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M. Hargrove Announces for Water Commissioner of the City of Spur

For the last five years I have been begging, pleading and fighting for a reduction in the cost to the consumer of water, in the City of Spur. So far all my efforts have been in vain, so far as obtaining any relief in what seems to me an excessive and unjustifiable rate for water. In addition to my articles in the papers, I have talked privately to many individual citizens, both men and women, and in every instance the opinion of every one with whom I have discussed this subject has been that the people of Spur are paying too much for water. Now I do not claim to have talked privately to everyone in the city on this subject, and do not mean to say that there are not those who disagree with me on this matter. There may even be a majority of the citizenship who believe that we are getting it too cheap, so I have decided to announce myself on the platform solely, of cheaper water, thus putting it squarely up to the people.

My platform shall be, one dollar and twenty five cents for the first three thousand gallons, one dollar for the next three thousand gallons, and 25c per 1000 gallons for water used above the last named amount. And even cheaper rates if it be possible to do so without endangering the service.

After attending to the water problem, if elected, I shall at all times work to the best interests of all the people of Spur, as I see that interest.

Now I want it fully understood that I have no axe to grind, further than a reduction in water rates. I have no pet political schemes that I wish to saddle on the municipality. I have no personal friends whom I wish to put on the municipal payroll. I have no friends for whom I desire special privileges and no enemies whom I wish to see punished. But I do wish to see the price of water at such a figure, that the citizenship may be able, in addressing enough for in-door use, to feel that they may water without having to go hungrily otherwise deny themselves so.

I thank you,
M. HARGROVE.

Well Being Put Down for The City Water Supply

water well for the city is now being put down at station, four dry holes used in locating this last

The two wells now in use furnish the city a supply of 720,000 gallons of water per day, and the third well will furnish a super-abundance of water for present needs and the water supply will be adequate for years to come.

BIRL HIGHT ATTENDS THE LUMBERMAN SHORT COURSE AT A. & M. COLLEGE

Birl Hight, manager of Tri-County Lumber Company, returned the past week from A. & M. College, where he attended the Lumberman's Short Course. This course is held for the purpose of explaining to lumbermen the most practical methods of caring for poultry, hogs and cows, and for protecting farms and feed from rats and insects. Mr. Hight advises that the loss from rats in Texas each year is estimated by the College at \$50,000,000 and that it takes only a very small amount of money to make a barn rat proof, making the greater part of this loss unnecessary.

JOE D. HINSON PURCHASED THE AFTON DRUG CO.

Joe D. Hinson this week purchased the Afton Drug Company at Afton, formerly owned and operated by the Spur Drug Company of Spur.

Mr. Hinson will hereafter operate the business under the name of the Afton Drug Store, and will carry a complete line of drugs, sundries and articles usually carried by the best drug stores.



Spur Old Timers Attend Annual Reunion at Post City

Among the "old timers" from the Spur country attending the annual reunion held Tuesday at Post City were W. J. Elliot, Tol Merriam, Jim Gilmore and Tom Harrison.

There were a hundred fifty or two hundred old timers from every section of this Western territory in attendance. The meeting together of these old timers is an informal and most pleasant occasion, since

SINGING EVANGELIST

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Gressett—singing evangelists will begin Sunday night, March 3—29. An old time gospel revival at Red Top School house. Good warm building, good fire and everybody invited to hear this man and woman of God in sermon and song. Their voices were heard and loved by thousands for seven months over radio at the famous Angelus Temple of Los Angeles, Calif. You'll enjoy every minute of service.

Will Cunningham,
Pastor.

COTTON SEASON ENDING AND BIG ACREAGE GRAIN SHOWN ON PLAINS

Robt. Nickels, of McAdoo, was among the business visitors in Spur Wednesday of this week. Mr. Nickels reports that the cotton season on the Plains has about ended, and that comparatively few more bales of cotton will be ginned during the remainder of the season. A considerable acreage of wheat and other small grain has been sown this year in the Plains section of the Spur territory, and all reports are to the effect that these small grain crops are now most promising of bountiful harvests.

Watch Spur Grow

Steve Crockett Moved Into New Residence Just Completed

Steve Crockett and family are this week moving into their new home just completed in the west part of Spur. The home is a modern bungalow residence and one of the neatest and most attractive small homes of the city.

Mr. Crockett is employed this week in finishing up the plumbing work and making other improvements on the place.

J. W. Baker Died in Denver, Colorado, Hospital

J. W. Baker died Friday of last week in a hospital at Denver, Colorado, where he had gone for treatment, his remains being returned to Spur and interment made Tuesday of this week in Spur cemetery, funeral services being conducted by Evangelist W. K. Johnston at the Methodist church Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, with M. Hargrove, Roy Stovall, Dan McMahan, Francis Clay, J. B. Overton and A. L. Patton as active pallbearers.

J. W. Baker had been in ill health for some time before his death, he having undergone special treatments at various points in an unsuccessful endeavor to regain health. Mr. Baker had been engaged in the gin business in Spur the past fifteen years, having been a resident citizen of Spur since 1916.

His wife and six children of the family survive, four of the children, L. L. Baker and family of Barnsdale, Oklahoma, E. R. Baker of Los Angeles, California, Mrs. L. R. Stubblefield of Fresno, California, and Roy Baker, being present at the funeral, two other sons, R. K. and A. J. Baker of California, being unable to attend. Among the number of out of town relatives and friends attending the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Williams of Sweetwater, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Shaw and Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Cox of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Will Williams of Sioux Falls, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Williams of Elk City, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Rainer of Wellington, Texas, Mrs. Amos Williams of Elk City, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Morgan of Colorado, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rice of Jayton, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Williams of Girard, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Francis of Stamford, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Terry of Hermleigh, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Prater of Rotan, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Turner of Hermleigh, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Duncan and children of Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Duncan of Bellevue, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Duncan of Bellevue, Will Williams of Sioux Falls, Idaho, F. M. Pease of Hollis, Oklahoma, T. H. Rainer of Wellington, Texas, Sam Williams of Elk City, Oklahoma, C. B. Williams of Sweetwater, C. S. Lambert of Westbrook, R. M. Ashburn of Winters, E. S. Vie of Anson, Vic White of Anson, B. O. Davis of Stamford, J. S. School of Sweetwater, B. H. Span of Midland, R. F. Bluhm of Spur and F. R. Donoho of Jayton.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES SELLING PREFERRED STOCKS IN COUNTY

Messrs. Bacon and Kirkendall, of Abilene, spent several days of this week in Spur, Girard, Jayton, Aspermont and other intervening points, selling stock of the West Texas Utilities Company, a number of sales being consummated within the territory. Mr. Bacon was reared in Eastland county, our old home, and it was a pleasure to meet and talk with him, recalling many of the old timers, political and other interesting incidents of that county in the earlier days. Mr. Bacon at one time was a candidate for tax assessor Eastland county, and in conducting his campaign formed acquaintances throughout the county. The West Texas Utilities Company is making a campaign of this entire Western territory in the sale of Company preferred stock, the agents informing us that the campaign is meeting with success in every section.

J. W. Baker was a highly respected citizen, a good man, and his death is a loss to the country.

The Third Engine for Municipal Plant Arrived this Week

The third big engine for the Municipal Electric Light & Power plant arrived this week, and the engines are now being placed on foundations and other plant machinery being installed.

Construction of the brick building is progressing, and when complete will be one of the most modern and attractive structures of this character within this Western territory. The City Commission is now considering the addition of an office building to the structure, of sufficient proportions not only for the plant superintendent but also for the City Water Commissioner. The grounds surrounding the plant will be beautified with fountains, flowers, trees and shrubbery, making the Municipal Light & Power Plant one of the most attractive places in the city.

Commissioner Johnson, who has been the leader in the installation of the plant, states that it is planned to turn on the juice and put the plant into operation not later than April 15th, at which time it is planned to have a big public celebration and chicken barbecue, with visitors present not only from cities of the immediate surrounding territory, but as far away as Chicago, the heads of the Fairbanks-Morse Company being included among the invitations to be extended.

LYRIC AND SPUR THEATRES WERE PURCHASED BY GUSS DEERING

During the week a sale was consummated whereby Guss Deering of Dallas, purchased both the Lyric and Spur Theatres of Spur, and now has charge of the shows. We are informed that upholstered seats will be placed in one of the shows, and other improvements made to both show houses. Mr. Deering is interested in forty theatres throughout the state, and is one of the best as well as biggest showmen of the country.

Earlier in the week W. W. Flournoy transferred his interests in the Spur Theatre, and the management of both shows to Murray Lea.

Jim McClanahan, wife and baby left this week for Houston where they will make their home in future.

INCOME TAX COLLECTOR TO BE IN SPUR MARCH 4TH.

A deputy collector of the U. S. Internal Revenue will be in Spur, Texas on March 4th, 1929, for the purpose of assisting income taxpayers in filing their returns for the year 1928. Taxpayers are urged to avail themselves of this service.

Dan Boothe Purchased The Hyatt Old Livery Stable Building

Dan Boothe this week purchased of W. L. Hyatt the old livery barn in the west part of Spur. The building is now being torn down, and the lumber will be used in constructing several residences in the city.

The tearing down of this building removes a 'land-mark' and one of the last remaining livery stables of the entire country. In the old days livery stables were the leading places of business of every town—garages having supplanted them in these later days.

MRS. EDMONDS FATHER, G. H. CONNELL, DIED THURSDAY AT HOME IN FORT WORTH

Information came that Mrs. Edmonds' father, G. H. Connell, died at his home in Fort Worth Thursday morning at nine o'clock. Mrs. Edmonds, with other members of the family, was at the bedside when death came. Mrs. Edmonds and son, E. C. Jr., had been with Mr. and Mrs. Connell throughout his illness, having gone to Fort Worth last week to attend the fiftieth wedding anniversary of her parents. However, Mr. Connell became ill the day before the celebration which was postponed.

