166 acres good land, price, \$30 per acre.—H. G. Draper, box 634, Spur, Texas. 1tp.

WANTED—To rent 150 to 200 acre farm on halves. Mrs. I. O. Cornelius, Box 372, Spur, Texas. 1tp  
Three houses and lots for sale of trade.—Inquire at J. P. Wilkes, Spur Texas. 1t

LOST—Either in Spur or on road between Spur and Roaring Springs, one 33x6 casing with inner tube on rim covered with tire cover with "Spur, Texas" printed on cover. Return to J. E. Johnson, Spur, Texas, for reward. 1tc

Coleman Cook Stove and Tank for sale cheap.—West Texas Utilities Co.

W. O. Garrison, of southwest of Spur, was here the past week transacting business and meeting with his friends.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
Coleman Cook Stove and Tank for sale cheap.—West Texas Utilities Co.

W. A. Holloway was here Saturday, meeting friends and trading with Spur's live-wire merchants.

Says World Would Profit by Studying Weather Signs

If people would spend less time criticizing official weather prophets and study the simple weather signs themselves, clerks would be better clerks, merchants would be better merchants and even house wives would have an easier time.

This is the opinion of Eugene Van Cleff, writing on the use of household weather-instruments in the Woman's Home Companion.

"Some employers of large numbers of workers who have given careful consideration to efficiency problems have observed important weather influences," he says. "Employers of clerks in department stores note the fluctuation in sales efficiency corresponding to those in humidity and temperature. Where stores and factories 'make their own weather' through heating and ventilating systems the sales and labor results are excellent and the public soon learns the pleasures of shopping under such conditions. Seasonablewares may also be arranged in respect to the kind of weather predicted for the following day.

"Events easily postponed should be set with reference to the weather. Even a day's washing can profitably be set for another day. Shopping is frequently put over for better weather as traffic conditions show. Experiments have shown that daily forecasts of the number of people who will use a traffic system have shown no larger error than five percent."

The writer urges the use of the barometer and other reliable instruments by a larger number of people enabling them to make their own forecasts. He also declares that the forecasts of official weather bureaus based on similar instruments are more often correct than generally believed because no notice is taken of the numerous times the weather men hit the mark.

—More Lint at Hargrove—  
J. B. Morrison was in the city last Wednesday, greeting his friends of the town.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
L. H. Ponder, of east of Spur, was here Saturday with the crowds.

—More Lint at Hargrove—  
Wayne Van Leer was in Spur the first of the week. We understand that Mr. Van Leer recently purchased a fine farm home near McAadoo on the Plains where he is now moving with his family and will make their home in the future.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Bilberry, of the Gilpin community, were among the many shopping in Spur the past week. Mr. Bilberry is among the "old timers" here—and they don't make any better citizens than these old timers.

—More Lint at Hargroves—  
Buster Bural, of Antelope, was in town one day the past week, reporting everything in fine shape out his way.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
J. H. Fulcher, who is now drilling oil wells in the Eastland field, spent a few days recently in Spur, meeting his friends and looking after property interests in this section. Mr. Fulcher was formerly in the oil business for himself, but dry holes and misfortunes caused him to begin drilling holes for the other fellow.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
W. S. Hunter, who has been ill and confined to his bed the past week or two, is now able to sit up, we are glad to note.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
J. A. Kerley, of east of Spur several miles, was here the past week trading.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
Geo. W. Grubbs, of southwest of Spur, was among the recent business visitors on the streets of Spur.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
Mrs. J. C. McNeill, of the Alamo Stock Farm, was shopping and visiting in Spur the past week.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
C. S. Leatherman, of west of the city, was here recently on business and meeting with his friends.

Tobe Maben, of the 24-Ranch community, was here recently. He the past year made good crops of melons and other diversified crops, as well as cotton. He also has an opportunity to profit from the prospective oil developments of that section, in that several dollars per acre is being paid for leases by several oil interests.

Coleman Cook Stove and Tank for sale cheap.—West Texas Utilities Co.

"The College Hero"—Spur Theatre next Friday.



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W. L. Hudson, of the old 24-Ranch community, was here recently trading. He has ever been optimistic of the oil developments in that section—while little if any reports are being given out on the progress of the well now drilling in that section of the country. Those men who have observed gases coming from points and holes made in the river bottoms and other points, know that oil is somewhere underneath that part of Kent county. The trouble is that this oil may not be uncovered and brought to use and benefit before we become old and gray and could more fully appreciate the luxuries of life.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
Will Garner, of northeast of the city, was here the first of the week, feeling the pulse of the cotton market which now has an upward tendency—with the possibility that the price may go back to the point of beginning—around twenty five cents a pound.

—More Lint at Hargrove—  
Ned Bowers was on the streets of Spur Wednesday afternoon, coming in from his ranch headquarters to the east of the city.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
A. M. Hoover, of south of Spur four or five miles, was among those here the past week on business. Mr. Hoover recently purchased a farm home and has been building a home and doing considerable building improvements on the place.

—More Lint at Hargrove—  
John Aston, who is now a bonafide resident and citizen farmer of the Plains country, was down recently to greet his friends in Spur.

A. C. George, of Highway, was in Spur Wednesday. He had just returned from Marlin where he had been several weeks with Mrs. George who is undergoing treatment at that place. Mrs. George will remain in Marlin some time yet, Mr. George stating that she was improving very satisfactorily.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bateman, of the Afton country, were in Spur Wednesday of this week shopping with Spur merchants, and visiting with their friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Bateman contemplate buying a farm near Spur, and moving here at an early date for school and other advantages here offered. Last year Mr. Bateman made fine crops, selling a portion of his cotton crop, the balance now being held for the higher prices expected later.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
W. G. Causey, of southwest of the city, was here the past week, meeting with his friends.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
J. E. Sparks was on the streets Wednesday morning. He the past year, among other diversified farm interests, made several gallons of ribbon cane syrup from cane grown on his place, promising to bring us in a jug one of these days. The Spur country can produce as fine molasses as any country—and we can't understand why the consumers depend upon Louisiana and other countries to provide us with molasses.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
G. H. Slaton, of northeast of the city, was here Wednesday transacting business affairs and meeting with his friends.

Let us Serve You in the New Year!

We are equipped with expert workmen and mechanics, the best tools and materials with which to overhaul or repair your car. Our charges will be moderate and legitimate in every instance, and we will be glad of the opportunity to serve you!

RAMSEYS GARAGE  
GAS, OILS, ACCESSORIES

### IMPROVED FARMS FOR SALE IN FLOYD COUNTY

I have a number of improved farm homes of one-fourth and one-half section tracts, in Floyd County on the Plains. These farms will be sold for ten dollars per acre cash, and balance at \$1 and \$2 per acre yearly payments. See or write me

**ARTIE BAKER, Owner**  
LOCKNEY, TEXAS

Editor Hyatt, of the Ralls Banner, was in Spur Monday. During the fall, in addition to his newspaper and general boosting activities, Hyatt bulled the cotton market endeavoring to make and pay higher prices. He now has a number of bales on hand, waiting for a higher market in order to get even. Here is hoping the expected higher prices will come and that from his holdings Hyatt will realize a profit.

Bill Dorsey has been in Spur the past week, buying cotton with the number of other buyers who have been maintaining the market in Spur throughout the fall.

Miss Bessie Raby of Ft. Worth, has returned to her home after a visit with Misses Bertie Belle Brown and Nig Lisenby.

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Over one hundred million loaned  
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The Best Service,  
Kelley-Springfield Tires  
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The Best Car Cleaning Job

**KING -- SAMPLE &  
PUTMAN**

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

Dr. and Mrs. Grace returned last week from Dallas where they spent the Christmas holidays with their son, Joe Grace and family, and two of the Doctor's sisters. While there the Doctor also was treated by specialists for his head troubles, and we are glad to note is apparently very much improved, and it is hoped by his many friends that Dr. Grace may soon be completely recovered.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
W. A. Grizzle, of southwest of the city, was greeting friends in Spur recently.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
L. A. Grantham, of the Red Hill community, was in Spur the past week.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Hindman and children spent the latter part of the holidays visiting with relatives and friends in the Eastern part of the state, reporting a nice trip and enjoyable visit.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
Mrs. Elmer Johnson, formerly Miss Lott Fite, was here during the Christmas holidays, visiting her sister, Mrs. Tom Teague, and other friends of the city.