Mr. Connell was around seventy years of age. He had lived in Fort Worth twenty odd years, prior to his removal to that city he having been on the frontier of Texas, being engaged in the cattle and other businesses. He and Mrs. Connell were married in Brownwood fifty years ago on the 15th day of February. Since moving to Fort Worth Mr. Connell has been connected with banking interests as well as other business interests, and was president of the City National Bank of Spur until a few years ago when he retired and was succeeded by Mr. Edmonds. Mr. Connell had friends and acquaintances throughout the state, who will mourn with the family in his death.

Newly Created Court Will Meet in Dickens on April 1st

The newly created 110th Judicial District, composed of Dickens, Motley, Floyd and Briscoe Counties, will hold its first term of court March 4th at Matador, and on April 1st the court will convene in Dickens.

Oda S. Franklin was this past week appointed court stenographer for the district, and as has been stated before, Kenneth Bain has been appointed judge, and A. J. Foley district attorney, to serve until another election year.

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City Candidates are Being Considered and Discussed

At this time there is much interest being taken in the City election to be held the first week in April, and at which time a mayor and two commissioners are to be elected.

A number of possible candidates are being discussed and considered, and one candidate, M. Hargrove, has already announced for the place of water commissioner on the platform and issue of lower water rates, as will be noted by an article appearing in another column of this issue of the Texas Spur.

Among possible candidates being mentioned and considered are: G. H. Snider, D. H. Sullivan, S. H. Twaddell, Birl Hight and Ned Hogan for reelection, as mayor; H. A. Boothe, Wade McDaniel and possibly others for street commissioner; and W. F. Godfrey, Roy Stovall, S. H. Twaddell, J. E. Johnson for reelection, and M. Hargrove who has already announced, for water commissioner. There are probably others being considered whom we have not up to this time heard discussed.

This is one of the most important city elections ever before held, in that aside from the water and street problems, a municipal light and power plant is being constructed, and hereafter the city will have more complicated matters to deal with and a greater amount of money and income aside from tax moneys to disburse.

It is very likely that several candidates will be in the race for each of the three offices to be filled.

L. H. Perry to Washington Attending Hoover's Inauguration

L. H. Perry, of the Spur Hardware and Furniture Company, left Thursday for Washington to attend the inauguration of Herbert Hoover as President and Charles Curtis as Vice-President—the two first national governmental heads ever elected by the voters of Texas as well as other states of the Union.

Joe McDonough Building Farm Home Four Miles Southwest

Joe McDonough, of Cross Plains, is having a modern farm home constructed on his place four miles southwest of Spur.

When the building is completed Mr. McDonough and family will move here from Cross Plains, and become resident citizens of the Spur country.

Lay and Brantley Purchased the McAdoo Mercantile Co.

Recently Messrs. A. M. Lay and T. M. Brantley purchased the McAdoo Mercantile Company of McAdoo, from H. P. Edwards. W. G. Abernathy, who has been with the Lorenzo Hardware Company the past five years, will be associated with the company in the sale of tractors and far mplements.

LITTLE DAUGHTER OF MRS. OLA BROWN DIED AT THEIR HOME LAST WEEK IN RALLS

The little daughter, nine years of age, of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, of Ralls, died the past week following a brief illness, possibly of influenza and pneumonia. Mrs. Ola Brown is the daughter of Mrs. Jeff D. Harkney of Dickens, and was reared in Dickens county. Her many friends and acquaintances will join the Texas Spur in extending sympathy and condolence in this bereavement.

A highly entertaining community program was had at the high school auditorium Monday night, in commemoration of Washington's birthday. The pupils participating in the program were coached by teachers of the several grades, and the several numbers were well rendered.

Mrs. Stephens is reported quite ill of influenza.

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DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK
 By Edson R. Waite
 H. A. Sprague, of Mo., says that
 publicity is to a community what gas
 is to an automobile. It is that in-
 definable something that pushes a
 head and develops growth, that
 brings people together for the com-
 mon good, that eliminates crying
 evils, creates public enterprises and
 produces 100 per cent fine civic
 consciousness. It is a modern bus-
 iness topic, which once inculcated
 into the gray matter of a populace,
 sooner or later induces every man
 to be a booster for forward develop-
 ment, thereby dissipating all dry rot,
 bringing men into closer and better
 and more unselfish fellowship. It
 is then—and not until then—that
 the highest type of a true, intelli-
 gent spirited citizen becomes an ac-
 tuality. The mere gathering to-
 gether of many persons who live
 in houses does not of necessity con-
 stitute a city. We have a city only
 when men come to have common
 ideals, when men come to develop
 a love for the community in which
 they live and are ever ready to sac-
 rifice time and money and energy
 to the end that those common pur-
 poses and aspirations are realized.
 Properly created advertising devel-
 ops character for a community
 as well as for an individual. It
 creates this character whether the
 investment is made by an individual
 a firm, a corporation or by the com-
 munity itself. Publicity uplifts the
 moral tone of a city more than all
 the ordinances and courts and metro-
 politan police systems combined and
 its tendency is continually to elevate

It generates desire waves that groove
 in with the scheme of the city beau-
 tiful; it pricks the pride and warms
 the pride and warms the cockles of
 the hearts of men, which condition
 germinates latent civic energy; it
 tends to curtail adverse criticism
 on the part of "sour bugs," when
 the progressive element of a pop-
 ulation is extending itself to the
 utmost in an endeavor to create
 and wish on the people much needed
 improvements, while the rest of the
 population, passively interested but
 apathetically inclined, looks idly on.
 It is one of the most deserving, hard-
 working, stimulating known influ-
 ences in the development and elab-
 oration of a city's resources and pros-
 perity. Its value to a community,
 therefore, cannot be measured by
 cold dollars and cents.
 Publicity is a harbinger of con-
 stantly improving prosperity. And
 your newspapers—your chief medi-
 ums for taking to the world—are
 undeniably the truest, cheapest,
 most dependable and most thorough
 disseminators of dent-producing pub-
 licity yet discovered.
 —Watch Spur Grow—
 Mrs. Lewis Daniels, who recently
 underwent a surgical operation at
 the Nichols Sanitarium, was able
 this past week to be removed to
 her home. Her parents, Mr. and
 Mrs. Christopher, of the north part
 of the county, were here to accom-
 pany Mrs. Daniels home.
 —Watch Spur Grow—
 County Attorney B. G. Worswick
 was in Spur during the week trans-
 acting legal business and meeting
 with his friends.

**IF YOU WANT YOUR
 CAR FIXED RIGHT**
 So the rods don't knock and the
 bearings don't pound—
 So it don't pump oil and the valves
 fit good—
 So it don't rattle and jump and
 will hold the road—
**TAKE IT TO
 HOWE'S GARAGE**
 We Know How, And You Know Howe.

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 Practice in District and the Higher
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 Office Nichols Sanitarium
 Office Phone 158 Residence 169

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 Office over Spur National Bank

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 DENTIST
 Office in Cowan Bldg. Spur, Tex.

Lavina B. Conklin
 CHIROPRACTOR
 Spur National Bank Building
 Office Phone 228.—Res. Phone 276W
 SPUR, TEXAS

S. L. DAVIS
 LOANS & INSURANCE
 Spur National Bank Bldg.
 Phone 264 Spur, Texas.

BOYD M. WILLIAMS, POST 161.
 The American Legion at K. P. Hall
 Meets every Thursday night.
LAWIS LEE, Comander.
A. C. BURGESSON, Post Aju.
JAS. B. REED, Finance Officer.

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SPUR LODGE No. 1023
 Meets every Thursday
 on or before full moon.
 Visitors Welcome
C. J. CROUCH, W. M.
W. R. KING Secretary.

**SPUR CHAPTER,
 No. 340**
 Meets Monday night on or
 after each full moon.
 Visitors Welcome
M. E. Tree, H. P.—J. Rector, Sec

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 Will Sell, Trade or Buy Anything
 Anywhere!
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 Office Spur National Bank Bldg.

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 prices paid for
 Hogs and Cows!**
 ALSO HAVE A FEW
 GOOD MILK COWS FOR
 SALE OR TRADE.
JOE COLLIER
 SPUR, TEXAS

Otis Hill was among the many
 here Saturday, from Steel Hill, trad-
 ing and transacting other business
 affairs.

**PENNY WISE AND POUND
 FOOLISH**

Although we appreciate in a de-
 gree at least, the difficulties to be
 met by the Legislature in properly
 dividing the available tax money
 among the various departments and
 institutions of the State, we have
 often wondered why so little inter-
 est is taken in making appropriations
 that would prove to be investments
 of a value so great as to be impos-
 sible to calculate.
 We have in mind at this time the
 research work done on our experi-
 ment stations and in the laboratories
 of A. & M. College and other sim-
 ilar institutions. It seems that such
 small appropriations as are made
 are begrudgingly handed out and
 if any trimming is to be done, the
 knife is applied to the research
 budgets first. This applies to ev-
 ery State in the Southwest, but
 in this particular instance we di-
 rect our remarks to the Texas Leg-
 islature.

Texas, more than any other
 State in the Union, depends for its
 prosperity on a continued develop-
 ment of its agricultural and live-
 stock industries. Problems of great
 importance and of serious aspect
 face our farmers every season. No
 individual can solve them. It takes
 the close application of the scientist
 fully equipped to even make an im-
 pression upon some of them. They
 become the problems of all the peo-
 ple, for all interested directly in
 their solution. Yet, we find agricul-
 ture handicapped because so many
 members of the Legislature look up-
 on experiment farms as demonstra-
 tion farms which should be self-
 supporting instead of outdoor labo-
 ratories where problems are solved
 and new crops developed and old
 ones improved.

Volumes could be written con-
 cerning returns of research work in
 Texas—returns which are coming
 in every year measured in terms of
 millions of dollars and these results
 have been accomplished on meagre
 appropriations and a hand-to-mouth
 policy of support. We call atten-
 tion to the development of the grain
 sorghums and the constant improve-
 ment in that crop. Grain sorghums
 bring Texas farmers an average of
 more than \$40,000,000 annually.
 Furthermore, the development of
 this crop made possible the change
 of the great West, in fact more
 than half the area of the State of
 Texas, from a country entirely de-
 voted to ranch life to one in which
 agriculture predominates. It has
 resulted in the building of flourish-
 ing cities and an increase in land
 and taxable values of hundreds of
 millions. All of this as a result of
 taxing a wild plant from Africa
 and developing it into a valuable
 grain, and this was done in Texas
 by Texas research workers.

Sudan grass was developed in Tex-
 as by a man who now heads the ex-
 periment stations of this State. A.
 B. Conner, not many years ago, was
 employed by the Federal Govern-
 ment at the experiment station at
 Chillicothe. C. B. Piper, of the De-
 partment at Washington, had long
 been searching for a relative of
 Johnson grass which did not have
 a reproducing root system. Finally
 he secured a handful of seed from
 such a plant from a friend in Africa.
 These seed were sent to Mr. Con-
 ner and they were planted in a row
 on the farm at Chillicothe. From
 this small beginning in 1908 Sudan
 grass has been carried pretty much
 all over the United States, making
 one of the finest hays and pastures
 to be found anywhere. The value
 of this development is almost beyond
 calculation.

Out at the Spur experiment farm,
 under Director Connors supervision,
 the work being in charge of R. E.
 Dickson, an experiment in the con-
 servation of water and soil has at-
 tracted Nation-wide attention. The
 Federal Government has sent its
 best men to study it and it has been
 adopted by the Department of Agri-
 culture. The Texas Board of Con-
 trol cut out every dollar asked for,
 to continue this most valuable work.
 The Texas dairy industry has de-
 veloped into a \$100,000,000 propo-
 sition. It is at the turning point
 in the road. It needs help of spe-
 cialists in research, but again the
 Board of Control failed to apprecia-
 te that the small sum asked for was
 an investment worthy of considera-
 tion.

Numerous other instances might be
 cited to prove not only the invest-
 ment value of research work to the
 State of Texas, but also to prove
 that we are in great need of a more
 intelligent understanding on the
 part of our lawmakers of where to
 spend the people's money.—Farm
 & Ranch.

—Watch Spur Grow—
 Rush McLaughlin came down the
 past week end from his farm home
 near McAdoo on the Plains, spend-
 ing some time here transacting bus-
 iness affairs and also meeting with
 friends.

FACTS---
 The purchase price of your automobile
 represents your investment. Deprecia-
 tion, cost of upkeep, fuel, etc., must be
 included in your cost of owning a car.
 Some day your car will be sold or trad-
 ed in. If you keep it in first-class con-
 dition at all times, it will delay the selling
 or trading-in for years. During this time
 the saving in fuel, motor upkeep and de-
 preciation will more than cover the cost
 of the reconditioning. We have the
 Equipment and Experience.
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 on your car because the motor is out of
 condition?
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**Success Comes to Men
 as Limbs Are Added
 To A Tree**
 You may believe in a Divinity
 that shapes our ends, or you may
 not, but if you have ordinary powers
 of observation you are aware that
 all things are guided by law.
 There is a law of health, and a
 law of success, and a law of love,
 and a law of growth, and all of them
 function now as they did when
 things began.
 When men and beasts and the
 grass in the fields adjust themselves
 to the law, they develop and flour-
 ish, and when they oppose the law
 they get hurt.
 That itself is a law, and the base
 of all law: obey and prosper, or dis-
 obey and suffer.
 These things are known even to
 children, but few realize how bene-
 ficent the laws are and how certain-
 ly they work for good if they are
 trusted.
 It is commonly supposed that the
 successful man willed to succeed and
 made his growth as a result of con-
 scious effort, but in nearly all cases
 he merely adjusted himself to the
 law's requirements and let Nature
 take its course.
 The successful man is a chip on
 the broad bosom of a river thrown
 there by chance; and the law car-
 ries him on to the sea.
 Does the seed in the ground take
 thought how it shall grow?
 You know it does not.

The seed merely obeys the law
 of growth, and the law says: "Send
 out roots to gather food and mois-
 ture from the good earth, and send
 up a leaf to gather food from the
 air and drink the rain and absorb
 the rays of the sun."
 The seed obeys and becomes a
 great tree; but if it does not obey
 it dies, or, obeying in part, becomes
 a dwarf and a weakling.
 Perhaps it can not obey, because
 the soil is poor or the air foul or
 the sun obscured by greater plants,
 but whatever the cause of its fail-
 ure to obey, the result is the same.
 Man is like the seed, save in one
 particular; he can move if his en-
 vironment makes abundant life im-
 possible.
 He need take no anxious thought
 for the tomorrow, how he shall grow,
 nor devise schemes for his own de-
 velopment.
 The child, by taking thought, can
 not add an inch to its height nor an
 ounce to its weight.
 Development, like the germ of life
 itself, is given and controlled by a
 power greater than man.
 Man has only to resign himself
 to the law, as the seed does, and
 passively submit to the workings of
 the law.
 In business, in love, or in
 he will be carried on to succe-
 inevitably as the plant grows
 surely as the chip is carried by
 river to the sea.
 Learn the law and obey it,
 the law does the rest.

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NOTICE TO WATER CONSUMERS

The Contractor expects to finish the new water supply by April 1st, when the new wells will be placed in service and the new water rate schedule will apply, as follows:

First 4,000 gal. min. at 50c	Old rate, 3,000 gal. min. \$2
Next 10,000 gal. min. at 40c	Old rate 10,000 gal. at 50c
Next 11,000 gal. min. at 35c	Old rate 11,000 gal. at 50c
Next 25,000 gal. min. at 30c	Old rate 25,000 gal. at 50c
All over 50,000 gal. at 25c	Old rate 50,000 gal. at 50c

In addition to this it is proposed to make a special rate during the summer to apply in order that homes may be beautified.

The new water supply, if it continues as it tested out, will be ample for Spur's needs for years to come. We feel that with the water problem solved, and the new Electric Plant to be completed soon, our citizens should be proud of their Electric Light, Power, Water and Sewer System.

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—Watch Spur Grow—
FOR SALE or Lease—25x75 brick on Burlington Ave., Spur. See Orby McCombs. 1tc

—Watch Spur Grow—
FOR RENT—One front bed room—Mrs. H. G. Draper. 1tp

—Watch Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jennings returned Wednesday from Temple where Mrs. Jennings has been under treatment by specialists, undergoing a surgical operation.

—Watch Spur Grow—
Grandpa Laverty, who has been in Spur several months with his son, Frank Laverty and family, and Mrs. L. H. Perry, returned this week to his home in Carlsbad.

Steve's Good Eats Now Being Operated by McCombs & Meadors

Recently Steve Crockett sold his "Steve's Good Eats" restaurant and confectionery business to O. P. Meadors & Son, Levi Meadors, and Roscoe McCombs and Levi Meadors now have charge of the business.

Roscoe McCombs has been in the hamburger business in Spur for years, until recently he sold out and accepted a place as cook and wagon superintendent for one of the big ranches in Stonewall county. However, the call back to Spur and the serving of hamburgers was irresistible. We are glad to have Messrs. Meadors and McCombs again identified with the business interests of Spur.

J. H. Henley, of the Afton country, was in Spur during the week. We are glad to add Mr. Henley's name to the Texas Spur subscription list.

Messrs. Edmonds, Lee and Jones last week attended the bankers convention at Abilene.

—Watch Spur Grow—
Horton Barrett, John A. and Dick Davis, Misses Alla and Addie Biggs, Wilma McArthur, and Arch Lanier Powell, all attending Tech College, spent the week end with relatives in Spur.

Tennis Star May Wed



Suzanne Lenglen, famous tennis player, and Baldwin M. Baldwin son of a wealthy California family who is reported to be about to wed Mlle. Lenglen.

Tandy Smith Died Saturday at Home in the Red Mud Country

T. W. Smith, one among the oldest settlers of the country, died Saturday, February 23rd, at his home near Watson, his remains being interred Sunday in the Red Top cemetery, Rev. J. V. Bilberry conducting the funeral services.

Tandy Smith was born in South Carolina in 1849. He came to Dickens county in 1900. He leaves a wife and six children: Alva and Bob Smith of Spur, Bennett Smith of Crosbyton, Ol. Dulan and Art Smith of Kalgary. He had been a member of the Baptist church forty five years. Paralysis was the cause of death.

T. W. Smith was a good man and citizen, and the community sustains a loss in his death.

DIED.

Alma Effie Duboise, born May 8, 1923, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Duboise, of south of Spur, died Wednesday of measles, her remains being interred in Spur cemetery.

The Texas Spur joins friends in extending sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Duboise in this sorrow and bereavement.

DIED.

Douglas R. Waddell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Waddell, of seven miles southeast of Spur, died Wednesday following an illness of influenza and pneumonia.

We extend sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Waddell in this bereavement and sorrow.

George Snodgrass is critically ill at his home in Spur. Miss Lena Snodgrass, who is attending college at Cisco, was called home on account of her father's illness.