#### SHERIFF'S SALE THE STATE OF TEXAS County of Dickens—

Notice is Hereby Given that by virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Dickens County, on the 22nd day of December, 1927, by Robert Reynolds District Clerk of said Court the sum of Two Thousand Eighty six and 8-100 (\$2086.08) Dollars with interest from Nov. 29, 1927 at 10 percent and costs of suit, under a Judgment, in favor of A. B. Winkler et al in a certain cause in said Court, No. 909 and styled A. B. Winkler et al vs. F. M. Morris, placed in my hands for service, I, M. L. Jones as Sheriff of Dickens County, Texas, did, on the 23rd day of December, 1927, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Dickens County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: First Tract: Being 160 acres, known as Abstract No. 1357, out of south part of survey No. 5, made for C. G. Windham, and known as the W. W. Waldrup survey.

Second Tract: Being 16 1-2 acres out of the South part of Survey No. 3, E. B. Shaw, Original Grantee, S. F. 2173, Abstract No. 1222, and being all of said survey south of the Dickens and Guthrie Road, and levied upon as the property of F. M. Morris and that on the first Tuesday in Feb. 1928, the same being the 7th day of said month at the Court House door, of Dickens County, in the town of Dickens, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said F. M. Morris.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Texas Spur, a newspaper published in Dickens County.

Witness my hand, this 23rd day of December 1927.

M. L. JONES  
Sheriff Dickens County, Texas.  
By Olive Meadors, Deputy. 10-3

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Dickens County, Greeting.

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

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To all persons interested in the Estate of C. C. Cobb Deceased, Nannie Cobb has filed in the County Court of Dickens County, an application for the Probate of the last Will and Testament of said C. C. Cobb, Deceased, filed with said application, and for Letters Testamentary, which will be heard at the next term of said Court, commencing on the third Monday in January, A. D. 1928, the same being the 16th day of January, A. D. 1928, at the Court House thereof, in Dickens, at which time all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application should they desire to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Dickens, Texas, this 17th day of December, A. D. 1927.

ROBT. REYNOLDS, Clerk  
County Court, Dickens Co., Texas.

### Winter Rains and Their Relation to West Texas Crops

Ever so often we see newspaper statements that West Texas, having had abundant winter rains, is pretty sure to make a big cotton crop. Or, that since winter rainfall was very light in West Texas, the chances are that a poor cotton crop will be made.

As a matter of fact, if winter rainfall were the determining factor in West Texas cotton production, as one would have us believe, the crop would usually be poor in that area, for it is an area of very scant average rainfall. Roughly, West Texas may be generally considered as that part of the state lying west of a line drawn north and south through Abilene.

In the following table is given the winter rainfall (December January and February) for first, Shreveport, and Jackson, Miss., and then for typical stations in West Texas:—  
Jackson, Miss. 4.53 4.46 5.53 14.52  
Shreveport, La., 4.43 4.16 3.72 12.31  
Abilene, Tx., 1.10 0.85 0.99 2.94  
Midland, Tx., 0.69 0.53 0.62 1.84  
Big Spring, --- 0.46 0.42 0.54 1.42  
Lamesa, --- 0.69 0.32 0.80 1.81  
Lubbock, --- 0.90 0.34 0.62 1.96  
Plainview, --- 0.53 0.44 0.47 1.44

It is plainly evident from the above figures that average rainfall in West Texas is significant, and cannot be any great factor in cotton production. As a matter of fact, the large crop of 1926 in West Texas followed a very dry winter, and it can be proved that it is summer, rather than winter rainfall that the West Texas cotton crop most largely depends upon. With a monthly rainfall of 2 to 2 1-2 inches from April to September, West Texas really has an excellent summer climate for cotton production; but its winter rainfall is a much over-rated factor.—The Progressive Farmer.

#### WHO RUNS THE SMALL TOWN?

The traveler sometimes wonders why some towns are so disconsolate in appearance and at the same time have enterprising stores, banks and offices.

A traveling man cites this incident: Probably a million bushels of wheat had been shipped out of a little town of 500 people and there were enough cattle, hogs and fields of corn on the surrounding farms to insure good business.

But what a shabby town! Sidewalks broken; weeds everywhere. Electric light poles stood at angles and there was more junk than worthwhile machinery at the municipal electric station and pumping plant.

The mayor did not know the value of the village's properties and referred us to the city clerk. He looked in several books and could only state that there were so many thousands of bonds unpaid for this and so many for that. He could make an intelligent guess at the amount of interest on bonds that had to be paid each year but did not know whether it came from taxation or income from operating properties.

But a lumberman did know. He had some newspaper clippings of reports, which he had analyzed. Was he a member of the council? He was not. He said that he was too busy with his own business to learn the electric or gas, or water business.

"You see," he said in explaining the failure of most municipal business enterprises, "I know something about the lumber business, but I don't pretend to know electricity. My notion is for every man to stick to his own line. I notice that the fellow who wants to tend to the public's business pretty generally hasn't got any business of his own. If a good man on the council does something that ought not to be done he gets blamed for it and this hurts his trade, so he just let's 'George do it.'—Public Service News.

#### WOMAN SOON TO OPEN SENATORIAL CAMPAIGN

Austin.—Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham, only woman candidate thus far announced for the next campaign will get an early start. She will open campaign headquarters in Austin Tuesday.

Mrs. Cunningham is a candidate for the United States Senate and Miss Ruby Neale Long of Brownwood will be her assistant campaign manager.

Mrs. Cunningham will make her opening address of the campaign during the first week in March. She will announce an itinerary of speaking dates and says she will carry on a systematic campaign. If elected she will be the first woman to sit as a member of the United States Senate.

J. T. Henderson was here transacting business recently.

### New Year's Greetings to all

### Start the New Year With a Bank Account!

In these days when the minds of all of us are on the New Year and what it may hold, keep in mind that if you will include this bank in your plans, you will have gone a long way toward bringing those plans to a more satisfying consummation.



Mr. Rutledge, formerly of Spur, but now of Fort Worth, spent a few days here this week.

—Gin With Hargrove—

Sanders Taylor and wife, now of Amarillo, passed through Spur last week in returning home from East Texas where they spent the holidays with relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor formerly lived in Spur, and were practically raised in Dickens county. Sanders is now a traveling salesman out of Amarillo, and their friends will be glad to know are prospering in their new field and home.

—Gin With Hargrove—

W. H. Condron, of northeast of Spur, was here one day during the week.

—Gin With Hargrove—

Jim Cross was here Saturday from his home in the Watson community to the southwest of Spur.

—Gin With Hargrove—

Mrs. S. T. Clemmons and children and Bill McAlpine returned the past week from Dallas where the holidays were spent with her parents and other relatives.

Howard Campbell, of near Dickens, was in Spur Wednesday.

J. B. Morrow, of Elton, was here Wednesday, trading and on other business.

Rev. A. B. Davidson, pastor of the Methodist Church of Spur, has been suffering of influenza the past ten days, but is now able to be out again and will fill his pulpit Sunday at 11:30 and 7:30 as usual.

—Gin With Hargrove—

Glenn Pass was here this week from Del Rio, spending several days here buying cotton.

—Gin With Hargrove—

"The College Hero"—Spur Theatre next Friday.

#### POWER Mortgage Lifter

THE WEST TEXAS  
HALF & HALF

I am now booking orders at \$2.00 Per Bushel. These seed are first year Machine Culled. In 2-Bushel sacks. 15-16 inch staple and 46% lint.

ORDER EARLY!

**ALBERT POWER**  
AFTON, TEXAS

### LET US DO YOUR HATCHING

We are ready to hatch eggs, and will have baby chicks by  
February 1st. Bring your eggs on Monday.

**SPUR HATCHERY**

### THE HIGHWAY CAFE

"Where the Food is Good"  
—Fresh Oysters Every Day—  
FOX BROTHERS, Props.

### EAST-SIDE MARKET

We handle the Best meat we can get  
Also Packing House Products

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Spur, Texas

WE ARE OFFERING SPECIAL PRICES ON OUR ENTIRE LINE OF  
HARDWARE, FURNITURE, AND IMPLEMENTS

BUY NOW! PAY CASH AND GET YOUR CASH DISCOUNT

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"HOME OF ORTHORPHONIC VIC"

"SPUR'S OLDEST STORE"

Charter No. 9611 Reserve District No. 11  
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK AT  
SPUR IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS  
ON DECEMBER 31, 1927.