—Watch Spur Grow—
O. L. Hale and family have moved into their new home just completed in the West Addition to the city. Edd Lisenby and family have moved into the Hale place on Hill Street.

Roy Stovall has purchased the new residence just constructed and completed by Jim Edd Hall. This is one of the finest and most handsomely appointed homes of the city.

C. A. Shell, former manager of the Spur compress, is in the city this week.

—Watch Spur Grow—
W. B. Lee and F. S. Berry made a trip this week to Abilene.

—Watch Spur Grow—
E. R. Harris was in the city last Wednesday.

WORK IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

Work is the foundation of all business. Work is the parent of genius. Work is the salt that gives life its savor. Work laid the foundation of every fortune in the world. Fools hate work; wise men love work. Work is represented in every loaf of bread that comes from the oven, in every train that crosses the continent and in every newspaper that comes from the press. Work is the mother of democracy. All progress springs from work.—Inland Printer.

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—Watch Spur Grow—



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In all the wanted colors and shapes. Priced for Economy Week—
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98c

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In all the pretty new spring colors and patterns—
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For that new Spring Coat in new spring colors
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Bias Tape, per bolt -- 10c
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advertising. At the end of the year if you haven't realized at least \$60 in interest from this investment, and if you can't sell your business for at least \$500 more as a result, then we'll refund every cent of the money you have put into advertising. Has anybody ever offered you a better investment than this? —Watch Spur Grow— W. W. Darden, of Girard, was a business visitor in Spur during the week, spending an hour or two on the streets greeting his friends and acquaintances of this section of the country. —Watch Spur Grow— Oran McClure, Jr., came down from Tech College and spent the past week end in Spur.

L. D. Davis, of McAdoo, was in Spur Tuesday. He has practically completed gathering his crops of the past year and is now arranging for the 1929 crops. At one time during the year Mr. Davis had prospects for more than a bale of cotton to the acre—but the worms came, an early frost was experienced, and the result was that he gathered only about one-fourth bale to the acre. We have concluded that there are about as many chances and disadvantages in the business of farming as there are in any other kind of business.

—Watch Spur Grow— W. F. Pierce, of the Steel Hill community, was among the many in Spur Saturday. It is reported that his wife has been critically ill the past week, and it is hoped that she may soon be completely recovered from the illness.

—Watch Spur Grow— John Hill, of the Steel Hill community, was among the crowds in Spur Saturday.

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THE CAUSE OF PEACE
They tell us, these sceptics, who serve well to keep us face to face with reality, that Europe is brewing another great conflict, which will surpass in horror the catastrophe of 1914. They call our attention to the great armaments abroad, to nationalistic spirit that governs the emotions of most Europeans, to large populations fretting under the yoke of foreign domination, and to the aggressive capitalism still engaged in struggles for commercial supremacy.

Quite true. These elements do exist. But he who maintains that the world of today is essentially the same as the world that preceded the great war is failing to recognize all of the new elements that have come into existence in the last decade.

Capitalism, regarded widely as the vicious monster that plunged the world into the great carnival of murder is now looked to by many historians and thinkers as the great hope for world peace. H. G. Wells, long a socialistic thinker, is one of the latest world figures to express the view that international capitalism and banking have now become the greatest force working to maintain international concord. Charles A. Beard, author of the Rise of the American Civilization, is another who has adopted this same point of view.

These observers call our attention to the intricate ramifications of international finance as it exists today. They point to the fact that the bankers of New York, Paris, London, and Berlin have holdings at present in every industrial nation on the face of the globe. These capitalists are financing the manufacture of steel, automobiles, of graphophones, and of almost every other useful commodity in all civilized nations. While these articles may be manufactured by different concerns indifferent nations, these companies are merely units in great international financial systems.

With these scattered business interests, world bankers and financiers, is naturally assumed, have too much to lose through a war between civilized international. Accordingly they have nations. Their interests have become international. Accordingly they are throwing their great power and influence to the cause of world peace.

They are not actuated by humanitarian motives, to be sure. Their desire for world peace is dictated by pure selfishness. But when we see what force selfishness on the part of men of power has exerted in creating past wars, we may rightfully feel that it could become an equally effective force in the cause of peace.

GODFREY AND SMART ARE INCREASING SALES OF TIRES
"More and more truck operators are learning of the Goodyear leadership in truck tire manufacturing and merchandising and, as a result more trucks are now equipped with Goodyears than ever before," declared Mr. Godfrey, who sells and services the Goodyear truck tire line at the Godfrey and Smart Motor Co.

An increasing number of truck owners, including the man who owns but one truck to the large fleet operator, are coming to realize that the present Goodyear truck tire has reached its present point of leadership through scientific effort—and not by accident.

Goodyear engineers years ago began studying ways to improve truck tires and from their research work were able to develop many improvements. The results of their constant study and testing are at hand today in tires so vastly improved that only those familiar with motor truck operation realize the progress that has been made in Goodyear truck tires.

Improvements include new and improved tread designs providing greater tractive power; stronger and tougher tread compounds, insuring the longest period of 100 per cent traction and a new maximum of useful life in the tire; extra durable body stock and body construction, furnishing the utmost of cushioning and setting up special resistance to ordinary tire cells.

Many others could be mentioned then, too there is the fact, first realized by Goodyear and Goodyear

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dealers, that conditions of truck operation vary and that different kinds of tires are needed for different trucking jobs.

Godfrey and Smart will be glad to explain the science of truck tire selection and adaption to truck operators."

Judge H. A. C. Brummett was on the streets one day during the past week. The Judge is now retired from politics and public official life, and is engaged in the cattle business, and presumably is making good since he is buying and selling lots of cattle.

Miss Gillie Slaton and father, A. J. Slaton, accompanied Eugene Slaton to Mineral Wells Saturday where he is now in a hospital for treatment of rheumatism. Miss Gillie returned home Monday, while Mr. Slaton is remaining in Mineral Wells with his son, at least for a time to observe the effects of the treatment by specialists. Eugene has been suffering some time of rheumatism, and it is hoped that the treatment may effect a permanent cure.

—Watch Spur Grow— Arthur Jones, of Midway, was one of the large number in Spur trading Saturday.



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Doga Putman, of Pecos, has been spending several days of this week in Spur, visiting Bill Putman and family and his many friends and acquaintances of the Spur country. He left Thursday for Vernon where he will visit with his mother before returning home. Doga is now employed at Pecos as local agent for the Continental Oil Company.

—Watch Spur Grow—

Mat Harrison, of the Antelope section, was among the many trading in Spur Saturday of the past week. He reports everything moving along nicely.

J. E. Sparks, of several miles to the west of Spur, was here Saturday greeting his many friends and acquaintances of the town and the country. Mr. Sparks is one of the early day settlers here—and altho those earlier days were spent principally in 'cow-punching', Mr. Sparks has become one of the leading diversified farmers of today, and is among the most prosperous citizens.

—Watch Spur Grow—

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Smith are reported quite ill this week, suffering of influenza.

GARLAND EDITOR DEFENDS MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

In answering a lady defender of municipal ownership and operation of utilities in your Monday morning's State Press column you either fail to quote her letter entirely or the author was not fully advised about "a Dallas county town" she referred to evidently having in mind Garland. To say that Garland puts aside annually "\$3.00 for improvements" is misleading and wide of the facts.

We have tried for years to get something of our municipal light, water and sewer systems in your valuable paper, but have systematically failed. Now that you have let the gap down we feel that we are entitled to space for our side of the question, so here goes for the real facts.

Five years ago, being unable to make satisfactory agreements with the high line serving this town for pumping water, after having voted bonds for a water and sewer system, we built our own light plant. The bond issue being inadequate to cover the cost of this added expenditure, we built the light plant on credit at an initial cost of \$30,000, putting in 100 and 75-horsepower Diesel type oil engines. Within less than a year this power plant had to be enlarged and later more power had to be added, until now we have 350-horsepower and money set aside to buy more when needed—all paid for out of earnings of the light plant. In addition we have more street lights than any small town in Texas, operated without charge by the city plant; our water is pumped without material cost, pumping being done between peak load hours and by having the light plant in connection with our other plants our insurance key rate is the lowest of any town in our class in the state, 34c. We have a dual system throughout and if one fails the other can be switched on quickly.

Within less than five years we have paid over \$65,000 for light plant equipment, lines, etc., wholly from the earnings of the light plant, and have approximately \$25,000 in cash reserve in our treasury for emergencies, in addition to having transferred large sums of other city funds. We have a total of 438 street lights. Our tax rate has been reduced from \$1.50 to \$1 during this time, in the face of failure of our water system to be self-sustaining, the profits from the light plant making this possible.

Our plant has an earning value of \$250,000, is modern in every respect, is paid for and the money is in hand to add to it when necessary; extensions have been made to sections that could never have hoped for service from a corporation owned system and municipal ownership has made all this possible and an actuality. The plant has given perfect service, having been out only one time during the period, and that following the cyclone of 1917, down wires then making it necessary to shut down because of danger to lives. And all this in the face of a bitter fight made by our high line competitors, who have in effect a minimum flat charge of \$1.50 for residence lights and \$3.50 for cooking service, with no limit on consumption.

Garland's total receipts from taxes are approximately \$12,000 per year. Of this amount \$7,740 is set aside as interest and sinking fund to pay water and sewer bonds. This leaves a balance of approximately \$4,260 for general purposes such as street maintenance and improvement, and the usual expense of a progressive town. State Press can see that this sum would not enable this city to go very far toward becoming a better town in which to live. And it would not permit of tax reductions until the bonds are paid to least.

For every municipal plant in Texas you will mention that has failed I will show you a half dozen that have proven successful.