**RESOURCES**

- Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks and foreign bills of exchange or drafts sold with indorsement. \$394,159.13
- Acceptances of other banks discounted, excluding those sold with indorsement rep. in Item 1-a 186,884.13—781,043.26
- U. S. Government Securities Owned:
  - Deposited to secure circulation 25,000.00
  - All other U. S. Government securities, etc., owned 143,399.39
- Banking House, \$18,000.00; Furniture & Fixtures \$5,500.00—23,500.00
- Real estate owned other than banking house 15,797.92
- Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank 73,467.38
- Cash in vault and amount due from national banks 103,204.78
- Checks on other banks in city of reporting bank 1,902.36
- Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. \$105,107.64
- Checks and drafts on banks outside of city 1,244.23
- Miscellaneous cash items 2,003.08—3,247.31
- Redemption fund with U. S. Treas. and due from U.S.Treas. 1,250.00
- Total \$1,171,813.40

**LIABILITIES**

- Capital stock paid in 100,000.00
- Surplus fund 25,000.00
- Undivided profits 3,787.68
- Circulating notes outstanding 24,300.00
- Amount due to Federal Reserve Bank 9,598.06
- Amount due to national banks 10,000.00
- Cashier's checks outstanding 2,794.23
- Total of Items 14, 15, 26, 27, 28, and 29, \$22,392.29
- Demand Deposits Subject to Reserve:
  - Individual deposits subject to check 910,469.40
  - Total dem. dep. sub. to Res. Items 30,31,32,33,34, \$910,469.40
  - Time Deposits Subject to Reserve: 85,864.03
  - Savings deposits
  - Total time dep. sub. to Res. Items 35,36,37,38, \$85,864.03
- Total \$1,171,813.40

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss.—I, W. T. Andrews Jr., Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—W. T. Andrews, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest: Clifford B. Jones, W. B. Lee, W. F. Godfrey, Directors.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of January, 1928.—Julia M. Hickman, Notary Public.

Those who have clothes left with Spur Tailor Shop, may get them at my residence.—Ira Sullivan.  
—Gin With Hargrove  
A farm home on which C. E. Sears and family lived, northeast of Spur, burned down Sunday night, the family losing practically all household effects.  
—Gin With Hargrove  
T. A. Randleman, who recently moved to Crosbyton, was in Spur on Wednesday, meeting with his friends and looking after unfinished business here.  
—Gin With Hargrove  
W. C. Cartwright, of north of the city, was among the business visitors here Wednesday.

Mrs. A. J. Richey and children, of Croton, are moving to Spur for the benefit of Spur High School. We are glad for them to become resident citizens.  
—Hargrove Gins Bollies  
Mrs. W. T. Andrews is in Iredell with her mother, Mrs. G. W. Daniel, who was recently bitten by a mad cat. Mrs. Daniel was carried to the pasteur institute at Austin.  
—Gin With Hargrove  
George B. Maben, of south of Spur, was here recently trading, marketing cotton and arranging for another crop year.  
—Hargrove Gins Bollies  
Mattie, an old negress of the city, died Tuesday of paralysis.

**BIG REDUCTION IN CHRYSLER CARS**  
January 10th Chrysler Cars dropped from \$50.00 to \$100.00

The 4-cylinder cars now selling at or about the same price of other low price cars, we can now sell you for

2-Door Sedan \$799 DELIVERED  
6-Cylinder, Closed \$1325 DELIVERED

Chrysler Cars started around 4 years ago in 27th place. They now hold 3rd place. Mr. Chrysler says he is not satisfied—he must have first place. At no time have automobiles come forward like the Chrysler. Mr. Joe Saunders of "The Saunders Drive-It-Your-Self System, Inc." buys one million dollars worth of Chrysler for his use.

SPUR CHRYSLER CO.

# MULES

I will sell 12 good work mules at the

McARTHUR WAGON YARD  
SATURDAY JANUARY 14

These mules are in good flesh, and ready to go at any line of work, weigh from 1100 to 1300 pounds.

C. L. Martin  
SPUR, TEXAS

## Woman Eats Only Baby Food 3 Years

"For 3 years I ate only baby food, everything else formed gas. Now, thanks to Adlerika, I eat everything and enjoy life."—Mrs. M. Gunn.  
Even the FIRST spoonful of Adlerika relieves gas on the stomach and removes astonishing amounts of old waste matter from the system. Makes you enjoy your meals and sleep better. No matter what you have tried for your stomach and bowels, Adlerika will surprise you.—Spur Drug Company.  
—Hargrove Gins Bollies  
Mrs. J. B. Hibbert was in Cisco last week to be with her father in his last illness. E. D. Archer, having died Thursday.

Mrs. W. H. Putman and son, Kelcy, of Vernon, are in Spur this week, visiting with relatives and friends and also looking after business affairs.  
—Gin With Hargrove

C O L L E G I A N S  
Lyric—January 20th.  
—Gin With Hargrove

Page Gollihar, Robt. Nickels, Chas. McLaughlin, J. W. Baker, Chas. Dunlap are among those who have our thanks for substantial checks on subscriptions to Texas Spur this week.  
—Hargrove Gins Bollies

Mrs. Fred Reynolds and children left this week for Indiana to visit with her parents.  
—Gin With Hargrove  
Tud Arthur, of north of Dickens, was in Spur recently.

## NOTICE TO DODGE CAR OWNERS

We have secured the services of F. Sanders, of Sweetwater. He has had a number of years experience in servicing Dodge and Buick cars and is an Expert Mechanic.

All who have bought new Dodge cars this fall from us call around and have your car looked over.

SPUR WRECKING COMPANY  
Agency of DODGE MOTOR CARS  
J. E. Berry E. C. McGee

Charter No. 10703 Reserve District No. 11  
REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CITY NATIONAL BANK AT  
SPUR IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS  
ON DECEMBER 31, 1927.

**RESOURCES**

- Loans and discounts, including rediscounts, acceptances of other banks or drafts sold with indorsement of this bank, \$387,551.98
- U. S. Government Securities Owned:
  - Deposited to secure circulation \$10,000.00
  - All other U. S. Government securities, etc., owned 50.00—10,050.00
- Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc., owned 15,659.24
- Banking House, \$7,750.00; Furniture & Fixtures, \$3,700.00—11,450.00
- Real estate owned other than banking house 17,845.17
- Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank 56,440.71
- Cash in vault and amount due from national banks 163,923.63
- Amount due from State banks, bankers and trust Cos. in U.S. 545.65
- Checks on other banks in city of reporting bank 4,437.23
- Total of Items 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13. \$168,540.82
- Redemption fund with U.S.Treas. and due from U.S.Treas. 500.00
- Total \$668,037.72

**LIABILITIES**

- Capital stock paid in 40,000.00
- Surplus fund 25,000.00
- Undivided profits 3,981.62
- Circulating notes outstanding 10,000.00
- Cashier's checks outstanding 9,437.23
- Dividend checks outstanding 1,526.00
- Total of Items 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, \$10,963.23
- Demand Deposits Subject to Reserve:
  - Individual deposits subject to check 490,724.35
  - Certificates of deposits due in less than 30 days 4,555.50
  - State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by bank, 82,248.24
  - Total of dem. dep., Res. Items 30,31,32,33,34, \$577,528.09
  - Time Deposits Subject to Reserve:
    - Other time deposits 564.78
    - Total time dep. sub. to Res., Items 35,36,37,38, \$564.78
  - Total \$668,037.72

State of Texas, County of Dickens, ss.—I, JAMES B. REED, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.—JAMES B. REED, Cashier.  
Correct—Attest: C. L. Martin, E. C. Edmonds, C. Hogan, Directors.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1928.—Birl Hight, Notary Public.

Superintendent Cluck returned last Monday night from Waco where he had gone to attend the funeral of a friend who was killed there Sunday in an automobile accident.  
—Gin With Hargrove  
Murry Lea and W. W. Flournoy made a business trip to Dallas this week.  
—Hargrove Gins Bollies  
Mr. McCombs, of Rotan, is in Spur visiting his daughter, Mrs. Lee Gilbert.