As to tax features, Garland is clearing easily \$1,000 per month on her light plant above renewals, depreciation and sinking fund to protect possible accidents to the machinery. This is \$12,000 per year on an investment of \$65,000. Would the taxes amount to anything like the sum? As a matter of fact, wouldn't the tax amount to anything like the sum? As of 50 per cent of the total value and on this valuation bring into the city treasury about \$3000 annually on our present rate? And on a high line service the valuation would be much less. As a matter of record, the valuation of the high line in Garland, including the usual subtraction, about the usual valuation for a town of our size is \$15,500. That brings into the treasury \$155 per annum.

Then about this "fragile" electrical equipment. Garland is not depending on a fund of \$3,000 to keep her plant modern and serviceable. She spends more than that every year out of earnings for improvements, extensions and added equipment houses, who are glad to sell it, and get just as modern machinery and equipment as any power company in the land. The power companies have no monopoly on brains or equipment. It is our understanding that there have always been independent inventors who keep up with this end of the game. Mr. Edison, for instance, according to general reputation, is one of the greatest of the age and any individual, corporation or municipality can buy his inventions; do not only maintain laboratories for research in inventions, but also a large "laboratory" or propagandists to disburse ideas as State Press seems to be addicted to disseminating recently.

Referring to the Dallas Power and Light Company tax payment of \$250,000 in city taxes last year is not argument to support his theories. Who enables the Dallas Power and Light Company to be able to pay these taxes? Any school kid could tell you that it was the patrons. These taxes were added to their charges for service and the patrons paid them. State Press failed to dig out the information of how much was added to service charges to pay this bill or how much dividend the Dallas Power and Light Company paid its stockholders after paying this huge sum over and above its regular operating expenses. He also overlooked the important matter of how much the city of Dallas pays the Dallas Power and Light Company for street lights, water pumping, operating the traffic signal lights and other purposes. If he can find time to dig out these facts it would be enlightening to his Dallas readers. It is the duty of a local newspaper to keep its people advised of these facts and not devote its energies entirely to animadversions on the utility of municipal ownership. Let the people know all the facts and decide for themselves which is best.

We feel that you have done municipal ownership a serious injury and have gravely and unjustly charged failure without basis for the charges made against it and ask that this be published in order that your misconstruction of actual facts may be corrected in the public mind. Your State Press column is widely read and depended upon for accuracy and fairness in The News and you certainly do not desire to do the smaller towns, which are trying to help themselves, a grave injustice. Which you have done by your comments offered to above.

For support of the claims herein made I refer you to Greenville, Denton, Bryan, Terrell, Tulia, Stephenville, Georgetown and numerous other Texas towns and cities owning their own light plants, without going out of the State for more conspicuous successes.

W. A. HOLFORD,
Garland, Texas.

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BANKERS IN NATIONAL MOVE FOR UNIFORM FINANCIAL PRACTICES

Would Promote Greater Consistency Among All the State Laws in Respect to Banking Conditions—Uniformity of Practice and Understanding Will Make for Greater Convenience, Efficiency and Safety for All Business.

By S. J. HIGH

President State Bank Division, American Bankers Association

RAPID interchange of business and the quick transportation of goods in the United States, coupled with almost instantaneous means of inter-communication by telegraph, telephone and wireless, have welded the country into an economic unit. The nation is not, in a business sense, conducting its affairs in water-tight compartments, as in a measure it did in the days of slow travel and remote places, but styles, methods, commodities and business practices flow freely today in all directions. Therefore it is desirable that finance, trade and industry throughout the country operate along generally uniform or at least consistent lines, so that a contract or an agreement or obligation in connection with business transactions shall mean virtually the same thing in all parts of the country. Particularly necessary in this connection is the establishment of uniform financial and banking practices so as to facilitate the flow of trade along accepted and understood lines.



S. J. HIGH

Banking in the United States is recognized as a semi-public type of business and is therefore subject to laws to define the scope and character of its activities. These laws at present set up a great diversity of conditions

under which banking is conducted in various parts of the country since they come from both state and federal authorities. The national banks are all chartered by the federal government and therefore operate on the same lines in every state of the Union, but there is no such regularity in respect to the conditions under which the state banks chartered by the respective forty-eight states must conduct their business. All state banking codes, while they have similarities, also have many great dissimilarities in respect both to the national bank laws and the banking laws covering state bank operations in other jurisdictions.

Bankers Move for Uniform Laws

The State Bank Division of the American Bankers Association, which latter includes in its membership banks of all descriptions throughout the country subject to all the variations of state and federal banking laws, is committed to the effort to bring about greater consistency and uniformity among the statutes of all these various jurisdictions. This body is conducting a vigorous nation-wide campaign urging that active steps be taken to secure greater co-ordination in banking legislation, more equitable conditions and more uniformly efficient public supervision of banks in the several states.

The organization is particularly concerned with fostering this movement to bring about more uniformly desirable conditions throughout the United States in respect to the public supervision of banking institutions by the state banking departments. It is on record as favoring the policy that the important office of state bank commissioner should be kept as free from entangling partisan politics as the judiciary itself and should be completely detached from all other functions of state government.

It is also on record as favoring the policy that the tenure of office of state bank commissioners should be made more secure and lasting than is now the case in many state jurisdictions and that this important public officer be granted sufficient compensation and discretionary power so that the office shall attract and retain the services of men of outstanding executive ability and successful banking experience.

It is also a part of this policy that the bank commissioner's ability to serve well should be strengthened by providing him with adequate forces of bank examiners, selected on the basis of merit from men having the requisite qualifications of honesty, ability, training and banking knowledge to carry out the duties of their offices on the highest plane of usefulness to the public as well as to banking.

The Trend of State Laws

The Association's State Bank Division has recently concluded a nationwide survey of state banking legislation and conditions and in general has discovered a definite trend along the following lines:

There is a distinct tendency among the states to raise the minimum capital required for banking institutions to \$25,000 and also to give the bank commissioners or the banking boards sole power as to the granting of charters for new banks, thus enabling them to use discretion as to the need or desirability of added banking facilities or the fitness of the organizers to enter the banking field. In this connection many states are creating banking boards to act in an advisory capacity with the state bank commissioners.

There has also been observed a tendency to increase the compensation of the bank commissioners and to lengthen their terms of office and to give them power to appoint necessary deputies and examiners so as to build up an adequate force to carry out their responsibilities and duties. An important augmentation of the powers of

bank commissioners in some states is found in laws giving them complete charge of insolvent banks and their liquidation as distinguished from more costly liquidation through the courts.

In the Public Interest

Distinctly in the public interest are laws prohibiting or limiting an officer or director of a bank from borrowing from his own bank unless his collateral security is approved by a majority of the board of directors of the bank. Also there is recent legislation noted providing for closer supervision and regulation of building and loan associations, credit unions, finance companies and private banks.

In some states measures have been enacted broadening the field for investment of funds of savings banks and trust companies, which have materially enhanced the service that these institutions can render, particularly in the way of co-operation with their customers in personal financial management. Another type of legislation, important especially to banking in view of the frequent efforts to defraud banks, is that which makes the issuance of worthless checks a misdemeanor with specific penalties.

The State Bank Division of the American Bankers Association endorses in the fullest degree in principle the development of banking laws along the foregoing lines and is actively engaged in fostering the spread of such legislation wherever its services are considered useful both to banking and to the public. Uniformly sound banking institutions and practices, together with common methods and understanding, will materially add to the convenience, efficiency and safety of business in serving the well-being of the public in all parts of the nation, especially in those transactions involving dealings between different localities.

AMERICA LEADS THE WORLD IN SAVINGS

The past year saw the greatest gains in savings in a single twelve-month ever recorded in the United States, bringing the total savings deposits in banks to over \$28,400,000,000 on June 30, 1928, held in more than 53,000,000 individual accounts. It is reported by the American Bankers Association. These are the biggest figures in this field shown by any country in the world.

These figures are indicative of prosperity more general than any time since the business depression of 1920. The report declares. Only three states failed to show a gain and the 1928 volume of savings constituted an increase of more than \$2,327,000,000 above the 1927 figure. The gain per inhabitant for 1928 over 1927 was \$17 and the gain in number of savings depositors was 2,496,079, an increase of 5.2% as against a growth in the population of the country of 1.2%.

The gain in savings per inhabitant in New England and the Middle Atlantic states over the previous year was \$36. These groups of states, with 29.9% of the population of the United States and 52.3% of the total savings deposits, have the largest savings rate \$461 per inhabitant, of any area in the world. The per capita savings for the United States as a whole this year stands at \$237 as compared with \$226 last year.

"An acre of alfalfa for every cow in Howard County, Iowa," is the slogan adopted by the county bankers association there after watching several hundred thousand dollars go out of their county last winter for feed.

THANKS TO PATRONS!

We wish to take occasion to thank our friends and patrons for business extended us during our management of the Bell's Cafe during the past year, and to extend you a cordial invitation to visit us in our new place which will be open within the next day or two.

After March 1st. We will be with SPUR COFFEE SHOP In the new Cowan Bldg.

BUMPUS BROS.

If Your Cylinderhead is Busted

SEE HOWE

He has Cylinder Heads on hand or can repair yours.

HE KNOWS HOW!

WHY WE WORK AT A JOB

Most of us work because we are driven to it by the sheer necessity of earning our daily bread.

The particular job is usually a matter of accident. We drift into a job and somehow hang on. Sometimes we don't even hang on. If the job is altogether distasteful to us we keep shifting from one thing to another till we happen to strike something that is more to our liking or, realizing the hazards of being out of work, we learn to like the job sufficiently to keep from getting fired.

Now and then a fortunate individual appears who knows exactly what he wants to do, has the gift for it, and is lucky enough to land a job. This is more likely to happen in the case of those who spend a lot of time preparing themselves for a definite task. With the great majority, finding the right job is a haphazard affair and is almost wholly determined by chance.

In our day dreams we often picture ourselves financially independent with plenty of leisure to play around as the idle rich in the "movies." If work enters the picture at

all it comes as a relief to too much frivolity and is an interesting sort, most decidedly moderate, and eminently successful.

Once in a great while even this sort of a dream comes true. A man inherits a fortune and immediately throws up his job. Of course there are instances of a man keeping right on with his job after he has earned or inherited a lot of money and is not under the necessity of working for a living. In such a case the job is thoroughly enjoyed or else it has become so well established in the life of the person that he would feel lost without it.

—Watch Spur Grow—

Dusty Rhodes, of the Cat Fish country, was among the number on the streets the first of the week. Mr. Rhodes stated that he had heretofore been staying in close home, this being his first visit to town in several weeks. Dusty Rhodes is one among the "old timers" here, and with the exception of a few years spent sojourning "out further West," has lived here continuously since the very early days of the settlement of the country.

Spur's Exclusive Shoe Store

May be depended on to have the Latest Styles in Mi-Lady's Footwear—and at Prices she can afford!



SPECIAL PRICES ON SHOES
1 Special Lot New Spring Styles
\$7.45 Value Shoes \$5.95
6.95 Ladies' Boots 4.75
2.00 Value Hose 1.59
1 lot full fashioned Hose \$1.45

at SMITH & BOWMAN

BELL'S CAFE

We take pleasure in announcing to the public that we will resume management of Bell's Cafe March 1st.

It is our intention to remodel, refinish and add new equipment and present for your approval one of the neatest cleanest and best equipped cafes in this section and render the best of service. We solicit your patronage.

W. A. BELL, Prop.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

The American Legion Auxiliary met February 21, in K. P. Hall 7:30 p. m., with all officers on duty and a number of members present.

This organization is fast becoming a great asset to the American Legion and to the town of Spur as well. No cause is more worthy of ones time and attention than that of keeping ever before our fellow men the great sacrifices which were made by the men and women many of whom were left peacefully sleeping on Flanders Field, who participated in the world war.

All members and ladies who are eligible are urged to be present on March 7, at 7:30 p. m. as we have some important business to transact.

W. S. Patrick, secretary of Spur Chamber of Commerce made a trip to Stamford Monday of this week in the interest of improving the highway between here and there, and incidentally scattering some booster literature for this section.

DRY LAKE CLUB NEWS

The club women of Dry Lake met at Mrs. Coy Dobson's home on February 22, at 2 P. M. Miss Osborne gave a demonstration on "Selection of Breeding Stock," and also assisted the women of the linen contest with their work.

We will meet again March the eighth at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Jim Smith. We invite all women to visit us and those who find it interesting to join us.

Come on women and help us make our club the best!—Club Reporter

CARD OF THANKS.

Through the Texas Spur we desire to extend our heart felt thanks and sincere gratitude to friends and neighbors for their assistance and expressions of sympathy through the illness and death of Tandy W. Smith. May God's richest blessings ever attend each of you.—W. B. Smith, Crosbyton; O. C. Smith, Bailey County; J. D. Smith, A. M. Smith, R. R. Smith, and Alva Smith.

OPPORTUNITY OR CALAMITY

"Business Has Wings," is the title of a stimulating magazine article published not long ago. Mr. Calkins, the author, who is also a prominent figure in the advertising business, knows whereof he speaks. He has observed the phenomenal rise of some business institutions and the disastrous fall of others. From these observations he draws the conclusion that he who succeeds must keep himself in pace with a rapidly moving world.

We are all aware of this. The accepted business methods of ten or twenty years ago are almost as obsolete as the car of the same vintage.

Take the business life of any firm as an example. What changes the advent of the automobile has now wrought. Twenty years ago the owner of a car was a person of distinction. He traveled up and down the streets, and occasionally ventured a few miles onto the dirt roads radiating into the country. A long motor trip was an adventure. Shopping trips to neighboring cities were not given serious consideration.

But today his wife can skip out in the modern car, drive an hour or so over fine roads, do a great deal of shopping and return home in time to get dinner. Our city is now in competition with all of the cities within an hours drive from here. The shopper will go where she gets quality, where the stores are modern, where up-to-date stocks are carried, where attractive window trims appear, and where the management believes in using printers ink to tell the people of the surrounding territory about his goods, his services, and his prices.

The back-number merchant will lose the trade of his own people, his natural customer. The live-wire will hold it and draw business from distant places. The new condition spells opportunity for one type of merchant, calamity for the other.

Bill Cherry, of south of Spur was in the city Saturday, and while here called in at the Texas Spur office for a short visit. He reports farming about ended on the past year's crop and everybody now arranging for the 1929 crops. However, Mr. Cherry stock-farms and has an all-year-round job.

The Story That the Old House Told

"There's a little white house, on a little green hill, where the red, red roses grow."

The governor sat alone in his private office. That night, as he looked at the piles of mail on his desk yet to be disposed of, he wiped the sweat from his honest brow, and wished that he could go outside and lock the door on it all. His staring eyes finally glimpsed a yellow stained envelop marked "to the Governor" and no more. An obedience to a secret impulse caused him to open the letter, and he slowly read these words: "To the Governor—they tell me you are kind to prisoners, and you listen to what they have to say. About twenty years ago I killed a man, and I've been sorry ever since the day I done it. I was just a hotheaded kid, and when the man called my pap a liar, and things I couldn't nowise listen to, I knocked him down. My fist was heavy, and 'cause he was a weakling, he never got up agin. Governor, I didn't mean to kill him, honest I didn't. They never gave me no sort of trial, just put me in jail for life. Pap's gone blind and mam's old. They ain't got nobody to look after them but Virgie. That's the gal that was going to marry me. She left her home, when they sent me here, and went to take care of Pap and Mam, same's they were hern. If you'd just let me go back to that old home, I'd never lift my hand agin no man, 'cept to help him. They're waiting fer me, and there's a candle in the window every night to guide me home. They tell me you can understand better by going and seeing. Governor, go look at my old home and let her tell my story to you. It took me three weeks to write this. Goodbye—God go with the Governor, and help the old home to tell it straight.—Abner Hill."

When the Governor had finished the letter, there was a look on his face few had ever seen there except his wife. He left his office and went straight home and saved his wife to go driving with him. When he stopped before a little vine covered house with a candle in the window, his wife asked, "Hubby, what made you come here? Why are you acting so strangely?" The Governor, on his way back to the office, explained to his wife.

When he was again inside of his office, he summoned the jail warden, and after a report of twenty years good behavior, gave orders for prisoner number nine to be brought before him.

When the Governor called his name, something in the kindly accents gave him courage to look up, and something in the kindly face gave him courage to speak. "Governor, what did she tell you for me? What did the old home tell you?" The Governor hesitated a moment, perhaps to steady his voice, then with both hands on the prisoner's shoulders, he said, "Abner, the old home says that you can go back to your Virgie, and may God go with you." The prisoner threw his arms around him, and even the Governor was not ashamed to admit that something tightened in his eyes.

It was the happiest hour Abner had ever known. After one kindly look at the Governor, he made straight way to the "little white house, on the little green hill where the red, red roses grow."—Kate Farmer.

YOUNG PEOPLES' MEETING

Following is the program of the Young Peoples' Meeting to be held at Church of Christ, Sunday, March 3, at 6:30:

1. Service in song, congregational.
2. Prayer, Rev. Berry.
3. The Value of Time and Its Use, by Marie Oliver. What can man give in exchange for his soul, Lillian Black.
4. Scripture Reading, Pauline Oliver.
5. Ten Bible Questions to be answered, by class.
6. Chairman of all meetings, Howard Stubblefield. Leader March third, Maurine McArthur.

—Watch Spur Grow—

Freeman Edmonds came down from Tech College the past week end, going on through to Fort Worth to visit with his grand father, G. H. Connell, who has been critically ill the past several days. Mr. and Mrs. Connell had sent out invitations to friends to attend their golden wedding anniversary celebration, he becoming ill just a day or two before the occasion which then had to be postponed. Mr. Connell has friends and acquaintances throughout the state who will regret to learn of his illness, and hopeful of his early recovery.

—Watch Spur Grow—

E. A. Bailey was meeting with his friends and mingling with the crowds here Saturday.

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BRINGS YOU LOWER EVERY-DAY PRICES!

Gal. can SOUR PICKLES ... 59c

6 boxes MATCHES 15c

3 lb. Red Top Axle Grease 29c

WE GIVE S. & H. GREEN STAMPS

8 lb. Bucket LARD \$1.15

No. 2 can English PEAS, 6 for 59c

25 lb. Cloth Sack SUGAR \$1.50

15 lb. PECK OF SPUDS 29c

CHEESE, per pound 33c

CHUM SALMON, 6 for \$1.00

3 PORK and BEANS
6 CANS PEAS
3 RED BEANS All for \$1

No. 2 1/2 Table Peaches, 5 for .. 95c

GALLON PEACHES 56c

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WE CARRY A COMPLETE LINE OF FRESH VEGETABLES ALL TIME.

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PHONE 203

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Slayden, of Dickens, were among the many shoppers in Spur the past week end. While here Mr. Slayden was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office.

—Watch Spur Grow—

Mr. Dubois, was among the business visitors in Spur Saturday from the Steel Hill community.

Newt Cravey, of the Red Mud section of country, was on the streets Wednesday, spending several hours here trading and transacting other business affairs.