Mrs. Tom Cross, of Kent county, was shopping in Spur Saturday of last week.  
—Gin With Hargrove  
Mr. and Mrs. Abernathy, of north of Spur, were shopping and visiting in the city Friday of the past week.  
—Hargrove Gins Bollies  
Will Watson, of east of Spur, was on the streets the past week.  
—Gin With Hargrove

## CHICKENS!

We will load a car of chickens in Spur, Tuesday & Wednesday, January 17th and 18th, and will pay the following prices on above dates only.

Heavy Hens, 4lb. and over, per lb.	18c
Light Hens and Leghorns, per lb.	13c
Fryers, under 2 1/4 lbs., per lb.	16c
Fryers, Leghorns, per lb.	13c
Stags, per lb.	10c
Cox, per lb.	7c
No. 1 Turkeys, per lb.	20c
Old Toms, per lb.	15c

SPUR PRODUCE COMPANY  
SPUR, TEXAS

## FRESH OYSTERS SATURDAY

I will have Fresh Oyster at my place Saturday at most reasonable prices! Call on us for fruits, candies, confections, and other items in that line.  
B. M. BLACKMON & SON

# SPEEDING UP!

Starting Saturday, Jan. 14th, Running Through Saturday Night of January 21st, We Will Give You Startling Values That Will Clean Our Shelves of Remaining Winter Goods

We Have No Junk to Offer, but Lines of Dependable Kinds. We believe that Values Exist only in Dependable Lines of Goods, and not the off brand, shoddy lines that can be priced to indicate a great slaughter in a new cut price

THE TIME IS HERE TO CLEAN OUR STOCK AND WE ARE GOING TO SEE THAT OUR TRADE GETS VALUES THAT ARE NOT ELSEWHERE AT PRICES MADE

## Ladies Hats



ONE BIG LINE TO CLOSE AT

**\$1.00**

One line Ladies \$5 Gloves at \$1.00  
Lot Silk Gloves, \$1.75 value, for 49c

ONE LOT  
**Ladies  
Silk  
Dresses**  
Good Effects  
and Styles  
at  
**\$3.95**  
**\$12.95**  
**\$16.75**  
All lines of  
Ladies Winter  
Underwear  
Very Cheap



## We Want the Attention of All Buyers of Piece Goods.

Several pieces All-Wool Serge, val. \$1.25 for 59c  
54-in, all-wool Flannel, formerly \$3.50 for \$1.98  
\$2.00 Crepe de Chine, to clean out, at \$1.29  
\$3.00 Pure Silk Flat Crepe, at \$1.39  
Big line of Special value Lace, to close at 5c  
20 Per Cent Reduction on All Novelties

## We are Going to Clean Out All Wool and Silk Lines Cheap

Ginghams as follows: 6c, 12c, 17c, 21c and 39c  
(They are worthy of inspection)  
Lines of Domestic cheap at 12c, 17c, 21c and 27c  
(All standard brands)  
Truth Sheeting, 9-4 at only 47c; 10-4 at 53c  
(Highest count on the market)

## Bargains in Hosiery, and Ladies Wear

Childrens Hosiery, to close out in this clean up at 19c, 23c, and 31c  
(The latter with linen heel)  
Ladies Silk Hose, at 49c, 69c, 89c and 98c. Pure Silk to top at \$1.98  
(The latter is a \$2.50 value)  
Two lots of Ladies Gowns, to be closed out at only 59c and 79c  
Ladies Teds at 50c. A Reduction on all Ladies Silk Underwear  
We are offering a Wonderful Ladies Bloomer at only 98c  
We are offering also one lot of Blouses to close out at only 49c  
Childrens Dresses at 98c. Also others at \$1.25, \$1.49 and \$2.49

## A GREAT COLLECTION OF VARIOUS SIZE

**Footwear**  
FOR LADIES  
New Styles, to close at the very low price of  
**\$3.45**



Also good values in Mens, Boys, Ladies and Childrens Footwear—each and every pair at a Real Bargain Price



## Bargains in Mens and Boys Wear

Mens good weight Unions at 79c. Heavy Flat Knit, \$1.35, for 98c  
Boys Unions, heavy, at 89c. Medium at 72c; lighter at 69c and 39c  
Mens Sheep Lined Coats at \$7.95 and \$9.95. These garments are heavy materials and have good fleece, and are winter pelts.  
Mens and Boys Lumber Jacks will go very cheap in this clean-up!  
**HERE ARE SOME REAL VALUES IN MENS HEAVY SHIRTS:**  
Sweet Orr & Co. \$3.00 Wool Shirts at \$2.15. Mole at \$1.95  
A big line of good made Cotton Shirts at the very low price of 79c  
Mens good Work Sox at 8c, 12c and up. Canvas Gloves, 10c & 15c  
Boys Work and Dress Shoes and Oxfords of the good kind very cheap  
Mens Clothing very cheaply priced in Suits. Some lines for less than cost of production. In seeing these Suits you will realize their true value. Some Mens Suits will be sold low as \$12.50

We Want to Tell You That While We are Closing Out Many Lines We are Also Just in Receipt of Many Pretty Lines of Footwear for Women, also in Mens Oxfords. This week will likely add many other lines for Men and Women who appreciate the better goods

Come to Us Not Convinced, But Come to Look and be Your Own Judge!!

**LOVE DRY GOODS CO.**  
SPUR, TEXAS "A Better Store" SPUR, TEXAS

## TO THE VOTERS OF DICKENS CO.

In announcing for the office of County Judge and School Superintendent, I believe that I am announcing for the most important office in the county, because he must fill the office of Judge of the County Courts, Superintendent of the schools, Secretary of the Board of County Trustees and Presiding Officer of the Commissioner's Court, with other lesser duties to perform, and believing this I submit this for your consideration and investigation of my qualifications for the offices.

I have lived in Texas all of my life, except one year in Oklahoma, and saw the sun rise in Dickens County 15 years ago, and can justly say I am proud that I came to this county.

I have served as County Commissioner for the last five years from Precinct No. 1, but have never felt that I was a precinct officer only, but a county officer, and have tried to look at all matters pertaining to the commissioner's office that way and having been associated with this office, I feel better qualified with this experience to serve as County Judge than without it.

I taught school six years, and have been offered two schools in this county but did not care to teach any more because of a throat trouble I have, but have kept in touch with school work as I have been district trustee for the last ten years—except two years when I refused to serve, and by this means I believe that I know something of the condition of our schools.

I am not a lawyer, but have read some law, and as county judge will do my best to be fair to all parties who may have business with the Co. Courts.

I believe in good roads and good schools and the way to have them is to contend for your rights and get the appropriations that we are entitled to the same as the wealthier counties.

I want to meet every voter in the county and get acquainted with you so that when you have business with the County Judge and School Supt. you will know him and he will know you if he does not now know you. However, I may fail to see all because of my duties as commissioner and my farm work, but should I fail to see you, ask your neighbor who knows me.

My only promise is that if I am elected, is to fill the offices to the best of my ability for all of the county alike as near as lies within me.

I ask for your consideration at the primary election in July.

O. C. NEWBERRY

STOLEN—Winchester pump shotgun and sheep lined coat, from car in front of L. H. Perry's residence, Thursday night between 6:30 and 9:30. \$25 reward for any information leading to recovery of articles and arrest of thief.—Roy Harkey.

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Monday and Tuesday—

WARNER BROS.

Present

Dolores Costello

in

"The Heart of Maryland"

Wednesday and Thursday—

"My Friend From India"

A GOOD ONE!

Friday & Sat. Afternoon—

"The College Hero"

Saturday Night—

Al Hoxie in

"His Last Bullet"

THRILLS!

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## BIG FRESH SUPPLY Wall Paper

We have just this week unloaded a Big Supply of Wall Paper in all the new designs and colors; a bale of canvas and a million tacks. Let us help you to beautify your home at moderate cost?

## 9x12 GOLD SEAL RUGS

Everyone knows that Gold Seal Rugs are Good Rugs. We have several pretty designs that we are sacrificing at special prices and would be pleased to have you call and see them.

## FURNITURE

Beautiful suites in Walnut and Mahogany that will make your house a home. We will take your old furniture as a partial payment; call and see us.

## DRY GOODS & NOTIONS

While we are not putting on a sale, it will pay you to note our prices on this line of merchandise before buying elsewhere. We handle the Best!

**J. P. Wilkes**

## TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF DICKENS COUNTY:

I take this method of expressing my appreciation and gratitude for the vote of confidence you gave me when, at the last election, you elected me to the office of District and County Clerk, and assure you that I am under lasting obligation to you for the confidence you expressed in doing me this honor.

It has been my only purpose and effort to show that I am worthy of the confidence you placed in me, and during the time I have served as your District and County Clerk, it has been my highest ambition to render the best and most efficient service it was in my power to render.

As I understand it, public office is a public trust, created for the use and benefit of the people, and not for the financial benefit it may be to the one who holds the office for the time, and in selecting any one to occupy or hold a public office, his qualification and fitness for the office should control, and not the benefits it may bring to the one who holds the office.

With the experience I have had, and my familiarity with the duties and responsibilities, and if elected for the second term it will be my highest ambition to render more efficient service.

In accordance with the time honored custom of giving an one who has held the office for a single term, and proved himself worthy of the confidence placed in him by the voters, a second term, I announce as a candidate for the office of District and County Clerk for a second term, pledging myself to render the best and most efficient service that it is possible for me to give to the voters who honor me with their support.

Respectfully asking your vote and influence in the coming primary election, I am,

Faithfully,  
ROBT. REYNOLDS.

For Sale—Barbed wire and windmill with pump and tower complete. See A. Biggs, Spur, Texas. 11-4p.

Tracy Gorham visited with relatives in Waco and other East Texas points during the holidays.

MONDAY and TUESDAY



RICHARD DIX

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"SHANGHAI BOUND"

with

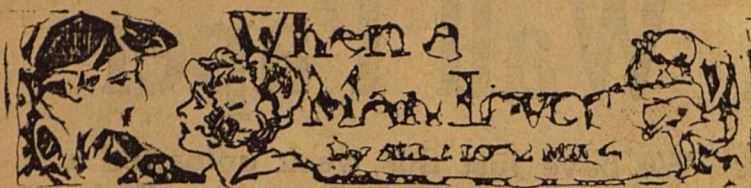
MARY BRIAN



Wednesday and Thursday

"One Woman to Another"

TOP PRICES PAID FOR HIDES, CREAM AND POULTRY, BY DAVE TAYLOR LOCATED WITH SCOTT BROS.



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CHAPTER III—Continued Slowly Manon began to realize that someone in the courtyard was trying to attract her attention. It was Fabien. He had been watching her patiently for Lescaut's departure.

When Manon saw him he was gazing at her with worshiping eyes. Her whole attitude and the comfort he seemed to inspire made her feel that he was the one person in the world she could trust. She held her hands appealing toward him.

With an expression denoting only unselfish love and tenderness Fabien answered her call for help. Moving quickly over toward the low hung balcony, he impulsively climbed up the jutting stone wall and grasped the railing so that he could look adoringly at her.

"There are tears in your eyes— they will go away now," she replied tremulously, but when more tears continued to come she explained.

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Lescaut glanced out the door rather than meet the Comte's eyes. He saw the coach going down the highway. Grasping the Comte's arm he cried in amazement, "My God! There is Manon—see her through the rear window—and there is a man with her!"

This last was uttered as Fabien's head came through the window, urging the coachman to lash the horses into greater speed.

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Lescaut was in a furious temper. To think that inexperienced Manon could get away from him just when she had become a valuable property! Putting aside his own annoyance he tried to soothe the Comte as they walked hurriedly toward the stable.

No sooner had they arrived than the landlord met them at the door with this startling news, "There is not a horse in the stable! The young scoundrel cut them all loose before he left."

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"Do you suppose they will come after us?" This was a new worry. "They may want to," consoled Fabien. But they will have a hard time getting started because I turned all the horses loose just before we left."

This amused Manon and she laughed delightedly. It was the first time Fabien had seen her in a gay mood. The laugh was so infectious that he joined her in sheer delight. Again they were like two youngsters on a day's excursion, with no thought of trouble or their employment.

Gropingly Fabien's hand went in search of Manon's. A thrill of ecstasy passed through them at the warm contact, and sitting close together they looked trustfully into each other's eyes.

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CHAPTER IV—Continued

The coach travelled on through the morning sunshine toward Paris. At twilight, that same night, Manon and Fabien found themselves on the streets of Paris. They had not been stopped en route and the fear of being caught had vanished with their growing absorption in each other.

The more Fabien saw of Manon the more perfect he thought her. Her beauty, her heart, her mind and her very gentleness took such a binding and agreeable hold on him that he predicted perfect future happiness in its enduring influence.

Carrying their meager belongings they mingled with the crowds. Walking along hand in hand, interested in each other more than in usual with pedestrians, they formed a sharp contrast to the strutting dandies and gay students paying casual court to pretty girls, their companions of the moment.

If Fabien had not been so absorbed in Manon he would have noticed and resented the admiring and covetous glances showered upon her by the dashing Guards officers. These men of the world had not seen a woman as refreshingly lovely as Manon for many a day. To them, her natural charm was far more attractive than the artificial beauty of the aristocratic white-wigged occupants of the chairs that passed along the street.

But Manon saw one of these gorgeous creatures and immediately felt male and insignificant by comparison.

Strangely enough, a woman is never satisfied with unadorned beauty. Perhaps it is the pleasure she derives from adding brighter color, new lines and a different expression to her countenance. She feels that she is making a more interesting creation of herself. Her mood invariably brightens with the application of rouge.

"Fabien, look at that lady! I didn't know there were such pretty things as she has on!"

Manon's awakened love for adornment made her wide eyed. Just then the throngs scattered to the side of the road as mounted guards cantered ahead of the King's great golden coach and cleared the way. In the general excitement Manon and Fabien were the only ones who did not realize that King Louis XV was passing by. In fact their absorption in each other and total ignorance of what was taking place almost caused an accident. The outriders were forced to rein in their horses to keep from tramping down the young couple that went merrily on as though everything had been stopped for their special benefit instead of the King's!

His Majesty was surprised at being jolted to such an abrupt halt. It was most unusual. Something extraordinary must have caused the stop.

King Louis was not the type of royalty to sit back waiting to be informed of issues at hand. If he wanted to do a thing—he went ahead. If he wanted to find out anything he investigated the matter personally.

That is why the people on the street had such splendid opportunity to see their king; for he raised the silken coach shade himself.

self and Fabien, hand in hand, on their love-way quite untroubled.

The King was spellbound and gave the couple more than a casual glance. He had a face one never forgot! What wouldn't he give if there was a woman who could make him forget his surroundings as that girl had apparently made her escort forget. Why! It would be worth a kingdom! No one knew better than Louis how easy it was to force people to do his bidding; but no compulsion in the world can command love—not even the Divine Right of Kings. It is a blessed gift that should be tenderly cherished when it once springs into being.

His majesty came out of this reverie when he realized that his aide and the prime minister, increased beyond control at this sign of disrespect, were leaving the coach to punish the disloyal subjects.

"Let them alone," The King spoke quietly, yet firmly. "Their prettiness has burst all too soon in this Paris of ours."

The King watched until Manon and Fabien had disappeared down another street. With a little sigh of envy and a smile of self pity he settled back on the luxurious silken cushions and ordered the procession to proceed.

His aide and the prime minister did not understand what was passing in their King's mind, but then that happened very often.

It was impossible to account for King Louis' moods!

Still utterly oblivious of the fact that they had delayed the King, Manon and Fabien wandered hand in hand along the streets of Paris.

In front of a jeweler's shop crouched a blind beggar, entreating alms from the passerby. His sightless eyes hid from him the fact that the couple drawing near were in greater need of money than he had been for many a day. But perhaps he sensed Manon's compassion and knew that his palm would be filled. He was right. She could not endure to see anyone suffer, especially now when life was full of newly discovered happiness.

"Oh, Fabien, the poor old man!" she whispered sympathetically. "He can't see how beautiful the world is. Give him just one little coin—for luck!"

Eager to please Manon at all times, Fabien fumbled at his belt and drew out a very slim purse, from which he selected a coin and dropped it into the beggar's hand.

Manon must not know how little money he had. It would make her sad, and his adored one should never be that way if a few sacrifices on his part could gratify her whims.

Fabien had not thought about women until Manon came into his life, and for that reason it pleased him that now his first thoughts were of and for her. A woman as adorable as she should never have a single worry, all her desires should be gratified. Her mind and time should be free to make herself lovelier. Fabien felt that she was destined for love, and he gladly took upon himself the task of protecting her from the slightest annoyance or disappointment.