—Watch Spur Grow—

O. B. Bowman, of the firm of Smith & Bowman, made a business trip Wednesday of this week to Jayton.

McCOMBS TIRE CO. MOVING TO SWEETWATER SOON—

We are moving our Tire and Vulcanizing Business to Sweetwater within the next few days, and wish to take this opportunity to thank our many friends and patrons for business extended us in the past and the many courtesies shown us during the years we have been in business in Spur.

AND—

We want to give you this Good News!
IF YOU WANT SOME GOOD TIRES AT VERY LOW PRICES—SEE US BEFORE WE LEAVE!

Sincerely,

O. F. McCOMBS



THE AGE OF POWER

It is frequently and familiarly stated that the age in which we live is a "machine age." This is only partially correct. Actually, the present age is a POWER AGE.

Its tempo, its achievements, its prosperity—all emanate to a very great degree from the abundance of cheap electrical power available in this country.

And West Texas realizes this fact as much, if not more, than any other part of the country. The growth and expansion of this section of the state within the past few years has been almost miraculous.

It is the happy privilege of the West Texas Utilities Company to contribute its part to the prosperity of West Texas. Its great metallic highways are carrying a new civilization to isolated villages, towns and hamlets. With 70,000 available horsepower of electrical energy, including three big generating stations and 15 auxiliary plants this company provides uninterrupted service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

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West Texas always stays in the lead of development progress—and especially so with respect to agriculture and scientific stock-farming—in fact this is the foundation of the life of towns and the general prosperity of the country—we, at the present time have no other resources from which to draw life and business sustenance—and regardless of what the big merchant or the little merchant may say, the town's success and prosperity is dependent in the main upon the "producer."

We have today arrived at the stage of motor farming (or production by motor rather than the single horse method.) The McAdoo Mercantile Company, recently purchased and taken over by Messrs. A. M. Lay and Mack Brantley, is now specializing on International Harvester farm implements, including the "Farm All," as will be noted elsewhere in this issue of the Texas Spur.

It is not within the province of the Texas Spur to determine what brand of implements or tractors is to be preferred—but there is no question as to the "trend of the times" toward motor farming—it is not only coming, but it is here. The farmer, as well as other business men—and we consider farming the biggest business of the county, regardless of bank and other business reports of millions, within all of America. The farmer who adopts business methods and recognizes that he must stay in the procession is the one who will first benefit—they all will have to follow after a while or engage in some other pursuit for revenues. Farming is a business—and the biggest business not only in America but the whole world—the banks, the retailers, the newspapers the gamblers and everything else absolutely depends upon the men who produce.

Talk with McAdoo Mercantile Co. and others who handle improved methods of production, and we are confident you will profit.

Mrs. Nell Reddell Haile is in the city the guest of relatives and friends.

FORMER HOWARD PAYNE STUDENT MARRIES

The marriage of Miss Ada Dabney, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe W. Dabney, to Mr. William McAlpine, the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Alpine of Dallas, was solemnized at high noon Saturday, February 16, at the home of the bride's parents at Blanket. The spacious country home was beautifully decorated with cut roses, ferns, and smilax with a pink and green color scheme carried out.

Mrs. Harry Bettis, sister of the bride, presided over the bride's book as she received the guests.

Preceding the ceremony, Miss Flora Smith sang "I Love You Truly" with Miss Maude Clemmons accompanying her at the piano. As Miss Clemmons played a wedding march the bride and groom entered the living room unattended and took their places before an improvised altar of ferns and roses where an impressive ring ceremony was read by Rev. J. D. Smoot, pastor of the Methodist church of Blanket.

The bride, a grand daughter of Mrs. S. G. S. Thomas of Brownwood, was formerly a student of Howard Payne College, where she enjoyed a wide popularity in all social and literary activities. She was also a student of the Bush Conservatory at Chicago after leaving school here. Since completing her college education she has been engaged in teaching in public schools and she is well known in the educational circles in this section having taught in the Blanket school and also at Cross Plains. For the past two years she has been a member of the faculty of the Spur schools where she is instructress of expression and public speaking.

Mr. and Mrs. McAlpine will make their home at Spur where Mr. McAlpine is engaged in insurance business.

Immediately after the wedding ceremony Miss Stella Dabney and Mrs. Richard Knox were hostesses in the dining room where buffet luncheon was served to the eighty guests present.

The out of town guests attending the wedding included: Mr and Mrs. E. L. McAlpine, Misses Jane Longly, Mabel Longly, Maude Clemmens, Evelyn Moore, Messrs. Neal S. McAlpine and L. M. Dyer of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Moore of Coleman; Mrs. Arch M. Wimberly of Cross Plains; Mrs. Frank G. Bettis of Tyler; Mrs. Harry M. Bettis, of Haskell A. B. Dabney of Zephyr; Miss Melba Bettis of Bangs; Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Black, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Lotta, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Cross Mrs. J. A. Deen, Mrs. A. C. Stewart, Mrs. Bert Hise, Mrs. H. L. Moore, Misses Beryl McLeod, Gertrude Low, Mary Cross, Lucy Cross, Mary Smith, Flora Smith, Stella Dabney, Ione Bettis, Sarah Smith, Clara Smith, Messrs. Earl Stewart, William Dabney and Neal Shaw of Brownwood.—Brownwood Banner-Bulletin, Feb. 18, 1929.

HONOR SHOWER

Mrs. Bill Davis entertained at the home of Mrs. John R. Smith at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Feb. 20, honoring Mrs. Bob Rucker with a stork shower. Many lovely little garments and useful gifts were presented the honoree. A delightful refreshment of hot chocolate and devil-food cake was served to the many friends present.

SATURDAY SPECIALS

ALARM CLOCKS

98c

BADLY BENT BUT STILL DOING BUSINESS

SPUR DRUG STORE

That Good Drug Store on the Corner

If you want to pay your old bill the Spur Drug Store is a good place to begin.

Father & Son Banquet Will Be Held March 1

Father and Son Banquet will be held at the Spur High School Friday evening, March 1. Mr. Williams, teacher of vocational agriculture, and his pupils are preparing the feed, and will serve it to the guests at 8:00 P. M. on the above date. Mr. R. E. Dickson, superintendent of the Experiment Station, will be toastmaster.

L. D. Foreman, president of the vocational agriculture boys' club will make the address of welcome. Mr. Fred Hisey will give the response. Mr. W. L. Stangle from the Texas Tech. will discuss some phase of the dairy industry. C. B. Jones, president of the board of directors of Texas Tech., will have as his subject for discussion, "Pure Bred Livestock Pays." Mr. E. L. Tanner, County Agent of Dickens county, will discuss, "Our Local Grown Feed in the Dairy Ration." Wilburn S. Patrick, secretary of the Spur Chamber of Commerce will have as his subject, "What vocational Agriculture does for the Boy." The School Board Members will be asked to discuss any phase of the work that they see fit, for the development of a better agriculture for this section.

W. A. Kimmell, of west of the city a short distance, was on the streets Saturday.

JOI DE VOI

A very pretty party was given on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock by Mrs. Horace Hyatt at her home.

Five tables were arranged for bridge with green score cards and tallies of kitchen maids dressed in green aprons.

After several games of bridge Mrs. Charlie Powell was awarded high club prize, a set of green crystal mixing bowls; Mrs. Mae Watson was awarded high guest prize, a green tea pot, and Miss Vera Rucker, was consoled by a hot plate mat. A refreshment plate beautifully arranged carrying out the color scheme of green in chilled salad sandwiches and an ice was served.

Guests were: Mesdames Malcolm, Brannen, Cecil Fox, J. Cecil Hicks, Charlie Powell, C. B. Jones, W. J. Flint, William Manning, Weldon McClure, Mac Watson, Murray Lea, Oran McClure, L. H. Perry, W. L. Gibbs, Joe Stokes, of Lubbock, C. L. Love, I. D. Pigley and Misses Pauline Brown, Dorothy Williams, Nell B. Albin, Vera Rucker of Girard, and Nell Reddell of Ennis, Texas.

Mrs. Albert Hodges, of the city, is reported critically ill, suffering of influenza. It is hoped that Mrs. Hodges will be recovered soon from her illness.

O. B. Bowman made a business trip this week to Vernon.

I. H. C.

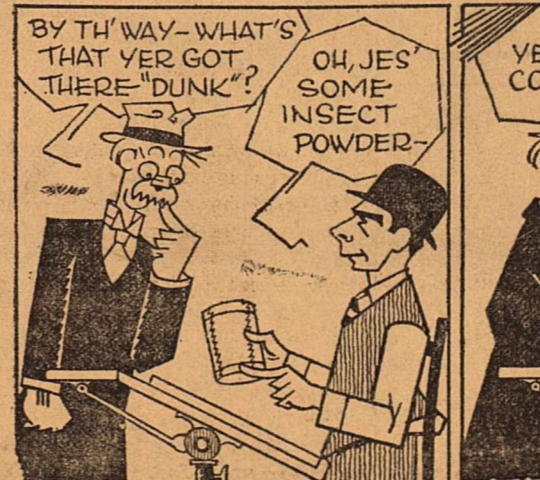
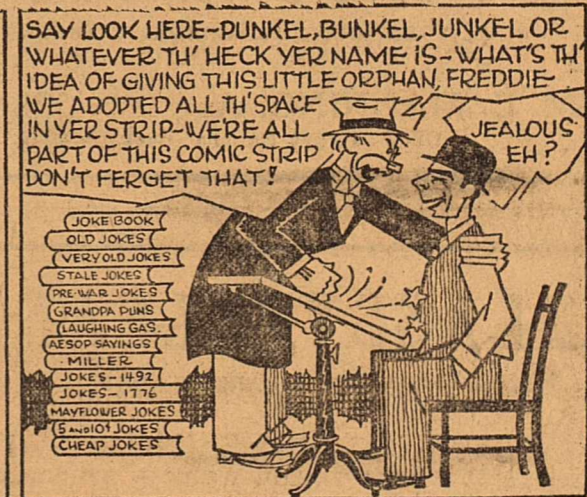
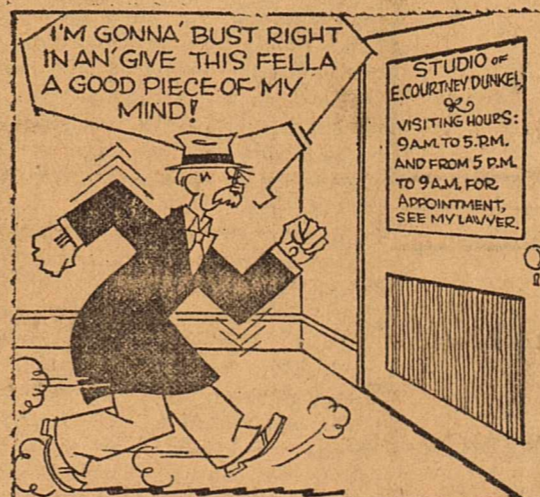
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It is possible with the Viking straight disc separator to use a small, light weight bowl, which secures more capacity with less discs and skims more closely. All the discs discharge the cream in the center column, and up and through the cream outlet. The skim milk is thrown out and up over the cream disc, and is discharged through the skim-milk outlet. The bowl is the very best Swedish steel and is encased in a bowl shell, pressed from one piece of metal—therefore unsurpassed for solidity and durability.