Although it was only a moment before the next demand was made, he did not have any idea how far her craving for luxuries was going to drive him. This time Manon was fascinated by a little diamond locket. It glittered alluringly on its velvet cushion in the window of a quaint jewelry shop, and Manon stopped in admiration and longing.

Could it be possible that this was the demure little girl who was ready, just the day before, to enter a convent for the rest of her life? Surely it is true that the heart of a woman is subject to quick changes. Yet no man concerned should ever blame her because it is love for him that usually causes these swift and varied impulses. Yet Manon did not realize this, and when she saw the gorgeous little trinket she confided to Fabien:

"I have wanted a locket like that—the round one with the diamonds—all my life!"

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CHAPTER IV—Continued

"You wait here and watch these things—I will be back in a moment," Fabien advised as he put down their luggage on the street beside Manon and strode into the store.

Unfortunately it was one of the most exclusive and expensive shops in Paris. It was an ornate jewel in itself. But Fabien did not think or know anything at the moment except that Manon wanted something and that he was there to get it for her.

He entered with all the confidence of a man possessing unlimited funds. Being a gentleman by birth, it was quite natural for Fabien to ignore the smirk of the foppish and elegantly attired owner and demand that he bring the little diamond locket from the window.

Rubbing his hands in keen anticipation and bowing obsequiously while the dapper owner searched in Fabien's hands the priceless medallion which Manon in her childish desire had so coveted and

And so once more it was wonderful to be alive. The world again was smiling on these two lovers as hand in hand they continued on their way, with eyes only for each other, and satisfied with the message they conveyed.

A thunder clap and the sudden pelt of rain brought them to their senses, and realizing the immediate need for shelter, they hurried along.

The shabby little door of a pension across the way offered them shelter, and guiding Manon through the hurrying throng, Fabien was relieved to take what small protection it gave.

The door of the pension suddenly opened behind them as they stood there, and completely framed therein stood a fat landlady. She eyed them curiously for a moment, then smiled knowingly and said:

"Does the gentleman wish a room for himself and his pretty wife?"

With a startled glance Manon and Fabien looked at each other. For a moment they did not grasp the real purport of the words.

Without waiting for them to reply the landlady continued, "I've just the place you're looking for and very cheap, too."

Again Manon and Fabien gazed earnestly at each other. Then as the necessity for shelter was so alarmingly important, Fabien decided that they had no choice in the matter and nodded his head affirmatively.

The interior of the pension was even shabbier than the outside. It was fortunate that an economic lighting system could conceal rather than display the untidy walls and faded carpets.

Marie, a starved, yet wise little soul, was the maid of all work. Her greatest pleasure was to peep into the lives of others and find out how they spent their time. To her house cleaning was as uninteresting as the life of an irreproachable boarder.

In short, Marie revealed in dirt—of all kinds—and that is one reason that this particular pension had more on the surface than is usual with such places.

When the landlady summoned Marie to show the new arrivals to the vacant room she left her dust broom and pan on the stairs and clattered down with excitement enough to make one believe she had been invited on an all day's excursion.

"New people—men? Where are they from? Wonder what they're like?" she thought as she came toward them in the dimly lighted hall.

Marie prided herself on the fact that nothing could surprise her, so it was quite a tribute to Manon when the slavey's mouth dropped open and her eyes stared in amazement.

"Glory be!" thought Marie. "She's an angel!"

But Manon must be pleased. Her eager childish face was still pressed against the window. Desperately Fabien searched his pockets for anything that might possibly be turned into money to add to his pitifully small amount.

Suddenly his downcast eyes lighted up as he noticed the ornate silver

INSTALLMENT SIX

INSTALLMENT SEVEN

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"We are a healthy family and haven't had to use much medicine," says Mr. J. H. Adams, of Bishop, Ga. "But I have found it necessary to take some medicine."

"I had headaches. My head felt dull, and like I couldn't hold it up."

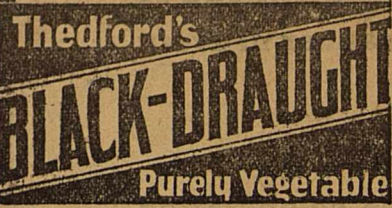
"I had a bad taste in my mouth; felt sluggish and tired."

"I brought home some Black-Draught and took a few doses, and I got good results. I felt so much better. My head cleared up. I was hungry and wanted to get out and work."

"Black-Draught has proved satisfactory and we have used it ever since."

Thousands of other families have had equally satisfactory experiences.

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Frank Goodson came down Wednesday of this week from Pyote, spending several days here looking after his farm property interests. Frank is now associated with Will and Jim Walker, and the trucking business in the oil fields, having leased out his farm, teams and tools.

—More Lint at Hargrove's—  
Paul Aikin, of near Dickens, was trading and transacting other business in Spur the past week.

—More Lint at Hargrove's—  
Charley Austin was in the city during the week. We understand that Charley will retire this year from the farming business and engage in other work for a time.

**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.

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Spur, Texas

**Crop Acreage Should Not Be Expanded in the Coming Year**

Any Increase in Production Will Invite Lower Farm Prices

(By Gilbert Gusler in Farm and Ranch)

Most farmers had a better balance sheet at the end of 1927 than they could show the year before. Virtually none of the major branches of agriculture were in the throes of severe price depression, and all branches were more nearly on a common level of economic well-being than in any year since 1920.

Beef cattle prices reached the prosperity phase of the cycle. Lambs and wool did their share to fill the cash register. Returns from dairy products continued the growth of recent years and reached a new high record. The rise in cotton, coupled with small expenses at planting time gave the South more clear money for its cotton crop than it had received for years. The scare over the new corn crop made possible the marketing of the balance of the old one at good prices.

**Hogs and Hens Down**  
There are debit items to be entered of course. Income from hogs was smaller in 1926, and hog prices finished the year at a rather low level. Egg and chicken money was less plentiful. The eastern part of the corn belt harvested a very poor crop. Potato growers were rather severely penalized in price for a modest increase in production. Hay prices succumbed to a big crop and a small city demand. The winter wheat man was hit with low yields.

Gross income from all farm products, along with the principal group is shown on the accompanying chart. These figures compiled by the U. S. department of agriculture, are on a crop-year basis, virtually from July to June instead of on a calendar-year basis to which the other comments made here apply. The total in the 1926-27 crop year was \$12,080,000,000. Owing largely to the decline in cotton this represented a loss of \$590,000,000 from the preceding year. Otherwise it was the largest since 1920-21 and, costs of production considered, it was more profitable than that year.

The outlook for 1928 appears favorable. Agricultural income should continue the recovery which started in 1922. Unless there should be some windfall, however, such as good crops in this country with poor crops in other countries, the increase will be a modest one. It would take a bold man, indeed, to forecast an agricultural boom in the early future, or a return to the conditions of 1917 to 1919 without another great war to bring it about.

**Greater Production Feared**  
Belief that 1928 will see agriculture a little farther along in its recovery to complete health is based on these indications:

1. That farmers will not plant an excessive acreage in the leading crops
2. That domestic demand for foods and for cotton and woolen goods will be well sustained.
3. That there will be no marked loss in our foreign markets compared with 1927

It is not extremely difficult to determine what volume of output of various farm products would be desirable in order to place prices on a profitable basis. Predictions as to what the production actually will be, however, must be given considerable latitude. This is chiefly because of the caprices of the weather.

Weather has less influence on animal production than on crops, but it may cause more change than all other factors combined. In 1927, for example, the mild weather of last winter flooded the egg market. The severe storm in April on the range caused an 8 per cent decrease in the lamb crop, in spite of an increase of 600,000 ewes. The cold spring kept the poultry crop down to small size. Breeding hogs and shoats were rushed to market when delayed planting indicated a small corn crop and they were held back when fall weather favored maturity. Dairy production was increased by lush pastures. Dry weather in certain countries caused a 12 percent reduction in wool. Certainly, such expansion. What the industry needed and still needs is pinching down of acreage in order to eliminate or reduce troublesome surpluses.

The inferences are plain enough. There should be no general expansion of acreage in 1928. Winter wheat acreage undoubtedly was increased last fall. The rise in cotton prices probably is a reliable barometer of a gain in cotton acreage. These changes will be bad, even if other crops are reduced correspondingly. But, if the tendency is to expand all along the line and, if nature does not neutralize the folly, then there will be increased chastisement in the form of low prices next summer and fall.

Fluctuations in demand exercise much less influence on price levels for farm products and farm income than do variations in supply. Nevertheless, neither domestic nor foreign demand is entirely uniform. Virtually all of the leading business forecasters indicate general business will improve in 1928. A moderate recession occurred in 1927, but it is believed to be near the lowest point and the tendency will be toward increased activity, more complete employment and bigger industrial payrolls. Basic conditions appear healthy. Commodity prices are low, inventories are small, and credit is cheap. The resumption of activity in the Ford plants is expected to stimulate industry. The railroads have been holding back equipment orders. Building is expected to come up to the 1927 volume. Public utilities and electrical companies are engaged in expansion programs. Highway construction probably will proceed rapidly. A conscious effort to fill the dinner pails by active industry may be made for political reasons.

**Gold is Going Abroad**  
There are a few pessimistic influences on the business situation, however. Some of the \$4,400,000,000 of gold in this country is now going abroad. This gold has been the basis of easy credit for the last several years and the recapitalization of America, as represented by the phenomenal rise in urban real estate and in stock market quotations. Over \$100,000,000 have been shipped recently and \$74,000,000, "ear-marked" for foreign owners in federal reserve vaults. Most observers believe that the quantity taken will not be enough to seriously disturb credit conditions, but there is rather wide divergence of opinion as to how much could be spared before disturbance would occur.

Some comment on individual farm products is pertinent. Beef cattle prices are likely to stay on a rather lofty plane through the year' although the full upturn in the latter part of 1927, may not be maintained. Export demand for hog products probably will broaden by summer and hog prices are likely to recover somewhat from the low point reached late in 1927, especially if the pig survey shows a tendency to curtail production. The 1928 wool clip should bring more than the last one, but the lamb crop may sell for less.

J. L. Karr, of Espuela, was in the city Monday, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, informing us of the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of his father and mother, an account of which is being published elsewhere in this issue of the Texas Spur. Mr. and Mrs. Karr have been residents of West Texas during the greater part of their fifty years of married life, have reared a fine family of children all of whom are recognized as good citizens. We join friends in congratulations, and wish Mr. and Mrs. Karr the pleasure of enjoying many more wedding anniversary reunion celebrations.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
W. R. Gannon, of southwest of Spur, was greeting friends on the streets the past week. He made good crops the past year, feels prosperous and has a smile for everybody.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
Mrs. W. C. Presley, who has been in a Fort Worth Sanitarium under treatment for several weeks, returned recently to her home in Spur, very much improved in health we are glad to state.

—Better Turnout at Hargrove's—  
E. M. Hinson, of four miles north east of Spur, was in the city Tuesday. Mr. Hinson has been purchasing more work teams with which to handle his farming business this year. The farming and agricultural businesses, as well as mercantile and commercial businesses, are expanding and enlarging their interests in varied ways.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
G. H. Slaton, of northeast of the city, was here Tuesday, transacting business and meeting with friends of the town and surrounding country here that day.

—More Lint at Hargrove's—  
C. D. Copeland was on the streets Wednesday. He is holding about a hundred and fifty bales of cotton at this time, the first time in fourteen years that he has held cotton, stating that he would probably have around eighty more bales to gather on his places. His crops were all late, hail did him damage, and then came the downward trend in prices. It now appears that the price may advance back to the prices paid in the beginning of the season, and if so a number of farmers who have been holding will profit.

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J. J. Martin  
Buyer of Tobacco  
at Louisville, Ky.

**"It's toasted"**

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J. J. Martin, of Red Mud, was in town the other day, stating that he had a number of fine hogs to butcher and put on the market here. During the conversation, it was remarked that many dollars could be saved the people here by not having to pay transportation charges on live hogs to the packeries and back again for consumers. The same could be said of cotton and other products of the country. Millions of unnecessary dollars are spent in transportation fees in having our raw products manufactured and finished for consumption—and some day much of this expense will be obviated.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hooper, of the Twin Wells community, were in the city Saturday with the crowds of shoppers. Mr. Hooper is another of the good citizens who is getting on "easy street" by reason of hard labor, diversified farming and business judgment in his farming operations.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
J. L. Jenkins, of near Spur, was among the number here Saturday, trading and on other business.

A. G. (Dad) Rush returned last week from East Texas where he has been visiting with a sister, and also recuperating his health. "Dad's" friends will be glad to know that he has apparently gained in health from his visit. Dad Rush owns a small chicken ranch on the highway a mile or two east of Spur, and it is hoped that he may now be able to look after it and make it a most profitable business institution.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
Milton Smith, of Red Mud, was in Spur Saturday with the crowds of business visitors.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
County Commissioner M. F. Hagar, of Kent county, was among the recent business visitors in Spur.

—Better Turnout at Hargrove's—  
Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Harkey and daughter, Mrs. Thelma Garroussas, returned the past week from a trip to Odessa and other points further west where they visited with Uncle Tom's brother and other relatives and friends.

—Gin With Hargrove—  
"The College Hero"—Spur Theatre next Friday.

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- 1 Quarter Section 2 1-2 miles from Spur, at \$29.00 per acre
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- 1 Quarter Section 4 1-2 miles from Spur, at \$35.00 per acre
- 1 Quarter Section 2 miles from Spur, at \$29.00 per acre

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 All Fur Trimmed. Sizes 1 to 6  
**\$9.95 coat, \$5.45—\$7.00 coat, \$3.95**  
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**Mens and Young Mens New Fall Suits**  
 Values from \$22.50 up to \$35.00  
**All one price, \$14.95**

**Ladies Novelty Slippers**  
 Values up to \$7.95; all at one low price  
**\$4.45**

**300 pr. Ladies Novelty Slippers**  
 Odds and ends of our regular stock, not every size in each style, but our size in some style. Value up to \$7.45.  
**Only \$1.95**

Men's Shoes and Oxfords—  
**\$6.50 value, \$5.30—\$6.00 value, \$4.80**  
**\$5.50 value, \$4.40—\$3.95 value, 3.15**

**Ladies Rayon Bloomers**  
**\$1.00 value 65c—\$1.50 value, 79c**  
**Card Tables, \$3.45 value, \$1.95**

**Silk Pongee, 95c quality, 49c yard**  
 Limit 10 yards.

**New Diana Frock Prints, 32in. Wide**  
**Only 18c yard**

**Men's Winter Weight Union Suits**  
**\$1.20 and \$1.45 value, \$1.00**  
**\$1.00 values for only 79 cents**

**Mens Fleece-lined Union Suits, 89c**  
**Boy's Fleece-lined Unions, 69c each**  
**Childrens genuine E. Z. Union Suits**  
**only 79c garment**

**Boy's White Ribbed Unions, only 79c**  
**Best Quality 9-4 Linen Finish Bleached Sheeting, only 39c yard**

Limit 10 yards. Worth 42 1-2 c yard wholesale on today's market.  
**Men's All-Wool Extra Heavy Lumber Jacks; \$5.45 and 5.95 val. \$3.95**  
**Mens Wool Shirts, \$3.95 and \$4.45**  
**value only \$2.95**

**\$2.45 value, \$1.69—\$1.95 value, \$1.49**

**Men's Extra Heavy Fleece Lined Coats & Lumberjacks**  
**\$1.95 and \$2.25 value, only \$1.69**

**36in. Outing only 12 1/2c yard**  
 —Until sold out. Light and Dark Fancies & Solid Colors

**Men's All Wool Blue Serge Pants**  
 \$6.45 and \$7.95 Value  
**Anniversary Sale price, \$4.95**

**Men's and Young Men's Fancy Dress Pants**  
 \$5.45 to \$7.45 Value  
**Anniversary Sale price, \$3.95**

**Men's good weight Blue Denim Overalls and Jumpers only 95c each**

**Men's Work Shirts, \$1.25 value \$1.00**  
**\$1.00 value, 79c—69c value, 50c each**

**New Spring Light Weight Tweeds**  
**54in. wd. only \$1.69 per yd.**

**Fancy Wool Challie, \$1.50 val \$1.19**  
 All New Spring Patterns, ideal for Children's Dresses.  
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 Guaranteed washable Shan Tung. \$1.45 Value—  
**Special \$1.00 per yard**  
 —Including Natural and Oyster White.