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SPUR CREAMERY

Mr. and Mrs. Clem C. Cornelius, now of Pecos, but for years residents of Kent county, spent the past week end visiting in the Tom Cross home and with other friends of that section and the Spur territory. Clem Cornelius is now engaged in the drug business, being associated with Edwin Woody at Pecos. He states that they are enjoying an extensive and growing business throughout the Pecos country. Mr. Cornelius still owns his farm and ranch home in Kent county, to the southwest of Spur, and no doubt when they 'get rich in the developing oil fields' they will retire and live contentedly on the old home place.

We this week received a letter from Mrs. Edna Davis, requesting that hereafter the Texas Spur be mailed to her at Pecos at which place she will remain some time.

WORK IS THE SPICE OF LIFE

Work is the foundation of all business. Work is the parent of genius. Work is the salt that gives life its savor. Work laid the foundation of every fortune in the world. Fools hate work; wise men love work. Work is represented in every loaf of bread that comes from the oven, in every train that crosses the continent and in every newspaper that comes from the press. Work is the mother of democracy. All progress springs from work.—Inland Printer.

—Watch Spur Grow—
S. M. Bailey, of the Plains country near McAdoo, was trading and transacting business in Spur the past week end.

—Watch Spur Grow—
Mr. and Mrs. John Goodall, of near Girard, were visitors and shoppers in Spur Tuesday afternoon of this week.

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How to Raise Poultry

By Dr. L. D. LeGear, V.S., St. Louis, Mo.

Dr. LeGear is a graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, 1922. Thirty-six years of veterinary practice on diseases of live stock and poultry. Eminent authority on poultry and stock raising. Nationally known poultry breeder. Noted author and lecturer.



ARTICLE XI BLOOD WILL TELL

There is No Best Breed of Chickens—Select Your Breed According to what you Want to Accomplish—Keep the Strain Pure and Breed Carefully to Strengthen the Natural Tendencies of Your Choice.

In the first place, let me make this emphatic statement: There is no best breed or variety of chicken. In due respect to all, I make this statement. If you have a certain breed or variety, do not think they are the best, because they are not. There are good strains in all breeds and in all varieties of chickens. Choose the breed or variety that suits your fancy, and devote your energies to making them profitable. It is the strain or blood lines that really counts. Just because a chicken is a Plymouth Rock, a Leghorn, an Orpington or a Rhode Island Red is not what makes it a world beater. It is the breeding up of any flock to higher egg production that makes record producers. By trap nesting any breed or flock of hens, and using for breeders only those that are high producers, good size and chuck full of vigor, and are reasonably close to the standard requirements, you can in few years build up a strain with blood lines behind them that makes them far superior to the ordinary flock of the same breed or variety with which such careful methods have not been used. In this way, or by line breeding, all strains of chickens originate.

“What breed shall I select?” Is the question some one is always sure to ask whenever I make the foregoing statement. To that, I can only make the classic reply, “It all depends.” Then I counter with the question, “What do you want to accomplish?” There are three general classes, the meat class, the egg class and the general purpose class. The purpose of the first two named is perfectly plain and that of the third is almost equally so.

General purpose fowls are very often little inferior as layers to the so-called “egg-class” and will often compare favorably with the “meat class” fowls for table use. They make excellent broilers, fryers, and roasters and capons and the old hens, if fat, will usually bring good prices. Perhaps the most popular general purpose breed is the Plymouth Rocks which may be had in several varieties. The Barred Plymouth Rocks are the most popular farm flock chicken in the corn belt sections of the Middle West, as well as in many other sections. They outlayed all other breeds and varieties of chickens in all the egg laying contests in the United States in 1927. Second only to the Plymouth Rocks, if even to them are Rhode Island Reds. Wyandottes are still highly esteemed by many fanciers and justly so. Orpingtons of which there are several varieties are a very popular English breed. The eggs of this class are brown and usually of good size.

The egg-class is a particularly important one for commercial poultry raisers. The various egg-breeds are usually small in size and do not get broody often, so they can seldom be used for hatching or mothering chicks. As the name of this class indicates, however, they are specialists in the art of laying eggs. In addition to that, their eggs are white in color. This feature is desired in some markets and such eggs frequently bring higher prices than brown eggs.

Exceedingly popular among the egg-class breeds are the Leghorn, of which there are several varieties, the White Leghorn being the most popular. Having been bred almost exclusively for egg production, the Leghorn lives up to its nick-name “The Egg Machine.” Consequently, if egg production is the major requirement, you cannot well afford to overlook the Leghorns. Other desirable egg-class breeds are Minorcas, Anconas, and others of the so-called Mediterranean breeds.

While the meat-class is not so extensively raised as the others described, they are very desirable for many reasons. Although not such star performers as Leghorns or good general purpose breeds, they are usually fair layers and bring top prices for table use. The capons from these breeds are particularly fine. Some of the better known breeds in this class are Brahmans, Cochins and Langshans.

Now it must be understood that these classifications are not matters of hard and fast differentiation.

Some egg-class fowls are excellent for table use and some meat-class fowls are good layers. Conversely some general purpose breeds are as good layers as some egg-type breeds and as good for the table as some meat types. Nevertheless, these classifications are fairly accurate guides and will help considerably in selecting the breed best suited to your own requirements. Choose thoroughbred chickens that have been specifically developed for some definite purpose. That way lies the best chance for success and satisfaction.

Finally, let me emphasize, one breed or one variety of chickens is enough on one farm, and never cross breeds of chickens. If you wish to keep more than one breed or variety, keep them absolutely separate. Never let them run together, especially at breeding time. Cross bred or mongrel chickens do not pay. Nothing is worse than a Conglomerated dukes mixture of all breeds, all varieties and all colors of chickens in one flock. They do not grow as fast or as large, nor lay as well as pure bred chickens.

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AFTON SCHOOL NEWS

“The Path Across the Hill.” The players will be home talent students of the school and is sure to be entertaining in every detail. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross were in the city Saturday from their farm and ranch home to the southwest of Spur.

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IN MEMORIAM

Miss Gertrude Anah Webb, called Gertrude by many friends, was born in Beckman county, Oklahoma, November 30, 1901, and with her parents moved to Girard in 1911, where she grew to womanhood; passed away January 29, 1929, at the home of a sister living in Ralls. Her death followed an eleven day illness of measles and pneumonia. She was laid to rest in Girard cemetery by the side of her father, mother and a sister. She leaves five brothers and two sisters together with a host of friends and relatives to mourn her departure. Brothers surviving her are G. P. Webb, Brownfield; C. T. Webb, Estilene; J. E. Webb, Earth, J. H. Webb, McAdoo; W. A. Webb, Gilpin; and sisters, Mrs. May Baxter, Afton and Mrs. Sallie McDaniel, Ralls. The two younger brothers and sisters being with her when death came.

A loved one from us has gone. A voice we loved is stilled, a place is vacant in our hearts that never can be filled. Sister's gone from earth to heaven. She has left us here alone, but again we hope to meet her where no parting will be known.
—Written by a Sister.

SERVICE

To serve our customers better, our manager made a trip to College Station to attend the short course for lumbermen held at A. & M. College last week, where he made a special study of brooder house and laying house and the construction and rat proofing of barns.

In a few days we will have charts, diagrams and models for your inspection.

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SPUR DRUG STORE

Clyde Perry and wife are now living in Brownwood where Clyde is employed with the Piggly Wiggly Store Number 1. Clyde and wife have many friends and acquaintances in Spur who wish them success and a pleasant home in their new location.

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Miss Lucile Lucas visited with friends Sunday in Lubbock.

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T. J. Williams, of east of Spur, was among the business visitors in the city the past week, and while here was a very pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office. Mr. Williams informed us that he lacked a little work of having his cotton crop completely gathered, and that he had been disappointed in the amount of production secured for the year. The cotton production of the entire county fell far short of the earlier crop indications, by reason of worm depredations and the season during the stages of maturity. However, at the beginning of this crop year, the indications are most favorable for bumper crops, and it is hoped that big production as well as big prices will be experienced for the year.

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ONE FORD ROADSTER, '1923'
ONE FORD COUPE, '1922'

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