**MRS. FLOYD BARNETT HOSTESS**

Mrs. Floyd Barnett was a most charming hostess when on Friday afternoon she entertained members of the Joi De Voi Club and a number of other guests in her home with bridge. In the bridge games Mesdames Thurman Harris and S. B. Scott were high, Mrs. W. D. Wilson low, and Mrs. Clifford B. Jones received high cut. A lovely refreshment plate was passed. The guests were Mesdames F. W. Jennings, W. D. Wilson, Austin Putman, Cecil Fox James B. Reed, W. L. Gibbs, Thurman Harris, Nellie Davis, Cecil Hicks S. B. Scott, Jr., Ripley, Willis King, Dan Zachry, William Manning, Weldon McClure, Oran McClure, C. L. Love, Jim Edd Hall, Chas. Powell, Clifford B. Jones, Jack Rector and Murry Lea.

**MESDAMES JOHN HAZLEWOOD AND JUD BOYD HOSTESSES.**

Mesdames John Hazlewood and Jud Boyd were joint hostesses to members of the P. M. W. Club and a number of invited guests, in the John Hazlewood home on Thursday afternoon. Progressively 42 was the interesting diversion for guests. A lovely refreshment plate was passed. The guest list included Mesdames W. F. Godfrey, E. J. Cowan, P. C. Nichols, Goldsticker, of Stamford, McGiathery Bill Brown, E. H. Ousley, Lummus, Ensey, F. B. Crockett, Irl Jopling, Leonard Jopling, R. S. Harkey, Ira Sullivan, Harvey Stack, Williams, Laurie Burrows, Robert Gibson, Foy Vernon, Lee Davis, W. S. Perry, Lee Gilbert, Patterson, and Miss Velma Hayes.

**MRS. W. L. GIBBS HOSTESS.**

Mrs. W. L. Gibbs gave a party of charming appointments on Wednesday afternoon to members of her bridge club, the Joi De Voi, and a number of guests. In the bridge games Mesdames William Manning and Jim Edd Hall were high, Mrs. C. A. Love low, high cut going to Mrs. E. C. Edmonds. Adelicious salad plate was passed. The guests were Mesdames A. C. Hull, Edwin Ripley, Fred Haile, Oran McClure, Weldon McClure, Thurman Harris, C. A. Love, E. C. Edmonds, F. W. Jennings, Scarborough, Ira Sullivan, William Manning, Roy Harkey, Joe Kelleman, Dan Zachry, Jim Edd Hall Floyd Barnett, Jack Rector, Homer Schrimsher, and Miss Mildred Williams.

**CHRISTIAN LADIES MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

The members of the Christian Ladies Missionary Society met with Mrs. Lee Davis as hostess on Monday afternoon. A business meeting was held afterward, and an interesting program enjoyed. Mesdames Lee Davis and Donahoo gave special papers on the lesson, with Mrs. Tom Teague as leader. Members present were Mesdames W. R. Stafford, McGiathery, O. L. Hale, E. M. Hale, Laurie Burrows, G. R. Elkins, Donahoo, Vester Patterson, A. G. Abbott, E. L. Caraway, Tom Teague and B. F. Hale.

**DUNCAN FLAT HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1928**

The Duncan Flat Home Demonstration Club met Thursday, January 5, with Mrs. Lillie Law. New officers were elected as follows:

Mrs. Law, President; Mrs. Christopher, vice-president; Mrs. Hughes, Secretary; Mrs. D. P. Smiley, Council Member; Mrs. Joe M. Rose, Club Leader; Miss Eula Mobley, Reporter; Miss Gordon was not present this time, we hope she will be with us next meeting which will be Thursday January 19th., at the home of Mrs. G. A. Garrison—Eula Mobley, Rep.

**COLLEGIANS**

Lyric—January 20th.  
 —Gin With Hargrove—  
 Dr. T. J. Earnest, of Dickens, was a business visitor in Spur this week.

**Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.**

Thirtieth Dividend  
 The regular quarterly dividend of one dollar and seventy-five cents per share on Preferred Stock will be paid on Monday, January 2, 1928, to stockholders of record at the close of business on Tuesday, December 20, 1927.  
 R. A. NICKERSON, Treasurer

**American Telephone & Telegraph Co.**

Bell System  
 153rd Dividend  
 The regular quarterly dividend of Two Dollars and Twenty-five Cents (\$2.25) per share will be paid on Monday, January 16, 1928 to stockholders of record at the close of business on Tuesday, December 20, 1927.  
 H. BLAIR-SMITH, Treasurer.

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WE are this week moving our Drug business to the corner of the C. Hogan & Company building on Harris Street and Burlington Avenue, where we will be more conveniently located, have more room and be in position to carry larger stocks, make better displays and to serve customers in a more satisfactory manner in every respect.

THE liberal patronage enjoyed and the co-operation on the part of customers in the past has made possible this move and expansion of our business, and we hope to have the pleasure of serving you to our mutual advantage in our new location.

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**SHOWER FOR MRS. TWADDELL.**

Among the charming hospitalities of the week was the surprise shower for Mrs. D. Y. Twaddell, in the home of Mrs. Lavis Lee, with the members of Mrs. Geo. S. Link's S. S. class acting as hosts, on Tuesday evening. Mesdames Wilkes and Leland Campbell, dressed as pirates, entertained the guests with games and contests. In the contests, Mrs. Twaddell guessed the lucky number, and a pot of gifts were brought forth by the pirates bold, and presented the honoree. A delicious salad plate was passed to the number of guests present.

**20TH CENTURY CLUB**

The 20th Century Self-Culture will meet January 18, with Mrs. W. B. Lee at 3:00 o'clock with the following program:

- Leader—Mrs. Caraway.
- Special paper—Mrs. Leslie Roberts.
- 1. Physical Culture for Young Women—Mrs. Luther Powell.
- 2. Physical Training for Girls—by Mrs. Sample.
- 3. Sports for Women—Mrs. Busby.
- 4. Health, Beauty and Power—Mrs. W. B. Lee.
- Reading—Mrs. Cowan.

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**SPUR DELPHIAN MEETING.**

The Spur Delphian Chapter met with the first meeting of the year with Mrs. W. D. Wilson as hostess. A short business period was had in which Mrs. W. B. Lee was elected secretary of the Spur Library. Dues were collected for the Library; also an interesting lesson was had on "Masterpieces of Italian Painters." Members present for this meeting were Mesdames Oran McClure, E. C. Edmonds, Hill Perry, R. E. Dickson. Mrs. Hill Perry will be the next hostess. E. C. Edmonds, leader. "The Flemish Arts" will be studied. Meeting will be held third Tuesday in January.

**PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION.**

The Parent-Teachers Association met in the Spur High School building Tuesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. W. D. Wilson, presiding. A short business period was had in which the committee on play ground equipment was dismissed. Also the committee to select pictures for 7th grade, reported their work completed, and were dismissed. Refreshments were passed. Members present were Mesdames J. M. Foster, Collier, Whigham, Baisden, Bryan, M. H. Brannen, Powell, J. H. Busby, W. D. Wilson, J. L. King, Jopling, Edwards, McKnight, Payne, Twaddell, Rogers, McCrary, Ponder, Davis, Harkey, Simmons, Misses Forbis, Elliot, Morgan, Jane Wilson, Lassetter and Bryan.

**ENTRE NOUS LUNCHEON**

Mrs. W. D. Wilson entertained Thursday at high noon with a beautifully appointed three course lunch-

eon for her "42" club, the Entre Nous. Covers were laid for fourteen guests at tables charming with pretty linen and silver.

A number of games of "42" were enjoyed afterward. The guest list read, Mesdames Riley Wooten, B. F. Hale, P. C. Nichols, Bill Putman, E. C. Edmonds, F. W. Jennings, J. M. Foster, Malcolm Brannen, Hill Perry, W. S. Campbell, Pauline Clemmons, M. C. Golding, Kate Senning, D. Y. Twaddell.

**COLLEGIANS**

Lyric—January 20th.  
 —Gin With Hargrove—  
 C. L. Love and Tracy Gorham, of the Love Dry Goods Company, returned this week from Estancia, Val- ley, New Mexico, where they visited with Mr. Love's sister, Mrs. Jack Smith.

**ENTRE NOUS LUNCHEON**

Mrs. Bell Martin, of west of the city, was here Saturday shopping and visiting with friends.

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